Message from Campus Principal - Matt

“What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others.” Nelson Mandela

The staff of Churchill Campus would like to wish all students and their families a very happy Christmas and a safe new year.

STAFF FAREWELLS

We bid a fond farewell from Churchill Campus to a couple of staff members at the end of this year.

Long serving staff member Julie Garden will be leaving Churchill campus and taking up a role at the Precinct Campus in the VCAL team. Ms. Garden has been a tireless worker who has held various leadership positions in her time at Churchill, most recently as one of the Year 8 Team Leaders. Her energy and contribution to our educational program has been a model to others and many of the initiatives she introduced will continue to be a part of our program, most notably the Peer Support program which is a valued and integral part of supporting our students in Year 7. Her efforts will now benefit the continued development of the College’s VCAL program.

We also farewell Donna Simons who has been with us for Semester 2 this year to help cover staff on leave. Ms. Simons has supported student learning in English and Humanities during her time with us and we are very appreciative of her contribution, especially in organising a variety of guest speakers and visitors to enhance the learning experience of students.

We wish both these members of staff all the very best for their future and thank them for their efforts and contributions to the education of students at Churchill Campus.
NEW STAFF MEMBER

We welcome Leading Teacher Mark Heiberg from the Precinct Campus who will be in charge of our Year 9 team. Mr. Heiberg will provide an increasingly valuable insight into the preparation needed for success in the senior years as well as reinforce the attention needed on exploring options for life beyond school. He brings a vast range of experience to our campus and we look forward to his involvement in the leadership team and the wider learning community.

HEADSTART AND AWARDS DAY

The Headstart program is progressing well and students and staff are actively engaging with the new learning and preparing for a successful 2014.

The Churchill Campus awards for 2013 will be presented on Wednesday 18th December with the event commencing at 1pm. We welcome all parents and families to this event to share in the acknowledgment of effort and outstanding achievements of our students in 2013.

FIRST DAY 2014

Students begin their classes in 2014 on Thursday 30th January. Staff will be returning on Tuesday 28th January and will be busy participating in professional learning sessions as well as preparing for classes and finalising plans for the campus operations for the year ahead.

Lost Property

We have quite a few items (mainly polar fleece jackets) in our lost property cupboard at the office.

If your child is missing anything, please send them to the office for a look in the cupboard.

Merry Christmas
Year 7 News

This week grade six students from 14 different primary schools across Latrobe Valley arrived at our Churchill Campus for Orientation Day. The purpose of the day is to give grade six students a snapshot of what to expect in 2014, as well as help to settle some nerves about high school before the summer break.

The day commenced with an assembly and welcome, before students were provided with timetables and shown to their classes. Depending on their timetable, students experienced a range of classes including English, Math, Science, Humanities, PE, Chinese and German.

Many students had elected to place a lunch order at the canteen (pre-arranged via primary schools), and spent some time exploring the school grounds and the library during lunch time.

At the end of the school day students again assembled where they were introduced to the Peer Support Program and the Peer Support Leaders for 2014, before a final farewell. This proved to be very successful and teachers were very pleased with the incoming cohort for 2014.

STARTING HIGH SCHOOL IN 2014 – A guide for grade six students

Starting high school can be a nervous and exciting time for both students and parents. By now most grade six students and their families should have had an appointment made, where members of the Year 7 Team get to know the incoming students and find out some information about how they learn best. Many students are anxious about the transition to high school, which is completely normal for such a big change. We find that students often worry about the same things – coming into a much larger school environment, reading the timetable, getting lost, knowing what books to use and figuring out how the locker system works.

To help support our new students with these changes we run a structured orientation program for the first week of school. This means before we start formal classes, we go through with students how to read the timetable, how to label and organise their books and how to find their way around the school. We also do a number of team building activities so students get to know their teachers and students from other primary schools.

What to bring on your first day

On the first day students need to bring their stationery and books to school. Students will be issued with a locker early in the morning, where they will be able to store their bag and books. Students are encouraged to bring a packed lunch to school, as well as a snack for recess. Students should also bring a drink bottle, preferably with water.

All students will require a padlock for their locker with two keys, or alternatively a combination padlock. We recommend students provide one key to the Year 7 Team in case they lose their key or leave it at home.
Year 7 Continued…..

Information Evening

During the first week of school there will be a parent and student information evening, where information specific to Year 7 will be discussed. The Year 7 Team will cover a range of processes within the school and expectations of student work, so that parents will be able to best support their child in their first year of high school. Exact details of time, date and location will be sent to parents via email and SMS in January 2014.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

On behalf of the Year 7 Team I would like to wish all our 2014 Year 7 students and their families a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday break. We look forward to seeing all our students bright and eager at the start of the new school year!
We are very excited about the year ahead and we have a great team of teachers along for the ride with us, introducing…

Reece Malcolmson (Team Leader)


The Year 8 teaching team expects our Year 8 students to step into a leadership role within the school and to be role models for the Year 7 students.

We want Year 8 to be an exciting and challenging year for all students. As a team we hope to further enhance the skills and learning, already developed in Year 7, to ensure further success in the future. We hope to develop students’ skills through some ‘collaborative’ and ‘differentiated’ learning.

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Thursday 7th November

**KEEPING IN TOUCH**

Names:
Mr Reece Malcolmson
Year 8 Team Leader
Malcolmson.reece.r@edumail.vic.gov.au
Phone: 5132 3700

Welcome 2014 Year 8 Students:

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**HEADSTART**

During headstart we have been very impressed in the way in which this cohort has made the initial transition to year 8, classes have been very productive and settled. Silent reading is going to be continued throughout year 8 and has been working extremely well so far. If parents or students have any concerns regarding classes, timetables or anything that we can help with please encourage them to come and see any member of the year 8 team.

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**EQUIPMENT**

It is extremely important for your child to start the year positively – this means having the correct equipment for classes:

- 1 x 96 page exercise book for each of their CORE classes (4)
- 2 x 96 page exercise book for both LOTE/culture and Health
- 1 x binder to put all these exercise books into
- Pencil Case with the following:
  - Pens (Red and Blue) Grey lead pencil, Eraser, Ruler
  - Calculator (can be Phone or a cheap calculator)

The Year 8 Teaching Team will regularly do equipment checks to ensure that your child has the best chance at getting the most out of classes.
Year 8 Continued……..

LOCKERS

Students will be allocated a locker. This will require a lock (key or combination). If a key lock is chosen the spare key needs to be handed to Year 8 team.

COMMUNICATION

We are committed to the importance of parent/guardian involvement in your child’s education. We firmly believe that a child receives the best education possible when teachers, parents, and students work together as a team.

As partners in your child’s education, communication is the key. In recent years we have found that e-mail is the quickest and most effective means of keeping in touch. We would like to request that you take a few moments to e-mail us at an address below.

Of course we are still available for contact by phone at school on 51 323700 when required and we will be in touch should the need arise by phone.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

On behalf of the Year 8 teachers we hope you all have a great Christmas and a safe and happy new year. Look forward to seeing all students fresh and ready to go in 2014.

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
Year 9 (2013) News

The Edge Camp

The Edge class recently went on their last activity for the year – a two day surfing camp at Inverloch. This was an opportunity to reflect on and put into practice skills and knowledge which they have been learning in class throughout the year, skills such as teamwork, leadership and empathy for others. Students were able to celebrate their achievements, their new friendships and face their fears at the same time as they were learning to surf the swell at Inverloch.

I have been speaking with some of the Edge students about their classes this year and some common threads have been the strong friendships which have been developed amongst these students, their increasing self-confidence and their overall enjoyment of the Edge programme this year.

Celebration Day

Many Year 9 students went on an end-of-the-year Celebration Day to Moe last week. We started off with a two hour session at Stadium 34 where students and teachers took to rollerblading with great enthusiasm. Some people’s enthusiasm was far greater than their skill level but that’s another story. Following this we walked to Apex Park and enjoyed a BBQ cooked by Ms. Sheppard and Mr. Flake. The weather was fairly unco-operative at this stage but even the wet and cold conditions were not enough to dent our enthusiasm or our appetites.

Thank You

As 2014 approaches rapidly, the 2013 Year 9 team would like to thank our students for being such a wonderful group of kids. We feel quite confident that you will be great role models for our younger students next year. Most of all - we would like to wish you all the best for Year 10!

I have chosen to step back from leadership and devote more time and energy to classroom teaching next year. I will be replaced by Mark Heiberg who will be joining us from the GEP campus. I wish him well and every success in his endeavours with the new Year 9 students for the coming year.

A reminder to call our absence hotline 51323711 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 9 Surf Camp
Year 9 2014 News

HEADSTART

For the first week of headstart we have welcomed a number of new Year 9 students to the campus with more due to arrive at the start of next year. This means we are currently the largest year level at the campus. This has put pressure on some class sizes in electives and we are looking at the possibility of offering another elective class in Semester 1, we will provide further details early next year.

YEAR 9 TEAM 2014

The team of staff responsible for supporting the Year 9 cohort will be led by Mark Heiberg with Kline, Chris Flake, Andy Leeson, Dave Frendo, Karen Parker, Deb Sheppard and Dave Egan.

LOCKERS

Student’s please note that next year you will be able to keep the same locker you had this year and form group will continue to be held in the Theatre.

STUDENT WELLBEING

The Wellbeing team have moved offices to GP8 where even more student services are going to be co-located. Any student who has concerns or queries about any aspect of their schooling or things in general can speak to a member of the wellbeing team.

We wish all Year 9 students a very happy Christmas and a safe holiday and look forward to a great year of learning in 2014!
Year 10 news

Farewell

It is with sadness that we farewell the year 10 students. Many of the Churchill staff remember them joining Kurnai College as wide-eyed and cute year 7s. Although I can’t say that they are cute anymore, they are developing into fine young adults. They have been a great group of young people and while it may be a cliché, they truly have been a pleasure to have in class. Thank you also to the year 10 team of 2013 for their efforts in supporting and guiding our students. While the 2014 team remains largely unchanged, we will be missing Andy Leeson’s energetic contribution towards the students and his support of staff.

The 2014 Year 10 Team

Sandra Flake (Team Leader), Josh Garth, Cathy Tan, Julie Haarburger, Luke Harrison and Robyn Horvath are all continuing from 2013. Welcome Rebecca Lynch and Celeste Hardy who have also joined the team.

Work Experience

Year 10 is a busy year as students work to develop pathways for their future. Part of this work will be getting ready for Work experience. This will take place in a 2 week block in May. Students are encouraged to talk with parents and others over the holidays to work out what career they would like to explore during the work experience.

Excursions

The first activity for next year will be a “Getting to Know You” day at the Mirboo North Pool. This has been tentatively booked for Friday 21st of February, and is anticipated to cost approximately $10. More details will be given out at the beginning of the year.

Next week’s Precinct arrangements

Next week the Precinct have completed their headstart program and will not be running classes. Year 10 students will have supervised private study time in the library at Churchill campus during Monday periods 1 and 2 and also Tuesday period 3.
WELCOME TO
LOWES SCHOOLWEAR

Riggall’s Schoolwear
will now be available from
Lowes Morwell
Mid Valley Shopping Centre
(Opposite Millers)
Commencing
Wednesday 2nd October 2013

Full Eftpos, Lay-by Facilities Available

Lowes Morwell
Mid Valley Shopping Centre (Opposite Millers)
Corner Centre Valley Road & Princes Drive, Morwell, Victoria

TRADING HOURS
Monday - Wednesday 9am-5.30pm, Thur- 9am-6pm
Fri 9am- 9.00pm, Sat 9am- 5pm, Sun 10am- 4pm.
8th November 2013

To Current Netball Players - Yinnar Football & Netball Club

This is a notice to inform you and your parents of the following details for season 2014.

Registration Date: 11th February 2014
Registration Time: 3:30pm to 5:30pm
Registration Venue: Yinnar Football & Netball Club -
Netball Courts Yinnar
Teams: Under 9 yrs, Under 11 yrs,
Under 13 yrs & Under 15/17 yrs

We the committee will be having a sausage sizzle on registration night with
some mini games of netball so please make yourself available for some time to
spend with us on the night.

Payment will be finalised on the night of registration, we will notify you all of
the cost as soon as it is made available.

Our training night for season 2014 will be Wednesdays, at this stage the season
2014 will start in March - this will be confirmed at a later date once the CINA
Committee have had their start of season meeting.

We encourage new & past participants for the following:
Players
Coaches
Team Managers
Umpires:
Coaches & Umpires all will need to attend a training course.
These courses are usually run in Churchill in February.

We have also have formed a new subcommittee for the junior netballers, please
do not hesitate to contact them for any enquiries, they are as follows;

LeeAnn ElUistin Co-ordinator lee.sean@bigpond.net.au
0427 696958
Cathy Hutchinson Secretary hutchysatjumbuck@bigpond.com
0408 450564
Julie Johnson Treasurer juls.johnson@icloud.com
0437 100117

Thank you and looking forward to see you all there in February 2014

Yinnar Football & Netball Club
Subcommittee CINA (Junior Yinnar Netballers)
Latrobe City Council is seeking expressions of interest from local musicians to take part in the 2014 Music Exchange Program. Places are open for 30 - 35 musicians between the ages of 13 - 21 years, to form a touring band. The band will then participate in an international exchange program with our Sister Cities - Taizhou, China & Takasago, Japan.

Applications are available from Traralgon, Morwell & Moe Service Centres, the Churchill Community Hub and the Council’s website www.latrobe.vic.gov.au.

For more information contact Jason Membrey on 5128 5604 or email Jason.Membrey@latrobe.vic.gov.au
Would $500 assist you with education costs?

You could receive up to $500 to help pay for educational costs including:

- school uniforms
- text books
- excursions
- laptops
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire
- TAFE, traineeship and apprenticeship costs!

Berry Street delivers Saver Plus in your local area and is looking for new participants.

You may be eligible if you or your partner:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- are at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work
- have a child at school, or attend accredited vocational training yourself.

To find out more contact Meryl Watson,
Saver Plus Worker at Berry Street
5120 2518 / 0478 398 695 or
mwatson@berrystreet.org.au

Saver Plus is a matched savings and future education program, developed by the University of St. Lawrence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Brunswick Foundation and the Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Family, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. ANZ providing matched savings for participants.
Junior Golf Clinic

to be held at
Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Dates of Clinic: 4 Saturdays in February 2014
1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd.

Time: 2.45pm to 5.00 pm.

Churchill & Monash Golf Club
behind Monash University. Turn
into Mary Grant Bruce Drive
opposite Kurmain College and
follow road to the end. Walk
down path.

Ages: 10, 11, 12 year old boys
and girls.

Family members welcome!

Cost: $10 due on first day of clinic only.
This includes use of golf course
on non-competition times
February through to end of
daylight savings 2014.

Junior golf club sets available for use at the clinic.
Limited positions available on, first in basis.

For further information contact
Ann Hibbert, 03 5122 2413

Entries close
January 15,
2014