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“DEVELOPING LIFELONG LEARNERS WHO ARE RESPECTFUL, RESILIENT, STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE AND ARE PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF THEIR COMMUNITY”

SWIMMING PROGRAM

WE VALUE: ACHIEVEMENT, RESPECT, COMMITMENT AND COMMUNITY
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

16 Days of Activism and our Child Safe Standards

KSC says NO to violence.

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence is a global campaign spanning from 25th November to 10th December. 16 Days of Activism raises awareness of the issue of Gender-Based Violence. The statistics say that 1 in 3 girls and women experience violence worldwide. Family violence knows no boundaries – it does not just happen to ‘some’ people. Many people in our school community - teachers, staff, parents and students have experienced violence of some sort. THIS MUST END. It is not okay.

At KSC, we take the safety of children very seriously. Teachers are mandated reporters, we must report any incidents of child abuse, or situations where we believe children are at risk. We do not have to confirm or deny these allegations, in most instances, this is up to other professionals, such as the police, to investigate concerns. We would also encourage our community to report any concerns regarding the welfare of children.

To report concerns that are life threatening, ring Victoria Police: 000
To report concerns about the immediate safety of a child after hours, call the After Hours Child Protection Emergency Service: 13 12 78.
During business hours, contact the intake number that covers the local government area the child lives in.
South Division intake: 1300 655 795

The criminal offence for failure to disclose child sexual abuse came into effect on 27 October 2014. Any adult who forms a reasonable belief that a sexual offence has been committed in Victoria by an adult against a child under 16 years of age must report that information to police unless they have a reasonable excuse. A reasonable excuse may include fear for safety or where the information has already been reported. The offence applies to all adults in Victoria, not just professionals who work with children.

Head Start
The Head Start program is progressing well. I visited classes today and was especially interested in the students’ positive feedback about their subject choices at Years 11 and 12, and also their comments on the small class sizes – also positive. As many parents are now aware, we are running Like Ability classes at Years 7-10 in English and Mathematics. This is to ensure that your children receive point of need teaching and all the support they require. Consequently, these classes are small, with class sizes averaging between 15-20 students.
Principal’s Report continued

Like Minds

We have been pleased to receive a number of new enrolments, and our numbers for 2019 will be larger than this year. There has also been significant interest in our Like Minds Program. We are pleased to announce that we will be running two classes of Like Minds next year, with students staying engaged in the program at Year 10 (there is a 7/8 class and a 9/10 class). Like Minds is a program for students who want to learn more. Selection is based on an application and interview. The qualities that students in this program display are:

♦ Independent learners
♦ Self-motivated
♦ Enjoy being challenged
♦ Like hands on activities
♦ Like to persist until they get things right
♦ Want to improve their confidence and presentation skills
♦ It is important for them to complete their work and undertake all of their homework

I would like to congratulate all those students and families who attended interviews recently for Like Minds. We were incredibly impressed with the students and the commitment they display to their learning.

Vaya Dauphin and Bekk Anthony
YEAR 12 VALEDICTORY CELEBRATION

On Thursday 22nd November we celebrated with the class of 2018 the end of their time at our secondary college. It was a wonderful night with students, parents, and staff all enjoying the chance to celebrate and reminisce with this amazing bunch of young people. Congratulations to the class of 2018 – and we eagerly await news of your future, knowing that you will do some amazing things.
INDUSTRY IMMERSION AND NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA EXCURSION

On Monday 26th November, KSC students participated in an Industry Immersion day at The Arts Centre Melbourne and The National Gallery of Victoria.

They learnt about many career pathways in both Visual and Performing Arts industries and were able to explore behind the scenes at both venues.

It was a fantastic and valuable opportunity for students to explore and experience Arts in Melbourne.“

SCHOOL FEES

In preparation for the 2019 school year, we have sent home, via students, the parent payment charges, applicable for each student. Elective subject charges that may apply for 2019 will be raised onto your family account once Term one commences. A statement will be provided in January 2019.

If you find there is an elective subject charge raised that does not apply, please advise our office and we will remove this. School fee payments may also be accepted via BPay, or directly at the general office via credit card, Eftpos or cheque. If you have any queries relating to your account, please visit our general office for advice.

Kim Cross
Business Manager
The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence is a global campaign spanning from 25th November, International Day for the Elimination of Violence, to 10th December, International Human rights Day. This year, millions of people have rallied behind the hashtag #MeToo and other campaigns, exposing the global magnitude of sexual harassment and other forms of violence that women everywhere suffer, every day. Breaking the silence is the first step to changing the culture of gender-based violence.

One in three women and girls worldwide experience violence in their lifetime. It happens in every country and every society, regardless of race, culture or income. It happens at home, in schools, on the streets, at work on the internet and in refugee camps. It happens during war, and even in the absence of war. Too often, it is normalised and goes unpunished.

As a Respectful Relationships School, Korumburra Secondary College rallies against all violence, including gender based violence and violence against women.

This year’s theme is ‘Orange the World: #HearMeToo’. KSC is recognising the week by creating a photo-collage and orange handprint mural of staff and students pledging their support to end Gender Based Violence.
Day 1
Day 1 of the EWB High School Innovation camp has started with some fun and educational challenges. These have allowed our students to get to know their challenge teams and started them thinking about engineering issues such as housing, water and energy.

Day 2
Engineers Without Borders - Day 2
The innovation challenge has started! Working in their teams from yesterday, our students have been given a specific region in which to design a suitable town. They must design appropriate housing, water catchment and energy production within a set budget. This also requires them to trade resources with other groups/regions.

To support their progress, the students listened to a range of guest speakers who are expert in these fields. Guest speaker Carmilla, a Civil Engineer, spoke about water catchment and treatment. She also shared her experiences in international humanitarian projects.

Naomi and Holley spoke about energy resources, finite and renewable. Holley has worked in Azerbaijan on a large engineering project for gas production and supply. She also designed a sub-sea unit that anchors piping to the sea floor. Holley also spoke about the social, environmental and economic focuses on each project.

Andrew, a Structural Engineer, spoke about the design of buildings and the importance of construction being appropriate for different regions.

Day 3
Today was presentation day. All the students’ hard work and innovation came together to produce some great plans for town construction in different regions.

- Jorja Whyte constructed the town “Arimice” in an arid region.
- Tyler Hussey constructed a coastal town called “Lutrinae”.
- Morgan Anthony’s town is called “Icaius” and is also located in an arid region.
- Heidi Burgess designed a river region town called “The Dee Town”.

Each town was unique and all the girls spoke well when presenting. They should be very proud of their achievements.
Year 12 RYDA Excursion

Our 2019 year 12’s have attended the RYDA course, run by Road Safety Education (RSE) at Federation Training.

In small groups, students took part in six interactive workshops.

• Speed and stopping on a closed section of roadway. Students experience the relationship between speed and stopping distance through practical observation. Students also learnt about the importance of car safety features and maintenance.

• Hazards & Distractions. An interactive session where students form strategies to manage distractions and improve their hazard perception skills.

• The ‘i’ in Drive. A reflective session designed to show students how their personality is an important aspect of the total road safety equation. Students self assess against five personality areas and use this tool to analyse risky situations in cars.

• Road choices. A discussion, routinely led by a Police Officer on key risk areas for young drivers and passengers. Features hard-hitting videos on decision-making and choices.

• Crash Investigators. A unique opportunity for students to speak to a crash survivor about the event that changed their life. Forming an interview panel, students investigate crash factors, comparing them against the Safe System approach.

• Genevieve’s story. A true story about a young driver and passenger involved in a road crash. Drawing on the story, students analyse factors including mood, impulse and planning then develop strategies for decision making in risky situations.
Breakfast Club 2018

It has been another successful year for the KSC Breakfast Club Program, and with 2 weeks to go, I thought it was a good time to thank some of our amazing ‘volunteers’. The breakfast club is a big effort each week, and without the help of other staff pitching in to help, it would not be possible.

Firstly, to staff members, Kim Cross, Andrea Marshall, Bekk Anthony, Andrea Jenkin and Vaya Dauphin – thank you so much for giving your time to help serve breakfast to our students every Tuesday and Thursday morning. It’s a great chance to have a chat and share some food with our wonderful kids, I know they are happy to see you all each week. To Andrea Marshall, a special thank you for all the sandwich making, slice baking and cake cooking you have undertaken for the kids. The students really appreciated the yummy cinnamon scrolls and tea cakes you made for them throughout the year.

To our student volunteers, lead by the ever present Ashlynn Anthony, thank you for manning the loan desk and assisting other students each morning. Ashlynn Anthony, Jasmine Black, Georgia Lindhe, Alana Bradshaw and others who have given their time and have always been ready and able to step into the role when staff were busy cooking.

Thank you so much.

Some interesting facts about Breakfast Club.

In 2018, we have provided to our hungry students approximately:
• 4,900 toasted sandwiches
• 220 cartons of fruit juice
• 300 litres of milk
• 80 bottles of chocolate topping
• 146 loaves of raisin toast
• Jams, Vegemite and around 150 containers of Butter
• Slices, cakes, biscuits and fruit

We would like to thank both Michael’s SUPA IGA Korumburra and Burra Foods for their generous support for breakfast club this year. It has been an invaluable contribution to the local school community.

Thank you again to all volunteers, students and donors for another wonderful (and yummy) year of Brekky Club.

We look forward to continuing in 2019.

Cheers,
Brendan Kellow
In conjunction with the Cancer Council of Victoria, the Middle School Student Leaders have been reviewing our school Sun Smart policy, and staff and student behaviours. From this review they have decided to promote our existing school policy regarding hats and sunglasses.

Students are reminded that they are allowed and encouraged to wear an appropriate hat and sunglasses of their own choice any time they are outside at school, including PE classes, recess and lunch breaks. As our swimming program moves to the Korumburra pool next week, we are encouraging all students to have a hat, sunscreen and sunglasses for the walk to and from the pool, and to also wear these items during recess and lunch.
FREE community MEAL

Friday December 7
Anglican Parish Hall - 5 Bridge Street Korumburra
5:30 pm

Join us for a FREE monthly community meal to celebrate our vibrant community - families

Need a lift to attend?
For transport assistance please call 5655 1007