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COMING EVENTS 2012

Monday 16 th April to Friday 27 th April	Year 10 Work Experience
Tuesday 20 th March	Parents & Friends Meeting – 7.30pm Campus Staffroom
Friday 30 th March	Last day of Term 1. Bus collection at 2pm
Monday 16 th April	Term 2 begins

Hello Everyone,

I've just come back from a walk around the school, visiting some classes and talking to quite a few students. The Hands on Learning students are busily working away at a number of projects that are important to the school. Mr. Stubbs and Mr. Cahill should be congratulated on the way they are able to motivate and get the best results from all the Hands on Learning students who themselves are to be commended on the work they are doing. A great job boys!

I ventured into the library where a couple of classes are researching hydroelectricity projects with very impressive determination under the relaxed but watchful eye of their teachers. The Year 7s are getting their immunization in the Language Centre and although they are all a bit scared and apprehensive they are showing that they can control their fears when they need to. I wonder whether the Year 10s can do the same after recess. A bus full of very excited swimming students has just driven off with a compliment from Morwell Campus also on board. We wish them the best for their events and hope they enjoy the day.

While walking past classes where students are listening attentively or participating in active learning, I am reminded of the very important job that teachers are entrusted with. The satisfaction that is gained from teaching is something that all teachers enjoy when their classes are working the way they should. This morning I was so impressed that Churchill Campus students and staff can work the way they do. It's such a privilege to be a part of it.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

The next Parents & Friends group meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 March at 7.30 pm in the Churchill Staff room. I would like to invite as many parents to attend this very relaxed and informal meeting where we talk about the school and how it's progressing in the eyes of the parents and guardians of our students. Tea, coffee and chocolate snacks are all provided and no-one will be given any task to do except to voice their views. Please try to attend if you can spare an hour on Tuesday night.

FRIENDSHIP DIFFICULTIES AT SCHOOL

If your child is experiencing difficulties at school because of friendship group disagreements, please contact the respective Year Level Team Leader or Assistant. Quite often, especially with girls, minor disagreements can escalate into big dramas if the issue is not nipped in the bud. So if you think your child is going through some of this type of thing please let the school know so we can organize assistance if needed. While on this topic, it's very important to know what your child is saying on Facebook. Quite often things are said on Facebook that would not be said to someone personally and a very minor issue becomes a major blow up that no-one intended. As a parent, please keep an eye on your child's interactions online.

Hope to see many new faces on Tuesday night at Parents & Friends.

Nello Carbone
Churchill Campus Principal

KURNAI COLLEGE ANNUAL REPORT

All members of the College Community are invited to attend the presentation of the 2011 College Annual Report. This will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th March, 2012 at the Churchill Campus - Language & Culture Centre at the conclusion of our College Council Meeting.

Please advise by email of your intention to attend to noblet.corine.j@edumail.vic.gov.au or call 51 323 800.

COLLEGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Congratulations to the following parents on their successful election to the college council. We hope your time as councillor will be enjoyable and productive.

- * Stephen Van Rooy
- * Meredith Downes-Smith
- * Penny Solomon
- * Michael Radford

We are also delighted to be able to announce that Karen Anders from the Morwell Campus and Adam Hogan from the Churchill Campus have been declared the DEECD Representatives.

A big Thank You to all elected councillors for being prepared to take on this important role.

2012 China Trip

Again this year, Year 10 students will have the opportunity to travel and discover the delights of China. The school will be undertaking a study tour of China during September 2012. The three week tour will visit Kou'an (our sister school in China) where students will stay with a Chinese family and attend some classes at Kou'an Middle School. Some of the other places the tour plans to visit will include Beijing, the Great Wall, Shanghai and Hong Kong. This is an excellent opportunity for students to discover the wonders of China.

During next term we will have a family information session to update families on the details of the trip and give parents and students an opportunity to find out more information.

Later this year there will be some classes run by the Language Centre to teach students and/or families the basics of the Chinese language. Knowing some basic Chinese will be greatly useful on the tour. All students in China learn English at school, but many older people in China don't speak English.

The full cost of the tour will be around \$3,000, and there will be some financial support available for some families. Costs will be confirmed later as itineraries are set. All students will need to have a passport, so there will also be this extra expense for some families. So if you are interested in travelling, start saving now.

If you need more information or have any queries you can contact Darren Hodgson on 51323836 or on hodgson.darren.d@edumail.vic.gov.au.



If you are interested in taking part of this study tour please complete the expression of interest below:

I _____ (Student name) are expressing an interest of being involved in the Kurnai Study Tour of China in September 2012.

Signed: _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signed: _____

Please return this form to your campus office by 30th March (last day of term 1)

SRC NEWS

Welcome to the first newsletter from this year's SRC. This year, the SRC will be fundraising and are also in charge of tallying the House Points. In addition to the weekly newsletter the SRC will also have a Buy, Swap, Sell page.

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.

Members of the SRC took part in an AFL Umpire Leadership Program and learnt how to be better leaders. It involved making your own decision and backing your own opinion. The members enjoyed it and developed a better understanding of what it takes to make important decisions.

An opportunity has also arisen for some SRC Members to take part in a leadership program alongside the Latrobe Youth Council. Mrs. Taylor is organising this.

In regards to the House Points, the SRC has been given the task of tallying them each month. The House with the most points at the end of the month will win a House Colours Day, where members from that house get to wear their house colours to school. You can be awarded House Points for PBS Postcards, good yard write-ups, school activities and numerous other things. May the best House win!

Kind Regards,

The SRC.

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Contact Details:

Object:

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Contact Details:

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YEAR 7 NEWS

There has been a lot happening at Year 7 this week, despite the short school week with Labour Day on Monday. Students are working on a range of problem solving based activities in maths to improve their understanding of the number system, as well as important skills such as addition, subtraction and multiplication. In science students are investigating mixtures, separating inks into the various components, as well as exploring changes of states as solids are converted to liquids and then gases. In humanities, students are learning about the Economy, while in Learn 2 Learn classes students are undertaking a unit of Cyber-safety.

Immunisations occurred yesterday and ran smoothly, with the usual level of apprehension and nervousness. If your child missed this important health process, immunisations are available by contacting Latrobe City.

CAMP PERMISSION FORMS

A reminder that camp permission forms went home early last week and were due back this week with the first instalment of \$60 due. If you haven't returned your form back and if there are any payment difficulties please contact either Adam Hogan or Russell White to discuss options. We would love to see as many students attend the camp as possible as it always proves to be an invaluable experience.

YEAR 7 ALPS HUMANITIES

Humanities classes are currently learning about Economics. The ALP class' learning focus has been on goods and services and supply and demand. They considered different contexts which affect the supply and demand and therefore also the price of goods and services. Future lessons will look at the different resources (natural, labour, capital and enterprise) required to produce goods and services. The ALP class is given homework for Humanities each week. I am currently putting together a parent email list so I will be able to forward copies of homework electronically in addition to the hard copies distributed in class.

Rachel Massaro

SCIENCE HOMEWORK BOOKLETS

A reminder for parents to check their students Science homework booklet and ensure their child is presenting the homework booklet in class for the teacher to check and sign off the completed tasks.

REWARDS

This week's raffle winners were Shannon Clarke, Jaryd Downes-Smith and Ben Grumley. Well done to these students, along with all the other students who obtained a ticket this week!

Adam Hogan

Year 7 Team Leader

YEAR 8 NEWS

ALL STARS

Congratulations to the following All Stars for the first progress report of the year. The system for awarding points has changed this year with 4 points awarded for Excellence, 3 points awarded for Good, 2 points awarded for Satisfactory, 1 for Concern and 0 for Not Satisfactory. These scores are tallied and averaged out across the number of classes a student takes. For a student to make the 'All Stars' list they must receive 30 or more points. In future progress reports students will be awarded for significant improvements. The 'All Stars' for progress report one are Chelsea Chambers (33), Tarna Flake (32), Jordan Taylor (32), Georgina Brick (32), Jacob Hibbert (32), Luke Van Rooy (32), Rachael McKenzie (31), Daniel Schneider (31), Samantha Hogarth (31), Fabienne Schoutens (31), Brittany Smart (31), Jannah Wolske (30), Tamara Allen (30), Zac Cantrill (30), Shannyn Clissold (30), Dakota Doherty (30), Hannah Linton (30), Charlie Meade (30), Clare Livesey (30), Regan Webster (30), Matthew Devonshire (30), Oakley Martin (30) and Alese Bowie (30).

KAROONDA PARK

Thank you to all those parents and students who have got their forms in. There are still a few places left so be quick and secure your place. Payments need to be finalised soon, if you need a payment plan, please do not hesitate to contact us.

MEDIEVAL WEEK

This week student's are doing a medieval project in all their core subjects. The week will be finalised next Monday with a medieval feast and some medieval games. Thank you to Amy Kihl-Larssen and Dave Egan for organising events.

YEAR 9 NEWS

GUMBUYA PARK

On the 13th on March all of the Year 9s journeyed to Gumbuya Park for a bonding day.

We all had a wonderful time on all the rides with our friends, most of the students favourite rides were the "twister carts" because they had the responsibility to drive their own cart at their own pace.

The second most popular ride was the toboggans because you tried to catch up to your friends and every time you do it you speed up, and get faster, it was heaps of fun.

All the students got along very well like two peas in a pod.

At the end of the day everyone said they had a great time and enjoyed the bonding day of 2012.

Written mostly by Kaitlin Nardino, with a little help from Lani Murdoch!!!





GOAL SETTING cont'd

Planning your career is the first step in mapping out your future. It is understandable that you may not know exactly where you want to be or what you want to do, but knowing what you are interested in will guide you in the right directions. When deciding whether to go on and finish secondary school or to get an apprenticeship as early as you can or to go on to tertiary studies you will need to **plan** that journey.

To ensure you follow it through, it is essential to set a series of goals to achieve. **GOALS** supply you with:

- Energy and enthusiasm
- Focus and determination
- Stamina and persistence
- Vision and initiative

BE very sure they are your goals, not those of your family or friends, their advice is valuable but in the end it is **YOU** who has to live your life.

YOUR goals may cover a variety of areas:

- Personal
- Career/Education
- Sport/Leisure
- Other such as health & wealth

SO GO AHEAD AND LIST SOME GOALS YOU WOULD LIKE TO ACHIEVE.... TODAYDO IT TODAY



COMMUNITY NEWS

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

TRAFALGAR SKATE BOWL FESTIVAL

Young people who enjoy skating or tricks with BMX bikes or scooters are invited to a great afternoon of showcasing and competitions on Sunday 22nd April from 2-6pm. The Trafalgar Skate Park is located in Depot lane, behind the Baw Baw Technology Centre on Princes Highway. Registrations will take place from 1.40pm.

This festival has been made possible by a grant from Youth Foundations- a partnership between the Trafalgar Bendigo Community Bank and the State Government. Trafalgar Community Development Association applied for the grant after the success of last year's event and is pleased to support the young people of our area.

The YMCA Skate Services (YSS) will facilitate and manage a festival run the competitions

The competition will include a Best Trick, Jam or Single Run sessions. There will be a great range of prizes.

YMCA CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. All competitors must have a completed and signed *entry form* by a parent or guardian
2. All competitors must be smoke, drug and alcohol free
3. All competitors must wear helmet whilst competing (helmets supplied)

There will be food and drinks available to purchase and useful info from a variety of youth organisations.

For more information check the website: www.skatepark.ymca.org.au or contact TCDA president Sue Jacka 0409 757 170, or Trafalgar High School Youth Worker, David Lyons 0409015662.

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: