

# KURNAI COLLEGE - CHURCHILL CAMPUS



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Hello Everyone,

### COMING EVENTS 2012

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	EMA Forms due – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Instalment
Friday 10 August	Year 10 Outdoor Ed Snow Day
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> August to Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	Year 9 Melbourne Discovery Camp
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	Parents & Friends, 7.30pm, Campus Staffroom
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	PISA Testing for selected students
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Year 10 Uluru Camp

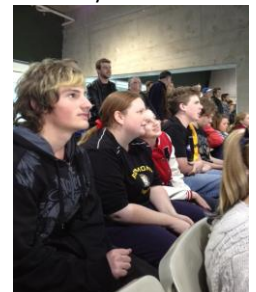
On Wednesday afternoon our Year 10 students undertook the Second Step in the Transition Process to the GEP. Staff from the senior campus came to Churchill Campus and together with our Year 10 teachers and each Year 10 student, took another step in selecting the most appropriate course for next year. The students received information about their selections from the teachers who will be taking the unit. Our transition process is a very thorough one and aims to get the best course for every student. I'd like to thank the GEP teachers for their time and effort in the process and also Laurel Kane and her Year 10 team for all they do to make sure that each student walks away with the best information to make future decisions.

#### **AFL Match**

On Sunday 22nd July a bus load of students from Churchill and Morwell Campus travelled to the MCG to watch an AFL game between North Melbourne and Richmond. Most of the group barracked for Richmond and throughout the game the lead was always changing so it made for a very exciting afternoon. Richmond ended up losing by a couple of points, so the trip home was a very subdued affair. I'd like to thank the AFL for their program of distributing tickets to AFL games throughout the year to schools. The students were very well behaved and it was a pleasure to take them.

#### **Cuppa 'n' Chat**

The next Cuppa 'n' Chat with the Principals, will be on Tuesday 7th August at 9.00am in the Language & Cultural Centre. I hope that if you are one of those randomly selected by the Office Staff, that you can come and just have a relaxed tea or coffee and chat about the school.



#### **Chinese Student Visit**

Last week we were hosts to a group of 18 Chinese students and 3 staff. While here the group undertook some classes where they were exposed to Australian school lessons. They also took part in some very Australian cultural events like a football match, an Aussie BBQ, a farm visit, a trip to the beach and some very interesting experiences at ten pin bowling in Morwell. The group stayed with host families and there they got to experience the family lifestyle of Australian families in the everyday setting. We wish the group well and hope their experiences and memories while here will further bond the relationships we have with our Chinese neighbours.

#### **Mobile Phone Use**

Please remember that mobile phones are allowed at school as long as they are used according to the schools policy that covers them. If a student misuses a mobile phone to film or photograph others in embarrassing situations that causes distress to a student, then the student/s right to have a mobile phone at school will be reviewed. We

have had a number of instances lately where mobile phones have been used to film others inappropriately. This **must** stop immediately to avoid consequences of a disciplinary nature for all those concerned. To help pass the message of the dangers and consequences of mobile phone misuse, Senior Constable Jeni Bennett from the Victoria Police Community Liaison Unit, spoke to the Year 7 students at an assembly and will be doing the same with the other year levels in the next 3 weeks.



### Thanks and Goodbye

On behalf of Churchill Campus I'd like to say thanks and farewell to Terry Newnham who has been with us since the start of Term 2 when he came to fill a vacancy caused by staff on LSL. Terry has been committed to doing the best for the classes and the students he taught. I wish him the best and again thank him for his work at Churchill Campus.

**Nello Carbone**  
Campus Principal

### EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

#### INSTALMENT TWO

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

Parents and guardians may be eligible for the EMA if they have a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due to be paid into bank accounts from mid August onwards for those parents/guardians who chose the EFT payment option on their application form.

Parents/guardians who chose the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late August / early September.

**Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment.**

Parents/guardians whose children have transferred to this school since 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012 will need to submit a new EMA application form. Applications close on 3 August 2012.

Eligibility information can be obtained from: [www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm)

Contact: School Office for application form and further information

### PERMISSION FORM REPRINTS

Over the last two weeks the number of permission forms that have had to be reprinted has been ridiculous, so we have decided to follow Morwell Campus' lead and charge students 20c for any permission form reprints.

We would also like to reiterate that we DO NOT accept verbal permission for any excursions.

### 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 9/10 Strength & Conditioning	Every Tuesday for the term commencing 31 <sup>st</sup> July	\$50.00	Permission forms & money are <b>now overdue</b>
Year 9 Action & Adventure - Laser Tag	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	\$72.00 for term	Permission forms & money are <b>now overdue</b>
Year 8 Mix it up – Community playground	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	\$53.00 for term	Permission forms & money are <b>now overdue</b>
Year 9/10 Drama – Man Covets Bird	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	\$13.00	Permission forms & money are <b>now overdue</b>
Year 10 Outdoor Ed Snow Day, Mt Baw Baw	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	\$34.00	Permission forms & money due back by 3 <sup>rd</sup> August
Year 9/10 Netball Championships	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	\$15.00	Permission forms & money due 8 <sup>th</sup> August
Year 9 Melbourne Discovery	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> August to Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	\$345	Permission forms & deposit are <b>now overdue</b>
Year 10/11 China Trip	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September		Part payments can be made now
Year 10 Uluru Camp	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	\$800	Permission forms & deposits <b>now overdue</b>

## STUDY CLUB

Wednesday nights between 5pm-7pm, Celeste Hardy and Sarah Cohen are running a study club where all students and parents are welcome to attend. Students can spend the time catching up on their class work and get any assistance that they may need. Students can receive one on one attention in all core subjects, access to the school library and computers. Drinks and a snack are provided.



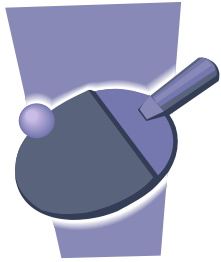
## ALPS

### MATHS MADNESS

A team of Year 8 and Year 9 Alps students attended a Math Madness day at Monash University. They competed with eleven other schools from around Gippsland on math problem solving, speed maths and challenge questions. Some of the questions were quite difficult but the team worked together to solve the problems. Our students were challenged in deep thinking and problem solving, were able to meet students from other schools, and had a delicious lunch. It was fun and provided a different way to participate in maths.

### SCIENCE EXPERIENCE

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



## LUNCH TIME - SPORTS

### INTERSCHOOL BASKETBALL TRYOUT DATES

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August – Yr 8 boys/girls  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August- Yr 9/10 boys/girls

### INTERSCHOOL TABLE TENNIS TRYOUT DATES

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August – Yr 7/8 boys/girls  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August- Yr 9/10 boys/girls

The actual dates for the Sports are:

Year 7/8 Boys & Girls Basketball & Table Tennis – 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2012  
Year 9/10 Boys & Girls Basketball & Table Tennis – 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2012



## KOREAN VISIT

Anyong haseyo!



I am back at work again after a fun-filled and educational tour to South Korea. I toured with 8 other Australian and 10 New Zealand educators. Our tour began in Seoul where we went to Changdeokgung Palace (which I am standing in front of in the picture), enjoyed a lively performance of Bibap, had dinner at N Seoul Tower and participated in lectures about the language, culture, history, religion and politics of Korea. We then travelled south to Busan and Gyeongju and visited some more palaces, the Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto, and various craft villages. We also learned how to bow properly, took part in a traditional Tea Ceremony and dressed in traditional clothing. Our last few days were spent back in Seoul, going to the DMZ and enjoying a leisurely boat ride down the Han River. The items I have listed are only some of those I experienced. It was a very jam-packed itinerary. Our umbrellas, fans and Pocari Sweat (Korean version of Powerade) were our staples every day out in the heat.

The Korean people were very open and friendly and were kind towards our initially poor efforts at speaking Korean! It took a few days to get used to eating food such as jellyfish and kimchi, but we soon became used to it and very proficient at using chopsticks. A few of us went out and experienced the Korean nightlife, which was a sight that needs to be seen to be believed! Also, I did have some silly moments, such as falling into a river, which some of you may have already heard about. Korea is such a dynamic place, a mixture of history and the future and the Koreans take such pride in their culture and their country. I thoroughly enjoyed my time in Korea, though I am glad to be back at home and at work. I have so many ideas of how Kurnai College can further implement Asian Literacy within our school and I am excited about the future possibilities and the chance to develop our students into globally aware 21st century citizens. It truly was the experience of a life time and I plan to return there again. I am grateful for the opportunity that was extended to me through work and the Asia Education Foundation and to Ms Eloise Porter for taking such good care of my classes during my absence.

## YEAR 9 NEWS

### CAREERS

Year 9 students have begun a long process of familiarising themselves with a range of career options and pathways into possible careers. At this stage it is important for students to become aware of the different possibilities which are available to them. Many students worry that they have no idea what they want to do but the upcoming career programs and events will help them think of options. It is imperative that they keep an open mind and discuss their interests with parents, teachers and other knowledgeable adults.

On Wednesday the whole year level went to a WorkSkills Expo at Lardner Park which was organised by the local LLEN network. Students from all over Central Gippsland and the Latrobe Valley came on the day to gather information from a variety of career organisations and training providers. The focus in Team Time has been on preparation for this excursion. There is some follow-up work to be done and then next step will be a visit and talk from the SAMS team (Schools Access Monash) about the possibilities of university study. This will be held in the last week of Term 3.

### CAMP

The Year 9 Camp is fast approaching. Fifty Six students and five teachers will be going. We will be holding a number of information sessions in the next two weeks to plan the groups, give out important information and explain the appropriate standards of behaviour to students. Key focal points will be personal safety in the city and being a responsible and courteous member of a group. It would be helpful if parents can reinforce the message about appropriate behaviour in the city with their students after our information sessions.

## ELECTRONICS

The electronics class is a very interesting and innovative subject to learn. In electronics class we have been designing and making a steady hand game where we were required to cut the base with a scroll saw, use 1=1 measurements on our plans, wire the buzzer and LED light as well as solder the wires together in the correct way. This was very interesting and taught us many skills to produce a steady hand game device. Most people's games worked well and only some had to rewire the game. Currently in electronics we are studying OHMS law which defines how to find the voltage in an electrical circuit using  $V=I \times R$  V (Voltage) I (Current) R (Resistance). Written by Alex and Levae.



## COLLEGE MUSIC



### KURNAI IDOL RESULTS...

3rd place to Chelsea Rees (Yr 12 GEP) and accompanist Sara Lobb (Yr 12 GEP);  
2nd place to Rose Van Rooy (Yr 7 Churchill) and accompanist Meg Van Rooy (Yr 10 Churchill)  
1st place to Millie Orr (Yr 12 GEP) and accompanist Sara Lobb (Yr 12 GEP).

**Congratulations to all those contestants, MCs and those in the College Big Band.**

LISTEN TO 104.7 Gippsland fm next Wednesday 8th August from 4pm - 5pm to heard the Kurnai Idol special

### 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 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.

### PETER PAN

Watch out for this thrilling adaptation of the classic story.

### DINKUM ASSORTED

The senior girls are working on a great play about a biscuit factory which is about to be shut down and the workers have to figure out how to keep it open.



## 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

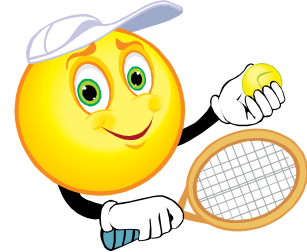
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**MUM' & DAD'S PROGRAM**

Ladies & Men's groups (beginners or experienced)

CALL GLEN: 51762678 OR SALLY: 51749661

PHONE NOW TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE



### CLASS ACT PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

## **“THE MUSIC MAN”**

ONE WEEKEND ONLY

### SHOWS

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August - 7.30pm

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August – 1.30pm & 7.30pm

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August – 1.30pm

### ADMISSIONS

Adult \$18

Student/Concession \$12

Family (2+2/1 +3) \$50

### TICKETS

0412 478 975 OR 0412 871 696

