



## Important Dates

---

**Term 4 Finishes**  
Wednesday 2 December

---

## Message from our Principal



Dear Families

What a year! We started this year with the focus on our Core Value – **Justice: Making the needs of the vulnerable paramount**. 2020 has certainly been a year like no other, where we have all been vulnerable, each of us with a different story, yet sharing in the experience of the COVID-19 pandemic.

There is no doubt that this year has been a steep learning curve for our community. It has been a true demonstration of the strong three-way partnerships between staff, students and families that we enjoy here at Kildare.

There have been so many comments, especially recently of wanting 2020 to be over so that we can reset and start again in 2021; however, before we finish our College year, we would like to acknowledge how incredible your daughters have been. Through all the constant changes that have taken place with such little notice, they have shown resilience, been open to embracing new ways, and had an exceptional understanding of what we could control and what we could not control. They have continuously shown courage, great humour and just got on with it. They were able to translate an unpredictable situation into one that allowed seeking new ways of learning. We are so very proud of them.

We would also like to thank all of you. Kildare is special because of our wonderful and supportive College community. The students and teachers cannot achieve success in isolation, and it is our families and College working together that benefits our students. Thank you for the superb support that you have given us all, especially during this extraordinary year - we sincerely appreciate it.

Also, at this time of the year, we acknowledge and thank the following staff members who will be leaving Kildare. We wish everyone all the very best for the future as they embark on their new adventures.

- Dan Chomos
- Tammie Haythorpe
- Mary Joanni
- Hannah McDonough
- Liam Parker
- Aaron Seaman
- Catherine Smith
- Jasmin Watkins

Next year, we have many plans to continue to improve Kildare. We are currently working with Walter Brooke Architects to develop our Innovation Hub, which we hope to start building in 2021. The Kildare College Innovation Hub will allow our young women to enter a new world which challenges the stereotype of a female learner. A world where, breaking with conventional wisdom is not only encouraged, but it is expected. And a world where immersion in modern technology, gives rise to creative inspiration, unexpected discoveries and just as crucially, an enormous amount of enjoyment. We are very excited to be developing this building for our College community.

Finally, we sincerely thank you so much for your love, patience and support this year.

Wishing you a safe, healthy and Happy Christmas.

Many blessings always,

**Tina Neate**

Principal

[View this article online to read more](#)

## Recent News

## From our Middle Years Coordinator



### 2021 Core Classes

Last Tuesday students gathered in their 2021 core classes where they were encouraged to begin making connections with their new peers. We will seek students' feedback on their return about how this trial worked. We hope that students enjoyed the experience, made new connections and they are looking forward to the year ahead.

### Summer Holidays

While the summer holidays are a great time for our young people to rest and recharge their batteries, some students may miss the routine and connections that school provides. Listed below are some ideas that may help.

1. Encourage your daughter to stay connected with her friends, ensuring that there is a healthy balance between online and face-to-face connections.
2. Encourage your daughter to stay active. This could include, going for a walk, playing sports, swimming or bike riding.
3. Encourage her to maintain a regular routine. Consistent waking and going to bed times can help maintain their body clock, which reduces feelings of lethargy in the day.
4. Encourage her to maintain a healthy diet. Eating healthily is not only good for her body, it is also good for her mind. It will improve her sleeping patterns, energy levels, mood and general health and wellbeing.
5. Encourage her to have fun! Devoting time to play and just having fun and a good laugh helps her to recharge and reduces stress and anxiety.

It is absolutely normal for students to be excited and worried at the same time about what the new year brings. It is a time for a fresh start, and the opportunity for students to broaden their friendships, as well as continue the connections they have made. We look forward to seeing you in 2021.

**Kim Thomas**

Middle Years Coordinator

02.12.20

## Vinnies Christmas Appeal



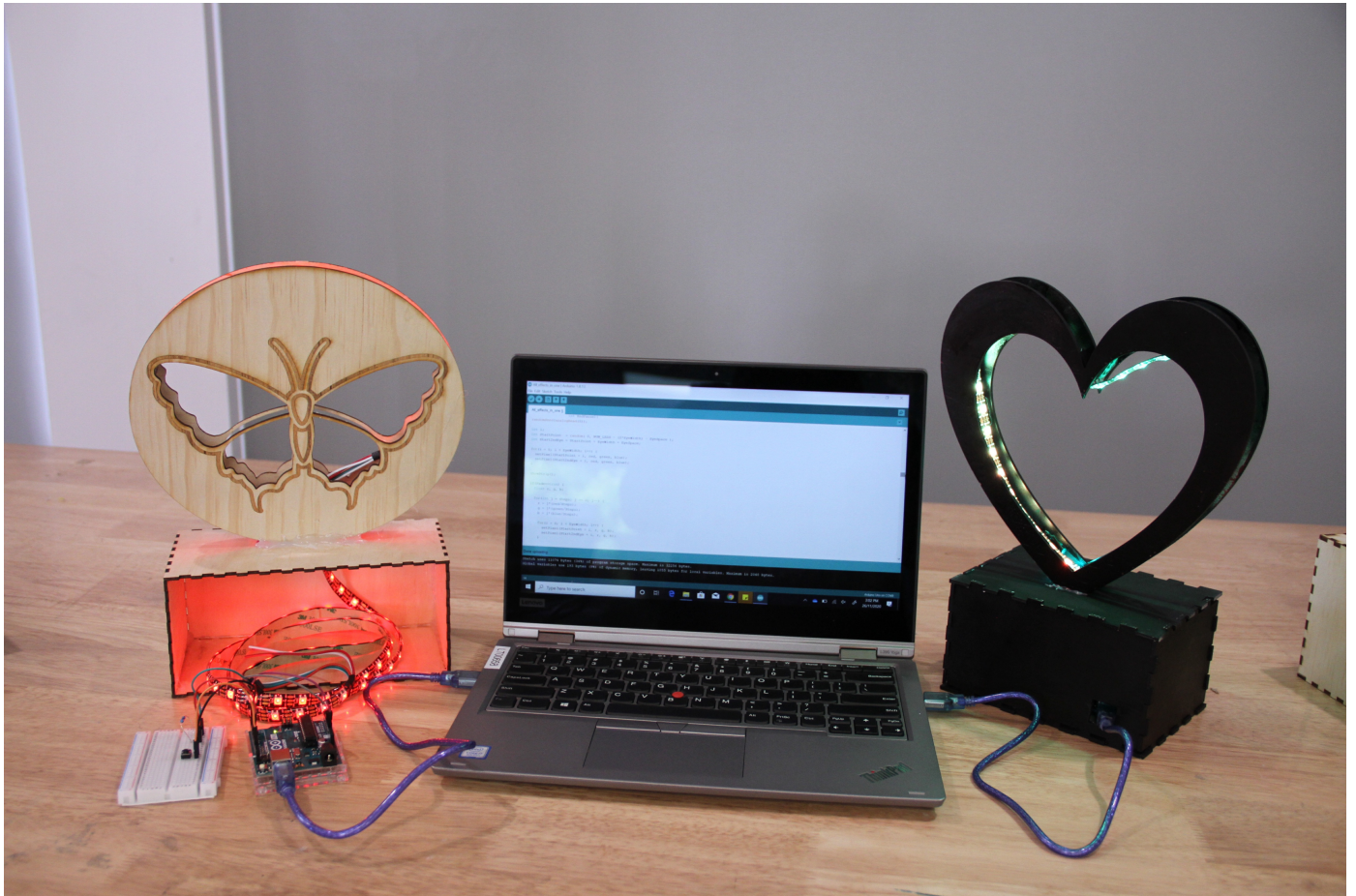
A huge thank you to staff and students for getting behind the drive for the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. 2020 has been a particularly difficult year for many in our community, especially those who are vulnerable and disadvantaged.

Vinnies provide food, shelter, emergency bill support and now with the generosity of the Kildare community they can provide a little joy at Christmas time.

Thank you

**Vinnie's Group**

# Arduino Mood Lamps



In Terms 3 and 4, the Year 9 Students learnt how to code using Arduino, which is an open-source electronics platform that allows you to create almost anything!

Core class 9C had the opportunity to wire and code LED strip Mood Lamps. The project began with students learning the fundamentals of C++ code. They put their creativity and ICT skills to work by using Adobe Illustrator to design a base and frame for their Mood Lamp. After painting and assembling, students were able to manipulate the coding to change the colours and timing of multiple light effects to produce a uniquely individual Mood Lamp.

**Hayley McAteer**  
STEM Teacher



## Nicho Boxes



A nicho box, or simply 'nicho', is a three-dimensional or recessed display box, much in the spirit of a shadow box, used as a portable shrine to an important figure or loved one.

They originated as an adaptation of the Roman Catholic 'retablo', which is a painting of a patron saint on wood or tin. The key difference is that while retablos are flat, nichos are in the shape of boxes

Students have created a Nicho shadow box using the theme "What can we create that will remind us of the things we love".

**Verity Clark**

Art Teacher



## Sports Assembly



On Tuesday 1 December, Kildare held its first ever Sports Awards with our Year 7-9 students. While we would like to congratulate all 47 award winners, including students from the Senior Years, we would also like to acknowledge all students who participated in sport throughout the year. Your efforts and commitment are truly appreciated.

Congratulations to Charli Hazelhurst our junior sportsperson of the year and Abbigael Schmidt our senior sports person of the year.

Many students were involved in lunch time activities, weekly sport and the Statewide knockout competition. It is encouraging to have so many active and engaged young women participating in our sport program. Thank you all for your commitment to your teams and each other.

**Catherine Smith**

Sports Development Officer





02.12.20

## National Talent Centre Program (NTC)



### **Congratulations - Aislin O'Neill**

Aislin recently trialled and was successful in being offered a place in Football South Australia's 2021 Under 15 Girls National Talent Centre program.

The program will commence in 2021 and is limited to 20 players in each age group. While Aislin will still play with her club and school, it is a great opportunity for growth and development in her playing skills; we wish her well.

### **Brett Selga and Mrs Selga**

Soccer Coach

## AASCF National Dance Competitions



Congratulations – Angelina De Pinto

As a member of Empire Dance Studio, Angelina recently competed in the AASCF National Cheer and Dance Competition.

Due to COVID this competition was virtual, but that didn't stop Angelina and the Junior Sovereignty Team from achieving some outstanding results competing in the following dance genres: Jazz, Lyrical and Hip-Hop.

Angelina and the team placed 1st overall in the Junior Jazz section making them National Champions, they also earned a Summit and Worlds' Bid!!

Angelina and the team placed 2nd overall in the Junior Lyrical/Contemporary Section also earning a Summit Bid!

Angelina and the team placed 3rd overall in the Junior Hip-Hop Section where they were up against eight other Australian teams!

Great job Angelina!

**Angie Selga**

Pastoral Care Teacher

### Holiday Office Hours

The office will be open during the holiday on:

Tuesday 8 December 8.15am - 4.30pm (9.00am - 9.30am Closed)

Wednesday 9 December CLOSED

Thursday 10 December 8.15 - 4.30pm

Friday 11 December 9.00am - 2.00pm

**Office will be closed from Monday 21 December - Sunday 3 January 2021**

**The office will re-open for Term 1 2021 on Monday 11 January 8.15am - 4.30pm**

If there is a need to contact the office during other times please leave a message on the answering machine. Messages will be collected and attended to on a daily basis.

---

All Content Copyright 2021 ©