



Respect
Resilience
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Upcoming Dates

19th Yr 7/8/9/10 Swimming Classes

20th Wednesday-
Curriculum Day
Student Free day

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From the Principal

Vale—Kaeler Grigg

College staff and students were saddened to hear of the tragic passing of a much respected parent of the college last week. Kaeler Grigg was generous with her time at the college and was a valued member of our college Parent Association. Kaeler will be missed by all at the college.

Our thoughts are with her daughter Lily (yr 9 student) as well as Jimmy, Ronson, family and friends at this sad time.

Our college curriculum day will take place next Wednesday (Feb 20th), with all staff undertaking professional development around the Compass online reporting system. This day is student-free, with no classes or buses running.

College Council met for the first time in 2019 last night and it was again terrific to see student representation in the form of college captains Jessica Demeo and Stephen Verley. College Council meet on the second Wednesday of each month and will be looking for at least one parent representative this year. If being on college council interests you, then please speak to president Richard Hicks or myself at the college.

It was great to see year 11 student Sophie H back in the college on Tuesday after returning from her exchange to Germany. We look forward to hearing of Sophie's experience and also to welcoming our own

German exchange student (Leon) next week. Leon will stay with the Hocking family and spend Term 1 at our college.

The college will host a free online gaming info session for parents, delivered by the Alannah and Madeline Foundation in partnership with the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation, at 7pm on Tuesday Feb 26th. The actual session is called 'Gaming: Keep calm and continue parenting' and it is focussed on kids' use of popular games such as *Fortnite*. Please consider attending this session for what is sure to be an up-to-date and informative insight for parents.

Day-to-day college operations should return to normal early next week with our building works due to conclude tomorrow afternoon. Our year 12's are sure to be excited about getting to use their home-room and it will be great to have our canteen, wellbeing office and food technology rooms back in operation. Thanks are extended to all for your patience with these works, with particular thanks extended to canteen volunteers who have capably operated our canteen from the multi-purpose room.

My chosen photo this week shows the hive of activity in Big Picture, where our wonderful year 8's led activities with our year 7 students.

Regards, Steve Leed

Wednesday 20th FEBRUARY Curriculum Day STUDENT FREE

Literacy & Numeracy

Children take their cues from us adults. Turning on the TV will show a number of advertisements showing how our actions impact on theirs— [driving habits](#) and respectful relationships come to mind.

When it comes to literacy and numeracy, it's worth considering:

- What and when do our children see us reading?
- Do we talk about what we read or watch on television? Do we make connections to other texts or events that have occurred in our own lives?
- Do our children know that we budget and save towards big ticket items?
- Are our children aware of how we make calculations day to day? Do we have any tricks we use that we could share? (e.g. estimating)

Often the bottom line is, are we enthusiastic about literacy and numeracy or is it a chore?

Maybe try telling a 'dad' joke and explain the play on words. Or work on some 'magic' tricks that involve numbers, like [this one](#). Have some fun with letters and numbers!

Sarah Clare

Curriculum Learning Specialist



Assistant Principal's news

Emily Arbon, swimming sports 2018. Go Long!!

The best day of term 1 is officially tomorrow. Swimming Sports Day!! Whoop whoop. Please go all out with your kids for this day, Its impossible to get **too** dressed up for this one. Any form of house colours are appropriate. Please make sure sunscreen is absolutely smothered over your kids before they get on the bus and we will endeavour with the SRC to make sure it is reapplied during the day. Mr Young has been speaking to the gods in charge of the weather, and they have promised 30+ and sunny. Lunsh will consist of whatever you pack for your child. Remember that the SRC will cook a bbq but there will probably only be enough snags for one each. Buses this year go directly to the pool and from the pool. Bus pick up times in the morning will be the same but if collecting kids in the arvo, be there ten minutes early in case we are running ahead of schedule. Its hard to predict afternoon times as many students may not be on the bus. Thanks so much to all parent helpers during the P-6 swimming program. Cant do it without you.



Sub-School Updates

AROUND ELP SRC Report

This week the SRC discussed sun safety at swimming sports and created an action plan to encourage sun safety for all students. Our SRC will be modelling SunSmart attire, handing out sunscreen and cooking a BBQ on the day. This BBQ is free, though a gold coin donation towards SPC initiatives is appreciated.

Junior

Sun Smart

Students have been doing a great job remaining Sun Smart at the swimming program and during outside breaks at school. Thank you for your support in reminding students to wear their hats and sunscreen while outside.

Swimming Carnival.

We would like to remind parents that we appreciate the support and encouragement you offer your children during the swimming program, but ask that you please ensure students remain with their

year levels or house groups tomorrow. Students are reminded not to sit with parents during the day.

Student awards

We have changed our student award structure this year to reflect our college values; Respect, Responsibility, Resilience and Relationships. We will focus on each of these values for one term each throughout the year. Term one's focus is Responsibility.

Keep an eye out on Compass for the weekly award winners!

Middle

Captain's Report

Tomorrow is the day of the swimming carnival. The pool water was very cold Tuesday and Wednesday, but it will be nice and warm tomorrow. The year 7's had a great time at Rubicon camp last week and we would like to say thank you to Mrs Fleming and Mr Ripplingale. Don't forget next Wednesday is a student free day, so there is no school.



Year 7 Rubicon Camp



SPORTS

Swimming sport

Reminder

Buses going straight to the pool and leaving from the pool.

Students to wear bathers and house colours.

Remember to be Sun Smart / hat long sleeve top, sun screen.

Bring lunch, snacks and drink bottles. SRC sausage sizzle, 1 per person.

Come along and enjoy the day.

Senior



Young Endeavour Youth Scheme

Students aged 16 years and up are invited to apply for the Young Endeavour voyage. No sailing experience is required. Applications are open at www.youngendeavor.gov.au.

Year 9-11 Rypen Camp

Is designed for students aged from 15 to 17 who are seen as the upcoming leaders in your school, students who just need a bit of a push and a confidence boost to start achieving at their full potential. Applications are to be submitted online application and medical form at <http://rypen.rotaract9800.org.au/apply>.

Thank you to the students that have asked how I am going this last week. It means a lot. I appreciate your care so much.



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR STAFF

In her role as Wellbeing Co-ordinator, Wendy Twigg leads the college's wellbeing team, working 3 days per week in the college. Wendy is integral to ensuring that students receive the support they require both in and out of the classroom at all year levels.

Alan Paterson works within the college each Tuesday as a student mentor, ensuring that those who require guidance or a person to talk to, receive this.

Alan brings a great deal of experience to the college and along with Sue Allen and Denise Leed, forms part of this vital team.

We have at least one member of our Wellbeing Team in the college every day of the week.

Canteen Roster

		2019 FEBRUARY	
Fri 15th	Swimming Sports		
Mon 18th	Leanne Welsh	Mon 25th	Lynda Cartwright
Tues 19th	Michelle Diss	Tues 26th	Sue Pickles
Wed 20th	Curriculum Day—Student Free	Wed 27th	Penny Cockerell
Thurs 21st	Sue Pickles	Thurs 28th	Sue Pickles
Fri 22nd	Natalie Rose Cheryl Green	Fri 1st	Kate Duncan Breeanna Hocking

Calendar

Mon 18th	Tues 19th	Wed 20th	Thurs 21th	Fri 22th
	7/8 & 9/10 Swimming	Prep Day Off Curriculum day *Student Free day *		
Mon 25th	Tues 26th	Wed 27th	Thurs 28th	Fri 1st MARCH
	Year 7 & 10 Immunisation	Prep Day Off SH Division Tennis Primary		SH Division Swimming
Mon 4th	Tues 5th	Wed 6th	Thurs 7th	Fri 8th
				SH Division Swimming Primary
Mon 11th	Tues 12th	Wed 13th	Thurs 14th	Fri 15th
	Year 7/8 Sports Day	P-12 College Photos		