

KURNAI COLLEGE - CHURCHILL CAMPUS



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COMING EVENTS 2012

Tuesday 1 st May	Parents & Friends, 7.30pm Campus Staffroom
Thursday 3 rd May	Kurnai College Athletics day (weather permitting)
Tuesday 8 th May to Friday 11 th May	Year 7 Camp Coolamatong
Wednesday 23 rd May to Friday 25 th May	Outdoor Ed Camp
Monday 28 th May to Friday 1 st June	Year 8 Camp Karoonda
Wednesday 30 th May	Awareness Day & Information night for Grade 5/6 students
Tuesday 5 th June	Year 7 Immunisations & any Year 10's who missed the previous needle
Monday 11 th June	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Hello Everyone,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone had a great Easter with lots of rest and sleep-ins. It's good to be back to what will very quickly become an incredibly busy term.

Attitudes to School Surveys

Starting next Monday the annual Attitudes to School Surveys will be administered across all year levels. These surveys ask students to respond to a series of statements about the school, the teachers, the environment etc. The results of these surveys are then returned to the school and used to guide us towards improvement in areas that the survey shows are lacking.

I would urge all parents to encourage their students to fill out these surveys honestly and fairly so that the results are in actual fact, representative of the reality of the school.

Anzac Day

On Anzac day I was pleased to be able to attend the Yinnar and District Anzac ceremony together with the Churchill Campus captains and vice-captains. It is on days such as this that I most feel the pride in our students and their ability to rise to the occasion. I was congratulated a number of times by members of the public on the smart appearance and mature conduct of our young leaders.

Cuppa 'n' Chat

The first of the Cuppa 'n' Chat with the principal will be held on Monday 30th April. A number of parents have accepted my invitation to have a relaxed cuppa and chat about how the school is travelling in the eyes of the parents. I'm confident that these monthly get-togethers will result in some excellent feedback that can be used to drive the school towards further improvement.

Nello Carbone
Churchill Campus Principal



EMA CHEQUES

The first instalment of EMA cheques have arrived. Cheques can be collected from the General Office or call the Campus on 51323 700 to arrange for the cheque to be used against your outstanding subject material charges.

IT'S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY"

Absence Hotline: 51 323703

If your child is going to be absent for the day or a number of days please contact the Absence Hotline and leave details. This service has been set up for the convenience of both families and the college with voicemail access 24 hours a day 7 days a week. The voicemail is checked several times a day. Thank you to the many parents already utilising this system.

Please leave a recorded message stating:

- Your name.
- The students name.
- Year level or Home group.
- The reason for the absence and the duration if known.

There are a growing number of students who are constantly late to school.

Home group commences at 8.30. It is important that students attend, as valuable information is passed on to the students regarding school activities and daily school news. If the student misses home group they commence the day without the knowledge they need to set them up for the day on a positive note.

- If your child is late, they **must** bring a signed and dated note.
- Being **Late or Sleeping in** are **not** acceptable reasons.
- We also require a signed and dated note for students to leave the college early.

FUN 'N' FIT

As the new Term has begun, so have the Fun 'n' Fit classes. These classes are run by qualified trainers and everyone is welcome. These classes are aimed at increasing cardiovascular fitness to improve health and wellbeing in Kurnai students. The classes are \$5 per session and commence from 3.15pm - 4.15pm.

The dates are as follows:

SESSION 1

Tuesday 17th April
Tuesday 24th April
Monday 30th April
Monday 14th May
Monday 21st May
Monday 4th June
Tuesday 12th June
Tuesday 19th June
Monday 25th June

SESSION 2

Friday 20th April
Friday 27th April
Friday 4th May
Friday 18th May
Friday 25th May
Friday 8th June
Friday 15th June
Friday 22nd June
Friday 29th June



SRC NEWS

Welcome back everyone! Has everyone had a good first and second week back? I know I have! A few things on the agenda - hooray to Blue House for winning the House Tally last month. All members of Blue House get to wear their house colours on Friday 18th May. Also, five members of the SRC attended a Youth Leadership Forum on Wednesday 18th at Gippsstafe in Traralgon. I can say that it was a great experience but we'll read about that a little further on.

And last, but certainly not least, on Friday 25th May, the SRC will be holding a soup kitchen to raise money (and awareness) for Homeless Teenagers. This will be held during recess and lunchtime and there will be soup and toasties on offer. Australia is a very wealthy and well off country but despite this many teenagers spend their nights on the streets due to various reasons. They are cold, vulnerable and hungry. And we can help. Each year the Salvation Army holds an appeal for the Homeless Teenagers and this year we're getting involved. If you feel like making a difference, come along on Friday 25th May and grab some hot soup.

Six members of the SRC, Molly Hillenaar, Josephine Slater, Jessica Fossati, Tearnna Schuman, Bronwyn Slater and Madeleine Young attended a Youth Leadership Program Forum about risks that youth face.

'It was from 9am till 3pm and we learnt about teenagers, crime, and the effects of social networking media. Each member of the Youth Leadership Program introduced a guest speaker and we learnt many things about the effects of social networking, what to do when inappropriate things go viral on the internet and appropriate ways to deal with risk taking. Overall it was a great day, enjoyed by every member of the SRC.' – Molly and Josie.

Media Team - SRC

BUY, SWAP & SELL

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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NEWS FROM NURSE WENDY

Immunisation Week 23 – 29 April 2012

Secondary school immunisations - Information for parents

Secondary school students in Victoria are eligible to receive free immunisations to ensure their continued protection against preventable diseases. Immunisations are provided by Immunisation Nurses at the local councils in cooperation with secondary schools.

Why are immunisations needed?

The protection from some immunisations given to children gradually disappears over time therefore needs to be boosted. The government funds some vaccines especially for adolescents because they are at an age when the vaccine will be most effective. Immunisation is a proven and safe way to be protected against diseases which cause serious illness and sometimes death. Immunisation not only protects the person having the vaccine, but can protect other people around them who cannot be immunised due to illness or age.

What immunisations are offered to adolescents?

Year 7 (about 12 to 13 years old)

Hepatitis B vaccine

This vaccine is given if your child has never had a course of hepatitis B vaccine or has not finished a course previously. A course consists of two doses with four to six months between each dose.

Chickenpox (Varicella) vaccine

This vaccine is given if your child has never had the disease chickenpox or you are not sure if they had chickenpox in the past. It consists of a single injection.

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine

A three dose course is given to girls only with two months between the first and second dose and four months between the second and third dose.

Year 10 (about 15 to 16 years old)

Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine

This vaccine protects against the three diseases in a single injection.

www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/resources/adol

What do I need to do?

- Look out for the immunisation information and consent form that your child should bring home from school.
- Read the information, complete the consent form and return it to school as quickly as possible.
- If you consent for your child to be immunised, explain to them that immunisation is important and everyone must have these vaccines when they are adolescents for protection against disease.
- Encourage your child to eat breakfast on the day the immunisation session is scheduled.

What if my child misses their immunisation at school?

You can take your child to a local council immunisation service by contacting your council at:

www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/resources/local-councils.htm

You can also attend your doctor to catch-up missed vaccine. It is important for your child to follow up with the missed vaccine as soon as practicable so they will be eligible to receive the vaccine for free.

What if I prefer for my child to have their immunisation at the doctor?

It is important to return the consent card declining the immunisation at the school. Inform the medical centre that you are attending for the scheduled school immunisation. The vaccines are free but your doctor may charge you for the consultation.

The HPV vaccine for Year 7 school girls will need to be ordered each time in advance for your daughter, so allow time for the medical centre to do this when you arrange your appointment. Remember to take your child to the doctor in the year they are eligible for free vaccines.

Where can I go for more information?

www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/resources/local-councils.htm , Your doctor , www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation. For information that has been translated into many languages visit: www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/factsheets/language.htm



YEAR 7 NEWS

Welcome back for Term 2. From all accounts we've gotten off to a great start this term, with both staff and students looking refreshed and enthused after the Easter break. Below is an overview of the learning students have been doing across their core subjects:

In English students are currently learning essay writing and persuasive techniques in preparation for NAPLAN. It would be great if parents could encourage their children to debate/explain their argument. For instance if your child asks for McDonalds for dinner, ask them to convince you of why you should agree.

In Humanities students are learning about History - what it is, why it is studied and the ways it is studied. Following this, they will complete a mini project on Ancient China, and then a more intensive project on an ancient civilization of their choice.

In Science students have moved on from their study of chemistry last term (mixtures and solutions), to a basic introduction to physics – what is motion and how to we record and measure it.

In Maths students have been learning about angles, how we measure and draw them and working on their ability to estimate angles with some accuracy. They will be looking at space (geometry) over the next couple of weeks.

Camp

Camp is now only a week and a half away and anticipation is building. A reminder that the final payment is due this week. Students have worked out their sleeping arrangements in terms of who they are sharing a room with this week and information has been posted around the Year 7 Centre about their activity groups for the four days.

Student not attending camp

There will be approximately 20 students not attending camp this year – they will be combined into a single class for the four day period. They will do a mixture of learning activities and fun group activities during the four days of school.

School Representative Council (SRC)

Mid Term 1 the Year 7 students elected five fellow peers to represent them on the SRC. I have been very impressed with the maturity and responsibility shown by our five leaders so far. Over the past week they have been selling Anzac badges to our students and seeking feedback from the student body about how things are travelling at Year 7. I will be meeting regularly with the Year 7 SRC students, so remind your child if they have anything they would like passed onto the teachers or myself they have the option of doing it via their SRC.

Regards,

Adam Hogan
Year 7 Team Leader

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, 7ALPs students have been busy writing their own fairytales. I am exceedingly pleased with the level of work produced by many students, with several stories being painstakingly illustrated and presented. I have included two of the many outstanding stories. I will include more next term.

Holly Campbell
English Teacher

The Waterfalls Secrets by Sarina Molinari

"I wonder, what is behind the waterfall?" Hannah thought to herself on a beautiful spring afternoon. As the sun slowly got hotter, Hannah wished more than anything that she could embrace the cool waters in front of her. Even though her Mum repeatedly told her **NOT** to swim in there. "Maybe I should go for a quick dip". As Hannah plunged herself into the cool waters, she could have sworn to have seen something move. Slowly making her way over to the bottom of the waterfall, she tripped. Expecting to hit something solid, her landing was quit soft. She didn't feel like herself anymore. She felt light, and desperately wanting to fly.

Suddenly, someone tapped her right shoulder, and greeted her. "Welcome to the secret land, the name of which, you shall not know. For we are hidden beyond the waterfall. Where no human child can reach us. As for you, you are fortunate, and have discovered it. But only when your magic self has surfaced, then and only then, shall you know our secrets".

When Hannah finally opened her eyes, she could not believe what was in front of her. A miniature land and making their way towards her were two fairies.

"Hello Hannah, yes we know your name" she added with a smile. "We have been watching you every day as you lay on the grass. I'm Feather and this Bracken" she pointed to the fairy on her right. "We are so glad that you came, for the evil Cherry is at large. Come with us and we'll show you around.

"Everything looks so amazing!" Hannah exclaimed, as they were going through each part of the little village. "What's that over there?" Hannah asked Bracken as they were passing a dark little section of the village. "That's where the evil Cherry lives-" "HELP ME! SOMEONE, HELP ME!" Hannah screamed as Cherry snatched her from behind and was flying away with her.

"We have to do something" Bracken was saying in a worried voice. "We can't just leave her". Hurrying they flew after Cherry. "Be careful not to get caught just in case-"but before Feather could finish her sentence, they flew into a trap. Automatically they were taken to Cherry.

"LET US GO!" they both exclaimed at the same time. "YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY WITH THIS!"

"Oh won't I?" Replied Cherry in a sarcastic voice.

"By my evil, remember this, I put a spell on you, which can only be broken by a special potion mix, only I know of it, so be mesmerized, for you are my slave tonight. Now darling, kindly go and shove those two intruders through the portal, they could do with a little time out of this world. A year should do it." An evil grin spread across Cherry's face as her precise instructions were followed. With a blink of an eye they were both gone.

As quickly as they could, they stood up and started to hit the spot from where they emerged. "It's no use," Feather sighed "we can't get back through". "What did Mum say about fairy years and human years? Oh yeah, a fairy year only lasts one minute in the human world. So if I'm right.....there the portal opened again.

Quickly making their way through, they found Hannah. She was beautiful. Her fairy-self had resurfaced. She had also been given a new name, Hemlock. "Evil if I ever heard of it" Bracken whispered to Feather. Times had changed; the magical world was no longer recognizable.

Everybody that hadn't gone over to the evil side was enslaved. The spell had been lifted from Hannah, now she had turned pure evil following instructions by choice and not by force. "We can't stay here" wept Bracken. Obviously Feather was thinking the same thing because she had made her way back to the portal. "It wouldn't be so bad, would it?" wondered Feather. "We would be much better off." Following each other they flew as fast as they could through the portal.

"We have to tell her mum." Feather squeaked to Bracken as they landed in water. "OK we will" replied Bracken just as equally wet. When they told Hannah's Mum, she replied "well if she doesn't want to listen to my rules, good riddance." After that Feather and Bracken didn't return to their magical world, but explored the wonders of ours.

Hannah spent the rest of her life beyond the waterfall wishing that she had of listened to her Mum.

Mary-Alice and the Tricker By Rose Van Roy

Once upon a time, there lived a little girl named Mary-Alice Blossom. She was a beautiful, strong, young lady who saw the world as a wonderful place just waiting to be explored. One day, Mary-Alice got asked from her mother to go and get some apples from the market. "Of course, Mother dearest," she chirped in a sweet, kind voice. Just as she was about to set off, her mother called out to her: "Now my little Mary-Alice, don't talk to strangers or fall for their tricks." Mary-Alice was hearing, but she wasn't listening.

Once she had got the apples, she headed home straight away. On the way home, she had this uncomfortable feeling that someone was watching her; following her in her tracks. It was almost as if she could here daunting music, warning her that something was approaching her. This could just be her imagination, but was it real?

After a couple of steps over the hill, she spotted a young lady crying on the ground, grasping her ankle. The lady was just sitting there, sobbing.

"Oh little girl, I hurt my ankle! Please, child... Please help me." The lady begged. Mary-Alice went to help. She knelt down to assist her.

"What is your name?" asked Mary-Alice.

"My name is Patricia Loloslot." She sobbed. "I was walking to get to downtown, but then I slipped and did something to my stupid ankle. Please just help me, I have to get there." Mary-Alice grabbed her hand and helped her up.

Mary-Alice was helping Patricia as she hobbled along by her side. Without a warning, Patricia reached out to a small knife in her pocket and impaled the little Mary-Alice! Mary-Alice fell to the ground in devastating pain as Patricia Loloslot ran off with Mary-Alice's basket full of apples! Miss Blossom had been tricked!

As the sun went down and the trees of the forest went still, a young, handsome man, a prince, rode up to the darling Mary-Alice on his white horse and spoke words of wisdom:

"This little girl, so innocent and sweet, is too beautiful to fall asleep. She is only dreaming, she is not taken. Just one kiss from me and she will be awoken." The prince kissed Mary-Alice and slowly pulled away. A breath of air, one gasp and Mary-Alice's eyes were wide open.

The prince took Mary-Alice home to her mother. Her Mother was relieved and a reward for the prince was still to be paid off for saving Mary-Alice. Mary-Alice was wonderstruck, in love dearly with the prince. Mary-Alice's mother could not help but notice the eye contact and love that was spread among the two young people. A picture arose in her mind; she saw a prince and a princess, soon to be ruling the kingdom, together.

A ball and a white wedding later and Mary-Alice and the prince were married, in love and together, forever. They stayed by each other's side and they lived happily ever after.

YEAR 8 NEWS

Last Friday the Year8 THEATRE class went on an excursion to Melbourne. They had a tour of the performing arts venues in the arts precinct in the morning, and in the afternoon they watched "Class Clowns".

"Class Clowns" is a national stand-up comic competition and the finals were performed in the Melbourne Town Hall in front of 2000 students from all over Victoria. Our kids were thrilled by the performance, and have decided to create their own comedy show. Don't miss it!!!



YEAR 9 NEWS

The Year 9 Team would like to welcome all of our students back for a very busy Term 2.

English and Maths classes are preparing for NAPLAN tests in early May. After that, students will begin a unit on future career options in TeamTime. They will be writing their resumes and planning for mock job interviews. During Term 2 we will also be planning for the new electives for Semester 2. Any feedback from students or parents about the electives program here would be appreciated.

All Year 9 students were issued with netbooks late last term. It is expected that they bring their netbooks to every class as well as all their other study materials such as pens, notebooks and textbooks. The netbooks need to be charged overnight and brought to school fully charged.

Advanced Chinese Elective

We are a part of the advanced Chinese class of 2012. The class consists of students from years 9, 10 and 11 who are devoted to learning the language and culture of China. In the class, we learn how to write and pronounce the words using both characters and pinyin and do a small test every Wednesday so we remember words. The characters are a bit of a challenge but are fun to learn. In Year 10 we will have the option to travel to China. Chinese is a great elective for students who would like to learn a language and are willing to put in the effort required.

Written by Jessica Fossati and Riley Hogarth



COLLEGE MUSIC



FUNDRAISING

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

ONLY INSTRUMENT CLASSES AVAILABLE ARE:

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

Students can get an Expression of Interest Form from the office if interested and can commence classes on the above instruments ASAP.

PUBLIC PERFORMANCES

- Generations In Jazz Festival @ Mt Gambier, South Australia
Friday 4th May til Monday 7th May

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



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



THE CO-OPERATING CHURCHES IN CHURCHILL - LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Invites you to hear MIKE ANSWERTH (Executive Officer of the Gippsland Education Precinct) speak on

THE CHURCHILL ART & CULTURE PATHWAY

WHEN: Tuesday 8th May @ 7.30pm

WHERE: At the church centre, 1 William Avenue, Churchill

All welcome – supper provided

For more information, contact Anne Lyne 51221444 or Robyn Mauger 51661306

ABC OPEN GARDEN SCHEME – OPEN GARDEN

"RAESOWNA PARK"

WHERE: 257 Jeeralang North Road, Hazelwood North

WHEN: Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th May @10am – 4.30pm

COST: \$7.00 per person (under 18 free)

Sausage sizzle, Devonshire tea, plants, preserves, cake stall, Garden ornaments

For more information contact Ken & Alice Rae 51661263

