

KURNAI COLLEGE - CHURCHILL CAMPUS



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COMING EVENTS 2011

Wednesday 15 th February	School Photos
Friday 17 th February	Year 10 Fun Swim Day - Mirboo North Pool
Tuesday 21 st February	Parents and Friends Meeting – 7.30 pm Staff Room
Thursday 23 rd February	Swimming Sports – Moe Swimming Pool
Thursday 15 th March	Year 7 & Year 10 Immunisations
Monday 5 th to Wednesday 7 th March	Year 9 Edge Base Camp
Wednesday 14 th to Friday 16 th March	Year 10 Outdoor Education Surf Camp

Hello Everyone and Welcome to 2012,

I sincerely hope you all had a safe, happy and relaxing holiday. My holidays were fantastic until Friday 13th when I broke my leg in a disagreement with one of my cows. I'll be on crutches for a few weeks to come so my movement around the campus will be severely restricted for a bit.

The start of the school year has been very smooth with close to perfect attendance in all year levels for the week. Classes have settled in well and students are building onto the work that was started during Headstart.

School Focus 2012

This year we will be continuing the school focus in 3 main areas. These are in the areas of: student feedback using Assessment for Learning strategies, School Wide Positive Behaviour Support and Data Driven Teaching. As a campus we have given a lot of thought and decided to continue to build on these 3 areas because we believe that between them we can cover the most demanding areas for continuing improvement at Churchill Campus. You will notice that in each Newsletter there will be more information about each of these areas to help parents understand them. Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss anything to do with the campus focus for the coming year.

Year Level Teams 2012

The Year Level teams for this year are as follows.

Year 7 - Adam Hogan and Sally Sandy.

Year 8 - Bernie Cropper and Clifton Kline.

Year 9 - Almuth Otten and Luke Harrison.

Year 10 - Laurel Kane and Julie Garden.

Campus Assistant Principal - Nicole Pryor.

If you have any concern regarding your child at Churchill Campus please contact the Year Level Team Leader or the Assistant as the first port of call. These people will be able to give you assistance in any area of concern be it Welfare or Curriculum based. Of course feel free to contact me if you still feel you need to discuss the concern further.

Electronic Newsletter

We have been discussing the idea of having our newsletter sent electronically in the weeks leading into Term 2. There are many reasons for this thinking. Probably the biggest issue with our present system is that many parents tell me they rarely see a newsletter and therefore feel out of the loop about what is happening at school. By emailing the newsletter directly to all homes this should rectify the situation. Of course we will still have paper copies for those who want them and these will be available at the General Office.

Uniform

Please remember that Kurnai College Churchill Campus is a uniform school and that to belong to the Campus students are to wear the uniform every day. If you have trouble purchasing new uniform items please get in touch with the respective Year Level Team Leader to discuss how we can assist.

Nello Carbone
Churchill Campus

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken at this Campus on Wednesday 15th February and order forms were sent home with students on Monday. Completed forms and money, placed in the permanent seal plastic bag, need to be handed to the photographer **on the day**. Photos will be delivered to the student via the school when they arrive. No change given at the office.

2011 STUDENT REPORTS

Year 8, 9 student reports that were not collected last year have been given to your child to bring home.

SWIMMING SPORTS

Swimming sports will be held at the Moe Swimming Pool on Thursday 23rd February, 2012. Permission forms were given to students this week and must be completed and returned to the office **no later than Wednesday 22nd February, 2012**. Students who do not return a permission form will not be permitted to attend and **NO FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY.**

EMA APPLICATIONS

EMA applications close on Wednesday 29th February and forms can be filled out at the General Office. A copy of the current concession card will be taken. A 2012 form **must be** filled out by all eligible parents/guardians.

NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

CORDIAL CLUB

Cordial Club will resume on Monday 13th February in the library between 3.00 and 4.00 pm Monday to Thursday. Students are supervised by staff and given assistance to complete any homework or assignments they may have and are able to use the library resources. Students are given light refreshments and all students are welcome.

BUSES

Any families having trouble with their buses can contact Mrs Leonie Mackie on 51323 700.

SCHOOL BAGS

Bags are not to be taken to classes. All bags must be placed in lockers during class time. Please remember this as you will be asked to place your bag in your locker by all your teachers.

PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL AT OWNER'S RISK

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development 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.

2012 ALPS CO-ORDINATOR

Karen Parker and Rachel Massaro are the ALPS coordinator for 2012 and can be contacted by telephone on 51323 700 or by email on parker.karen.l@edumail.vic.gov.au.

NOTE FROM THE NURSE – BEING SUNSMART!

There is huge variability in ultraviolet (UV) radiation levels across Australia. In Victoria from September to April, when average UV levels are 3 and above sun protection is required. At this level, the UV radiation is strong enough to damage the skin and eyes.

When the UV Index reaches 3 and above, using a combination of five steps to protect against sun damage is recommended:

1. [Slip on some sun-protective clothing](#) that covers as much skin as possible.
2. [Slip on SPF30+ sunscreen](#) – make sure it is broad spectrum and water resistant. Apply 20 minutes before you go outdoors and reapply every two hours.
3. [Slap on a hat](#) that protects your face, head, neck and ears.
4. [Seek shade.](#)
5. [Slide on some sunglasses](#) – make sure they meet Australian Standards.

People with naturally very dark skin (usually [skin type 5 or 6](#)) still need to take care in the sun even though they rarely, if ever, get sun burnt. The larger amount of melanin in very dark skin provides natural protection from ultraviolet (UV) radiation. This means the risk of skin cancer is lower; however skin cancers that do occur are often detected at a later, more dangerous, stage.

How much sun is enough?

UV radiation in sunlight is the best form of vitamin D for your body. We all need vitamin D to develop strong healthy bones. Fair skinned people can get enough vitamin D in summer from a few minutes of sunlight on their face, arms and hands before 10 am or after 3 pm on most days of the week.

People with [naturally very dark skin](#) require up to three times more UV exposure as the melanin in their skin affects UV penetration to make vitamin D.

More information can be found at http://www.sunsmart.com.au/sun_protection/

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

The PBS team had their first meeting for 2012 on Monday 6th February.

Louise O'Kelly, the PBS Regional external coach attended the Kurnai conference which was held at the start of the year. All staff enjoyed her presentation which related to our four pillars: Relationships, Excellence, Work Ethic and Engagements.

The Year 8 PBS journals were introduced.

“IT’S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY”

HOTLINE NUMBER TO CALL 51323703

- Parents and students welcome back for 2012.
- As our students head back to the classrooms the college is encouraging all parents to ring the absence hotline if your child is away. This hotline has been set up for the convenience of both families and the college with voicemail access 24 hours a day 7 days a week. This voicemail is checked several times a day. So please make use of this service. The number to ring is 51 323 703.
- We have a number of fridge magnets available with the hotline number. You can call into the administration office and pick one up.
- If you are experiencing any difficulties ensuring your child attends school each day please call the college year level Team leaders to arrange a meeting. They can offer support and strategies to help keep your child on track.

Colleen Swift

Education Support – Attendance

YEAR 7 NEWS

Year 7's began their first day of high school on Monday, full of nervousness and excitement. Students started their day with a short assembly before moving to their form groups where they got to meet their form group teacher and receive information about the day ahead. The students have settled in well and both teachers and students are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

Year 7 Parent Information Session & BBQ

The Year 7 Team will be holding a parent information session at the school on Thursday 16th of February. The information session will occur in the new Language Centre from 6pm, followed by a BBQ where students and parents have the opportunity to meet the team of teachers as well as other parents.

Parent Email List

If you would like to receive general updates on year 7 information including weekly highlights, reminders, upcoming events and students achievements, please email me and I will add you to the Year 7 distribution list: hogan.adam.d@edumail.vic.gov.au

Adam Hogan

Year 7 Team Leader

Diary

We encourage you to purchase a diary for your child so they can keep track of important dates.

Lockers

All students have been issued with a locker. Students need to provide their own lock with two keys and hand one key to the library.

Rewards

During school students will be awarded raffle tickets for doing their best, helping, performing well and leading by example. During each Monday morning assembly we will draw tickets out of the box for a lucky dip prize. Winners will be printed in the newsletter.

Year 7 Camp

Year 7 camp will be in early term two, with exact dates to be confirmed this week. The camp is at Coolamatong on the Gippsland Lakes. Information letters will be sent home shortly.

Immunisations

Thursday 15th March, 2012. Please fill in the form and return to front office as soon as possible.

School Photos

Photo forms went home early this week. These forms need to come to school with your child on the day of the photos- Wednesday 15th 2012

Absence Hotline

A reminder to call our absence hotline **51323703 preferably before 9.00 am** if your child is not going to be at school. This will ensure your child's absence is recorded correctly and you don't receive a phone call from our office.

English 7A, 7B, 7D

Students have started working on an autobiography of their life. Topics to be included are: what they were like as a baby and young child, holidays, important people and future dreams. If parents/caregivers can help their child as much as possible with this, it would be great! Be prepared for your child to ask you a series of questions such as: when did I walk? What was my first word? What was something funny I did as a child? These autobiographies are due in on **Friday 24th February**. The students have had a fantastic start to their time at Kurnai College!

Holly Campbell

English/Humanities teacher

Music Program

Today all Year 7 students have had a one hour session with our Head of Music, Joseph Bonnici. Students were given the opportunity to play a range of brass and wind instruments including trumpet, flute, clarinet and others. Students were all given an information sheet and enrolment form for our music program. Please look out for the form and return it to the general office if you would like your child to join our very successful music program. If you have any questions please contact Joseph at the school on 5132 3700.

Adam Hogan

Year 7 Team Leader

YEAR 8 NEWS

Welcome back to a new school year and once again the year promises to be busy. The students have settled in well to their new classes, routines and working with new teachers, they are to be commended. The year 8 team this year is Bernadette Cropper (Team Leader), Kline (Team Leader Assistant), Amy Kihl-Larsen, Dave Egan, Robin Fitzpatrick, Reece Malcolmson and Celeste Hardy.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT (PBS) and ASSESSMENT FOR LEARNING (AFL)

Our focus for year 8 this year will be Positive Behaviour Support and in particular improving student relationships, connectedness to school, their peers and teachers. The team will also be concentrating on student engagement with Assessment for Learning tools and strategies to enhance their learning and enable them to take more responsibility for their own learning.

ED MODO

Students have joined up to a school based social networking site designed for teachers and students. Teachers will be posting assignments, notes, feedback and other classroom materials on this site. Your child can access this from home and post their work to their teacher; and parents will also be given the opportunity to join and see what is happening at school.

YEAR 8 CAMP – KAROONDA PARK – 28 MAY – 1ST JUNE

Each year we hold the year 8 camp at Karoonda Park which is at Gelantipy in East Gippsland, close to the Snowy River. We will visit Buchan Caves go white water rafting, horse riding and abseiling amongst other challenging activities. It promises to be an active camp and is highly recommended by other students and staff. I am currently finalising details and excursion forms will be going out to you soon. If you would like to check out their website either type in Karoonda Park into Google or try www.karoondapark.com/core/intro.html. The cost will be approximately \$390.00.

EMAILS

If you have not already given the office your email address and you would like to receive notices or discuss any issues please email Bernadette Cropper with your details.

If you would like further information on any of the year 8 curriculum and programs please contact me on 5132 3700 or cropper.bernadette.b@edumail.vic.gov.au

Looking forward to working with your family in 2012

Bernadette Cropper
Year 8 Team Leader

YEAR 9 NEWS

The Year 9 Team would like to extend an enthusiastic welcome to all of our Year 9 students and their parents. The team this year consists of Almuth Otten (Team Leader), Luke Harrison (Assistant Team Leader) Ben Swift, Steve Cahill, Nick Schilling, Rose Tanti, Karen Parker and Deb Sheppard. Please feel free to contact any one of us if you have any queries or issues regarding your child's time at school this year.

The Year 9 camp is traditionally held over four days in Melbourne. The camp this year will be from 21st to the 24th August and I have already started praying for good weather! This camp will cost between \$380 and \$400.

Another camp which may interest some students is the Coastal Ambassadors camp at Phillip Island. This camp is run by an education team at Phillip Island Nature Parks in conjunction with the DEECD. There are four camps available from March until May. Interested students should see me for more information and they can also check out past students' activities at www.penguins.org.au.

Many parents would like to receive information via e-mail. In response to this, we are currently building and updating a database of parent e-mail addresses and telephone numbers. If we do not have these details for you we will have given your child a form to collect this information. We would appreciate prompt return of this form so we can continue building our database.

Almuth Otten
Year 9 Team Leader

YEAR 10 NEWS

Welcome back to school and welcome to our new students for 2012, Jeremy Waller, Xing He, and our international student, He Lui. We hope you all had a safe and enjoyable break and are ready to focus on your goals to achieve success in this most important year.

Year 10 is a time when students begin to focus on their future pathways and learning. Students will also undertake two weeks work experience this year. To help keep you informed of the many important up and coming dates, deadlines, curriculum activities and non curriculum events, we are establishing a parent email list. We ask that you provide this information to Ms Kane or the General Office as soon as possible.

Coming Events

School Photos – Wednesday 15th February

Mirboo North Swimming Pool – Friday 17th February

College Swim Sports – Thursday 23rd February

Outdoor Education Surf Camp – Wednesday to Friday 14th – 16th March

Year 10 Immunisations – Thursday 15th March

Parent Teacher Interviews – Wednesday 28th March

Year 10 Team Teachers 2012 Ms Laurel Kane (Team Leader), Ms Julia Garden (Assistant Team Leader) Ms Cheryl Taylor (Hums and English), Ms Rosalind Porter (English KLD), Mr Andy Leeson (Outdoor Ed), Ms Kathy Tan (Maths), Ms Julie Haarburger (Home Economics) and Ms Andréa Flake(German).

Please do not hesitate to contact any of these teachers with concerns or questions you may have. It is vital that we are working together to ensure your student achieves the best possible outcomes this year.

YEAR 10 TEAM

COMMUNITY NEWS

PARTY PLAN & MARKET DAY

Come along and help the "Thorpy Blues" Relay for Life Team raise money for Cancer Research.

WHEN: Saturday 18th February, 2012 from 10am to 3pm

WHERE: Thorpdale Public Hall

ENTRY: Gold coin

Over 30 stalls includingchocolates, jewellery, cookware, clothing, candles, Body shop, Intimo Lingerie, Lorraine Lea Linen, Nutrimetics, and many more!!

Raffle at the door & lucky door prizes every 30 minutes.

Light refreshments also available



BOOLARRA AND DISTRICT YOUTH THEATRE COMPANY

Are running weekly sessions, facilitated by Dan Clancey, artistic director

Beginning Friday 10th February, 2012, at Boolarra Memorial Hall

Structured for age group: Primary School 3.45pm – 5.00pm

Secondary School 5.00pm – 6.30pm

For more information please call Garryelle on 51 165 163.



ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

If you wish to receive your Newsletter, student information/work via email, please complete and return the form below.

Please ensure you write clearly.

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STUDENT NAME:**YEAR LEVEL**

PARENT NAME:

EMAIL ADDRESS: