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COMING EVENTS 2013

Friday 28 th June	LAST DAY OF TERM 2 – School finishes 1 hour earlier, Country Buses will leave at 2.00pm
Monday 15 th July	TERM 3 BEGINS
Tuesday 20 th to Friday 23 rd August	Year 9 Melbourne Discovery Camp

"If we did the things we are capable of, we would astound ourselves." Thomas Edison

Hi Everyone,

SEMESTER REPORTS

Student reports for Semester 1 have been distributed today and contain a lot of valuable information relating to how each student has progressed and what has been achieved so far this year. Most students will continue with their core subjects of English, Mathematics, Humanities and Science into Semester 2 and so there is opportunity to use the reports as feedback in terms of where they are at now, and then aim for the next level or beyond by the end of the year.

GIVE A GONSKI

At the time of writing, the Victorian State Government had yet to sign up to what has been referred to as "Gonski Funding". In a nutshell, this agreement with the Federal Government will increase funding at this school by about \$7 m by 2019, which will allow us to work with our students in ways unprecedented, including increased individual attention in the classroom, additional support for those with disabilities or special needs, and additional specialist teachers in literacy and numeracy.

Although the deadline for this is on Sunday, it is not too late to contact Peter Hall (5174 7066 or peter.hall@parliament.vic.gov.au) or register

your support at igiveagonski.com.au or  [facebook.com/igiveagonski](https://www.facebook.com/igiveagonski)

MUSIC PERFORMANCE

On Wednesday I attended a music performance of Kurnai students from Year 7 to 12 and was incredibly impressed by some of the talent on display, an example of which we hope to have on our Kurnai Facebook page soon. The evening included performances of students who had only begun learning a musical instrument this year through to the more accomplished students who have been learning for most of their secondary schooling or longer. The potential development as a musician over 5 to 6 years was clearly evident and hopefully will encourage students to persevere and commit to regular practising of their musical instrument. Congratulations to Joseph Bonnici and Ian Hopkins who form the basis of our music program, at Churchill Campus, on their organisation of the event and the preparation of students to perform. The students are also to be commended for putting in their time and effort in rehearsals and the manner in which they presented themselves on the evening.

LEAVING GROUNDS

Students are reminded that they are not permitted to leave the school grounds during school hours at any time unless they are signed out by a parent/guardian at the general office or with the permission from staff whom have received permission from parents/guardians. If any student is unclear about this requirement they can speak to a member of the Well-Being Team for clarification.

HOLIDAYS

Finally, I wish everyone a safe and healthy winter break and look forward to a positive return on the 15th July for term 3. Whilst the holidays are a time to have a rest, relax and have fun they are also an opportunity to get prepared for the rest of the year, get notes up to date, read novels, and look ahead to what will be learnt in the near future. I encourage all students to use this opportunity in a productive and meaningful way as well as enjoying some well-earned time out.

Matt Jobling

Campus Principal – Churchill

HOME STAYS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Kurnai College has an expanding International Student Program, and the College is seeking interested Community Members in the Morwell, Traralgon, Churchill area who would like to be a part of it.

We are looking for host families to provide paid long term accommodation for overseas students (aged 15 – 18), predominately from China and Japan.

These students provide an enriching cultural exchange experience for your family and will give you a chance to develop international friendships and understandings.

If you are interested or want more information please contact Geoff Block or Corine Noblet on 51 323 800.

SHORT PERIOD HOMESTAY FAMILIES REQUIRED

Kurnai College will be hosting a number of Chinese Study tours early next term and we are looking for families who would be interested in hosting a Chinese student/s for a week.

While at Kurnai they will be participating in a mix of English Language classes, predominately located at the Churchill campuses, and organised activities in the local area.

The Homestay will provide a welcoming, nurturing and safe environment for young students, as it will likely be the first time these students have been out of China. If possible, it may pay to consider having two students billeted with your family making it less daunting and easier for the students.

Hosting an international student can be very rewarding and offers a wonderful opportunity to learn about a new culture and share our Australian way of life. This would be a great opportunity to consider for our students who will be participating in our China trip in September. Host families are paid a fee, which is to cover food, accommodation and transportation as required for students that are living with them.

If you are interested or want more information please contact Corine Noblet on (03) 51 323 800 or noblet.corine.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

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 11am on the return date on the permission form. This enables the purchase of train tickets, food and venue tickets etc in a timely manner.

Year 9 Job Skills Expo	Tuesday 30 th July	\$0.00	Permission forms are due back by 11am on Friday 26 th July.
Year 9 Edge Melbourne Identity	Friday 2 nd August	\$28.00	Permission forms and money are due back by 11am on Friday 26 th July.
Year 8 Lote Zoo Excursion	Wednesday 14 th August	\$30.00	Permission forms and money are due back by 11am on Tuesday 6 th August.
Year 9 Melbourne Discovery Camp	Tuesday 20 th to Friday 23 rd August	\$310.00 - \$100 deposit, \$100 by Friday 21 st June, \$110 by Friday 19 th July. All payments must be finalized by Friday 19 th July	Permission forms are now overdue .
Year 10 Central Australia Camp	Wednesday 4 th to Friday 13 th September	\$805.00	Permission forms & deposit are now overdue
Year 10 China Trip	Tuesday 10 th to Saturday 28 th September	\$2,500.00	Permission forms and deposit are now overdue

SRC BOGAN DAY

Bogan Day was held on Tuesday the 25th of June with the SRC selling Burgers and Bangers at lunchtime. Students were also invited to come along to school dressed as a Bogan. At each year level we awarded a prize to the best-dressed Bogan. They were:

Year 7: Rachael Pendlebury

Year 8: Nick Zammit

Year 9: Dakota Doherty

Year 10: Jack Ritchie & Zach Mudge

Overall the day was a great success with the SRC raising approximately \$450. This money will be used to feed back into the school. We would like to thank Woolworths Churchill for donating the bread for our BBQ.

KURNAI/CHURCHILL FLASH MOB IN MELBOURNE

Twenty five Kurnai students went to Melbourne on Wednesday 26th June, for a wild excursion. The all-girls class went to see Circus Oz and get a very personal tour of the performing arts venues in the Arts Centre, but it was their own performance which attracted huge attention.

The girls devised a 'flash mob', a spontaneous street performance which they sprang in several locations during the day. At one point in Federation Square they had literally hundreds of people watching them, coming up to take photos and films, and generally applauding the performance.

Two of the girls are creating a small film of the events, which should be ready after the school holidays. Well done to all the girls for representing the College so magnificently.



Mirrin McKay crosses “the bridge” with Sinead Cantrill, Zoe Shaw, Breanna Langhams, Lucy Severson, Sarina Molinari and Chloe Libreri in front of the clocks at Flinders Street Station.

YEAR 7 NEWS

Students have spent the last two weeks working on their second integrated project, Castaways. Students have learnt a range of skills from their first project which has influenced their approach this time around. As a result, we have seen students planning and using their time better, reviewing and reflecting on their work and progressively printing and collating their work throughout the two weeks. As parents, will have seen in the task booklet which was emailed out, there are ten tasks in this project. Not all students will be able to complete all ten tasks in the allocated time, however, we do feel it is reasonable to expect most students to finish the first eight tasks which draw on skills from their core subjects.

Projects will be assessed by the Year 7 Team over the semester break and results will be provided in the first week of Term 3.

YEAR 7 ALPS

Well done to Cayleigh Corrie and Zekinthia Halge for the fantastic work ethic and engagement throughout semester one. Both have been offered positions in the ALPs program for semester two and beyond for their continued efforts. Well done girls.

PEER SUPPORT

Congratulations to form group 7R for obtaining the most points from both Term 1 and Term 2 Peer Support challenges, giving them a clear win in the semester long competition. A reward lunch will be provided to the students of 7R for their efforts.

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 responsibility and confidence in learning new things, and challenges them to push themselves further in their learning.

In Term 4 Learn to Learn will also feature a 4 week unit on Health and Development, which provides students with a greater awareness of some of the changes that occur through puberty.

ABSENCE HOTLINE

A reminder to call our absence hotline 51323703 preferably before 9.00am 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.

Adam Hogan

Year 7 Team Leader

YEAR 8 NEWS

Holidays are upon us... we hope all students and their families have a relaxing break. Ensure you rejuvenate your batteries, rev up your brains, rest up your bones and be ready for term 3 in two weeks' time...

EQUIPMENT

Term 3 – it may be a good time to have new books. Looking around many are quite full or falling apart.

Four books (minimum) to write in – one for each subject (Maths, English, Humanities and Science). The Year 8 team will be extra vigilant with this in semester 2. It is important to have the right equipment when going to class. This includes pens, calculators etc. to enable a good start to the lesson.

ENTERPRISE STALL/PROJECT

The students are working diligently toward “Market Day”!! Market Day will be held Thursday 25 and Friday 26 July (week 2 – term 3). Your child may ask for some help with this day in the form of cooking, capital contributions etc. If you have any concerns/ questions about this please contact us at school. More information early next term.

REPORTS

Your child will receive their Semester one report tomorrow during their school day. Please ensure you take some time to read these over with your child. If you have any questions please make contact early term 3.

YEAR 8 CAMP

Camp permission forms and scheduled dates for fundraising events will be sent home within the first week of Term 3, we appreciate those parents/guardians that have shown an interest in being involved and assisting the year 8 students in raising money to reduce the cost of camp for all that wish to attend.

PERMISSION SLIPS

Many students will be commencing new elective classes – which may involve going out of the school grounds. There will be permission slips that need to be completed. Please continue to ask your child if this includes them. It is very frustrating to see students having to stay at school due to not having their permission slips back at school.

Julie Garden and Reece Malcolmson

Year 8 Team Leaders

YEAR 9 NEWS

MELBOURNE DISCOVERY CAMP PART 1: 4 THINGS TO ORGANISE OVER THE HOLIDAYS:

1. A small suitcase or sports bag – We will need to take public transport from Flinders St. Station to Melbourne Discovery and then we will have to walk up 2 or 3 flights of stairs. In addition, there is not much room in each dormitory for students to have a mountain of luggage so students will only be allowed to take a maximum of 10 kilos of luggage on camp. I will be bringing in a packed suitcase to show students what this looks and feels like.
2. A suitable raincoat or jacket - there is every chance the weather will be rather wet. It can be very uncomfortable walking around in wet clothes and we do not want to be dragging around miserable students.
3. Suitable shoes – we do a great deal of walking and students who do not have sensible shoes will very quickly discover the pain of blisters and sore feet. Ballet slippers are NOT suitable footwear.
4. A myki card - this will be needed for public transport and is available at the Churchill Newsagent. Cards cost \$3 for students for the initial purchase and an additional \$12 for the actual travel on the camp. Students will be able to continue using the cards for local and metropolitan transport after the camp has finished provided they top them up with additional funds.



MELBOURNE DISCOVERY CAMP PART 2:

PAYMENTS

I would like to remind parents that the second instalment of the camp payments was due last Friday. The full payment needs to be finalised by the 19th July. Any parents who are having difficulty making the payments on time are welcome to contact me and make some more flexible arrangements.

CAREERS

Year 9 Team Time during Term 3 will focus on careers. There will be an excursion on the 30th July to Lardner Park to attend the Work Skills Expo where students will be able to gather information on a range of careers. The Expo is of no cost to students. There will be follow up work during Team Time classes and a visiting speaker from Monash University. All students are expected to attend the Work Skills Expo so they can begin the very important process of thinking about their possible future career options. Permission forms for the Expo will be given out on the first day of Term 3 and are to be returned by the following Friday.



Almuth Otten

Year 9 Team Leader

YEAR 10 NEWS

PATHWAYS

Year 10 is an important year for making decisions about subject choices and possible career pathways. When making decisions it is important to keep an open mind and to be well informed about the types of subjects available, the requirements for a particular course and the skills required for your chosen pathway. Year 10 students have begun the process to determining their vocation through Work Experience and the First Step program at the Precinct. On **24th July** there will be an information evening at the Precinct. More information will be sent out closer to the date. Families and students will have an opportunity to find out about VCE, VCAL and VET courses. This will be followed by the “Second Step” the following week.



EXAM REFLECTION

In order to make good decisions about their future, students need to know where they are and then plan how to get to where they want to go. So how well did you go on the exams? Students often lack insight into their own preparation and performance on tests. They usually don't think about their own preparation or performance and blame others before reflecting on their own efforts. Students have spent some time in class in the past 2 weeks reflecting on their exam performance.

Over the holidays students should ask themselves:

- Did I study?
- Did I study the right material?
- What could I do differently/or how can I prepare for the next exam or test better?
- Would studying in groups be effective?
- If so, what type of students should I meet with?
- What type of group study is effective?
- Did I keep up to date with knowing the class work as I went to master the material?
- Were my notes kept neatly so I could refer to them?
- How well did I know the material?
- Where were there gaps in my understanding? How did I know that I needed more help?
- Did I take advantage of the help available to me from my teachers?

KEYS PLEASE

On Tuesday the 25th June, all year 10s watched a “Keys Please” presentation by Andrew Milbourne from the Victoria Police. Keys Please is a pre-licence education program that focuses on the learning to drive period.

Key topics included:

- The 4 stages of learning to drive
- Skills needed for driving
- Partnerships with supervising drivers/parents
- Factors that impact our driving
- Crash risk of young drivers
- Managing stress
- Available resources
- Graduated licensing requirements

There is a lot of information available for parents on the VicRoads website also:

<http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/Home/SafetyAndRules/SaferDrivers/YoungAndNewDrivers/Lessons+from+the+Road.htm>

TITRATION COMPETITION

On Wednesday, 26th June, science students took part in the Titration Challenge, a statewide competition across Victorian secondary schools where students work analytically to determine the strength of an unknown acid solution by carrying out a series of acid-base titrations. Year 10 students worked in groups of three and had a total of 2 hours to complete all practical work and subsequent calculation of results.

Prizes are awarded to the winners and the top teams will be put forward to represent Victoria in the National Finals in September.



Sandra Flake
Year 10 Team Leader



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**Call Geoff Block, Principal - Kurnai Precinct Campus
for more information on 5132 3800**

   