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Hello Everyone,

It's been a very quiet week with our Year 7 students away on camp all week. When they're away the energy level in the campus seems to decrease significantly. I'm sure that they will have had loads of fun and built better relationships with each other and their teachers while on camp. More on the Year 7 camp in the next bulletin.

COMING EVENTS 2012

Tuesday 8 th May to Friday 11 th May	Year 7 Camp Coolamatong
Tuesday 15 th , Wednesday 16 th & Thursday 17 th May	Year 7 & 9 NAPLAN testing
Wednesday 23 rd May to Friday 25 th May	Outdoor Ed Camp – Payment and permission forms due back 9th May.
Monday 28 th May to Friday 1 st June	Year 8 Camp Karoonda – Payment and permission forms due back 14th May.
Tuesday 29 th May	Parents & Friends, 7.30pm Campus Staffroom
Wednesday 30 th May	Awareness Day & Information Night for Grade 5/6 students
Tuesday 5 th June	Year 7 Immunisations & any Year 10's who missed the previous needle
Monday 11 th June	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

School Captains and SCR Badge Presentation

On Monday this week the campus SRC members and the school captains and vice captains were presented with their badges by Russell Northe, MLA at a ceremony in the Language and Cultural Centre. The SRC has been doing some really good work this year with a broader focus on affairs, not just in Australia but overseas, which fits into the College's aim for a global perspective. It was so encouraging to note the things that this year's SRC are showing an interest in. I'd like to thank Mr. Northe for presenting our leaders with their badges.

NAPLAN

This year's NAPLAN testing for Year 7 & 9 students will be taking place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. All students are expected to sit these tests on the days allocated. If any student is absent they will have another day to sit for the NAPLAN test. Please discuss these tests with your child at home and reiterate the importance of doing their best so that the results are indicative of where each student is really at in terms of their ability. The school takes the NAPLAN tests very seriously and looks at the results carefully. They form one part of the schools own 'report card' that tells us how we are performing as a school in different learning areas.

Cuppa 'n' Chat with the principals

The first of the monthly Cuppa 'n' Chat sessions took place on 30th May with 8 parents attending a very informal chat with Nicole Pryor and myself. A number of issues were raised and discussed and it was so good to hear from interested parents their views on these issues. The plan is to invite a group of parents every month to just sit and chat about anything relating to the college or campus. So much valuable feedback is gained from talking and listening to people that genuinely care about the direction the school is taking. Thank you to all those who attended and contributed. The list for the next Cuppa 'n' Chat is being put together now. I sincerely hope that the parents invited to it can attend and have an informal chat.

Mt Gambier Music Festival

The Mt Gambier Music Festival students returned and reported the loads of fun they all had while there. This is the 2nd year that our music students from all three campuses attend this fantastic festival. It takes a lot of effort to organize and attend. Much of the money needed to attend is raised through fundraising efforts by the music department throughout the semester. I'd like to thank the music staff for all they do so that our students are able to go to such a valuable music festival where their musical experiences are greatly enhanced.



Nello Carbone
Churchill Campus Principal

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN – 9th MAY TO 1st JULY

By shopping at Woolworths & collecting stickers for your school, you will be helping your school earn points to go towards receiving valuable resources eg: books, art & craft, music, sports equipment and lots lots more.

You can begin collecting stickers every time you shop at any Woolworths store. For every \$10 spent, you get 1 sticker.

There is a Woolworths sticker box located in the foyer at the office for all your completed sticker cards.



EMA CHEQUES

The first instalment of EMA cheques have arrived. Cheques can be collected from the General Office or call the Campus on 51323 700 to arrange for the cheque to be used against your outstanding subject material charges.

UPCOMING EXCURSIONS / CAMPS

To ensure the smooth organization and running of camps and excursions we request that permission forms and payments be returned to the school by the due date on the permission form. This enables the purchase of train tickets, food and venue tickets etc in a timely manner.

Year 9 The Edge – CFA Training	Wednesday 9 th & 23 rd May & Monday 4 th June & Wednesday 20 th June	\$90 for the term to do The Edge Program	Permission form and Payment are now overdue
Year 9 Action & Adventure – Morwell Go-Karts	Thursday 17 th May	\$67	Permission form and Payment are now overdue
Year 8 Mix It Up – Morwell National Park Bushwalking	Tuesday 22 nd May	\$62	Permission form and Payment are now overdue
Year 9 & 10 Chinese Language/Culture	Friday 11 th May	\$15	Permission form and payment are now overdue
Year 8,9 &10 German - Melbourne Zoo	Monday 21 st May	\$27	Permission form and payment due by Monday 14 th May
Year 10 Outdoor Ed - Bushwalking	Wednesday 23 rd May to Friday 25 th May	\$45	Permission form and Payment due by Wednesday 16 th May
Year 8 Karoonda Camp	Monday 28 th May to Friday 1 st June	\$365	Permission form and Payment due by Monday 14 th May
Year 9 The Edge – The Summit	Monday 4 th June	\$90 for the term to do The Edge Program	Permission form & payment due by 28 th May
Year 9 Melbourne Discovery	Tuesday 21 st August to Friday 24 th August	\$345	Permission form & deposit are now overdue

KURNAI COLLEGE SPRAY JACKETS

We have introduced the Kurnai College spray jackets to the uniform this year.

These jackets are available at the General Office if you wish to purchase one. There are a variety of sizes available at present from Small to Extra Large.

The jackets have been introduced to the overall uniform so that all students can keep warm and dry during the winter months. To purchase one of these jackets costs \$55.00.

The College values its positive image in the community and this is another way to do this. It also promotes a sense of identity with the College.

So please support the College in their endeavours to ensure that all students wear the Kurnai College uniform with pride.



SRC - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

SRC BADGE PRESENTATION



On Monday 7th May, Russell Northe MLA attended the Language Centre to present the SRC members with their badges. Mr Rodaughan and Mr Carbone attended as well as a number of parents. This event was very exciting for our members who were delighted to be presented with their badges and out school captains thanked those who attended most professionally. Photos were taken and will be published in both the Churchill News and the LV Express.

BOR ORPHANAGE

We are still very keen to encourage students to donate items of school stationery to the BOR school supplies fund. We would like to have enough to fill 60 schoolbags. Donation boxes are placed at the office, in the library and Language Centre.

RED SHIELD APPEAL

On 24th and 25th May the SRC are running a soup kitchen at the canteen, to raise funds for the Homeless Teenagers School Challenge.

A choice of three soups with a bread roll for \$1.00.

YEAR 10 NAMED TOPS

The SRC is investigating the cost of commemorative school tops with Year 10 names on the back. The cost seems to be in the \$55-\$60 range. More information will be available in the next newsletter, but about 60% of Year 10's have expressed an interest in obtaining such tops.



"IT'S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY"

Absence Hotline: 51 323703

If your child is going to be absent for the day or a number of days please contact the Absence Hotline and leave details. This service has been set up for the convenience of both families and the college with voicemail access 24 hours a day 7 days a week. The voicemail is checked several times a day. Thank you to the many parents already utilising this system.

Please leave a recorded message stating:

- Your name.
- The students name.
- Year level or Home group.
- The reason for the absence and the duration if known.

There are a growing number of students who are constantly late to school.

Home group commences at 8.30. It is important that students attend, as valuable information is passed on to the students regarding school activities and daily school news. If the student misses home group they commence the day without the knowledge they need to set them up for the day on a positive note.

- If your child is late, they **must** bring a signed and dated note.
- Being **Late or Sleeping in** are **not** acceptable reasons.
- We also require a signed and dated note for students to leave the college early.

FUN 'N' FIT

As the new Term has begun, so have the Fun 'n' Fit classes. These classes are run by qualified trainers and everyone is welcome. These classes are aimed at increasing cardiovascular fitness to improve health and wellbeing in Kurnai students. The classes are \$5 per session and commence from 3.15pm - 4.15pm.

The dates are as follows:

SESSION 1

Tuesday 17th April
Tuesday 24th April
Monday 30th April
Monday 14th May
Monday 21st May
Monday 4th June
Tuesday 12th June
Tuesday 19th June
Monday 25th June

SESSION 2

Friday 20th April
Friday 27th April
Friday 4th May
Friday 18th May
Friday 25th May
Friday 8th June
Friday 15th June
Friday 22nd June
Friday 29th June



SBC NEWS

BUY, SWAP & SELL

If you're interested in advertising in the Buy, Swap, Sell page, there will be a box in the office where you can submit your advertisements. A form is attached.

Name:	Contact Details:
Object:	BUY SWAP SELL (Please circle)
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PBS UPDATE: WE'RE KURNAI

Since the beginning of the year, staff have been sending postcards home to students who exemplify our Relationships Pillar. This will now be extended to include postcards for our other Pillars of: Engagement, Work Ethic and Excellence. All staff are encouraging students to do their very best in all areas of their schooling. A **big** congratulations to all those who have received a post card so far and to those who have yet to receive a postcard but are still displaying positive behaviours.

Furthermore, the PBS Lesson Plan Committee are working hard on the next series of lesson plans to be delivered to all students, to explicitly teach the behaviours required and expected within school. We can already see a shift towards more positive behaviours of students following the lessons from Term 1 and we hope to see this trend continue.

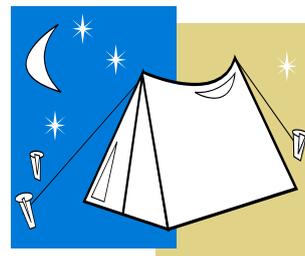
Our PBS team meets on alternate Monday afternoons. If you are interested in coming to a meeting, joining the team or just wanting more information, please contact our PBS Leaders: Luke Harrison or Amy Kihl-Larsen on 5132 3700.

Holly Campbell - PBS Publicity Committee

YEAR 7 NEWS

This week the majority of Year 7 students are on their first high school camp. At the time of writing we've had three great days at camp, with the last day tomorrow. I have been impressed with the students' level of engagement in the camp activities, their support for each other and their overall positive attitude. Theatre Sports with Mr Kline was a big hit on Tuesday night, with the hall roaring with laughter. Wednesday night involved a night walk through some local bush tracks and star gazing on the beach. Rose Van Rooy also entertained a large crowd for part of the evening on guitar and vocals.

I'm sure the students will share many of their experiences with you upon their return, and I'll look forward to putting together some more comprehensive stories and photos for the next newsletter.



Adam Hogan
Year 7 Team Leader
(From Camp Coolamatong)

YEAR 8 NEWS

We are looking forward to the Camp this year. It's a great chance for teachers and students to have fun together outside of the school. Please get all the forms in to the office and make the final payments so we can all enjoy this year's camp.

Some of the Year 8 boys will be attending "STRAIGHT TALK" on Wednesday 23rd May. This program is a formal meal at the Warratah Restaurant with inspirational mentoring from a range of men in sports, science, and business. We have been participating in this event for a few years and the boys are always moved by the ideas and inspiration they get on the day.

All of the Year 8 students will be going up to the Monash University Gippsland campus on Friday 15th June for an introduction to life after Churchill. We'll keep you posted.

Kline
Assistant Year 8 Team Leader



YEAR 9 NEWS

Year 9 Edge Camp Debrief

Just recently the Edge class went on a camping trip. We went for fun but also for some people to see what camping is and to see how to survive in the bush. It was at Wilson's Prom and there were other schools there too.

At this camp I learnt how to cook on a Trangion and I also learnt that you should not stand up when you're cooking on a Trangion. We have proof of that when Russell Whelan stood up and knocked his over by accident and set his towel on fire☹. What I learnt the most was to never give up and to keep walking. It's not forever and team work is great.



My best experience was when we got to the top of the hill and we climbed on the rocks and looked down. It was really fun. We went to the movies too. My worst experience was all the walking and being sick on camp ☹ I did accomplish a goal when we did the 6.6k walk up hill. It took forever but I finally did it. I didn't give up and finished pretty much every walk we did.

I wouldn't modify anything I took but I would have brought my tent not Bethani's because she forgot the poles. Mr Leeson told us to sort out the problem ourselves because this is what the camp was all about. We made up a tent in the trailer, but ended up sleeping in a spare tent.

I would participate in camping again because it was fun but I would NOT participate in

bush walking again. I would die. My legs still hurt 2 weeks later and it's too much walking. ☹

By Katie VanDerZwart, Year 9 Edge student



Year 9 maths

The Year 9 class is working on consumer maths which involves calculation in percentages, manipulating data, comparing costs, buying and selling, tax and simple interest. Students have been extending their problem solving skills by using these types of calculations in mathematical applications including real life situations. If you're planning a holiday to the Gold Coast, ask your child if it would be cheaper to fly or drive, although be warned that some students took liberties in selecting very luxurious cars or accommodation!



YEAR 10 NEWS

KEYS PLEASE PROGRAM

As part of our Year 10 Curriculum students participated in the Vic Roads Keys Please Program. This presentation is aimed at learner drivers who are about to gain their learner driver plates.

Information regarding safe driver practice, rules and regulations and driver awareness are discussed with students and a Vic Roads representative.

The focus at the program is to emphasize the importance of students gaining the required driving hours and experiencing all weather conditions and night driving.

Laurel Kane

Year 10 Team Leader



COLLEGE MUSIC



Performance Review – Generations In Jazz Festival, Mt Gambier

The College Big Band just returned from their interstate performance in Mt Gambier for the Generations In Jazz Festival. Kurnai College was one of 130 schools from across the country at the festival, which hosted and featured some 2,500 music students.

Up on stage, this was probably one of the best moments the big band has sounded as a group. There were opportunities where we were able to hear other schools from other sections perform, and it was great to see what can be done from similar aged students.

In all, this festival is one experience the individual had to physically witness. Any interested students wanting to experience such opportunities should enrol in the Music Program now in order to prepare themselves for future interstate/overseas performances.

Music Instrument classes available on:

Trombone; Trumpet; French Horn; Saxophone/clarinet; Flute.

Get an Expression Of Interest Form from the office if interested. Can commence classes on the above instruments asap



COMMUNITY NEWS



JUNIOR PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

MLC Tennis Australia Hotshots for ages 5-12

FREE trial lessons available, **FREE** tennis racquet & t-shirt upon enrolment in term program

LET'S PLAY TENNIS – For ages 12 & above

FREE trial lessons available

MUM' & DAD'S PROGRAM

Ladies & Men's groups (beginners or experienced)

CALL GLEN: 51762678 OR SALLY: 51749661

PHONE NOW TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE



CHURCHILL JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB - 2012 SEASON IS STARTING SOON.

New and continuing players welcomed for UNDER 12'S, UNDER 14'S & UNDER 16'S.

TRAININGS: Tuesday and Thursday nights at Gaskin Park Junior Football Ground.

Under 12's from 4:30 to 5:30pm, Under 14's and 16's from 5:00 to 6:00pm.

Great value with registration fee only \$80 for the season.

For more information call President Noel Hawkins on 0458 358 307 or Secretary Ray Smith 5166 1793



ARCHERY

Archery is a sport for all seasons and ages.

Beginners night, Mondays 6.00 – 9.00pm at Toner's Lane Morwell.

Contact Peter Bennett 0429 429 240 or Merv Grinstead 0427 346 375.

