"If you knew how much work went into it, you wouldn't call it genius."  Michelangelo

Hi Everyone,

DRAMA PRODUCTIONS
This week I had the privilege of being in the audience for a technical rehearsal of ‘St Mary’s’ one of our drama productions underway at the moment and was impressed with the quality of the performance and the production techniques that supported the performance. The opportunity for students to become more confident, work together and challenge themselves to improve was clearly evident and taken on with great gusto by the whole cast and crew. One unexpected aspect I observed was that whilst our Drama guru Kline had obviously set the foundations of how the group learnt and worked together he deliberately stepped back from leading the group. Instead he offered encouragement and suggestions and continually reinforced that it was the students who created the play and so they have the responsibility for what happens. An entertaining and thought provoking play delivered with confidence and commitment was the end product. The other productions are outlined later in this newsletter and I would encourage everyone to get along for a worthwhile evening out.

AWARENESS DAY
Grade 5&6 students from our local primary schools are spending the day with us on Thursday 6th June as part of our transition program supporting their entry to secondary schooling. As a consequence we will have modified attendance requirements on that day to accommodate the extra students and have staff available to run the program. All Year 7 students will be required for classes. Music students from across year levels will be involved in music rehearsals. Year 9&10 Outdoor Ed students will be on camp. All other Year 10 students will be expected to attend their Precinct Class on that day. Otherwise students will not be required, however a modified program will be available should they wish to attend.

KURNAI COLLEGE FACEBOOK
The College Facebook page is proving more and more popular with an increased amount of content being put on for our learning community. There is a link at the top of the page that will take you there and will enable you to keep up to date with events and happenings across our College.

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.

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.

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WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN – 8TH APRIL TO 9TH JUNE.
By shopping at Woolworths & collecting stickers for your school, you will be helping your school earn points to go towards receiving valuable resources eg: books, art & craft, music, sports equipment and lots lots more.
You can begin collecting stickers every time you shop at any Woolworths store. For every $10 spent, you get 1 sticker.
There is a Woolworths sticker box located in the foyer at the office for all your completed sticker cards.

MORNING TEA FOR MS. TAYLOR!
On Friday 7th of June we are holding a Morning Tea in relation to Ms. Taylor at Kurnai Junior Campus in GP6 during recess (10:40am – 11:00am) and all the money we raise will be going towards Ms. Taylor and the Cancer Council. Unfortunately, Ms Taylor was diagnosed with Cancer and has been battling the condition for many months. We will be selling morning tea snacks from a $1 to $5 on the day. ie; sandwiches, cupcakes, cakes and finger food. We will also accept any donations to go towards Ms. Taylor on the day.
More information please contact Jazmyn Wilkins, Jessica Smith or Gemma Laidlaw in Year 9.

CULTURAL EXCURSION TO BAIRNSDALE – KEEPING PLACE: KROWATHUNKOOLONG
Koorie students from both Morwell and Churchill campuses recently went to The Keeping Place in Bairnsdale and the Knob Reserve in Stratford. The purpose of the visit was for our students to gain a greater understanding of local indigenous culture. The students also had an opportunity to learn a little about their heritage. Thanks to Mark Johnston and Holly Campbell for coming with us.
**PBS — Positive Behaviour Support**

In 1872 a teacher’s preparation for classroom instruction included whittling nibs to the “individual taste of the pupils” and bringing a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the day’s session. Grades 1 – 8 were in the same classroom, memorization was “learning,” and discipline took the form of corporal punishment or humiliation.

Today’s teachers face similar, yet different challenges. Diversity, pacing guides, standardized testing, differentiation, safety and discipline are everyday concerns. How we address these concerns has veered from the traditional punishment mode to a preventative system based on research and the science of behaviour.

What do you think traffic would be like if, instead of getting a ticket for an error, drivers get $100 from a police officer who observed careful driving?

That just might be what some of us need to improve our driving skills — REINFORCEMENT!!!

The first rule of reinforcement theory: If you want to increase behaviour, then when the behaviour is shown, provide a reward. (B. Skinner, 1953)

Rewards that we use at Kurnai College include stamps on the PBS card which can be exchanged for prizes and postcards sent to families of students showing consistent good behaviours.

Every fortnight we will focus on a particular behaviour in our classrooms. This fortnight we will be looking at entry into the classroom and making the beginning of the lesson more effective.

**YEAR 7 NEWS**

Now that we are over half way through the second half of the term students are well into their learning on a range of topics – In science students continue to learn about the animal kingdom and classification, in English students are working on persuasive oral presentations, in Maths students have shifted their focus to fractions and in Humanities students are exploring Geography and mapping.

**IMMUNISATIONS**

Immunisations occurred this week for students who brought their forms back earlier in the year. A reminder that you will need to contact your local GP if students didn’t take part in the school immunization program.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

As the cold weather sets in students are often looking for additional clothing items to keep them warm. Student may wear long sleeve t-shirts or skivvies underneath their polo tops – as long as they wear all white or all navy blue (school colours).

**PEER SUPPORT BOWLING**

As part of the Peer Support Program this term, students have the opportunity to take part in Ten Pin Bowling once a fortnight with their Year 10 buddies. We have now had three sessions over the last few weeks and look forward to determining the winning form group.

**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.
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

PROGRESS REPORTS
Parents/Guardians should have received Progress Reports in the mail during last week.
We (Reece, Julie & Year 8 Team) have been looking through the Progress Reports and have been very pleased with the results of the majority of students. We as a team have identified students who may need more assistance and are having meetings with the individual students to set some goals and plans in place to ensure improvement – parents may be asked to be involved in the more serious cases.

YEAR 8 DRAMA PLAY
Wednesday night the Year 8 Drama girls performed a play called St. Mary’s, the play told the stories of 2 very different groups from extremely different backgrounds that experienced a number of similar issues. The girls did a fantastic job, from lighting to music and performances the play was from start to finish entertaining and flawless. It was great to see so many of our year 8 students turn up to support their peers. Well Done Girls

YEAR 8 P.E
Half of the Year 8 students are lucky enough on Wednesdays to have the Year 11 & 12 VET students take them for P.E classes for the remainder of the term, we had our first session on Wednesday and it was superb. The VET students did a fantastic job of keeping the Year 8’s on the move the whole time whilst maintaining their interest for the entirety of the session. Small groups are taken into the gym with 3 or 4 VET students to perform a number of fitness and strength activities, our students loved having access to the leisure centre facilities especially the gym.

YEAR 8 CAMP UPDATE
It was really pleasing to see that so many parents/guardians were keen to see their child attend the Year 8 camp. Based on the feedback, Karoonda Camp will be going ahead and will be organised for the 9th - 13th of September. Between now and then it is our aim to run a number of fundraising activities in order to reduce the overall costs. We understand that this is not a cheap camp but believe the experience is well worth the investment.
We would love to hear any suggestions in regards to ways in which the year 8 students could help raise money to help reduce costs. It is most likely that we will organise a weekend BBQ within the local community and would greatly appreciate support from any parents/guardians that would be keen to assist the students in this event.
Expect to receive permission slips for the Camp within the fortnight, at which point you can make payment arrangements with the office should you need to.

STRAIGHT TALK FOR BOYS
Yesterday we had the pleasure of taking 32 Year 8 boys to the Waratah Restaurant to take part in a program called Straight-Talk. From the minute the boys got on the bus to the point of return to school their behaviour was flawless. They carried themselves like absolute gentlemen all day and represented the school in fine fashion. For a number of the boys this was an unfamiliar setting, sitting down for a formal meal with 2 adults from the community speaking to them about careers and pathways. It was very pleasing to look around the room and see such engagement across the tables. Discussions flowed, there was plenty of eye contact and lots of questions were asked. When guest speakers addressed the whole group (apart from laughter and chuckles when required) you could have heard a pin drop. The feedback from the event coordinators and the male guests was extremely good. All our boys expressed their enjoyment. It is our belief that this program was very beneficial and it was clear that the boys have taken plenty away from the opportunity.

A big thankyou to Blake Hunter and Ryan Carlson, who on behalf of the students, presented each of the guests with a gift, followed by a few final words of thanks and appreciation.
We will be following this fantastic event up at school with more “boy stuff” in the near future.
Don’t worry girls – there are things coming your way too 😊

Julie Garden & Reece Malcolmson
Year 8 Team Leaders

YEAR 9 NEWS

CAMP
The Melbourne Discovery camp will run from Tuesday 20th August until Friday 23rd August. The itinerary is an exciting mix of recreational and educational activities. We will be going ice-skating, trampolining and shopping at Queen Victoria Market. We will also be going to visit Parliament House, touring through RMIT and the Melbourne Zoo where we will be learning about the impact our modern lifestyle has on the orang-utans of Indonesia and the gorillas of Africa. Students will be challenged to use public transport in small groups. There will be a maximum of 50 places for students on the camp. If more than 50 students wish to go on camp, the extra students will be placed on a waiting list in case other students need to pull out.
The camp will cost approximately $310 per student and payments can be made in instalments. A deposit of $100 will need to be paid to secure a place in this camp. This is due on Friday the 7th June. The final payment is due on the 19th July. Students will also need to take sufficient money to purchase their lunch every day and they will need to have their own myki card with at least $12 on it for use on the public transport system.

ELECTIVES
The forms for the electives were handed out last week. They are due back TODAY the 31st May. Students may hand their forms in late but may miss out on their first choice of electives.

EXAMS
Year 9 students will be sitting an English exam and a Maths exam on the 11th June. Being able to gain the most benefit from an exam style assessment is a very important skill to learn as part of senior school. These exams are primarily to give students experience in this type of assessment. As such, English and Maths teachers have already begun preparing students for their exams. The exams will be run during normal class sessions and students will have electives after lunch.
On the 17th of May The Edge class went to the Summit for the day for a reward after the NAPLAN testing and to improve our teamwork. One of the values I learnt was GAS which meant Give it ago Ability Support and I also learnt more about teamwork. The most fun experience I had at the Summit was the giant swing. I got over my fear of heights and the view was great. The worst experience was the wombat hole because I was too tall and there was water everywhere and I hated the rock climbing because I felt like I was going to fall.

While at the Summit I overcame my fear of heights and I reached my goal to try all of the activities. I would participate in the high ropes again because it was a lot of fun and it was a great experience.

I’d like to congratulate Maddi for doing all of the activities at her best and facing her fears of heights and Mrs Lynch for doing all the activities with us and giving it a try.

Even though it was a cold and wet day it was a lot of fun and everyone had a good day.

By Chylari

Almuth Otten
Year 9 Team Leader

**HEALTH DAY**

On Thursday 29 May, over 250 year 10 students gathered at the senior campus at Kurnai College Precinct. They were entertained and informed about a whole range of health and wellbeing issues. Sessions addressed a wide range of issues that young people may confront as they move towards adulthood. Groups of students rotated through four key sessions. The topics included; road safety, sexual health, smoking and health, and mental health. Living Positive Victoria talked about sexual safety and the Laryngectomee Society talked about the damaging effects of smoking. Representatives from Headspace and Youth Support and Advocacy Service who are more commonly known as YSAS both talked with students about mental health, and the negative impacts of drugs and alcohol. Finally local officers from Victoria Police showed students a confronting video on reckless driving and the devastating outcomes, and took them though many of the road laws and rules that apply to P platers.

One of the event’s organisers Ms Wendy Ruddell, (School Nurse) said “The presentations were very interactive and based on real life stories which made it more meaningful for our students. We have received great feedback; students were amazed at the honesty of presenters who shared their stories. I believe they’ve gained an appreciation for the consequences of making good and bad decisions.” Ms Ruddell also advised “The aim of today was to support our young people through providing preventative health information so they can make educated choices for their own health and wellbeing.”

The day was supported by The Smith Family and Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, and Mannys Market in Morwell donated healthy fruit that students grazed on throughout the day.

**YEAR 10 EXAMS: JUNE 2013**

Exams will be held for all Year 10 students from 11–14th June.

The **Year 11 exam is 8.30 Wednesday morning.** Students remain at the Precinct Campus for the 1st step program.

All Year 10 students must attend school and be in uniform.

On Wednesday 12th June, Year 10 students will be participating in First Step at the Precinct Campus. The program will begin after the Year 11 exam session and finish at the end of the day. It is designed to assist students to make decisions regarding their education and training beyond Year 10. Students will undertake sessions to find out what various subjects involve to help them make informed choices for their course and subject selection for 2013.

**STUDENTS NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A PRECINCT SUBJECT: PRECINCT CAMPUS ORIENTATION**

Students not enrolled in a Year 11 subject will participate in a Precinct Campus orientation activity Wednesday morning. The Orientation Program is designed to familiarise students with the Precinct Campus and assist with their transition to Year 11.

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**June Exam Time Table**

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<td><strong>Humanities 8.45am - 10.45am</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Maths 11.15am - 12.45pm</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Science 11.15am – 12.45pm</strong></td>
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It is expected that all students will complete their exams at the allocated time unless they are ill. Students needing to sit their exams at an alternative time must make the arrangement with Sandra Flake before the day.

Ensure that you bring all required equipment (pens, pencils, ruler, eraser, calculator or dictionary) as you will not be able to borrow equipment.

NO communication – verbal or non-verbal is allowed.

You may have water in a clear container with no label.

No iPods or other extra materials are allowed in the exam – e.g. no cheat sheets or work books unless previously advised by the class teacher.

You must remain for the duration of the exam.

When instructed, you have 10 minutes reading time – no writing is allowed during this time.

Sandra Flake
Year 10 Team Leader
THE ARTS ARE ALIVE AT KURNAI/CHURCHILL

COMING UP!!!

JUNE 5        WEDNESDAY        7PM IN THE THEATRE

COSI - ONE NIGHT ONLY

COSI is one of the great Australian classics. It’s set in the time of the Vietnam War protests. Lewis (Tristan Turpin) gets a job to make a play in an insane asylum, and how he copes with the conflicts inside the institution as well as his own personal life makes for one of the greatest plays in Australian theatre. It’s a wild romp full of hilarious characters and emotional quagmires. Gold coin donation please.

JUNE 12/13      WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY   7PM IN THE THEATRE

HEROES

THE Year 7 classes are writing some fantastic little plays about what it means to become a true Hero. This will be a fun night to witness the full creative spirit of our youngest students. Make sure you get tickets because it’s always packed out.

JUNE 19/20      WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY   7PM IN THE THEATRE

ANNIE

This is a clever adaptation of the musical favourite, done with singing and dancing and great storytelling. It’s a heart-warming classic not to be missed. Gold coin donation please.
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
COPY CAP
Caring for Other People by Youth – Careers and Pathways
is a program that exposes Year 10, 11 and 12 students to
the Community Services and Health industry.

The COPY CAP Program runs over two days and involves industry speakers and field visits.
Students will meet professionals from Allied Health, Community Care, Aged and Disability
Services and other areas from within Community Services and Health. They will also
experience first hand the daily tasks and work environment of the industry, through
participation in the field visits.

COPY CAP Can Assist Students
- Learn about the different careers in the community services and health industry
- Understand the pathways from school to further education, training, university
  and employment
- See employment opportunities which are available in the Latrobe Valley Region
- Hear from and talk to people working in hospitals and other community services
  and health organisations

Selection Process
All students will be required to complete an application form and a Career Quiz to
confirm their interest in Community Services and Health.

Twenty students from Latrobe Valley Schools will be selected to participate in the COPY
CAP program.

COPY CAP Latrobe
Date: Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th June, 2013
Time: 9am – 3pm
Venue: TBC

To apply to participate in the COPY CAP Program, please complete an application form.
Forms can be collected from the year 10 office or from Ms Flake during from meeting.

Applications due: Monday 27th May, 2013

Lisa Price
Baw Baw Latrobe LLEN
Telephone: (03) 5633 2868
Mobile: 0417 282 596
Email: lisaprice@bblllen.org.au
A PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON

featuring the

**Latrobe & Francis Orchestras**

The Ladies Fellowship together with the Latrobe & Francis Orchestras present a Pleasant Sunday Afternoon at the Co-Operating Church Williams Avenue Churchill

2.00pm SUNDAY 16th JUNE 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
Getting AHEAD
in a ‘Just-Getting-By’ World

Kurnai College,
Anglicare Victoria,
and Latrobe City Council
have partnered to bring the
Getting Ahead program to
Morwell

What is Getting Ahead?
Getting Ahead is an exciting
program that offers a safe and
supportive environment where you
can explore and build the resources
you need to move towards more
economic stability for your family.

What will I get out of it?
• An opportunity to explore your own
situation and look at the reasons you
might feel ‘stuck’ in life.
• Ways to build on the strengths you
already have and move from
“I can’t” to “I can”.
• It will help you to: increase your
confidence; find solutions; make
positive choices; be in control of
building your own resources; and
create a positive plan towards a more
stable future for you and your family.

Getting Ahead will be presented
by experienced group facilitators
from Anglicare Victoria –
Parentzone Gippsland.

DATES:
Tuesdays for nine sessions,
commencing 23rd July to
17th September 2013

TIME:
9.30 am — 1.00 pm

VENUE:
Anglicare Victoria
65 Church Street
MORWELL

Morning tea, lunch and
program resources provided
THERE IS NO COST TO ATTEND

For more information or to
register your interest
please contact:

Parentzone at Anglicare
Telephone: 5133 9998
Or
Corine Noblet
Kurnai College
Telephone: 5132 3800