"I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it" Thomas Jefferson

Hi Everyone,

PERSONAL SAFETY
Over the past few months there have been a number of incidents in the Latrobe Valley, including the Churchill area, where young people have been approached by males, often in vehicles and either encouraged to get into the vehicle or attempts made to grab the young people. We have spoken with our students this week about personal safety and being aware of these types of situations. It is important for all members of our community to be vigilant and notify police of any similar incidents and take note of any details of the vehicles particularly the number plate.

CHANGEOVER OF SEMESTER
 Semester 1 classes have been busy this week completing assessments including exams for Years 9 & 10 students. Teachers have also been working hard to complete their correction and determine their assessments for the semester reports which will be available at the end of term.
 Semester 2 classes begin on Monday with many students starting new elective classes. For students, the new semester is a great opportunity to stay up-to-date with new learning and work at improving any positive work habits that may not have been at a high enough standard in semester 1. If any student would like specific advice on how to improve they can see their class teacher or Year Level Team Leader.

AWARENESS DAY
The awareness day held on 6th June was a fantastic day of learning for our Grade 5&6 visitors. A full report is included later in this newsletter. A special thanks to Year 7 Team Leader Adam Hogan and his team who organised a full day of activities, information, and entertainment. Thanks also to all the other staff that ran subject sessions, organised and ran the barbeque lunch and organised entertainment with Chinese dancing, theatrical and musical performances. Whilst the students were able to access a range of subjects that are offered at secondary school their parents were able to tour Churchill and the Precinct Campuses, speak with staff, and attend an evening information session. We know that the transition from Primary to Secondary can be daunting for parents and students and we endeavour to provide as much information and opportunity for families to help ensure a successful transition.

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.

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BOGAN BEEF BURGER DAY
SRC students are organising a Bogan day on Tuesday 25th of June. They will be selling beef burgers and sausages at lunch time on the slab in front of the staff room. Please bring a gold coin donation to dress as a Bogan and some loose change for the burgers and sausages and soft drink. The costs of the burgers are $2.00 the snags are $1.50 & drinks are $1.50. There will be a prize for the best dressed Bogan for each year level. All the money we raise will be used to feed back into the school. Sorry you may not wear THONGS and SINGLETES but you can wear crocs, flannies, caps, trackies, footy shorts/bluey’s etc.
AWARENESS DAY

Last Thursday Churchill Campus was host to a range of local Primary School students as part of the annual Awareness Day. Kurnai College’s Awareness Day is an opportunity for prospective students to gain an insight into life at High School. It also aims to help Primary students transition into High School and allay some of their anxieties over the big change.

This year saw almost 200 Primary School students attend the day from right across the region, including Yinnar Primary, Yinnar South, Churchill Primary, Churchill North, Hazelwood North Primary, Boolarra Primary and Lumen Christie. We also had a few visitors from Traralgon and Traralgon South areas.

Students were welcomed by College Principal Anthony Rodaughan and Campus Principal Matt Jobling, before being arranged into their groups for the day. Each student received an individual timetable to navigate their day and each group of 20 Primary students was supported by two Year 7 leaders.

Primary students were able to experience a range of classes, from Science, Art, Cooking and Sport, through to Maths, English, German and Chinese. By all reports the day was a resounding success, with students excitedly sharing their classroom experiences with their peers. The lunchtime entertainment was also a highlight of the day, with the College band performing out in the sunshine while the students enjoyed the complimentary BBQ lunch.

The day concluded with a whole school sports activity, before students were dismissed for the day. Further transition activities and programs will take place later in the year, including the Action Squad program and state-wide Orientation Day.

YEAR 7 NEWS

Students have continued to work well across their classes as their next integrated project draws near. In addition to all the classroom learning, students were able to perform their first drama play to parents this week. The night consisted of 16 mini-plays, which students wrote and directed themselves. Both nights were quickly sold out and went off with great praise from parents and families. I would like to thank the students’ drama teacher Kline for all his hard work and effort in getting the students prepared and coordinating both nights.

PEER SUPPORT

As the semester draws to an end we conclude our Peer Support Program for 2013. This program has been an incredibly positive experience for both our Year 7 students as well as the Year 10 Leaders. It’s been great to have the leaders on board with so many extra-curricular activities (such as Year 7 Camp, Awareness Day and tenpin bowling) outside of their normal timetabled session. While formal Peer Classes will cease next semester, we’re confident that some of the links and relationships that have been formed, either with the Year 10’s or the greater collegiately between Year 7’s, will continue well into the second half of the year.

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 really 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 just around the corner… but there is still much happening.

SEMESTER 2

Monday 17 June - all students will start a semester two timetable with new electives and possibly some changes to core classes and teachers. We have tried to limit the changes made, however due to various reasons some changes were seen as necessary. The Year 8 team teachers have encouraged all students to embrace any changes that they may face and stressed the importance of starting the new semester with a positive and enthusiastic attitude.

EQUIPMENT

With the start of the new semester we ask students to ensure they still have 4 books 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

Students have been busy learning about business and the setting up of business. Last week’s focus was on team work and communication – essential for the success of a business. Year 8’s put themselves in the teams they will be working with for the enterprise stall and had to complete a task – working as a team. The challenge… to build the highest tower with spaghetti and marshmallows. We were impressed with the tenacity with which the students took to this challenge. There were many great ideas (see photos) and prizes were awarded to;

- The highest tower (Lucy, Alana & Sarina – 1.35m)
- The best structure ( Cameron, Emily & Megan)
- The most ‘creative’ (Ryan, Johnny & Jason)

Some students decided ‘as a group’ to eat the marshmallows – this put a stop to the height challenge. A great effort from all students.
REPORTS
Students have been reminded that all teachers are currently writing semester reports and will be looking at what students have achieved over the first half of the year, we have encouraged all Year 8’s to be diligent in ensuring that they complete any outstanding tasks and continue to work hard all the way through to the school holidays.

YEAR 8 CAMP - FUNDRAISING
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 & Reece Malcolmson
Year 8 Team Leaders

YEAR 9 NEWS
EXAMS
Year 9 students sat the first of many secondary school exams this week. Exams were held in English and Mathematics and were aimed primarily at giving them an introduction to this type of assessment. Students were given an information session about exam procedures, protocols and skills before the first exam. Post-exam reflections show that:
- some students found it difficult to sit still for two hours
- many students found it very challenging to be quiet once they had finished their exam
- some students had forgotten their work from Term 1 and did not revise it
- most students remembered to read through the whole English exam first and realised that planning sheets were attached

SYSTEMS AND MACHINES
In Systems, we learn how to use machinery and tools to make different things. In first term, we made a small car which had its challenges but the finished product looked great. Once we finished our car we moved on and started making a bubble blower. We haven’t finished the bubble blowers yet but we are making good progress. The hardest part of Systems would be learning how to make the motor which will operate the device. I would recommend Systems as an elective to any Year 9 student who likes to learn how things work. By Shannyn and Regan

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY
Advanced Tech is a class mainly focused on advanced woodwork projects. Recently, the class has been working on making small cupboards. The main idea of this is to improve the knowledge of different joins and skills in the students. We have also done a little bit of work on making chairs that while they may take a while to make, will make a great outdoor piece of furniture. By Scott

CAREERS
Preparation for working part-time includes getting a tax file number. Any students that are now 15 years old can get an application form from Ms. Horvath. www.sheppartoncareersedublog.com.au is a website which has a lot of great advice and information about careers. There is a section about Year 10 Work Experience and the different places in industry that offer interesting placements. Applications for the most popular placements often need to be made 12 months in advance. This includes places such as The Royal Women’s Hospital, Victoria Police, the Melbourne Football Club and the Australian Defence Force. Students who have any questions or would like some help in thinking about work experience or careers are encouraged to speak to Ms. Horvath. All students will also be learning about the many opportunities available to them during TeamTime lessons in Term 3.

Almuth Otten
Year 9 Team Leader

YEAR 10 NEWS
On the 12th of June, Year 10 students took part in the “first step” program at the senior campus to help them learn about some of the different subjects on offer. Students were urged to choose subjects next year that they enjoyed, were good at or which would lead them to a career goal. What seemed like hundreds of boxes of pizza at lunch were quickly devoured. This was the second time students from both junior campuses joined together and it was encouraging to see barriers breaking down. Students have been sitting exams this week, culminating today. This can be a daunting task for many students so the next week time will be spent reflecting on what worked and what didn’t work for students in terms of preparation, and how to improve.
THE ARTS ARE ALIVE AT KURNAI/CHURCHILL

COMING UP!!!

JUNE 20 THURSDAY 7PM IN THE THEATRE

ANNIE- ONE NIGHT ONLY  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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Ian GUMBY Mitchell’s “ROBOT REFRACTION”    
WHEN: Saturday 15th June, 2013 @ 1.08pm
WHERE: Yinnar Arc
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 atcdneditorial@aussiebb.com.au

or phone
03 5122 1961, 0409 326 769

Entry forms and conditions are available in the Churchill & District News and online atwww.cdnews.com.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
Useful Websites


www.abc.net.au/acedayjobs Videos of Australians working in jobs they are passionate about.


www.centrelink.gov.au You may be able to access support for your education and training, or to start work. Centrelink’s Career Information Centres provide information to assist people in making decisions about education, training and career pathways.

www.communityactivecareers.com.au Information and advice about careers in the community services and health industries.

www.deewr.gov.au/DES Disability Employment Services can help people with disability, injury or health condition to find and keep a job.

www.deewr.gov.au/JSA Job Services Australia gives eligible job seekers increased flexibility and access to support and services.


www.deewr.gov.au/vetfeehelp VET FEE-HELP is an income contingent loan scheme for the VET sector that assists eligible students undertaking certain VET courses.


www.fairwork.gov.au Information about Australia’s national workplace relations system.

www.goingtouni.gov.au Information about going to university for current and prospective students. Search the Course Finder for a range of course information.

www.gooduniguide.com.au Find courses and places to study and check out ratings of universities, campuses and courses.


www.ics.deewr.gov.au Helps Indigenous students by providing money to cover living costs while studying, as well as paid work experience.


Indigenous Employment Line Information on Indigenous employment programs, phone 1802 102.


www.joboutlook.gov.au A career and labour market research information site.

www.jobsearch.gov.au A free service to help job seekers find jobs and career information.

www.ntis.gov.au Provides information about courses, qualifications, competencies, training packages and Registered Training Organisations.

www.open.edu.au A flexible way to study toward a university degree off-campus.


www.volunteeraustralia.org A range of opportunities for volunteers.

Be Our Guest
Music Presentations

#1 Monday 24th June
Kurnai College
Kurnai College Kumai Campus
Churchill Theatre

#2 Tuesday 25th June
Mawell Campus
KP NoiseMakers

#3 Wednesday 26th June
Music Complex
Concert Band

The VCE Band
College BigBand

Choir
Guitar Ensemble
F.C.B

Band 1
Band 2
Band 3

Approximate finishing time 7pm

Entry: Gold Coin Donation
Commences 6pm

PLUS selected Year 11 and 12 VCE Music Performance Students