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Principal's Report:

Welcome to the August edition of our eNewsletter. Hope you are enjoying the new method of delivering information and informing the community about what is going on at KCHS.

School Council parent representation needed. If you are interested in participating on this committee, please contact the school.

Through the work of Brett Joyce, the school has gained funding from Royal Automobile Club Victoria (RACV) to provide access for our students to have a variety of TAFE courses in Broadmeadows.

Welcome back to Simon Mcewen and Deborah Stone after their long service leave.

The first week in August we are hosting our Parent-Student-Teacher interviews, we encourage all parent/caregivers to be involved in this.

Currently the school is undergoing a major facelift through the auspices of Melbourne City Council. The exterior of the building is being refurbished and painted, guttering, downpipes have been replaced and painted, all doors, windows and verandas have been returned to their heritage colours. Currently the school is looking at painting internally (several classrooms), with input from staff and students. Colours selected will reflect current notions of how learning can be enhanced by the colours and ambiance of the classroom.

As always, if you have any suggestions, comments, feedback regarding the operations of the school, please feel free to contact our office on 9376 1953.

Regards,

Gary Power
School Principal

August 2011

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Student Learning

1:1 Notebook Program For Students

Through the National Secondary School Computer Fund (NSSCF) program, KCHS will be implementing the 1:1 Netbook program for all students in years 7 - 12.

Students will have the flexibility and reliability of using a netbook to allow them to access a world of digital media and online learning. The notion of providing 1 netbook to every student allows each student instant access to online learning at "the point of need". This means, students can be connected, anywhere, anytime. It is the intent of the school that netbooks go home with students to access their learning beyond school. There will be strict guidelines around the user agreements and terms/conditions for such use. Parents and caregivers will be involved in developing policies around this.



Parents/caregivers will be receiving some information about this during August/September.

This is a very exciting program for the school. We look forward to implementing this soon with the support from all staff, students and parents.

For further information you can visit:

[NSSCF](#)

[DEECD](#)

Paul Faci

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Student Engagement & Wellbeing

Welcome to Term 3!!! It has been a wonderful start to the term, with staff implementing a wide range of programs to support the engagement and wellbeing of students in the school.

Attendance

Please ensure that you are contacting the school when the student in your care will not be in attendance, or will be late. The minimum school leaving age was increased to 17 years of age in 2010. It is a mandatory requirement for all young people to participate in schooling until they have completed Year 10; and for all young people that have completed Year 10, to participate in full-time education, training or employment, or a combination of these until the age of 17. The school will continue to support all young people to improve their attendance and punctuality.



eSmart

The school has received a grant through the Alannah and Madeline Foundation to support the implementation of the eSmart program. Developed for Australian schools, eSmart is tested system to

help schools manage cybersafety and deal with cyberbullying and bullying.

You can view more about the program at: www.esmartschools.org.au .

For more information on online safety, social networking, wikis, blogs and lots more:

<http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/>

Street Art Project

Through The Inner Melbourne VET Cluster (IMVC) last term students worked with a brilliant Street Artist, Drew Funk. Students developed Art skills, learnt about commissioned Street Art and developed a mural for the Youth Connections room. Students also developed a blog, and updated this on a weekly basis. Thank you to Drew (Artist) and Natalie (IMVC), for all their support in this fantastic, highly engaging program.

The students' blog can be viewed at: <http://kchsgrafskills.wordpress.com/>

Inter-School Sport

Currently the school is involved in an inter-school sports program. Students play weekly games in a sports league against other community school. This promotes respect, positive behaviour and a sense of school pride. The team recently received trophies for winning the league. (Ollie Claydon)

Student Leadership

The school's Student Leadership Team currently consists of April D & Stephanie S (Team Red), Josh N & Youssef K (Team Blue), Jason J-B & Tamara A (Team Red), and Aaron R-W, Cleveland C & Thomas B (Team Green). The Student Leadership team surveyed students across the school on their opinions on a school uniform. The survey responses favoured a non-compulsory uniform. It was decided that black hooded jumpers and grey hooded jumpers with the school logo will be ordered and available for purchase. I would like to give extra recognition to Thomas B and Tamara A who are continuously working with me to support the improvement of student engagement and wellbeing across the school.

Trish Collins
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20th CENTURY EUROPEAN HISTORY

Yellow group has been fortunate to have such interesting 20th Century European History education, especially focusing around World War One (WW1) and World War Two (WWII). In fact Tara brought with her a real blonde, blue eyed (Aryan) to teach us about some German beliefs in the 1930s & 1940s. I'm not sure, but I think Tara must have a sister or something ... or maybe an identical twin. In any case it was a very interesting class with fascinating facts ... I never really worked out who it was.

Peter A



Food Technology

Recipe of the Month:

Spinach Ricotta Pastizzi

Ingredients:



500 gram (1 qty) Flaky Pastry

500 gram of Ricotta cheese

1 egg

Cooking salt

Method:

1. Preset oven to Moderate (180oC)
2. In a bowl, thoroughly mix ricotta cheese and egg together with a whisk. Add salt to taste.
3. Roll out flaky pastry dough but not too thin.
4. Cut into 10 cm squares.
5. Place a tablespoon of cheese mixture into the middle
6. Brush the edges with egg/milk wash and fold the edges to make a triangle.
7. Place Pastizzi's on greased baking tray.
8. Brush Pastizzi's with egg/milk wash and bake in preset oven until golden brown. Between 40 – 50 minutes. Check constantly so as they don't burn.



Made by Jarred Kalwig 28th July 2011

Weighing it up in the kitchen...

Thank you to Jarred Kalwig's father who has kindly donated a number of kitchen scales for the Food Technology classes to use. This is a huge help to our students and hugely appreciated!

The school is always looking for generous donations that help support the educational programs for our students.



Coles Sports for Schools 2011

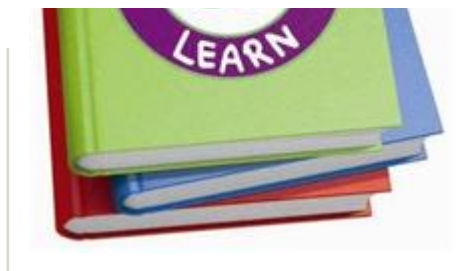
We are currently collecting the Coles 'sports for schools' vouchers. Last year we received some great equipment and we're hoping to do even better this year. Can parents please pass any vouchers onto students to bring into school. Many thanks!



Woolworths 'Earn and Learn'

We are also collecting the Woolworths 'earn and learn' vouchers so any contribution to our total would be much appreciated





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Key Dates

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 13th September @ 5:15pm - Looking to recruit more parents!

2011 TERM DATES

Term 3: 18 July to 23 September

Term 4: 10 October to 22 December

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