Message from Campus Principal - Matt Jobling

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

"The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your potential... these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence." Confucius

Staff Farewells

During the year we have had a number of teaching staff move to other schools or other employment opportunities and the campus will formally farewell them at the end of the year. We will be bidding farewell to Ms Christine Lenghaus, Mr Sen Maharaj, Ms Deb Sheppard, Ms Robyn Horvath, Ms Rachel Massaro and Mr Adrian De Virgilio. These staff have been a part of Kurnai College for varying lengths of time spanning from two years to well beyond two decades. We wish all these staff the very best for their future endeavours and thank them for their contribution to the College and to the education of students in our learning community. We also farewell for the moment Ms Sandie Trelor, Mr Ross Johnson and Ms Caitlin Anderson who have been helping us out throughout the year. We thank them for their efforts this year and the positive spirit with which they have approached all their interactions at the campus. Kelly Davey is moving to Morwell campus to support the expansion of the LOTE program in that campus and surrounding primary schools.

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Ms Tash O’Neill is taking family leave as she is soon to welcome a new addition to her family. We wish all these members of staff the very best for their future and thank them for the valued support they have given to Churchill Campus.

New and Returning Staff Members

We have recently welcomed two new Leading Teachers to our team in Ms Nicole Ashton and Ms Lindy Gumpold who both have extensive teaching and leadership experience and will take on team leader roles for Year 10 and Year 8 respectively.

We welcome Mr Ran Li who has joined us from the senior campus to teach in our Language program. We also have appointed two graduate teachers to our staff and congratulate and welcome Mr Glen Stephenson and Ms Olivia Wall to our campus. Mr Stephenson has been helping out during 2015 and is well known at the campus. Ms Wall has already joined us for Headstart and is settling in and getting to know the students and staff. We are also delighted to welcome back Ms Erin Gruis who has been on family leave this year. We will also have a new Pathways and Careers role in 2016 and welcome Ms Siobhan Reid to that position.

Headstart and Awards Day

The Headstart program is well under way and students and staff are actively engaging with the start of the curriculum for 2016. Our extended orientation program for our new Year 7 students has proved very successful with students becoming more familiar with the campus and the differences from their primary school.

The Churchill Campus awards for 2015 will be presented on Tuesday 15th December with the event commencing at 11am at Federation University lecture theatre 4N120. We welcome all parents and families to this event to share in the acknowledgment of effort and outstanding achievements of our students.

Canteen

Please note the Canteen will also close after recess on our Awards day Tuesday 15th December.

First Day 2016

Students begin their classes in 2016 on Thursday 28th January. Staff will be returning on Wednesday 27th January and will be meeting as a College staff before returning to campuses to finalise preparations for the year ahead.
2015 Extended Orientation – Year 7

The 2016 year 7 cohort joined us at Kurnai for three days this week in preparation for their transition to high school. This year was the first time we have run a three-day orientation program. The idea behind the extended period was to have students leave for holidays feeling more comfortable and confident with the changes that occur when shifting from primary to secondary school.

Program

Students were welcomed on the Tuesday in an assembly that took place in the ‘Year 7 Centre’. During this assembly they were given a presentation outlining all the major changes and challenges that they would be faced with in regard to the differences between primary school and secondary school. During this time, they were given a brief outline of the program that would be taking place over the three days. Students took part in the following activities over the three days;

- **Music** – School Band played and then students were given opportunities to play the instruments and interact with the band members.
- **Science** – Introduction to Secondary Science lesson
- **Maths** - Introduction to Secondary Maths lesson
- **English** - Introduction to Secondary English lesson
- **Humanities** - Introduction to Secondary Humanities lesson
- **ART** – Creative arts lesson and folder decorating
- **ICT** – Students were given login details and shown how to access our online student management system
- **P.E** – Minor games lesson where students were interacting with students
- **Chinese** – Introduction to Secondary Chinese lesson
- **Rock & Water** – Intro to Rock & Water activities
- **Peer Support** – Peer Support (Yr10 Leaders) took sessions to build relationships between year 7’s and leaders
- **Individual Literacy Testing** – Basic English based testing
- **Numeracy Testing** – Basic Maths testing
Students

The students were absolutely fantastic, the way in which they engaged in every opportunity that was presented, the respect that they demonstrated, the positive manner in which they participated and the all round enthusiastic and happy attitudes that were on display each day were greatly appreciated by teachers and Kurnai students. The feedback from all involved was extremely positive and the general feeling amongst staff, in particular the year 7 team was that the students made an exceptionally positive start to their high school Journey.

Staff

Kurnai staff would like to thank every student for their attendance and positive engagement throughout the three days. Staff left feeling very enthusiastic and excited about the year ahead and very much look forward to working with this group of students and progressing their learning in 2016.

A massive “Thanks” to all those parents and families that attended one of the two parent information sessions that were delivered Thursday afternoon. We hope this is the first of many opportunities taken to engage in your child’s education and our schooling community.

Looking for something for the kids to do over the school holidays?

Why not come to Jump&Climb

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State Schools’ Relief
Year 7 uniform package initiative

The Affordable School Uniform Program

Program background
Each year, State Schools’ Relief (SSR) provides tens of thousands of children with school clothing, shoes and other essential items. For the first time, SSR has received significant funding to establish a new program specifically to assist Year 7 students and their families.

Eligibility requirements for SSR uniforms can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/SSR

What's included in the uniform pack?
The uniform pack includes:
- Long-sleeved shirt and pants
- PE shirt and pants
- PE shorts and shirt
- PE shorts and shirt

How can parents apply for the pack?
Parents apply for SSR uniforms by completing the online application form at www.education.vic.gov.au/SSR. The school will also provide assistance to parents with a valid email address. Parents should ensure all contact details are correct and complete.

Can parents who are ineligible for the Camp, Sports and Excursion Fund or who have children in other year levels receive assistance from SSR?
Yes. Applications for parents requiring financial assistance for clothing, textbooks or shoes can be submitted via the regular SSR process. However, SSR funding is limited and may not cover all costs.

Terms and conditions
- The SSR application is for a single uniform pack only.
- Each student is eligible for one uniform pack.
- The voucher includes the school uniform and PE uniform.
- A student who is absent for more than 10 days due to illness or death of a family member may be entitled to a new uniform.
- The voucher cannot be used for books or shoes.
- Each voucher specifies the individual items allowed.

Additional information
Parents: For SSR application details, please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/SSR

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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS MARKET

SATURDAY 19TH DECEMBER

IN THE

CHURCHILL HOTEL CARPARK

Over 45 stall selling fresh local Vegetables and Produce, Jams and Preservatives, Cakes as well as local Arts and Crafts, Plants and Trees, and Christmas Presents galore to buy and BEST OF ALL

8:30 until 1.30pm

SANTA WILL BE THERE

Kids write a letter to Santa and drop it in the post box at the Market, Santa will reply to all letters

Enjoy live music, jumping castle & Face Painting for the kids, lots of bargains, something for everyone and Great food

Egg & Bacon Sandwiches, Hamburger & hot Chips as well as delicious Baked Spuds, yummy Waffles, fresh coffee and more

All Proceeds made from the market goes to support our Churchill Community projects

For more information on market or Stall bookings contact: Bob Lowick on 0408 377 781

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