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Message from Campus Principal - Matt

“Try and fail, but don’t fail to try.” Stephen Kraggwa

College Athletics

Unfortunately, poor weather forced the cancellation of the College athletics again after we were advised on the morning that the track was not safe to use due to the amount of overnight rain. With the short notice and the student numbers attending that day we decided to have a modified program. This decision was made after a SMS message was sent out saying classes would be as normal. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Year 10 Course Counselling

Year 10 students and their Parents have had the opportunity this week to meet with Precinct Campus staff to select their course for 2014. This stage of schooling requires careful consideration of the destination students are aiming for when they finish Year 12 to ensure they select the appropriate course and subjects that will lead to their chosen pathway. Any students who were unable to attend their appointment need to see Ms Flake as soon as possible to arrange their subject selections.
Compass

Letters were posted home this week informing families of the new online service called ‘Compass’. There are a range of facilities that this service will eventually provide to enhance communication and provide information for families. The initial facility is access to the attendance details of your child, allowing for absences to be approved and notification of future absences.

‘Compass’ will also provide the booking option for the upcoming Parent/Student/Teacher conferences to be held on

Thursday 19th September from 3.30pm-8pm and then also on Friday 20th September from 10am-12pm.

Anyone requiring assistance with ‘Compass’ can contact the Churchill Campus office on 51323700.

Firefighters Visit

Our Independent Learning Program students were visited recently by local firefighters and had the opportunity to hear about the different roles that are performed by firefighters and were shown a range of protective clothing and equipment. Students were able to ask questions and handle some of the equipment as well as climb aboard the Fire truck and check out its functions. Thanks to teacher, Donna Simons, for organising the visit and the chance for the students to experience a close up yet safe view of firefighting.
The Year 7’s have an exciting two weeks approaching, with the Opening Ceremony for the Thinking Championships occurring this morning. Students were very excited and engaged in this morning’s proceedings, and are looking forward to the two weeks of thinking challenges ahead.

A letter has been sent home to parents outlining the nature of the Thinking Championships program – please ask your child if you haven’t seen this letter. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Russell White on 0438 512 978.

I look forward to reporting back on the fortnight’s events in the next newsletter with some photos!

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Melbourne Writers Festival

As parents will be aware, Year 7 students will be going on an excursion to the Melbourne Writers Festival to see world renowned children’s author – Morris Gleitzman. Thank you to families for promptly returning permission forms – we received 85% back on the first day and all but a couple on the second day which means just about every student will be able to attend.

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A reminder to call our absence hotline 51323703 preferably before 9.00 am if your child is not going to be at school. This will ensure your child’s absence is recorded correctly and you don’t receive a phone call from our office.
Year 8 news

Year 8 Karoonda Camp

Year 8 camp is fast approaching, with just over 2 weeks to go until we depart for what will be a great week packed full of adventure, fun, challenges and new exciting experiences.

Camp Fundraising

We would personally like to acknowledge the work and efforts of the Year 8 teaching team in particular Amy Kihl-Larssen, Celeste Hardy, Sarah Cohen, Ian Hopkins and Robin Fitzpatrick who gave up their time over 2 consecutive Saturdays to man BBQ’s in our local community. The aim - to raise funds for the Year 8 camp.

Year 8 news

Names:
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Mr Reece Malcolmson
Year 8 Team Leaders
garden.julie.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
Malcolmson.reece.r@edumail.vic.gov.au
Phone: 5132 3700

Camp Payment

Given that Camp is so close we ask that parents/guardians please make final payments, as we need to confirm numbers with the camp venue, finalise groups and a few other details. The cut off for payment was meant to be Monday 19th of August, we have extended for a short period but will need to finalise next week.

AGL Loy Yang—Tours

Year 8 students were invited by AGL Loy Yang to come and visit the site. Students were transported to the site in a bus provided by AGL. After a briefing about safety and our issue of vests, hard hats, ear plugs and visitors passes we boarded the bus for the start of the tour. First stop was the far side of the mine. A lookout provided a great spot to see the dredges and the vast size of the plot. From here we went back around the mine to the buildings where we were shown the turbine room. From here we elevated up 14 floors to a point where we looked out over the mine to where we had been prior. Also in front of us was the 19 story chimney. We went and looked at this chimney from the bottom and it appeared to bend in the clouds.

Our tour was conducted by Greg who was a retired Loy Yang man - he was very knowledgeable and provided a very interesting commentary all the way around.

FURTHER DETAILS – We will be sending home an information pack for students attending camp on Monday the 2nd of September.
Year 9 News

Students who did not attend camp this week have been participating in a variety of different subjects at school. Some of the things they have been doing include:

- **Science** - Measuring the speed of different types of movement and making slime.
- **Maths** - A variety of skills including number calculations, algebra and measurement.
- **Humanities** - Learning about Ned Kelly.
- **Cooking** - Making delicious cakes.

Science Week

We have been growing a crocodile in class! It is made from a polymer which absorbs water and expands so that it looks as if the crocodile has grown. Students have been very interested in watching the changes.

As part of Science week, students were invited to dress up in their animal onesies.

Class 9B made ‘Elephant’s Toothpaste’ which involves an eruption of coloured foam. Students enjoyed the mess but didn’t like the smell of the yeast, which was used as a catalyst.
Year 10 news

Careers Expo

Last Friday Year 10 students travelled to Melbourne to attend the Jobs and Careers Expo. This was the next step to help students develop their career pathway. Students were able to participate in hands-on activities in such diverse activities such as painting, building and cake decorating. They collected information from universities and TAFE providers as well as information from the Armed Services. A lot of information to pack into a single day, but hopefully it will provide food for conversations between students and their parents.

Course Counselling

Students have completed their course counselling session on Wednesday night. All students should have their preferred course selected for next year. If there are any issues or questions, please ring either Sandra Flake on 51323700 or Michelle Moore at the Precinct Campus on 51323800.
Newsletter Churchill Campus

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 2pm on the return date on the permission form. This enables the purchase of train tickets, food and venue tickets etc in a timely manner.

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Footy Colours Day

On September the 6th we will be having a Footy Colours Day to raise funds for our SRC and for cancer research. On this day you can wear your favourite AFL, NRL, Rugby or soccer teams colours for a gold coin donation. At lunchtime the SRC will be selling hotdogs for $2 and cans of soft drink for $1.50.
Kurnai is pleased to introduce you to our new online service for families called “Compass”.

Each family has been mailed unique login for Compass. If you have not received this letter please contact your campus office.

Compass provides the school community with a range of facilities which will streamline communication and provide enhanced access to information. Modules will slowly be introduced over the next coming year.

When fully integrated parents will be able to use Compass to:

- **Email address and mobile number** – update your details through the portal. The details listed will be used to send emails and SMS alerts.
- **News feed** – the school will post news to parents to remind you about events and activities at the school. Your news feed will be customised, showing only the information relevant to you and your children.
- **Attendance** – view your child’s attendance online, approve absences, and indicate future absence.
- **Reports** – view your child’s current and past progress and semester reports as an electronic PDF file.
- **Newsletter** – the newsletter will be published on Compass and parents will be able to login to view it each fortnight.
- **Teacher email** – parents will be able to email their child’s teachers directly.
- **Excursions** – approve your child’s participation in excursions and other special events.
- **Parent/Student/Teacher Conversations** – make appointments with teachers.
- **Curriculum materials** – assignments and homework will be made available for parents and students to access.

You can access Compass on any web-enabled device e.g.: laptop, iPhone and Android Phone.

Parents will play an important role in this initiative. It will be essential that parents log in at least once a fortnight to access the newsletter and the news feed. It is essential that the Username and Password are kept in a safe place, and not made available to students.

**Parent, Student and Teacher Conversations**

In response to parent feedback the time allocated for Parent, Student and Teacher interviews will be increased and families will be able to book set times rather than standing in line for teachers to become available.

The end of term interviews will now run from:

**Thursday – 19th September - 3:30 pm to 8:00 pm**

**Friday – 20th September – 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Please see the attached sheet for instructions on how to book your interview times through Compass.

If you require any assistance with Compass or booking your interview times please contact your campus office.
Making a Parent/Teacher/Student Conference Booking

To access PTS Conferences log into the Compass parent portal using your Username and Password. If you are unsure of your log in details please contact the school.

On the Compass homepage a list of your students will be listed. If a conference has been opened for any of your students a link to the PTS Conference will appear under their name. Click on the link.

This will display the PTS Conference Dashboard which includes a list of all of the conferences for all of the students linked to your parent account. If a conference is open for bookings ‘False’ will appear in the ‘Locked’ column.

Each event in the list is specific to one of your students, therefore if you have two or more students with conferences during the same event that event will appear once for every student in the list of Available events.

To make bookings for one students’ conference click on that Event in the table.

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This will display a list of all available booking times. A list of teachers linked to this student will be displayed at the bottom of the screen. To see when a teacher is available for an appointment you can click on their name in this list.

A teachers schedule for PTS Conference – this screen is read only; bookings cannot be made on this page.
Kurnai College Four Pillars

**Engagement:**  *We actively participate in our own learning*

**Excellence:**  *We do the best that we can do*

**Work Ethic:**  *We are committed to working hard*

**Relationships:**  *We value and respect each other*
News from Nurse Wendy

VICTORIAN SMOKING RATES DOWN TO 13%

Smoking rates in Victoria continue to fall with just 13 per cent of Victorians now smoking regularly and young people turning their back on the habit, new figures show.

Cancer Council Victoria research to be released on Tuesday shows 13.3 per cent of Victorians were regular smokers who inhaled weekly or more often last year, down from 14.4 per cent in 2011.

We still have about 4000 Victorians every year dying from tobacco-related illnesses so we can't afford to be complacent.

The smoking rates are the lowest since the Cancer Council started collecting the data in 1998, when 21.2 per cent were regular smokers, and the 58.2 per cent of Victorians who had never smoked was the highest. More than 70 per cent of young people aged 18 to 29 had never smoked, a much higher rate than for older Victorians.

Quit Victoria executive director Fiona Sharkie said "We've seen declines across all age and socioeconomic groups in recent years but the acceleration in the decline in smoking rates among Victoria's most disadvantaged communities and young people is very encouraging,"


If you want to be a quitter and win better health, visit the following sites / people for more information;
www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au or visit your local doctor or school nurse.
A PLEASANT WINTER SUNDAY AFTERNOON

featuring the

Latrobe & Francis Orchestras

At the UNITING CHURCH
19 – 29 Park Lane Traralgon

2.00pm SUNDAY 25th AUGUST 2013

Cost: $10.00 Single
       $6.00 Concession
       $25.00 Family

A light afternoon tea will be served at the
conclusion of the concert

Come along and enjoy an afternoon of
exceptional music

Everyone welcome

Contact: Ron Wall 5134 4260
ronwall43@gmail.com
Co-operating Churches in Churchill

GARAGE SALE

1 Williams Ave Churchill

Saturday 5th October 2013
8.00am - 1.00pm

Furniture, toys, books, cakes, plants, household items, henna painting & more...

WANTED: Items suitable for sale
Pickup available
Phone: Glenda 51661819
Ruth 51221961
Co-Operating Churches in Churchill

1 Williams Ave, Churchill

Back by Popular demand

Magic & Munchies
A night of Family Fun

Local award winning Magician

Peter Cook
Skilled in the art of magic, Peter will enthral all and all.

Friday 30th August 2013
7.00pm

Cost: $10.00 per person
$25.00 Family (2 Adults & 3 Children)

Bookings: Glenda Combridge 5166 1819
Ruth Place 5122 1961
Robyn Mauger 5166 1306

Lucky Ticket Prizes & Supper
Special Parent information night
Monday 26th August 7pm – 8:30 approx.
Language Centre, Churchill campus.

This is a special invite to all parents of current and prospective students to Kurnai College Churchill and will cover the following;

Introduction to Compass (Online school management system) for Parents to allow the following:
- Log in and set up for parents
- Communication with teachers
- Attendance information
- Future Student progress and Semester reports
- Future student management
- School notices

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program for 2014
- What it means for Parents and students
- What is involved, expected
- Device suggestions and restrictions
- Special limited time Microsoft Surface RT tablet offer

For all parents who attend the Parent information night on Monday the 26th August at Churchill and Thursday 29th August at Morwell, will be put into the draw to win a Microsoft Surface RT tablet valued at $500, thanks to Microsoft and Harvey Norman Traralgon.
On Friday 16th and 23rd August, 2013
THERE ARE LIMITED SPACES SO REGISTER QUICKLY
All students from Year 10 to 12 who have an interest in Police and Emergency Services are invited to attend a two day program exposing them to careers and pathways into the services. This program has been developed due to the current constraints on providing work placements within the Police Force. The program will include a day of guest speakers from Victoria Police, Ambulance Victoria, Country Fire Authority and the State Emergency Service. A Police Station site visit and a field visit to the Victorian Police Academy is Day 2 of the program.
Please note: Places for the field visit is limited (20 places), therefore students who have a genuine interest and aptitude should be encouraged to attend, limit of 2 students per school.
For further information please contact
Kylie Downey 0409 221 795.
Future Options Expo

Date: Tuesday, 3rd September, 2013
Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm
Venue: GippsTAFE Academy
49 – 63 Princes Highway, Traralgon

At the Expo parents and students will have the opportunity to:

- Talk with organisations that can support them to gain skills and employment post school
- Gather information regarding education, training and employment pathways
- Talk with providers of specialist services about their programs

The Expo caters specifically to the needs of students in the Futures for Young Adults program and may assist families with selection of post school options

For more information call Michelle Weatherall
0400 032 868
WANT MORE THAN JUST A CAREER?
BE PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER

TOUR HMAS CERBERUS
DEFENCE FORCE TRAINING FACILITY
TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2013

MORE DETAILS WILL BE SENT OUT IN TERM 3

CONTACT: Prue Leighton
0418 749 195
WANT TO LEARN JAMIE OLIVER’S HINTS, TIPS AND SHORTCUTS TO COOKING DELICIOUS NUTRITIOUS AND AFFORDABLE MEALS FROM SCRATCH?

Jamie’s Ministry of Food Mobile Kitchen will be located at Traralgon Service Centre and Library, 34-38 Kay Street, Traralgon.

5 week hands on cooking course (1 x 90 min cooking class per week)
Courses 7 days per week, including weekend and evening
$10 per class ($50 per course) or $5 per class ($25 per course) concession

Courses begin Monday 16th September 2013
To book: www.jamiesministryoffood.com