

# TECH TALK 2019

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"We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which our School is situated.  
We pay our respects to Barapa Barapa Elders past, present and future." KTHS Community

**TERM 1 Semester 1 - VOL 3**

**15th February, 2019**

## **EVENTS CALENDAR:**

### **TERM 1 - FEBRUARY**

Mon 18th: School Council 7pm

Wed 20th: VCE Information Night

Fri 22nd: Interschool Swimming Swan Hill



**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING: 7PM MON 18TH FEBRUARY**

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

### **No School Accident or Personal Property Insurance**

At times the school is required to call an ambulance if a student is injured or sick. The school will always err on the side of caution and call an Ambulance. The School will try to contact the respective parents but sometimes the phone is not answered. Therefore I would like to remind all parents and guardians that:

Parents/Guardians of Students, who do not have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs;

And Parents/Guardians can purchase Insurance Policies from Commercial Insurers.

Further to this the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property

### **Hundred Years of Secondary Education Celebration**

We are beginning work on organising a celebration for the Hundred Years of Secondary Education in the town of Kerang. As part of the organisation we would like to hear what you think we should include. If you have any ideas or wish to help, let us know. In the very near future we will be sending out a survey to garner your thoughts. So get involved as we will welcome your thoughts and help.

### **VCE Information Night**

This will be held Wednesday 20th February in the School Library. The purpose of the night is to provide information about VCE requirements and how to navigate these important years. Attendance will set students up for the rest of the year and show them what is expected of them to complete VCE.

### **School Council**

Last newsletter I asked for nominations for School Council. If you are interested or have some questions please do not hesitate to contact the school. It is a wonderful opportunity to have some valuable input into the direction and running of the School. Please consider nominating.

### **Follow us on Facebook**

Do you know KTHS is on Facebook? Lots of events, photos and information can be found here. Just join us on Facebook.

*Dean Rogers, Principal*

# Are You Ready To Learn?



## Dr In Schools

A reminder we are fortunate to have Dr. Bruce work at our school every Wednesday between 10:00am and 2:00pm.

The consultation will be bulk-billed, therefore free for students to attend.

If students wish to make an appointment, please see Miss Ferrier, or drop in at recess and lunchtime.

*Zoe Ferrier—*

*School Program Lead*

**Our brains are marvellous organs** and retain lots of information for us. But we need to nurture and look after it to keep it healthy.

- We need to **get enough sleep**.
- Brains need **rest and oxygen** to work best.
- We need to give it **nutrients by eating well, especially our fruit and vegetables**.
- And keep it well hydrated by **drinking enough water** or we'll get headaches.

**So, look after your brain, it's the only one you have.**

*Cheers Meg*



## UPDATE OF FAMILY DETAILS:

Periodically we are asked by the Education Department to check Contact Details, Medical Information and Family Occupation to ensure all the details are accurate. The details are important to protect your child's safety when trying to contact family and if medical information changes. The family occupation is directly linked to the funding that K.T.H.S. receives for our students. As with all businesses we are looking at ensuring we can achieve the best possible outcome for our students and this piece of information is very important.

We would appreciate if all information could be updated by end of term.

### CHANGE OF DETAILS NOTIFICATION

Child's Name: .....

Date of Birth: ..... School Year: .....

Parent's/Guardian's Full Name: .....

New Address: ..... Postcode: .....

Family Email: .....@.....

Contact numbers: Parent name:.....

After Hours: ..... Business Hours: ..... Mobile:.....

Contact numbers: Parent name:.....

After Hours: ..... Business Hours: ..... Mobile:.....

Name & Address of Family Doctor: .....

Medicare Number: ..... Student Number on Card..... Expiry.....

Medical/Hospital Insurance Fund: ..... Contribution Number: .....

## What is RYPEN?

RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of ENrichment) is an amazing opportunity for young people aged 14 – 17 years to attend a weekend residential camp designed to develop their potential, self-respect, confidence, leadership, and other life skills.

## For Participants

Here is the summary information:

- The weekend is a combination of formal presentations, group sessions and fun recreational activities
- The course is sponsored by Rotary clubs who help with payment and transport to and from the course
- Accommodation and meals are included
- For more information see the [Student FAQ](#)

The aims of the course:

- Increase your self-esteem
- Develop your leadership skills
- Understand and set goals
- Gain the confidence to take control of your future
- Teach you life skills for further education or employment

As in most things in life, what you take away from the weekend will mostly depend on how much you are prepared to participate. The more you involve yourself, the more you'll get from it.

RYPEN course in our District

Adekate Lodge near Creswick Vic.

For Adekate Lodge the dates are Friday 12th April to Sunday 14th April 2019.

For more information contact

Gerardine Prendergast Rotary Club of Kerang Ph: 0438 061 675

## KTHS UNIFORM STORE:

WE ARE OPEN EVERY TUESDAY:

LUNCHTIME 1.00—2.00pm &

AFTERSCHOOL 3.30—4.30pm.

WE ALSO HAVE AN ENDLESS SUPPLY OF THE BUCKET HATS

which are selling like hot cakes at the moment - \$10.

Don't forget our special: \$10 for Grey School Pants.

# SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

**All VCE Students and  
Parents are invited to the  
2019 VCE  
Information Session  
Wednesday 20th at 6pm in  
the KTHS Library**

**School assessment dates,  
VCAA requirements and  
assessment will be  
discussed.**



# HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS



With a stormy start to the day, the annual house swimming carnival was in doubt. However, the blue skies and sun came out just in time to make the Kerang Swimming Pool a scene for a perfect day.

The day began with the “Fashions on the Field” where each house parades around to select those students who have put plenty of thought and energy into their outfits. Miss Cocking & Miss Verley had the tough job of selecting the winners from each house (pictured below). Well done to everyone who made the effort to dress up, making the day a fun and colourful one!

## Best Dressed Finalists



MURRAY: Emily Bortoloto, Abbey Williams, Jack Powell, Ryan Dee



WANDELLA: Jim Apostolelis, Liam Jardine, Alex Lloyd, Bailey Laursen



PYRAMID: Sassi-Jo McGrath, Hannah Spencer, Archer Dibsdaile, Dakota Randall



LODDON: Declan Hogg, Samuel Radcliffe, Liam Radcliffe, Ethan McKnight, Sarah Free, Macy Lobb, Chelsea Murray, Sidney Dyer

**Best Dressed Winners**



OVERALL WINNERS Hannah Spencer & Bailey Laursen

**Best Dressed Finalists**



**LODDON WINS FOR THE 5<sup>th</sup> YEAR IN A ROW!**

Once again, Loddon took out the House Swimming Grand Aggregate on a huge 297 points. It is the house's fifth win in a row since 2014! Congratulations to all those dedicated swimming athletes from Loddon who took the splash to help their team become part of the schools sporting history.



Loddon Captains: Emily Copland, Sarah Free, Declan Hogg (standing in for absent captain Te'a Denbrok) & Makenzi Rosser

**House Champions**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: LODDON 297 points**
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: PYRAMID: 191 points**
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: WANDELLA: 153 points**
- 4<sup>th</sup>: MURRAY: 150 points**

### AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS

Well done to the Age Group Champions who competed in several events for their team and also were lucky enough to take home an individual medal for their efforts! Congratulations to the following students:



Age Group Champions (L-R): Demby Makeham, Emily Bortoloto, Laura Thomas, Jasmine Bortoloto, Tyler Meehan, Toby Whinfield & Thomas Meehan

### RECORDS BROKEN!

Congratulations to the following students who swam a stroke above the rest to break outstanding school records!

Student Name	Event	Time
Demby Makeham	• 17F Butterfly	• 0'42"96
	• 17F Backstroke	• 0'43"43
	• 17F Breastroke	• 0'48"99
Cody Makeham	14M Butterfly	0'47"55
Nathan Boysen	14M Backstroke	0'42"93
Emily Bortolotto	20F Butterfly	0'45"87
Hannah Cockroft	17F Breastroke	1'12"30
Archer McKnight	13M Backstroke	0'45"18
WANDELLA House	Junior Boys Relay Team	2'35"23
LODDON House	Senior Girls Relay Team	2'43"34
LODDON House	Senior Boys Relay Team	2'12"08





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Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Food Technology classes for this year.**

If your student has elected a Food Technology Unit, you are reminded that a material fee is required to be paid within the first few weeks of Semester 1, 2019 (22<sup>nd</sup> **February 2019**). The material fee charged buys all of the cooking supplies for this unit.

If you have any issues or questions, please contact the office or Julie Pearce on  
Ph: 5452 1062

Fees for each year level are as follows:

Year 8	\$80.00
Middle School	\$95.00
VCE	\$110.00

Yours sincerely,

Julie Pearce  
Technology Co-ordinator

# School Communication and Notifications

Kerang Technical High School is introducing a NEW operating system this year.

## **XUNO**

Xuno is similar to the previous system with improved performance and communication functionality between Teachers, Students and Parents.

There are a significant number of functions linked to this software. It also links with our reporting system, event permission, parent teacher interviews and main methods of direct communication within the school. This implementation will be a staged process over the next few weeks and months.

Therefore it is ESSENTIAL that all information regarding student enrolments is up to date for you to receive communication. All initial setup with parents is done through email and SMS so if this is not updated into our system please ensure it is done in the coming week.

### Absence Notification

There is a requirement set out by DEECD for parents to explain any absences a student has. There are very clear links between student attendance, academic performance and student wellbeing.

Unless parental notification is received an absence is known as Absent- Unexplained. These need to be altered to Absent – Medical, Absent – Illness, Absent – Parent choice, etc through communication with the office.

### Process of Late or Early departure

If a student arrives late to school – They require a NOTE from a parent outlining the reason and this is handed to the office as the student signs into the touch screen. If a note is not received it remains as Late – Unexplained.

If a student is departing early from school - They are required to go through the Year level coordinator (with a note) and obtain an orange slip which will be filled in and the student hands this to the office while signing out. This makes the process explained and no notification will be sent to parents.

Any absence where this process is not carried out will be marked as “Unexplained” and these will be forwarded to parents for clarification.

Students and Staff will utilise this Sign In Pad located at the Front Office.



# 2019 Secondary School Vaccine Program

Important information for Victorian secondary schools

**Yr 7 and 10 have received these forms. All Forms returned to the Office By Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

## Secondary School Vaccinations

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to Year 7 and 10 students in 2019. Students will have the opportunity to receive the following:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine in Year 7
- Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in Year 7
- Meningococcal A,C,W,Y vaccine in Year 10

## Catch-up Vaccinations

All people under 20 years of age are eligible to receive free catch-up vaccines. If students require catch-up vaccines, please advise them to speak to their immunisation provider (ie. local council or GP).

## What do schools need to do?

There are two key steps for schools to action at the commencement of the school year:

- 1. Send collection statements** to parents/guardians of Year 7 and Year 10 students that informs them that their contact details will be transferred to local council unless they request otherwise.
- 2. Transfer contact details data to local council.** Resources to guide you through the process are available at [immunehero.health.vic.gov.au](http://immunehero.health.vic.gov.au). This includes a data extraction tool to make the transfer of data simple, quick and secure.

## What information goes to local council?

Schools provide the following basic information to local council:

- Student name, gender, date of birth, year level, class, language(s) spoken at home

- Parent/guardian names, phone numbers, email and postal addresses

The Public Health & Wellbeing Regulations (2009) authorise schools to provide the above student and parent information to local council for the purposes of delivering the Victorian Secondary School Vaccine Program.

## Why do schools provide this information?

- To improve communication with parents/guardians regarding their child's vaccination needs
- To reduce the administrative burden on school staff to follow-up consent cards
- To ensure all Year 7 and 10 students are offered the opportunity to access free vaccinations at school.
- To reduce the time required by councils to manually enter data obtained from returned consent cards into their vaccination database system.

## Further information for schools

The [Immune Hero](http://immunehero.health.vic.gov.au) website provides a range of excellent resources about immunisation for school teachers, school nurses and school administrators.

Go to [immunehero.health.vic.gov.au](http://immunehero.health.vic.gov.au) to access:

- *Collection Statement* sample
- *Newsletter article* sample about the 2019 secondary school vaccine program (Word document)

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# KERANG TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

Instrumental Music is an optional program offered to all students at all year levels. It provides students with an excellent opportunity to learn a variety of instruments under the tuition of our experienced music teachers. If you would like to learn, please fill out the details below and return this form to the general office or directly to Mr. Clarke.

STUDENTS NAME: .....

Class: ..... Contact Number: .....

1. Are you currently learning a musical instrument? YES / NO (please circle)  
**If yes, please state the instrument(s) and how long you have been learning.**

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2. If you wish to learn an instrument at school, you will be required to attend regular lessons held on a rotating timetable once a week. A **tuition fee of \$70 per semester** will be required before lessons can commence.

Instruments available for lessons are:

Guitar (Electric or Acoustic)	Flute*	Piano/Keyboards*
Electric Bass	Drums	Saxophone – Alto / Tenor*
Clarinet*	Recorder*	Ukulele
Voice*	Trombone *	French-Horn *
Trumpet *		

If your child wishes to learn one of the above instruments, please fill in the following section. If your child wishes to learn his/her instrument from Question 1 at KTHS, please include this instrument in the following section.

*(Instruments marked by an '\*' will only be available if a sufficient number of students are interested).*

INSTRUMENT PREFERRED: .....

SECOND PREFERENCE: .....

3. Please indicate if you will need to hire the preferred instrument from KTHS.  
*Hire of instruments available from KTHS - **\$50.00 per semester.***  
*If the school does not have the instrument available, students can also hire instruments from the Regional Office in Bendigo. These instruments start from **\$70.00 for each semester.** If a hire instrument is required a separate hire agreement form must also be completed separately.*

**Instrument hire needed: YES / NO (please circle)**

*Instrumental lessons are scheduled to begin in week 4 of term 1 (19<sup>th</sup> February 2019)*

Mr S. Clarke - KTHS Music Coordinator

# School Council Elections

## Schedule 5A: Self-nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the

KERANGA TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL school council.

Name :

Residential address:

Contact phone (mobile or landline):

Email:

I am the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development but not engaged in work at and for the school

Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

- an undischarged bankrupt
- of unsound mind
- currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence; or
- a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.

Signature of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

### You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on \_\_\_\_\_

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.



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# Flying Doctor Dental Clinic



## The Flying Doctor Dental team is returning to Kerang Technical High School Friday 1st March

The Flying Doctor Dental team will be visiting Kerang Technical High School on Friday 1st of March to provide:

- **FREE dental check-ups**
- **Education about healthy teeth and gums**

If you would like your child to have a dental check-up, please complete this consent form and return it to your child's school. After your child's check-up, the dental team will send home a report. If your child requires follow-up treatment this will be in the report.

The Flying Doctor Dental team will have a clinic in Kerang from February - April 2019. If follow-up treatment is required, your child can have their treatment at no cost on our clinic. Alternatively, you can visit your nearest public or private practice.

Who can receive free treatment in the Flying Doctor Dental Clinic:

- All children 0 – 12 years
- All young people 13 – 17 years
- Adults aged 18 years and over, who have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession card or are dependents of concession card holders
- All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
- All refugees and asylum seekers

For more information or to book an appointment at our clinic for yourself or other family members, please contact **Flying Doctor Dental Team on (03) 8412 0444**.



Royal Flying Doctor Service





# NDCH

Northern District Community Health

Supporting healthy rural communities

## Smart Eating Week & Healthy Lunchbox Ideas

Smart Eating Week 2019 is February 11-17. One way to support young people to eat smart is to pack a healthy lunchbox. Children consume approximately 30% of their daily food intake at school so it is important to fill their lunchboxes with nutritious foods to help them with get the best out of their day.

### 5 Steps to the Perfect Healthy Lunchbox:

- 1 Add energy to play & learn**  
Pick carbs with long-lasting energy like wholegrain bread, pita pockets or wraps. Or use leftover wholemeal pasta.
- 2 Help them grow**  
Fill hungry tummies with protein-packed foods like grilled chicken, boiled eggs, tuna or canned beans.
- 3 Create healthy habits**  
Make fruit and vegetables part of every school day by cutting them into fun, bite-sized shapes.
- 4 Build strong bones**  
Pair calcium-rich cheese with crackers or freeze small tubs of yoghurt and milk cartons for an edible ice pack.
- 5 Snacks to refuel**  
Base snacks on fruit, wholegrains, dairy foods and vegetables, rather than sugar, fat and salt.

For more Healthy Lunchbox ideas go to: <https://www.healthylunchboxweek.org/>