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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,

This week work started on the installation of 44 solar panels on the roof of the Learning and Cultural Centre. The \$50,000 grant for this extensive work was provided by the Commonwealth government under its Solar Initiative Program. By installing these panels Churchill Campus will save approximately \$3,500.00 per year on our power bills. Together with the water tanks already installed and the automatic light switches these solar panel will help Churchill Campus conserve valuable natural resources as much as possible.



Yinnar Young Citizen of the Year Award

I was delighted to hear this week that one of our Year 7 students, Aidan Quigley was awarded the Yinnar and District Young Citizen of The Year Award. Aidan won the award for his very extensive work with the Yinnar Cricket Club as well as his work while a student at Yinnar Primary School as the Vice Captain of the school. In this role he helped organize events that benefited the Yinnar and district community. We are indeed very fortunate to have such interested and involved young people in our Kurnai Learning Community. I've no doubt that in the years to come Aidan will get involved in Campus forums where ideas are discussed and carried through. Congratulations and well done Aidan.



Unnamed Uniform Items

Please, please, please make sure that your child's uniform items are clearly named so that if something is misplaced or left behind we can quickly get it to the rightful owner. At the moment the mountain of unclaimed, unnamed items of clothing is getting very high. Uniform items are not cheap to just replace every time they are 'lost'. It's definitely much cheaper to put a name or initials on each item. It makes returning them easy. At the moment it's nearly impossible to return items to their rightful owner.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

This terms Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on **Wednesday 29th March between 3.30 and 6.00pm**. Due to parent feed back after the last interviews we will be holding the interviews in the gym again.

I hope that every single parent/guardian will make the time to attend these very important interviews. I know that parents who attend these interviews are much better informed about the progress of their student and are much better placed to help them when needed. Valuable discussion can take place in a very short period of time that will come in handy afterwards. I strongly encourage your attendance.

A free BBQ will be provided for the duration of the Parent-Teacher Interviews.

Nello Carbone
Churchill Campus Principal

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)

CFA TRAINING

The EDGE students have been involved in practical and theory training relating to the CFA. Last week they got their first taste of using the equipment. I had the privilege to take the students as their teacher was on camp.

Students got to bowl and roll up hoses and undertake drills to get the hoses ready, use the pumps and spray water.

The students did a great job on a hot day and the cool spray of the water was appreciated by many.

Well done EDGE!

Nicole Pryor
Assistant Principal



THE ARTS ARE ALIVE AT KURNAI COLLEGE - CHURCHILL

FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY! The senior theatre class at Churchill presents MURIEL'S WEDDING, a classic nineties film adapted to the stage.

It's the story of a dreamer, whose fascination for ABBA is only surpassed by her dream of getting married. Muriel is an outsider, but she overcomes the obstacles in her life- her family- and takes a leap into the unknown.

This is an uplifting story wonderfully created by the class, with music and dance and wild projections, and will be a fantastic night in the theatre. It's all happening on one night, Thursday March 29 at 7pm. Tickets are \$5 for adults, free for students, and can be reserved at the office.

FUN 'N' FIT

Fitness classes have begun in full swing this week with everyone involved working up a sweat. Josh and Reece have plenty more in store in the coming sessions for students of all fitness levels to enjoy.

If you would like your child to come along, the dates are as follows:

- Friday 23rd March
- Tuesday 27th March
- Thursday 29th March

Classes are \$5 and start at 3.15pm - 4.15pm in the Kurnai Gym.

SRC NEWS

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.

Name:	Contact Details:
Object:	BUY SWAP SELL (Please circle)

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POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT - WE'RE KURNAI

This term, students have been learning about Respect and the College's Pillar of Engagement. Many students had great fun completing activities such as role plays, writing poems and songs and drawing comic strips to convey their understanding of what Engagement looks like, feels like and sounds like in different areas of the school. Staff members have been sending postcards each week to a student they see displaying positive relationships. If your child has received a postcard then they are to be congratulated and commended. Next term, postcards relating to the other three pillars of the college - Work Ethic, Excellence and Engagement will be included. You may have noticed the slogan above - "WE'RE Kurnai". This slogan comes from the four pillars we believe provide support and structure to our learning community.

Staff have seen a positive change amongst students. It has been noted that, compared to this time last year, there have been fewer negative incidents and it is hoped this trend continues.

The PBS team meet every second Monday after school and we are open to new members. If you are interested in joining the team, or simply finding out more about PBS and what it entails, please call our PBS Leaders: Luke Harrison or Amy Kihl-Larsen on 51323700.

Holly Campbell
PBS Publicity Team

YEAR 7 NEWS

Time has certainly flown; it seems like only a short time ago the Year 7's were entering the College, somewhat nervous and unsure. With only one week until the Easter break I would like to congratulate our Year 7 students on their efforts this term. As a team of teachers we have been impressed with the great qualities we have seen in many of our students, and look forward to achieving great things as the year progresses.

Camp Permission Forms

It's been great to see such a large number of camp permission forms coming in. There are number of forms that have been received without the initial \$60 deposit. In order for your child to attend the camp we require both the permission form and \$60 deposit by no later than **Tuesday 27th March**, as we need to confirm our booking details with the venue. I would like to remind all students that there is no automatic pass to attend school camp, and that students need to be demonstrating the right attitude and behaviours at school to be eligible to attend.

English and Humanities

7D English and Humanities will be having their class auction next week; 7A English and 7B English will be receiving their hot lunch next week as well. Further information will be coming out about this.

7A have written their own fairy tales as part of their study on 'Hoodwinked'. Keep an eye out for one or two stories to be included in next week's newsletter.

Holly Campbell

Rewards

This week's raffle winners were Declan Politis, Emily Vella and Chloe Spengler. 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

The Year 8 team and students are working on a wide-ranging study of The Middle Ages. This includes medieval history, a scientific look at castles and catapults, and a general overview of what it was like to live in another era. We enjoyed a medieval feast and a wild, fun afternoon of contests, including archery and tug-of-war.

At the beginning of the next term the Year 8 theatre class will be going to Melbourne to see "Class Clowns", the best of the state's teenage standup comics, and a tour of the Arts Precinct performance venues.

MEDIEVAL GAMES

Students played medieval games on Monday afternoon after the feast and had lots of fun, the results of the competitions were:

Robin Hood Archery competition - Rickie Stewart

Fastest Messenger Race – Daniel Schneider

Tug – of – War – Form group 8P won the competition.



CONGRATUALATIONS TO ALL

Bernadette Cropper
Year 8 Team Leader

YEAR 10 NEWS

The first two weeks of term two, 16th April to the 27th April, will be quite different for Year 10's. During this time, all of the Year 10's will be going on work experience all over Gippsland to experience the big wide world of work. This will get us ready for the future. We will be going to all different places and industries such as vet clinics, primary schools, hair salons, pet shops, retail, etc. The Year 10 teachers will be coming to visit us at our work placements during this time. This is going to be a fun and educational experience for everyone involved.

Maddy Turpin and Kayley Hodson



COLLEGE MUSIC



FOR ALL STUDENTS!

KURNAI IDOL AUDITIONS

Auditions have commenced on Tuesday and the quality of the participant is sounding pretty good. Auditions will continue next Tuesday 27th March in the Music Complex during lunchtime. Only a part of a song is required (without accompaniment) for audition. If successful, competitors will participate in knockout heats in term two. You must be in it to win it.

Sign-Up sheets in the Music Room

FUNDRAISING

Drink cans – being collected. Bag of cans can be placed in the Can Bin located at the front office at Churchill Campus

Vehicle Battery drive:

Churchill campus: *Last 2 weeks of term* on Mondays, Tuesdays and Friday.

Drop-off point at front of school – see Music Trailer.

ONLY INSTRUMENT CLASSES AVAILABLE ARE:

Trombone x 3; Trumpet x 2; French Horn x 1; saxophone/clarinet x 3.

Get an Expression of Interest Form from the office if interested. Can commence classes on the above instruments ASAP.

PUBLIC PERFORMANCES

- Rhythm and Roses Festival @ Rose Garden, Morwell
On Sunday 25th March Starts 1:30pm
Featuring Latrobe City Brass Band (Morwell), South Gippsland Brass Band (Leongatha) and Caledonian Pipe Band and Kurnai College Big Band
- Generations In Jazz Festival @ Mt Gambier, South Australia
Friday 4th May til Monday 7th May

PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Kurnai College Music recently participated in the Multicultural Festival schools concert at Kernot Hall. This year, the College Big Band presented an early-mid 1900s top-tapping tune "One O'clock Jump" written by the Afro-American Count Basie.

The performance featured soloists and improvisations from Luke Cassidy on Trombone, Vanessa Gillett on Trumpet, Daniel Gill on Alto Sax and Hayden May on Electric Guitar.



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.



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)

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS

School holiday clinics will be offered during each week of the holidays. Phone for details.

CALL GLEN: 51762678 OR SALLY: 51749661

PHONE NOW TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE

CHURCHILL JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB - 2012 SEASON IS STARTING SOON.

New and continuing players welcomed for UNDER 12'S, UNDER 14'S & UNDER 16'S.

TRAININGS: Tuesday and Thursday nights at Gaskin Park Junior Football Ground.

Under 12's from 4:30 to 5:30pm, Under 14's and 16's from 5:00 to 6:00pm.

Great value with registration fee only \$80 for the season.

For more information call President Noel Hawkins on 0458 358 307 or Secretary Ray Smith 5166 1793

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: