Term 3 is well under way and so much has already happened it feels like we’ve been back for a month!

This semester we welcome two new staff members in Donna Simons and Erin Gruis who will be helping cover for staff who will be on varying lengths of leave. Both teachers have already settled well into the campus and will be assets to our English and Humanities faculties for the rest of the year.

Chinese visitors

The College has already hosted two delegations of Chinese students and staff this term, with forty last week and thirty this week. Churchill Campus provided classroom experiences for the students on most days and it was great to see the interaction with our students and also the excitement of the Chinese visitors with the range of activities in which they were able to participate. The visit couldn’t occur without the support of the host families for which we are very grateful. Later this term a group of our Year 10 students and staff will be travelling to China for a similar cultural experience.

Year 8 Enterprise Projects

Year 8 students have been busy with their Enterprise projects and the last couple of days have seen a smorgasbord of enterprises operating at the campus which have kept students and staff entertained and well fed. Congratulations to the students who have put in the time and effort to get the enterprises organised and also to the Year 8 team of staff who supported the students with their learning of what it is involved in setting up an enterprise.
Year 7 students have settled in well into Term 3 and continued to maintain their strong focus on learning across all their subjects which is incredibly pleasing. In English, students have continued their reading of the novel *Once* by Morris Gleitzman, a great story told by a young Jewish boy in the early stages of World War Two. Students incorporate the context of the novel into their writing, spelling and grammar lesson each week. In mathematics, students continue their work on fraction, and in science students have started a new area of study – physics. As part of their introduction to physics, students are learning about forces and how they influence motion of objects.

Learn to Learn

Replacing the Peer Support timeslot will be the subject Learn to Learn. This subject teaches students explicitly about what it looks like and feels like to be learning. It aims to put students in control of their own learning, to give them greater responsibly and confidence in learning new things, and challenges them to push themselves further in their learning.

For their first Learn to Learn lesson, students collaboratively thought back to a time when they learnt something challenging, such as learning to ride a bike. Students reflected on all of the things that helped them learn this skill, such as trying hard, focusing, persisting and asking for help. Each class has made a visual wall display of all these attributes.

Absence Hotline - reminder

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.

2013 Kids Teaching Kids - Mon 9 September

The Year 7s will host another Kids Teaching Kids event as last year’s event was a great success.

The whole day is learning about sustainability, mostly from students; this Kids Teaching Kids approach is a great way for our students to learn and have fun.

We have been successful in obtaining a $1000 grant from Kids Teaching Kids to support the event this year.

The big day is the start of Kids Teaching Kids week across the nation.

We look forward to planning a great day to engage our local primary schools and hope invite parents to come along to see and learn more about sustainability.

Email Lisa Benn for more information: on benn.lisa.l@edumail.vic.gov.au
Camp Fundraising

The Year 8 camp is fast approaching (September 9 – 13) so in order to try and lighten the expense of the camp we have organised some fundraising events. We are hoping that some students can come and assist with these activities. Details are as follows:

**ACTIVITY ONE**
WHERE: HARVEY NORMAN – MORWELL
WHEN: Saturday August 10
TIME: 8.30am – 2.00pm

**ACTIVITY TWO**
WHERE: WOOLIES - CHURCHILL
WHEN: Saturday August 17
TIME: 8.00am – 2.00pm

Students are welcome to come for some of or all of these times.

PERMISSION FORMS WILL BE COMING OUT OVER NEXT FEW DAYS.

Humanities Enterprise Stall/Project

The students had their first “Market Day”!! today (Thursday) with another tomorrow and then Thursday next week will finish this project up. Photos and more information about how it all went will be coming to you shortly. All proceeds will be going to a choice of a charity or toward the Year 8 school camp.

Maths Homework

A reminder to parents – students love to talk about their school work with parents. Actively being involved in students education has been proven to enhance outcomes – so grab a coffee and find out about what’s going on in Year 8 Maths this week.

Maths has a minimum of one homework requirement per week.

ALPS students the “D day” (i.e. submission and distribution) is Monday

For Mainstream students it is Tuesday.
Should students not submit on the Tuesday they have a date with Ms Garden on Friday afternoons.
Year 10 news

Endeavour Roadshow

Kurnai College Year 10 students were fortunate to have a presentation by the Endeavour Roadshow.

The Program aims to promote the importance of engineering and its applications. The event involved a series of fun, interactive and educational activities to raise the profile of engineering amongst our students.

Furthermore, the Program aims to inspire students to consider engineering as an attractive option for tertiary study with prospects of a fulfilling career.

“It was a fabulous program and it was really engaging.”

Transition

Last night the Information Evening at the Precinct was the second major event for Year ten students in terms of their transition to Year 11 and 12.

KEY DATES:

- Wed 31 July: Second Step (Precinct staff to visit Churchill campus during period 5)
- Fri 16 August: Herald Sun Careers Expo (Melbourne excursion, permission forms have been distributed)
- Wed 21 August: Course Counseling (more information to follow)

Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program

The Kwong Lee Dow Young (pictured) Scholars program is an academic enrichment program designed to support high-achieving Victorian and select New South Wales and South Australian border school students in realising their full potential. The program provides access to events, activities and resources to give you a head start into university. It also creates a community of students to allow you to network and make new friends.

The program was established in 2007 and is named in honour of eminent scholar, leading educationalist and former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Melbourne, Professor Kwong Lee Dow.

What’s in store for you:

You are selected into the program while in Year 10, with up to 700 students chosen each year on the basis of your school’s endorsement and your own academic performance and leadership skills.

In Years 11 and 12, you will have the opportunity to engage with the University and each other through an extensive program of events and activities at Melbourne University’s Parkville campus.

To view online brochure click here [online brochure](http://bpointelligence.com/ebrochure/uom/2013-kld-young-).
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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Nurse Wendy Ruddell’s update

Just a reminder to students and their families that the school Nurse will be at the Churchill Campus for the remainder of the year. I will be located in the office opposite the cooking rooms. The days I will be at the Churchill Campus are Mondays, Tuesdays and alternate Wednesdays.

What the secondary school nurse does:

The secondary school nurse works as a member of the student welfare team to improve the health and well-being of students. The role involves facilitating health promotion and health education activities within the school.

The nurse can also help individual students with information, guidance and support about a range of issues that may include:

As well as providing students with information and support, the school nurse can also help them find and get in touch with other health services that might include:

- Local doctors
- Medical specialists
- Community Health Centre's
- Alcohol and drug counsellors
- Psychologist or Youth counsellors
- Student Support Service Officers
- Culturally specific services
- Problems at home
- Culture or racism issues

Who has access to the School Nurse & Does it cost?

This service is for any member of Kurnai College and is a free service supported by the Victorian Government.

To make an appointment please contact us on 5132 3700 or please feel free to drop in and visit Wendy. She is located in the office opposite the cooking rooms, on Mondays, Tuesdays and alternate Wednesdays.

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
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