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COMING EVENTS 2012

Friday 22 nd June	Shawshank Redemption, 7pm Drama Theatre
Monday 25 th June	Kurnai Idol Semi Final, 6.30pm Language & Culture Centre
Wednesday 27 th & Thursday 28 th June	Year 7 Mesopotamia Melbourne Overnight Camp
Wednesday 27 th June	Year 9/10 Drama to Circus Oz The Edge to Circus Oz
Thursday 28 th June	Hands on Learning to Morwell Campus
Friday 29 th June	LAST DAY OF TERM 2 – Students dismissed at end of Period 4 & town students with a note can go home
Monday 16 th July	Term 3 begins
Friday 27 th July	Year 10 Herald Sun Careers Expo

Hello Everyone,

This will be the last newsletter before the Semester holidays and quite a lot has happened at Churchill Campus since the last one a fortnight ago.

YINNAR SOUTH PS VISIT

Last week Yinnar South Primary School visited us to continue their study of Chinese culture by learning to cook some Chinese dishes. Cathy Tan, York Yu and Linda Harkness demonstrated their combined skills at preparing and cooking some delicious dishes that were soon consumed by all those present including the staff.

YEAR 9 & 10 EXAMS

Last week all our Year 9 & 10 students undertook their Semester 1 exams. These exams have multiple purposes for our students. They test the students on what they have learned over the semester and the score is used to give a grade for the unit. They also give much needed practice to students who will soon have to sit exams that are externally marked and much more important to do well in. I like to thank all the teachers who prepared, ran, corrected and most importantly gave feedback on the results to their students to make the exam experience meaningful. I'd also like to congratulate all the students who gave the exams their best efforts.

FIRST STEP AT THE GEP

Our Year 10 students undertook what we call the First Step on Wednesday 13th June. This First Step is when all Year 10 students are exposed to the whole range of units and pathways at the senior campus. The day was very well organized and our students certainly came away with a better understanding of what the GEP has to offer each of them in their pursuit of career choices. The Second Step will follow where each Year 10 student begins to make actual choices about their unit selection for 2013. For the Second Step, teachers from the GEP will visit our campus and give information about their units to all our students.

Please take the time to discuss unit selection and career interests with your Year 10 student to help them make the right choices for them as they begin this exciting time in their lives.

STUDY CLUB

Study Club has started again and will operate every Wednesday afternoon from 5.00 to 7.00pm in the library. If your student needs to catch up on work or is experiencing difficulties in his/her classes, then attending Study Club will certainly help. The two teachers in attendance specialize in mathematics, English, humanities and science. Please remember that parents/guardians are most welcome to attend Study Club. You may wish to just relax with a coffee and read the paper or may wish to join in helping your student learn. Please encourage your student to attend if you think it will help their learning.

LEAVING SCHOOL DURING THE DAY

Recently a number of students have been asking to leave the school grounds during the school day. Please keep in mind that students are only able to leave the school grounds to walk to the GEP on the day of their classes there. Students who have a lunch pass are able to go directly home and back, are able to leave the grounds. A lunch pass does not entitle a student to go to the shops for lunch and students who wish to do this are advised strongly not to do so. The school takes its responsibility of caring for our students very seriously and cannot accept responsibility for students just 'going to the shops'. Please discuss this matter with your student at home and support us in keeping our students safe during the day.

Nello Carbone

Churchill Campus Principal



END OF TERM BUSES

Please be advised that buses will run from 1.15pm on the last day of term, 29th June, 2012. The Boolarra and Hazelwood North Buses will be delayed by 10 minutes due to other run commitments. This will allow all schools to use these services if needed.



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.



INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION VISIT

In the second week of Term 3, a group of students and teachers from China will be arriving at Kurnai College for a study tour that will include a mix of English Language classes, attendance in regular classes and organised activities in the local area.

We are looking for expressions of interest from local families who would be willing to host a couple of Chinese students for the week starting Monday 23rd July. Families will receive financial support of \$30 per student per night.

If you are interested please contact Corine Noblet on 5132 3800.

TECHNOLOGY

If anyone is clearing out their shed or storerooms at home and has any form of scrap metal or nuts and bolts and the like, could you kindly donate them to Kurnai College instead of throwing them away? Donations can be given to me in preparation for a metalwork class next semester.

Ben Swift

Technology Teacher

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 7 Ancient Mesopotamia Melbourne Overnight Camp	Wednesday 27 th & Thursday 28 th June	\$90	Permission forms & money now overdue
Year 9/10 Drama Circus OZ – Melbourne	Wednesday 27 th June	\$8.50	Permission forms & money now overdue
Year 9 Edge Circus Oz – Melbourne	Wednesday 27 th June		Permission forms now overdue
Hands on Learning trip to Morwell Campus	Thursday 28 th June		Permission forms now due
Year 10 Herald Sun Careers Expo – Melbourne	Wednesday 27 th June	\$10	Permission forms & money due 20th July
Year 9 Job Expo – Lardner Park Warragul	Tuesday 31 st July		Permission forms due back by 24th July
Year 9 Melbourne Discovery	Tuesday 21 st August to Friday 24 th August	\$345	Permission form & deposit are now overdue
Year 10 Uluru Camp	Wednesday 12 th September to Friday 21 st September	\$800	Permission forms & deposits now overdue

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Kurnai Churchill Campus staff held their 'Biggest Morning Tea' event in the staffroom on Tuesday the 22nd of May, which was a huge success. The amount raised was close to \$225 which goes to Cancer research. We would like to thank 'House' in Mid Valley for donating prizes for our raffle.



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 19th June
Monday 25th June

SESSION 2

Friday 22nd June
Friday 29th June



ALDS

YEAR 8 ENGLISH

Next term we will be studying the novel 'Parvana'. Students will need to have read this novel at least once by the beginning of Term 3.

YEAR 8 HUMANITIES

This week students were allocated jobs in 'The Be Real Game'. The next phase of the game is to create a lifestyle based on their income. They will need to decide on needs and wants, budgeting for personal expenses and for some, supporting a family.

In between this, all students in Year 8 will complete their 'Enterprise Project'. This gives them the opportunity to market an idea, product or service to the school at lunch time next week. Money raised through their business ventures is donated to a charity of their choice.

YEAR 9 HUMANITIES

Over the past few weeks, Year 9 students researched a current, local or global economic issue. They identified factors such as policies, stakeholders and implications of the issue identified through a cost-benefit analysis. They formulated and justified their opinion on the issue and presented their response as an essay or report.

MATH MADNESS DAY

We are sending teams consisting of 3 Year 8 students and 3 Year 9 students to the problem solving challenge at Monash University on the 28th of June. Any students, who may be interested, please contact your math teacher.

SCIENCE EXPERIENCE

Year 9 and 10 students are invited to attend 3 days of experiments and workshops in Science and Technology at Monash University 21st, 22nd and 23rd of January, 2013. The cost is \$110. Please see Mrs. Parker for an application form or further information.

YEAR 8 ENTERPRISE PROJECT

The enterprise project has been part of the Year 8 curriculum for a number of years now. It teaches students about real life Economics, as students work in groups to create their own small businesses. Last Wednesday and Thursday were called Market Day as the businesses were in operation. There were cupcakes stalls, a jellybean guessing competition (which Mr. Carbone won), sign writing, cake stalls, biscuit stalls, movies, a disco and Guitar Hero competition to name just a few. All of the students had a ball. Around \$350 was raised for charity. All of the students put a huge amount of effort and work into their businesses and advertising.

I think that the enterprise project went well because we raised a lot of money. The money went to a good cause so I think that it was worth it. Our stall was selling cupcakes and hairspray. We made about 20 dollars and sold 10 cakes. There were about 20 different stalls per day. The project was split over two days and there were a lot of different activities and food being sold. Different activities included barbeques, football kicking, water balloon throw, skittle jar guess and hair spray. All the school participated, even the teachers and the Principal. The whole thing took two weeks to set up and everyone in Year 8 had something going on. I hope we have another project like this next year, so I can buy things from the next set of Year 8's. I think it was successful because everybody participated and had fun while the money we raised went to charity.

By Bryan Duffell



YEAR 7 NEWS

There's lots happening at Year 7 at the moment with students working on their first integrated project – Ancient Civilisations. Students have the option of choosing from Egypt, Greece, Rome, Aztecs or Incas. The project is integrated across four core subjects – English, Humanities, Science and ICT. This week I have sent home a letter to all parents, along with the project booklet so parents can be aware of the tasks involved. The Year 7 Team will be assessing the projects over the term break, with individual student reports going home in early Term 3.

MELBOURNE EXCURSION

The Melbourne excursion, *The Wonders of Ancient Mesopotamia*, is designed to complement the work students are doing on their integrated project. We have had to cap the numbers at 50 students, and all places have now been filled. Specific information is being handed out to students this week, including what to bring and our itinerary.

NEW CLASSES

Students are now in their new groups for Semester 2, with slightly smaller numbers as we now have five core classes instead of four. The team took this opportunity to examine the mix of students, and ensure students were placed with students they work well with. I have been very

impressed with the way students are working in their new groups. If you have any feedback from your child about the new groupings please let me know.

LOCKERS

Students will be required to clean out their lockers at the end of term and take all books and belongings home for the term break. We will be reallocating lockers on the first day back in Term 3. As the term has progressed, an increased number of students do not have padlocks on their lockers. Please check that your child still has their padlock on their locker.

YEAR 7 CENTRE

Over the past couple of weeks the Year 7 Centre has been opened up to students during lunchtime on rainy days, with new café style seating provided in the Centre. For the most part, students have taken on this opportunity with a good level of responsibility, keeping their area tidy and looking after their new furniture.

As always, if you have any question or concerns about how your child is going at school, please contact me either via email at hogan.adam.d@edumail.vic.gov.au, or on 5132 3700.

Adam Hogan
Year 7 Team Leader

YEAR 8 NEWS

We are starting a new semester, so it's a good time to reflect. First, we want to tell parents about the changes that are happening. The Year 8 team took a big step to reorganise the classes, particularly by increasing the number of classes so that class sizes are smaller. We do so at considerable expense, but we think it is necessary at this time.

It will be unsettling to some of the kids. As soon as the dust settles, we think everyone will be better off. If your child is upset, please let us know. Phone the school and Kline will get back to you.

Semester 1 was full of challenge. We undertook a number of group projects across the disciplines and we feel the students responded to cooperate and develop work which was quite impressive.

Our sports teams were great. We had quite a few excursions, including the drama group to Melbourne, the zoo trip, and 'straight talk'.

We just finished our "business enterprise project" which encouraged the kids to create a business idea and model, and then to execute the model to raise money for charity. It was a huge day.

So, the next semester starts with a bang, and a plan is in place to give our students a bit more attention in each class. We're looking forward to the rest of the year, confident that we are moving in a new direction.

Kline
Year 8 Assistant Team Leader

YEAR 9 NEWS

EXAMS

Year 9 students sat the first of many secondary school exams last week. Exams were held in English and Mathematics and were aimed primarily at giving them an introduction to this type of assessment. Students were given an information session about exam procedures, protocols and skills before the first exam. Post-exam reflections from students show that

- they found it difficult to sit still for two hours,
- some students had difficulty writing for that length of time,
- some students had forgotten their work from Term 1 and did not revise it,
- some students forgot to plan their essay responses and forgot what to write
- students who had taken the time to write a cheat sheet for maths generally scored better than those who did not do so.



The sign out procedure, after the math exam, was generally successful although we would like to remind parents that any students leaving during school hours must have parental permission (a note or a phone call to the office) and must be signed out at the office first.

ACTION AND ADVENTURE

Action and Adventure is a great elective, it's a great break from doing school work 5 days a week. We go on an excursion every Thursday for our double period. So far we have been to the Morwell pool and had some fun on the new 'Nessie', Morwell Bowling, archery and Roller Skating. We are still planning to go to Lawn Bowls, swimming and Laser Tag. On Monday we only have a single period so we go into the gym and play some minor games. I really enjoy Action and Adventure and I think it's a fantastic elective!! By Jade :)

CAMP

Parents are reminded that the 3rd payment for the Year 9 camp was due yesterday and the final payment will be due on the 17th July. I will need to finalise numbers during the first week of next term. Any parents who are having difficulty making the payments on time are welcome to contact me and make some more flexible arrangements.

CAMP PART 2

Students are only allowed to take a maximum of 10 kilos of luggage on camp. I will be bringing in a packed suitcase to show students what this looks and feels like. Students may want to spend some time during the holidays organising a suitable bag or suitcase for themselves. They will also require a suitable raincoat, as there is every chance the weather will be rather wet. It can be very uncomfortable walking around in wet clothes. The Edge students who went to The Summit on a day of pouring rain can vouch for this!

Almuth Otten
Year 9 Team Leader



COLLEGE MUSIC



Kurnai Idol Update...

The final four from each campus will be featured in the semi final, held in the Language Centre at Churchill Campus, on Monday 25th June, commencing at 6:30. From then, the final 9 will then perform again in the Language Centre at 6:30pm for the Grand Final on Monday 23rd July.

Entry costs for both performances are: \$5 adult and \$2 for child/student (school ID required).

Music Assessment...

Due to the floods, Music assessments for Churchill campus will occur on Monday 25th June over periods 1 – 4. All students that do music at Churchill campus must attend.

Student Music Logbooks...

As part of encouraging and enhancing student practise on their chosen instrument, College Music is rewarding music students with a \$5 school canteen voucher once they have 20 entries noted in their Practise logbooks.

Fundraising...

Drink Cans are being collected. Bin is located outside Music Complex building.

Music Instrument classes available on:

Any interested students wanting to experience local/regional/interstate/overseas opportunities should enrol in the Music Program now in order to prepare themselves for future performances.

Learning a wind instrument definitely assists in controlling asthma, as well as enhances fine motor skills, coordination and improves reading and literacy skills. Vacancies exist for the following instruments. You have to learn now, so what's stopping you?

Students can commence classes on the below instruments asap.

In a nut shell:

Classes are once a week – 30 minutes in length;

Band is for one period – once a week.

If interested, please fill in and return the following slip to the front office.

-----I'm interested in learning a Wind Instrument-----

Please circle order of preference (eg 1,2,3 etc) and hand to the General Office.

Flute Clarinet Saxophone Trumpet French Horn Trombone Tuba

Student Name: _____ Year level: _____

Parent Name: _____

Contact Tel Number/email: _____

THE ARTS ARE ALIVE AT KURNAI CHURCHILL

YEAR 7 SHOWTIME!

Is happening in the second week of next term! On Wednesday 25th July and Thursday 26th July, the entire Year 7 cohort will perform a wild collection of original plays. The theme is generally about 'bullying', and the work comes out of a process of role-playing and discussion about how bullying happens and its impact on society. We originally scheduled this for next week, but we are changing the date to make sure we get enough time for it.

It's a very wild night and in the past has been completely packed, so make your reservations for one of the nights to make sure you get a good seat. The performances start at 7 pm, and you can get tickets from the office in the week before the show.

SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION

Our advanced theatre class has chosen to do an adaptation of the great film, *Shawshank Redemption*, and it promises to be a thrilling night of theatre. It's an ambitious project by a very dedicated, focused class of students.

We are presenting the play over three nights due to the growing popularity of these productions. The show opens on Wednesday 20th June and continues on Friday 22nd June. Tickets are \$5 (students are free) and the shows start at 7pm. Tickets will be available in the office in the weeks before the show.

This very powerful script has some violent themes and rough language, and the cast is working hard to do justice onstage to a wonderful film.

YEAR 8 COMEDY NIGHT!

The Year 8 theatre class is working on hilarious comedy skits to present in the last week of term. More information is coming about where and when, but this show will be unlike anything that has come before it.



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

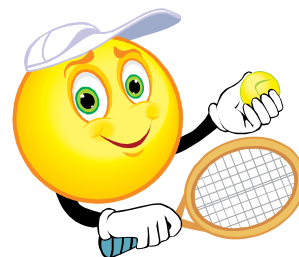
LET'S PLAY TENNIS – For ages 12 & above

FREE trial lessons available

MUM' & DAD'S PROGRAM

Ladies & Men's groups (beginners or experienced)

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MONDAY

25TH JUNE @ 6:30PM

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\$5.00 ADULT \$2.00 CHILD SCHOOL ID CARDS REQUIRED

PAY ON ARRIVAL. HEADS OF SEATING AVAILABLE.

SEE THE FINALS LINEUP TAKE PLACE

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS IS PROVIDED AND CAN ALSO BE PURCHASED