Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 3.

PRESENTATION BALL
On the first Saturday of the holidays the Annual Presentation Ball was held at Moonee Valley Racecourse with 42 couples being presented. As always, it was a great family night. I would like to thank teachers, Kaye Coutts, Sally Lasslett, Alan Shearer and Jane Walters for all the work they put into making the evening such a success.

MID-YEAR EVENTS
The mid-year exams for Year 10 and VCE students took place in June. Year 10 students then completed their two weeks of Work Experience. VCE students began Semester 2 studies after the Queen’s Birthday long weekend.

NEW WEBSITE
The College has a new website, although it can still be accessed at the same address: http://www.ekc.vic.au

Not only is the appearance improved but it should be easier to navigate and be more informative. If there are any suggestions on how it might be improved, please let me know.

THE ULTRANET IS COMING TO OUR SCHOOL
In Term 4 we will introduce a new online learning system that will take us into the learning environment of the future.

The Ultranet is a state-wide, secure site that students, parents and teachers can access via the internet. It will enable:

- students and teachers to collaborate using online tools such as wikis, blogs and discussion forums;
- students to create their own online learning portfolio and take part in online learning activities; and
- teachers to access and share valuable online learning content across Victoria.

What Will Parents See In The Ultranet?
Once the Ultranet is set up, you will be able to log on and see timely learning and attendance information about your child and our school. This information will build up over time, creating an ongoing record for each student. These records will travel with your child from year to year and school to school.

The Ultranet will give you a better understanding of what our teachers are trying to achieve with your child, by providing a window into their learning. It will encourage open communication with you about what’s happening at school.

How Is Your Child’s Privacy Protected?
The Ultranet is accessible to school staff, teachers, students and parents in Victorian government schools. It is a closed website that can’t be accessed by anyone else on the internet.

The Ultranet will not store health or welfare information about our students (health or welfare information includes medical, behavioral, birthday or contact details).

In fact, the only personal information about our students in the Ultranet will be their name and school photograph (unless you tell us that you don’t want your child’s photograph to be used). All other information on the Ultranet about our students will be specific to their learning.

Learning information about a student can be seen only by that student, the teachers at our school, and their legal guardians. This means that parents can only see information about their own children and teachers can only see information about students at their own school.

Our School’s Timeline For The Ultranet
Our school will introduce the Ultranet in two releases:

In Term 3 teachers will be learning how to use the Ultranet. They will then gradually bring it into the classroom for our students to use. In the first release, we will introduce it into classes from Years 7 to 12.

In Term 4 parents will be invited to register for their login and password to the Ultranet. Once you have received this information, you will be able to log into the Ultranet. From this time, you will begin to see information about your child such as attendance, learning tasks and teacher feedback.

A Tool for Every Government School
By the end of September, the Ultranet will be in every government school across Victoria. Teachers will be able to use it to connect and share resources with other teachers across the state.

Pupil Free Day for Ultranet Training
So that teachers are well prepared to use the Ultranet, there will be a
state-wide pupil free day on Monday, 9th August. This day will provide professional training sessions for all teachers.

Support For Parents To Use The Ultranet
You will receive a user guide at the time that you register, to access the Ultranet. Our school will also be providing information sessions for parents. Between now and Term 4 we will give you more information about the Ultranet, our timeline and how our students and teachers are using it.

More Information About The Ultranet
If you’d like more information, please go to: www.education.vic.gov.au/ultranet or talk to the College Principal, Mr David Adamson, on 8331 0100.

ULTIMATE SCHOOL MUSICAL: FAME
Now that the final episode has been shown, I would like to congratulate all of the students involved for the work they did and the time they spent preparing for what was a great series. Even though it was set in the performing arts field, the program proved that students of Essendon Keilor College have the ability to be highly successful at whatever they choose.

WESTSIDE ARTS
On Monday 21st June, at the Arts Centre - Hamer Hall, our students performed two items at the Westside Arts 2010 production. The cast of “Fame” performed a medley of songs from the show as the finale to the first half of the program. They were joined by other students from Essendon Keilor College and Moonee Ponds West Primary School to perform the Grand Finale at the end of the whole show. Both performances were met by thunderous applause from the audience.

A number of our students will perform again at the State Schools Spectacular in September.

CABARET
Our annual production this year is Cabaret and it will be held at the Clocktower Theatre, Moonee Ponds, on the 4th, 5th and 6th August. This year’s show promises to be as good as ever.

Tickets can be purchased at the Clocktower Theatre or by phoning 9243 9191.

Ticket prices are:
Family $70
Adult $23
Student/Concession $18

VCE EXPO
On Wednesday 28th July the Senior Campus is holding its EXPO for prospective students. All Year 10 students should attend, along with students from outside the College who may be interested in enrolling in 2011. Year 10 students will begin their preparation for their VCE subject selection in Term 3.

HONJO HIGH SCHOOL VISIT
Our Japanese sister school, Honjo High School, will be visiting in the 3rd week of Term 3. It will be a good opportunity for our students to practise their Japanese and for the Japanese students to practise their English.

DAVID ADAMSON
College Principal

OVERSEAS STUDENTS PROGRAM
A large number of students come to the College each year to study in Australia. The majority are from either China or Viet Nam and they make a significant contribution to the College, financially through their fees, but more importantly through the international perspective that they bring with them.

The College is looking for people in nearby suburbs who would be interested in offering paid homestay for an overseas student. The
students attend the VCE Campus and will require full board and accommodation. Contact our Overseas Student Co-ordinator, Mr Alistair McCrum on 9319 1318 for further information.

STUDENT DETAILS
It is extremely important that all details held for students at the College are correct. If any details change e.g. home address, home phone number, parents’ work contact details, etc please don’t forget to ring and let the College know. It can be distressing for a sick child when the College is unable to make contact with a parent or guardian.

‘LET’S CAN HUNGER’ CAMPAIGN
On Friday June 18th the students and staff at the Niddrie Campus enthusiastically ran a casual clothes day as part of the University of Melbourne SIFE’s Let’s Can Hunger Campaign. This campaign aims to raise hunger relief awareness, satisfy the immediate hunger needs in the local community and educate those in poverty on how to break this cycle.

Through everyone’s efforts we were able to raise a grand total of 117 cans and $207! This was a very impressive result considering the absence of Year 10 students. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to our cause, especially Mr Bryan Davidson-Blue and his wonderful team of SRC representatives, for running and advertising the event so efficiently.

Donations were delivered directly to VicRelief Foodbank and distributed to help many Australians in need. For more information about Foodbank please visit: www.vrfb.com.au

Once again, we would like to thank everyone associated with the Niddrie Campus for taking a step to alleviate the hunger issues facing many Australians today.

Christine Kha (EKC VCE 2004) 
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www.unimelbsife.org.au

Applications needed to be supported by the school and the Koorie community. Congratulations to Douglas on his selection. Douglas is pictured above presenting to delegates at the Forum.

Mrs Robin Adamson
Niddrie Campus Principal

STUDENT ABSENCE LINES
Essendon Campus 9319 1305
Niddrie Campus 9375 8405
East Keilor Campus 8331 0108

Absence line numbers can be rung at any time - day, night or weekends and a message left to report your child’s absence. The message should contain your child’s name, the date/s they will be absent and the reason why. These lines are checked daily for messages.

WANNIK STUDENT LEADERSHIP FORUM
9TH TO 12TH MAY 2010

Recently one of our students, Douglas Briggs, from Year 10 at our Niddrie Campus, applied to represent the College at a Wannik Student Leadership Forum. Only four places were available across the Western Metropolitan Region. The intention of the Forum was to bring together high achieving young Koorie people and focus upon future student leadership. Students applying for this Forum required a positive school attendance and a record of academic achievement.
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