

# KURNAI COLLEGE - CHURCHILL CAMPUS



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### COMING EVENTS 2012

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	Kurnai College Pie Orders/Money due back
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
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Kurnai College Athletics Day
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	State Wide Industrial Action
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Year 10 Uluru Camp

Hello Everyone,

#### **Family Home Destroyed**

As I write this bulletin, I am being made aware of the dreadful loss through fire of a Kurnai family home in the Jeeralang Hills area. As part of the community, Kurnai College, Churchill Campus will be undertaking some fundraising to help one of our families through this very difficult time. At times like this, when people are faced with hardship, it falls on the community to gather around and assist in whatever way possible. With this in mind, the Churchill Campus SRC will be running an Out Of Uniform Day in the very near future to help this family affected by this unfortunate situation.

#### **Classroom Observations**

In the past few weeks I have been visiting classrooms to observe teachers and students at work. Teachers have nominated an area of teaching that they want feedback on with improvement in mind. It is interesting to see the variations in teaching styles and how students respond to them. It is also encouraging to see how hard some students work to fulfil the high expectations that their teachers place on them. Churchill Campus is thriving on having such a diverse group of teachers willing to take risks with their pedagogy to get the best outcomes for their students.

#### **TV monitors in Year 7 & Library**

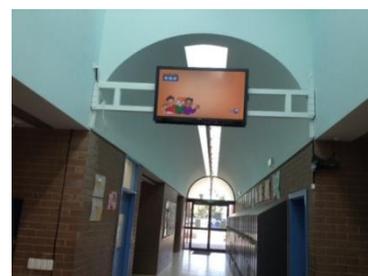
TV monitors have now been installed in the Year 7 Corridor and the Library. These monitors will assist in getting information to different areas of the school without the need to interrupt classes with announcements. These monitors will also show student activities, students at work, excursion highlight etc. They can also be used to show important events as they happen. For example, during the Olympic Games the Library was able to show highlights of exciting events to large numbers of students at recess and lunchtimes. The plan is to expand the number of these monitors as money permits over the next few years.

#### **Mandatory Reporting**

At different times, students will tell a teacher or staff member that something unpleasant has or is occurring in the home. Schools must, by law, report to Human Services when students disclose such information. It is not something that teachers or I can choose to ignore even if we think that the child is being mischievous in disclosing such information. It is then up to DHS officers to investigate the matter and make a decision as to what actions need to take place.

Often parents/guardians take out their frustrations or anger about the matter on the school which has made the mandatory report. While this is understandable it does not help the situation to blame the school or the teacher for doing what they are mandated by law to do. Please be aware that teachers, like police officers, nurses and doctors must report to DHS when certain things are said to them. They are simply following the law.

**Nello Carbone**  
Campus Principal



## 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 7,9,10 Science Activities	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> August		Permission forms due back 17 <sup>th</sup> August
Year 7,8,9,10 SSVW Athletics	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	\$7.00	Permission forms & money due back 20 <sup>th</sup> August
Year 8 Mix it up – Skating & Gymnastics	21 <sup>st</sup> August & 28 <sup>th</sup> August	\$53.00 for term	Permission forms & money are <b>now overdue</b>
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 9 German Day	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	\$11.00	Permission forms & money due back 22 <sup>nd</sup> August
Kurnai College Athletics Day	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September		Permission forms due back 28 <sup>th</sup> August
Year 10 Outdoor Ed Bushwalking Camp – Tidal River	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	\$40.00	Permission forms & money due back 22 <sup>nd</sup> August
Year 9 The Edge – The Summit	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	\$90.00	Permission forms & money due back 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
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.



## YEAR 9/10 MULTI MEDIA

The Year 9/10 Multi Media class are making a short film on 'Belonging' and would like to interview anyone in our school community who has been adopted and the impact, if any, this has had on their life.

Please call Nicole Pryor on 51323 700.

## 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 TABLE TENNIS TRYOUT DATES**

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**



### **YEAR 7 NEWS**

Year 7 students performed their first drama production to a full theatre over two nights recently, with some excellent individual and group performances. The students wrote the plays entirely on their own, with the theme of bullying, its consequences and the effects it can have on people's lives. The students were very proud of their performance as was the Year 7 Team.

Looking forward, we commence our second integrated project, *Castaways*, in week six of this term. This project will go for two weeks and task booklets will be emailed to parents. If you would like a hard copy sent home please let me know and it will be arranged.

Following the *Castaway* project, students finish the term with two weeks of challenge based problem solving learning known as the Thinking Olympics. This highly engaging context creates a great forum for learning and challenging students. Further information will be sent out as the event draws closer.

**Adam Hogan**

**Year 7 Team Leader**

### **YEAR 8 NEWS**

#### **PROGRESS REPORTS**

By now you should have received your child's Progress Report. If you have not received this in the post, please notify the office or the Year 8 Team Leader straight away. Our congratulations go out to the following students for making the 'All Stars' list: Tarna Flake, Georgina Brick, Bradley Sands, Chelsea Chambers, Jacob Hibbert, Tristan Turpin, Clare Livesey, Jessica Franssen, Zac Cantrill, Brittany Smart, Samantha Hogarth, Regan Webster, Rachael McKenzie, Fabienne Schoutens, Emma Jonkers, Shannyn Clissold, Matthew Devonshire, Jordan Taylor, Jacinta Michael, Hannah Linton, Chloe Gargan, Courtney McGregor, Daniel Schneider, Dakota Doherty, Seth Drinken, Dianne Gibson and Jordyn Allan.

If you would like to discuss your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact the teacher directly or make an appointment with the Year 8 Team Leader.

#### **CURRICULUM IN TERM THREE**

This term the Year 8's are studying the Asia Pacific region. As part of an integrated curriculum, student's study the geography and culture of the area in Humanities; the novel *Parvana* in English, whilst in Science students have studied the animals and ecology of the region.

#### **FOUR PILLAR POSTCARDS AND PBS**

As our push for PBS (Positive Behaviour Systems) is being implemented College wide, students who have shown outstanding behaviours in the areas of the Four Pillars, will receive a postcard home in recognition of their outstanding performance. These cards are not given out frivolously and capture the positive elements of your child's time at school as seen by their classroom teachers.

If you wish to contact the Year 8 Team Leader about any concerns you have for your child, I can be contacted on 5132 3700 or

[cropper.bernadette.b@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:cropper.bernadette.b@edumail.vic.gov.au)

**Bernadette Cropper**

**Year 8 Team Leader**

### **YEAR 10 NEWS**

#### **YEAR 10 COURSE COUNSELLING 2012**

Our Year 10 students completed their subject selections for their transition to the senior campus in 2013 on Wednesday from 2pm – 7pm.

Their selection has been based on ongoing counselling, presentations, career days, goal setting and programs which the students have undertaken at the senior and junior campuses throughout the year. Students and their parents discussed their selections with GEP staff and were able to submit their preferred course for next year. This year we also included 'Meetings for Success' in our interview process which proved to be a great opportunity for students and their parents to discuss and explore how they are feeling about the transition process to the senior campus.

Students who were unable to attend this session need to see Ms Kane to organise a meeting time with members of the GEP staff to complete the course selection and 'Meeting for Success' process.]

**Laurel Kane**

**Year 10 Team Leader**



## COLLEGE MUSIC

Advocates for Music Making



### Out & About – Music @ Kurnai College – Churchill Campus

Throughout the week, all music students took part in scheduled all-day rehearsals, where ensembles focused on fine tuning their repertoire for a lunchtime performance.

Participating students were involved in the educational practices from Assessment For Learning AND Musical Futures – where students are reflecting, critiquing and providing constructive feedback to each other to further enhance their own and the ensembles progress.

During the lunchtime performances, the atmosphere and participation from audience and performers were very well received.

All ensembles are preparing and fine tuning for the Up & Coming campus performances AS WELL AS for the term 4 Primary Schools **On The Road Again** Road Show performances.

### Up & Coming Performances:

- **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August**, bands participating are: **Mr G and Concert Band**, as well as some of the current VCE Music Performance students.  
Venue: Kurnai - Churchill Campus **Music Room**  
Starting time: 6:30pm.  
Entry - coin donation only.
- **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**, bands participating are **Guitar Ensemble, Mr H 1 and Mr H 2**, as well as some of the current VCE Music Performance students.  
Venue: Kurnai - Churchill Campus **Music Room**.  
Starting time: 6:30pm.  
Entry - coin donation only.

### Fundraising... Drink Cans

@ Churchill Campus – Bags can be left outside the Music Complex anytime in the bin provided.

### Want to go interstate or overseas?

Any interested students wanting to experience local/regional/interstate/overseas opportunities can do so by joining the College Big Band.

Must be committed to attend weekly rehearsals on Thursdays from 3pm- 4pm;

Students must have some knowledge in reading music & can hire an instrument if you haven't got one.

Instrument players looking for include: **Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Piano**

If interested, fill in and return bottom slip to front office. Not for hire

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year level: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Tel Number/email: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ Own Inst: Yes / No Hiring an Inst: Yes / No

### Music instruments and classes are available for:

FLUTE, CLARINET, SAXOPHONE, TRUMPET, TROMBONE and TUBA

**Never played an instrument before but interested? For rest of Term 3 ONLY, learn an instrument for FREE. That's right FREE! Take it home and practise it... and attend scheduled music classes. GET THE MUSIC EXPRESSION FORM FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE NOW.** Offer is only available for instruments mentioned above. If students are interested in continuing on with the instruments for Term 4, then the fees for enrolment and hire must be finalised.

## 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  
**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**



### 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

