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COMING EVENTS 2011

Monday 5 th to Wednesday 7 th March	Year 9 Edge Base Camp
Thursday 15 th March	Year 7 & Year 10 Immunisations
Wednesday 14 th to Friday 16 th March	Year 10 Outdoor Education Surf Camp
Monday 16 th April to Friday 27 th April	Year 10 Work Experience
Tuesday 20 th March	Parents & Friends Meeting – 7.30pm Campus Staffroom

Hello Everyone,

It's great to be back after one week of R&R at home with my broken leg up and not moving around. I hope that it mends quickly as I'm not the sit around type. I'd like to thank the staff and especially Nicole Pryor for filling in, in my absence. I'm sure that she was able to address any concerns that came across her desk.

Year 10 Fun Day at Mirboo North Pool

The Year 10's went to the Mirboo North Pool last Friday. From all accounts the day was a huge success. While the weather was less than perfect the students and staff had a great day. The pool attendants commented on how well behaved our students were throughout the day. It's just great to hear these comments from people who see so many schools come and go. The purpose of this day was to allow positive relationships to be built up between staff and students as well as between students. One of our 4 Pillars of Kurnai College is that of Relationships and we believe that it is the basis of successful learning in our school. Building relationships is also one of the main planks of the Positive Behaviour Support Program we are implementing at Kurnai College.

Attendance

The attendance so far has been excellent across all year levels. Our Attendance Officer, Colleen Swift, has reported that the Absence Hotline is being used more and more by a great number of parents. This hotline allows you to notify the school of an absence and therefore avoiding the school having to call all absent student's every day. Please make use of this service and keep up the great effort in getting all students at school every day. As I often say, "you can't learn if you're not at school".

Parents and Friends

The first P&F meeting for the year was held this week. This group of interested parents assists the school in a great number of ways. Please feel free to call me if you wish to attend or just want to know more about the valuable work the P&F does.

Nello Carbone

Churchill Campus

EMA APPLICATIONS

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

NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. These costs may be recoverable where an injury is caused by the negligence (carelessness) of the Department, a school council or their employees or volunteers.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance.

BUS SAFETY

Many of our students are fortunate enough to have a Country and Public Bus Service to bring them to and from school. It is important that parents/guardians discuss with their children the need to be aware of vehicles at all times whilst waiting for buses when they are picked up or dropped off from their stop or when they are picked up or dropped off at the school.

It has become apparent that some students are continuing to play games around areas where vehicles are moving, creating potentially an accident. Whilst the school has staff on duty within the school, it is not always possible for them to see everything that occurs around our bus bay. Accidents can occur so quickly and sometimes people cannot react quickly enough to avoid these situations.

Please make sure that your child is fully aware that they need to make correct decisions when in the vicinity of moving vehicles. In the event of the school being informed of unsafe practices students may have the privilege of these services being withdrawn.

STAY SAFE!

Leonie Mackie
Bus Co-ordinator



COLLEGE MUSIC



Music on campus...

Students wanting to enrol in the Music Program at Kurnai College can still do so. Vacancies still exist for the following Wind instruments: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, French horn, Trombone and Tuba.

This is a wise investment for your child's mental and physical development. Expression of Interest forms can be attained from the General Office.

Common questions I often get are...

- Haven't got your own instrument? You can hire one from the school and take it home.
- How much are lessons? Lessons are free.
- What are the costs? Enrolment fee is \$85 for the whole year. This includes all books, folder, other texts your child requires – we get it for your child. Excursion/travel costs are taken from this as well.

Musical instruments cost several hundred, if not thousands of dollars. I encourage for all to try and use what we have available at Kurnai College before buying your own.

If you have any further enquiries, please don't hesitate to contact the school and ask for the Head of Music.

Joseph Bonnici
College Music Co-ordinator

PBS- POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORT

We're Kurnai

Work Ethic
Engagement
Relationships
Excellence

WHAT IS PBS?

PBS is a way to focus on the good things that students do and acknowledging them, rather than just focusing on the negative behaviours and punishing them. It is a way to change school systems that support students to deliver their best in a supportive, challenging and acknowledging way.

PBS IN YEAR 7

The Year seven students have been very enthusiastic learning about the four pillars. They are currently working on posters about their rights and responsibilities, tying in with our "Relationship" pillar. The posters will be displayed around the school for all to see.

The Year seven raffles are a big hit with the students. Students are given a raffle ticket for great work and behaving well. The students are really enjoying choosing their prizes after their ticket is drawn from a box at the end of the week.

POST CARDS

The post cards that our students have designed are being sent out to parents in recognition of good behaviour by our students. Our focus is on the "Relationship" pillar. At least one post card per week will be sent home by each teacher to parents, for students who are showing positive attitudes towards teachers and their peers.

SRC

SRC was elected this week. The new SRC is comprised of:

Year 10: School Captains – Hayden Stephens, Emma Telford and Vice Captains – Tom Lindsay, Katelyn Lugton.

Members – Eli Van Rhine, Jaye Anders, Annie Reggardo and Crystall Hall.

Year 9: Maddie Young, Jess Fossati, Molly Hillenaar, Josie Slater, Bronwyn Slater, Tiarhna Schumann, Zac Hellyer.

Year 8: Ethan Moule, Jannah Wolske, Breanne Corrie, Tristan Turpin, Jessica Smith, Regan Webster, Jordan Goodwin.

Year 7: Rosie Van Rooy, Annabelle Linton, Peter Duncan, John Phelan, Jay Barry, Cameron Stewart, Shannon Clark.

This year the SRC will, in Semester one, raise funds for the Red Shield Appeal for homeless teenagers. We will also track and monitor house points and a monthly award will be given to the house which raises the greatest number of points.

This week's swimming sports have been promoted strongly as a house competition and wristbands are also being sold to students for \$1 each to support both the houses and our fund raising.

SRC Media Team

Eli Van Rhine, Jaye Anders, Molly Hillenaar, Jessica Fossati and Maddie Young

RECIPIENT OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FROM WORLD VISION AUSTRALIA SAMANTHA HOGARTH

Samantha Hogarth produced a book on Child Mortality as part of her United Nations Millennium Development Goals Project during term 4, 2011. Her book was sent to World Vision Australia. World Vision were very impressed with her work and have put some of her book on their Facebook page.

Samantha received a letter from Tim Costello thanking her for the work she did and the promotion of the issue of Child Mortality through her book. She also received a Certificate of Appreciation.

The Year 7 Poverty Project, which requires the students to select one of the UN Millennium Development Goals to research, incorporates iEarn (communicating with other students around the world), construction of a solar cooker and finding out about children's lives in solar rich fuel poor countries.

The project exposes the students to the many issues facing children their own age in the many poverty stricken communities around the world.



YEAR 10 NEWS

GETTING READY FOR YOUR FINAL YEARS OF SECONDARY SCHOOL

Your final years of secondary school are a demanding yet exciting time in your life. You will need to use your time effectively to juggle various commitments and develop basic time management skills, like using a diary (paper or electronic) to plan your study and homework needs, activities in and out of school, assignment due dates and then you have to prioritise these tasks.

At the same time you are probably thinking about where you want to be this time next year or in two, five years' time and how your studies are going to help you get there. In life we only get things for which we hunt, for which we strive and for which we are willing to sacrifice.

Work experience is coming up and this is the perfect opportunity to "check out" what is out there.

Work experience is your opportunity to spend a period of time outside the classroom, learning about a particular job or area of work.

During your placement, you'll be able to find out what skills employers look for when they're hiring someone to fill a job vacancy.

You will also get the chance to develop your self-confidence and communication skills. This will help you to work better with other people in further or higher education, as well as in your future career.



Work experience can be a great help if you're still wondering what sort of career you want

Year 10 students will go out on work experience the first two weeks of term 2 (April 16 –April 27).

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION in the up and coming weeks.

LOTE NEWS



Congratulations to Annie Zammit, Crystal Hall, Dale Duncan and Tiarnah Nicola for the participation in Gippsland LOTE Competition. Annie Zammit took out the overall winner. Students received achievement certificates & Annie received a medal.

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, Nutrimerics, 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.



CHURCHILL JUNIOR INDOOR NETBALL ASSOCIATION

***** Squad Team Try-Outs *****

When - To be held Saturday 17th of March & Saturday 24th of March

Where - Churchill Leisure Centre

Times - 9am - 10am for U/15 10-11am for U/13 and 11-12 for U/11

Contact - Sue Hutchinson 0428 631 270 to register/enquire or Kay Hill (Secretary) 0419 118 510 email dkhill@aanet.com.au

CHURCHILL JUNIOR INDOOR NETBALL ASSOCIATION

***** Annual General Meeting *****

When - Wednesday 22nd of February 2012

Where - Churchill Leisure Centre

Time - 7.30pm

Teams to be Entered by 15th of March

All prospective players, coaches, umpires and parents are welcome to attend.

Please contact Kay Hill (Secretary) for further details and for Team Entry/Player forms 0419 118 510 or email dkhill@aanet.com.au

CHURCHILL UNITED SOCCER CLUB

Junior Training has begun!

Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:30pm-5:30pm at the club.

Age groups from Under 7's to Under 16 boys and Under 18 girls.

New Players Welcome!

REGISTRATION DAY is Saturday 17th March from 10-12pm. We will also be selling cheap soccer apparel.

Any questions, please contact Secretary Ben Kimpton at Churchillrams@live.com.au

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:

School Council Elections

School Council notice of Election and call for Nominations will begin on Monday 20th February. Four (4) Parent member positions (3 positions of 2 years and 1 position of 1 year), and 2 DEECD employee member positions will be vacant. Nomination forms can be obtained from the office of each campus and must be lodged back at the school by 4.00pm on Monday 27th February. If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school. Further reading and timeline dates are available within this newsletter.

Information for Parents

School Council Elections 2012

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state-wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category – more than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected DEECD employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category – members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information

Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nominations – 2012

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Kurnai College

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on Monday 27th February 2012.

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on Tuesday 13th March 2012.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership category	Term of office	Number of positions
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2012 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2014	3
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2012 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2013	1
DEECD employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2012 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2014	2

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Anthony Rodaughan
College Principal