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COMING EVENTS 2013

Thursday 25 th April	ANZAC DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 30 th April to Friday 3 rd May	Year 7 Coolamatong Camp
Tuesday 14 th Wednesday 15 th & Thursday 16 th May	Year 7 & 9 NAPLAN Testing

*“Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do.”
Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

Hi Everyone,

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Our first Parent/Teacher interviews for the year were held on the last Wednesday afternoon of Term 1 and provided a valuable opportunity to discuss progress and strategies for improvement. Any parents who were unable to attend or speak to a particular teacher are encouraged to contact the school to discuss any concerns with the relevant teacher. The teachers have been contacting those parents who filled in a form for follow-up and this should be completed soon. We also received over fifty feedback forms which will help us plan future sessions and improve where we can.

ANZAC DAY

Kurnai College will be represented by staff and students at local ANZAC Day Ceremonies in Yinnar and Morwell next Thursday and we encourage all families to attend these events as we remember and pay our respect to servicemen and women over the years.

The Yinnar ANZAC Day march will assemble at **9-00am** near the general store in the Main Street and march-off at **9-20am** to the Cenotaph, also in the Main Street. A Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Cenotaph will commence at **9-30am**, followed by a Service in the nearby Memorial Hall at **9-45am**.

The Morwell march will assemble at **11-30am** near the **Morwell Town Common** (Opposite the Commercial Road Primary School in Elgin Street) and “Step-Off” will be at **11-50am** sharp. They will march along Elgin Street to the Cenotaph, where the official service will commence at **12.00 noon**.

There is also an ANZAC Day Dawn Service conducted by the Morwell RSL will commence at **5-45am** at the Morwell Cenotaph, on the corner of Tarwin and Elgin Streets, (Outside the Morwell RSL Clubrooms).

Matt Jobling

Campus Principal – Churchill

HOME SAYS 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.

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 7 Volleyball	Tuesday 23 rd April	\$7.00	Permission forms and money are due back by 11am on Monday 22 nd April
Year 9 Edge CFA Training	Wednesday 8 th May to Wednesday 26 th June	\$30.00	Permission forms and money are due back by 11am on Tuesday 7 th May
Year 7 & 10 Peer Support Tenpin Bowling	Friday 10 th May to Friday 14 th June	\$20.00	Permission forms and money are due back by 11am on Thursday 9 th May
Year 7 Coolamatong Camp	Tuesday 30 th April to Friday 3 rd May	\$260.00 – Deposit \$100 by 8/03/13, \$100 by 22/03/13 & \$60 by 26/04/13	Permission forms and money are due back by 11am Friday 26 th April



By the 26th of April you will no longer be able to purchase short term tickets on board buses. The only way to travel will be with a valid MYKI card. To find out more about which type of MYKI card you need, or how to purchase a MYKI card, log on to www.myki.com.au or call Latrobe Valley Bus Lines on 03 5135 4700 to speak to one of our dedicated MYKI Support Officers.

NAPLAN

This year's NAPLAN testing for Year 7 & 9 students will be taking place on Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th May.

NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals which can be used to improve student outcomes. All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests. However...

Exemptions may be granted to students with intellectual disabilities and to students who have been learning English for less than one year. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the school.

A "Student Withdrawal Form" must be signed and these are available from the school.

Later in the year, parents will receive their child's NAPLAN report. The report describes your child's skills in the areas assessed. The report also shows how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards.

For more information about these tests please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or you can call the school and ask to speak to Julie Garden or Reece Malcolmson with any questions/queries you may have.

GERMAN EXCHANGE

On Wednesday afternoon we held an afternoon tea to farewell our exchange students from Germany. They have been here for 10 weeks and fly back to Germany on Tuesday. The students all seem to have had a wonderful time here in Australia. We would like to give a really big vote of appreciation to all the host families for the work which they have done to give these students a supportive home, a welcoming family and a valuable educational experience while they were here. We would also like to thank the teachers who willingly took on the extra work load and larger classes in order to support the LOTE programme at our school. Finally we would like to thank the German students for being such wonderful young people, for being such positive members of our school community and for opening the eyes of our students to the larger world and the possibilities therein. The last word needs to go to our German students:

OUR TIME IN AUSTRALIA

Hi guys,

We were visiting your school as a part of an exchange. It was about 10 weeks, but there are only a few days left. We had a fantastic time in this country and met lots of people. The students and teachers at Kurnai College are very sweet as!!! There are lots of differences between the German and the Australian school systems. In Germany school is harder than in Australia, but here you can learn more practical things. In Germany school is stricter, but we don't have to wear school uniforms. The climate is much warmer. We usually have snow at this time of the year because it's the end of winter. The people in Australia are very nice and they always seem happy. We made a lot of positive experiences during our stay in Australia. We had some problems with the language at the beginning but we learned lots of new vocabulary because it's real spoken English and not just English at school. We had a really good time and made new friends. We are very sad that we have to leave Australia soon. We enjoyed our time in Australia very much and we are very thankful for the nice time at Kurnai College.

The German guys Niklas, Hendrik, Leon, Jonas, Lisa und Anna-Lena

Almuth Otten – LOTE Co-ordinator

YEAR 7 NEWS

Term 2 has seen a great start for the Year 7 cohort, with teachers particularly impressed with how quickly students refocused after the holidays and were straight back into their classroom learning.

This term has a number of highlights for the students, most notably the Year 7 Camp which is only a week and a half away. Please see below for more information regarding camp. In addition, students will have the opportunity to take part in a tenpin bowling competition over the term as part of the Peer Support Program. There has been great feedback from both students and their mentors about the Peer Support Program and we're confident this term will continue along the same lines.

YEAR 7 CAMP

The excitement is building for the Year 7 camp which starts in just over a week. Students have been given information to take home in regards to the things they need to bring (Pillow, Sleeping Bag, Toiletries, etc). If you have any specific questions or information for us relating to your child at camp please contact Russell White at the school on 5132 3700.

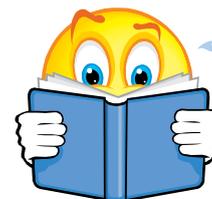


INTEGRATED PROJECTS

Students completed their first integrated project at the end of last term with varying degrees of success. This is very much as expected for our first project of this nature. Some students thrived on the freedom, others struggled with some of the open ended task. Time management was an issue for a number of students, although this related more to students spending too long on one particular task, rather than wasting time. As a whole we were very impressed with the level of engagement and work ethic from the students. Student projects were all marked by the Year 7 team over the holiday break and results will be disseminated to students this Friday.

SILENT READING

There is strong evidence that shows simply by reading regularly, students improve not only their reading ability, but also their spelling, grammar, vocabulary and paragraph structure. In Year 7 all students do silent reading from 8:30am to 8:50am. Students are able to read a book of their choosing (and at their level). Students may bring a book from home, or borrow one of the many books in our library.



SMITH FAMILY – STUDENT TO STUDENT READING PROGRAM

I would like to congratulate and commend 5 of our Year 7 students for offering to take part in the Smith Family's "Student 2 Student" reading program. The program is aimed at supporting Grade 3 students who struggle with their literacy by pairing them up with a Year 7 buddy. The Grade 3's will read to their buddy for 20 minutes, 3 times a week until September to help improve their reading skills. The program has evidence of great benefits for Grade 3 students across the state. There is no incentive for our Year 7's to take part other than the knowledge that they are helping someone else learn, so I would like to particularly thank our students: Tess Duncan, Brittney Dubber, Natalie Butler, Olivia Campbell and Keiley Anders.

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 over and term 2 is off to a flying start. It is great to see that students have returned with fresh smiles and all appear to have made a positive start to the new term.



MEDIEVAL PROJECT WRAP

During the break parents should have received a letter in the mail containing their child's results for the Medieval Project.



However, it was brought to our attention that the results had not been calculated correctly. We apologise for this mishap and appreciate the communication received from parents and students regarding this matter. We have since corrected this error and reprinted the results. Students were given the new results on Monday this week. If you have not seen these please ask your child of its whereabouts. Should you

have any questions please call or email Reece Malcolmson or Julie Garden.

Big congratulations to all those students who received great results – this was a reflection of the time and effort they put into the project.

Blake Hunter was recognised for achieving the highest result for this project. Well Done Blake...

HOMEWORK / STUDY

The expectation of Homework / Study continues...

Maths – one homework requirement each week (minimum) given by teachers

Other subjects – as required

We appreciate the support we have received to date with regards to parents/guardians ensuring that homework is completed or allowing us to keep students back as a penalty for not submitting on time and completed.

We all know that good study habits are essential to educational success. Good study habits are an important part of any student's success, so it is important that students adopt a pattern/habit of completing homework/revision on a regular basis at an early stage.

THE REAL GAME BOOK

All Year 8 students must have their own copy of "The Real Game – Student Kit". This requirement was listed on the Year 8 book list... Students will be using this resource for the most part of term 2. If your child does not have this resource – they can purchase from the school office for a price of \$8.00. More kits are on order to cater for the demand. Any questions please call Reece or Julie.

YEAR 8 CAMP

Due to a number of reasons we have had to change the dates for the Year 8 camp. Camp will be to Karoonda Camp Gelantipy (Snowy River country) **September 9 – 13**.



Coming home with your son/daughter next week will be an expression of interest form. This outlines estimated costs, dates, and other relevant information

It would be greatly appreciated if you could fill in the form and send it back to school ASAP.

This from Reece Malcolmson..... The camp to Gelantipy is probably the best camp I have been involved with and provides students with great opportunities to challenge themselves, build relationships with both staff and peers whilst having an absolute blast participating in all the activities that are on offer in particular the rafting experience down the beautiful Snowy River.

Julie Garden & Reece Malcolmson
Year 8 Team Leaders

YEAR 9 NEWS

THE EDGE: WILSON PROM CAMP

We went to Wilson Prom camp to bond and build our teamwork skills. It was an amazing experience, I learnt a lot like how to cook on a Trangia and I discovered from other people's misfortune that leaving food in your tent is not a good idea because wombats will come and eat your food.

I had lots of good experiences, when we climbed Mt Oberon it was a great achievement. We climbed the tallest peak in Wilsons Prom, it was 558 metres above sea level. We also climbed Mount Bishop which was 7.2 km walking up and back.

The worst experience I had was when we walked down to Norman Bay to play spotlight tiggy and Ben, Matt, Jess and Brandon hid in a cave so they couldn't hear us calling out to them to come back because the game was over. We were all waiting on the beach for about an hour and it was freezing cold because we were near the water.

Next time we go camping I wouldn't take a pancake shake to make, because it's just really hard and they take forever to cook.

Participating in the bushwalking was good. I would definitely do it again, I think that the more you walk, the easier it will become and you'll struggle less and less each time. So next time I go back to walk Mt Oberon and Mt Bishop I won't struggle as much.

I had a great time at Wilsons Promontory and I would definitely go back. I'd walk Mt Oberon and Mt Bishop again for sure.

By Chloe Gargan

IT CENTRAL

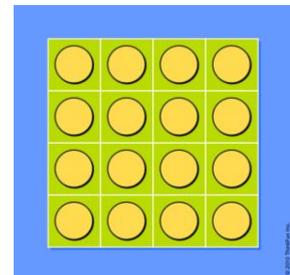
In IT Central this semester, we've been learning how to write a lesson plan and teach the lesson in preparation for later on in the year when we create lessons in advance for other classes. In one of the activities we'd adapted the information in a video into an activity and added a technological component. In another we had to teach the rest of the class how to do something we're good at (card games, computer games, making paper planes, etc) with some sort of technological element. I taught the class how to play Ligretto, a German card game. For the technological part, I put the instructions on the board. After we do our lesson, several people have a go at whatever the activity is and others write down ways to improve it.

By Georgina Brick

MATHS QUIZ: KEEP IT EVEN

Sixteen coins fill the 4 x 4 grid as shown.

Remove six of them so that each row and column contains an even number of coins.



YEAR 10 NEWS

With a few exceptions, the Year 10 students are all busy being workers this week and next. Visiting teachers report that our students are doing well. The only real criticism is that some are too shy to put themselves forward. Remember that "initiative" is what most employers look for. Act as if you are interested and you will be amazed at how impressed people will be by you. Hopefully all students gain something from their experience; sometimes it is something unexpected.

Remember to get your evaluation sheets filled out by your employers. As always, if you have any problems contact me at school. Have a great week.

Sandra Flake
Year 10 Team Leader



HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL TREE DRIVE

Hazelwood North Primary School is running their tree drive again this year. Bare rooted fruit and ornamental trees can be ordered before the 3rd of May for delivery in late July. For more information please contact Jo on 0459 433 838 or email hntreedrive@yahoo.com.au

CHURCHILL JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Anyone wishing to play basketball in Churchill and doesn't have a team, please register your details at the Churchill Leisure Centre in the stadium on Friday 19th April between 5pm and 6.30pm or Monday between 5pm and 6.30pm, or Phone Linda on 0401844629/Ang on 0448773365.

Churchill Junior Basketball



Can you open your heart & home to a child today?

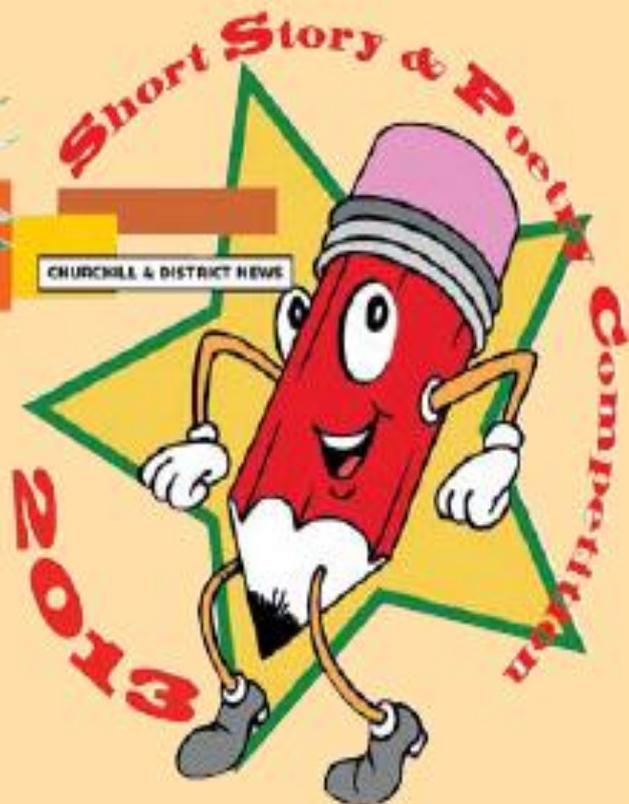
Berry Street is looking for families like yours who can provide emergency, respite, short and long term care for vulnerable children.

If you have room in your heart and home for a child then we want to speak with you.

Call today to discuss about becoming a foster carer on 1800 U FOSTER (1800 836 7831) or visit www.berrystreet.org.au

Entries Closing
June 21,
2013

**OPEN TO
ALL AGES**
Lots of prizes!



**Churchill & District News invite you
to enter our 2013 Short Story
and Poetry Competition**

*There are some great prizes, with all entrants under 12
receiving a certificate of participation and a small gift.*

If you have any queries or require information, conditions of
entry and entry forms please do not hesitate to contact us
by email at

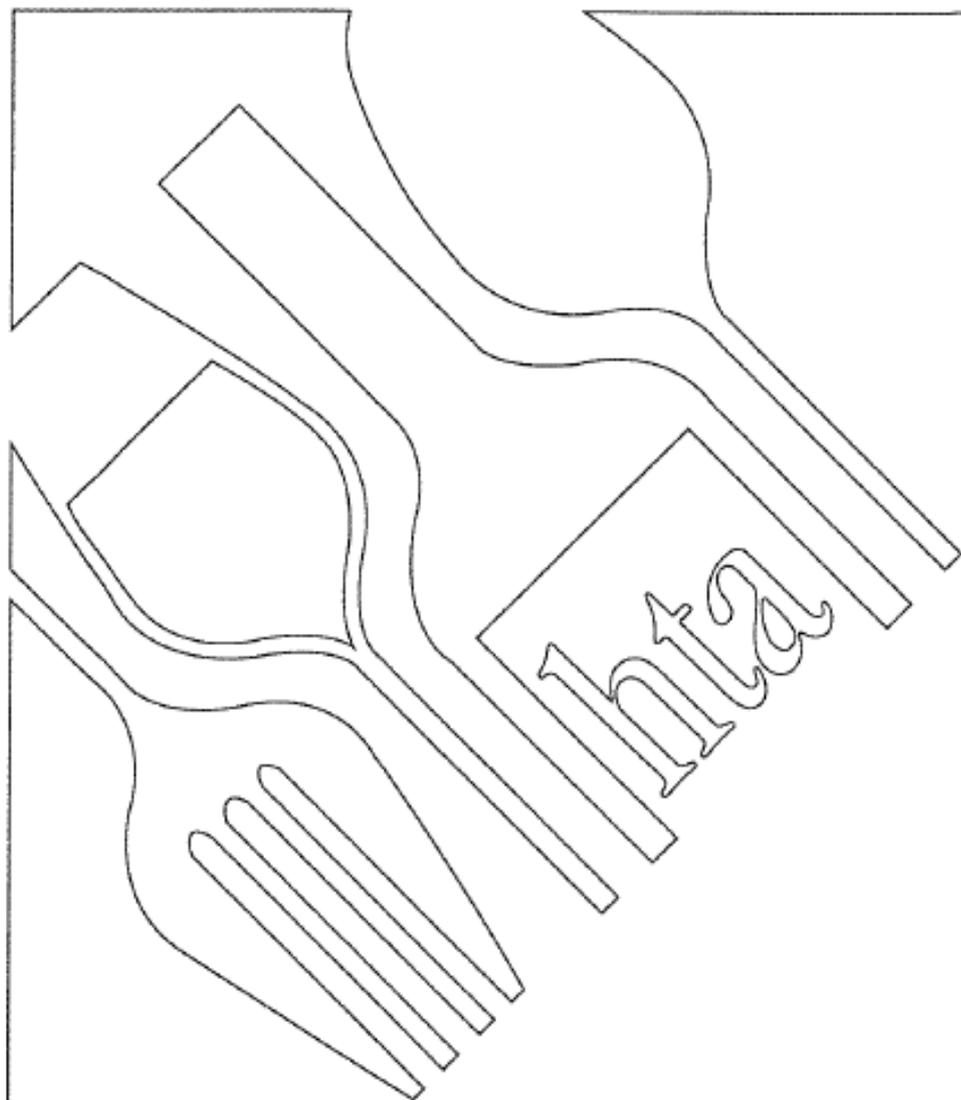
cdneditorial@aussiebb.com.au

or phone

03 5122 1961, 0409 326 769

Entry forms and conditions are available in the
Churchill & District News
and online at

www.cdnews.com.au



COURSE NOTES

Certificate in Hospitality (Coffee, Bar & Waiter)

Opportunity for Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 students, past students and friends of the college community to undertake a VET qualification, with job placement opportunities, within the familiar surrounds of their school. Cost \$105.00

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CERTIFICATE II IN HOSPITALITY

Commencing, Wednesday 1st April 2013 3.30pm to 6.30pm.

Hospitality Training Australia is offering our popular Certificate II in Hospitality to Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 students, past students and friends of the college community, in the familiar surrounds of their school. This course has been designed specifically to give young people the certificates and minimum skills they need to work in hospitality.

Participants undertake practical classes in espresso making, bar and beverage operations, waiter and also receive certificates in RSA, Food Safety, RSG, OH&S and First Aid.

The course is delivered over two terms, comprising one after school session per week 3.30pm to 6.30pm and two selected full days at the end of Term 3. During this time participants complete a series of assessment task that culminate in a period of work experience with a host employer of their choice and the attainment of the Certificate II in Hospitality.

Job Placement

All participants access casual and part time employment opportunities with the following contract catering companies: Peter Rowland Catering; Delaware North; Spotless Food Services; Atlantic Group; Compass Group.

Course Outline

The course includes these nationally recognised units of competence:

SITXOHS001A	Follow health safety and security procedures (OHS)
SITXOHS002A	Follow workplace hygiene procedures (RSF)
SITHFAB009A	Provide responsible service of alcohol (RSA)
SITHGAM006A	Provide responsible gambling services (RSG)
SITHIND001A	Develop and update hospitality industry knowledge
SITXCOM001A	Work with colleagues and customers
SITXCOM002A	Work in a socially diverse environment
SITHFAB003A	Serve food and beverage to customers (Waiter)
SITXFIND001A	Process financial transactions
SITHFAB001A	Clean and tidy bar areas (Bar)
SITHFAB012A	Prepare and serve espresso coffee (Coffee)
SITHFAB002A	Operate a bar (Bar)
SITHFAB020A	Apply food and beverage skills in the workplace
HLTFA301C	Apply first aid (First Aid Level 2)

Resources & Equipment Supplied

Hospitality Training Australia will supply the following resources to facilitate the course within your local area:

- Qualified, skilled and experienced facilitators (trainers);
- Textbooks and student workbooks;
- Espresso coffee machine, coffee grinder, cups, saucers, coffee equipment and ingredients, Plates, cutlery, glassware, nappy and food service equipment, beverage preparation and service equipment and ingredients.

Course Costs

The course costs each student a \$105.00 enrolment fee and entitles eligible participants to receive:

- Workbooks for all study modules
- Full participation in all training and assessment activities
- Certificate II in Hospitality, Statement of results and compliance certification (RSA, RSG, RSF & OHS)
- Resume development, with work placement assistance and post training support sessions with students.
- HTA Pen and bag.

How to Enrol

Phone Admissions on 1300 659 557 or email admissions@hosptrain.edu.au

Enrol Online by visiting <http://hosptrain.vic.edu.au/kurmai>

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