Message from our Campus Principal—Matt Jobling

**Parent/Teacher Conversations**

This semester’s Parent/Teacher Conversations will be held on **Thursday 15th September from 3.30pm - 7.30pm and also on Friday 16th September from 10.00am-1.00pm** in the Language Centre. Bookings need to be made through the Compass School Manager system. Anyone requiring help with this process can contact any of the College offices for assistance.

We strongly encourage students to accompany their parents to these conversations to help inform the discussion and enable clear understanding of progress to date and plans for the future. **Students will not be required at school on Friday 16th September unless they are attending with their parents for the Parent/Teacher conversations.**

Unfortunately we will have a number of staff unable to attend the parent teacher conversations due to leave, camp and personal reasons. There will be staff in the entrance area to provide assistance and also record any details of parents who would like an absent staff member to contact them.

**“Some people dream of success… while others wake up and work hard at it.” Winston Churchill**
Thinking Olympics

Our Year 7 students have been actively participating in the 2016 Thinking Olympics over the last couple of weeks and it has again proved to have been the highlight of the year for many of the students. A special thank you to all the staff led by Russell White for organising and supervising such an extensive program. More details will be included in the Year 7 section of this newsletter.

Finals Time

Many of our students and staff have been participating in finals competitions in a range of sports over the past few weeks. Some have been rewarded with individual achievements as well in terms of winning or placing in the Best & Fairest Awards. Congratulations to all competitors on their efforts and best wishes to those who are still to complete their finals.

Year 7 News ........

Awards

Congratulations to Alyssa Wells, Mckenzie Tingay and Jessica Houghton on receiving Platinum awards through the September Learning Behaviours. A Platinum award is provided to the students who have received a 4.0 average, meaning an Excellent in all learning areas. This is an outstanding achievement, and the first recipients of this award across our campus.

Attendance Awards.

This term we are also acknowledging the students who have had 100% attendance for the term. 100% attendance includes being in the classroom or other school based activities, and if students have been absent a medical certificate has been provided. We have 10 students who are receiving this award during this round. Congratulations to all.

Kurnai College Four Pillars

Engagement: We actively participate in our own learning
Excellence: We do the best that we can do
Work Ethic: We are committed to working hard
Relationships: We value and respect each other
Year 7 News ........

Hockey

Students over the last few weeks have been focusing on their hockey skills during PE lessons. This ended in a Hockey competition between house colours on the Hockey fields, an opportunity for students to showcase the skills they had learnt. Students displayed not only the ability to play hockey, but comradery and sense of team spirit. Congratulations to all who were involved.

Thinking Olympics

The year 7’s over the last two weeks have been competing in the recent thinking Olympics. We would like to congratulate the students on their attitudes, learning behaviours, and perseverance they have shown over the last couple of weeks during this session. An array of skills was displayed, and enjoyment throughout the various activities. A massive thankyou needs to be sent to Mr White for not only arranging the timetable, but ensuring each activity was well planned and enjoyed by all.

Contact Details

If you have any questions or concerns regarding year 7 students or programs, please don’t hesitate to email us or phone on 51323700
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Year 8 News ..........

With the recent reimplementation of the Reading Journals as part of silent reading, Year 8s have this week started using these to do prediction exercises as part of their work on developing effective reading strategies. This work will continue in term 4 and other effective reading strategies will be introduced through Team Time classes. As the school holidays approach, we encourage students to continue reading regularly up until and over the break.

In Team Time this week students enjoyed a relaxing session. Those who chose to participate were treated to a movie by the year 10 students as part of their fundraising efforts, and those who chose not to participate were also given some well earned down time in the library playing games and socialising.

In other Year 8 news, we would like to thank Sandra Treloar for her efforts this term. Sandra has done a great job filling in for Sarah Cohen over the course of term 3 and although it is farewell from the Year 8 office, we are glad to see Sandra taking on other roles at Kurnai Churchill throughout term 4. Sarah will be officially welcomed back at the beginning of term 4.

Right: Michelle, Hayden and Will perfecting their Wii Sports skills.

Below: A nice way to relax at the end of another term.

PBS Raffle

Reece Adams has won the latest PBS raffle draw for Year 8. Reece has displayed a behaviour from the four pillars of Kurnai College - Relationships, Engagement, Work Ethic or Excellence which was recognised by a teacher.
The year 8 team will soon be including a selection of prizes for our weekly raffle so the winner will get a choice in what they win. The selection will include goodies such as canteen vouchers and other surprises. All the more reason for students to get their tickets in the PBS box and make sure they are in the draw to win.
Thinking Olympics

The Year 8 ALPs students have been helping with running activities in the annual Thinking Olympics over the last two weeks. This event is organised by Russell White every year for the year 7 cohort. These students were lucky enough to be participants in this fun event last year and were this year giving back by helping run and judge some of the activities. Many thanks from the Year 8 team to those students who helped out and well done to Mr. White for running another successful Thinking Olympics.

Combination Locks

This week students in Year 8 have been issued with a combination lock for their locker. These combination locks have been assigned to the students for their time whilst at Kurnai College. By using these combination locks we will no longer need staff to cut locks from lockers when students forget their combinations or lose a key. If a student forgets their combination they just need to see either Lindy Gumpold (Year 8 Team Leader) or Sarah Cohen (Assistant Year 8 Team Leader) for their combinations. The feedback from students about these combination locks has been positive and has also provided a timely opportunity to check that each Year 8 student has their own locker.

September Progress Reports

The September progress reports have shown that a number of Year 8s have improved from their previous progress reports. The students who achieved from 3.2 – 3.49 as an average on their progress reports have been acknowledged with a Certificate of Achievement. Gold Achievement certificates were awarded to those students who achieved 3.5 or higher as an average on their progress reports. The top 10 Year 8 students who showed improvement have been awarded a Most Improved Recognition Award. Congratulations to all Year 8 students who have been working to consistently demonstrate a positive work ethic, attitudes towards others and ongoing engagement towards their studies.

Gold Achievement Award

- Vincent Schoutens
- Oscar Ewen
- Declan Doller
- Ruby Kypriotis
- Brodie Cook
- Nic McCartney
- Sydney Simpson
- Mekaela Wendlandt
- Antonio Cardillo
- Milly Bolton
- Brad Scholten
- Matthew Ounjit
- Shelby Love

A reminder to call our ABSENCE HOTLINE 5132 3711 preferably before 9am 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.
Certificate of Achievement

- Jade Davies
- Carly Caldwell
- Jade Miller
- Regan Sultana
- Taneesha Catton
- Tim Hutchinson
- William Richards
- Jarryd Xuereb
- Kaylah Liddy
- Ruby Reilly
- Sophia Scholes
- Meg Dunn
- Milla Samson
- Mitchell Bremner
- Samantha Wakefield
- Shayla Britten

Most Improved Recognition Award

- Ben Kowal
- Hayden Weir
- Abby Silvester
- Harry Daddo
- Caleb Bell
- Adrian Lawrence
- Baylen Riley
- Cayden Marriott
- Ethan Tunny
- Gypsie Griffiths
- Hannah Langhans
- Jacob Wilson
- Makaylah Rimmer
- Mason Porykali
- Michael Caldwell
- Reese Adams

Attendance Award

The Attendance Award is awarded to those students who have achieved 100% attendance since the issuing of the last Progress Reports. The recipients of this award are:

- Antonio Cardillo
- Milly Bolton
- Nick Alston
- Brad Scholten

Congratulations on a fantastic effort and we hope that you continue to take this positive approach to your learning by maintaining your 100% attendance record.

School Magazine

If people wish to purchase the school magazine, the cost is $15.00 and it must be paid by the end of this term. If you wish to use a credit, please notify the school.
Year 9 News

General News

Congratulations to all the students who have improved their overall Learning Behaviour averages. Reports went live on Compass last Friday. Please have a look at your child’s report and speak with them about any areas where improvement may still be achieved. Award Certificates will be going out during an end of term celebration. It has been a great term with lots of positive things happening at both the school and out on excursions/camps.

This Progress Report Round’s Award Winners are

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Naplan

NAPLAN results should have been received over the past few weeks. If you have not received your child’s NAPLAN results please contact us and we shall endeavour to solve the issue and get a copy for your records.
Peer Support

Camp permission forms have now been given to students eligible to take part in the 3-Day leadership camp.

The forms mention that the cost of this camp is $230. We hope to do some fundraising prior to the camp to bring this cost down. Peer Support classes will officially begin during Headstart on December and our student leaders will begin working with Grade 6 students transitioning to Kurnai College.

Reminders

Please remind each student that they need to
- be at school by 8:25 am. Form Group silent reading starts at 8:30 am.
- bring a device to class (please contact us if you need some support).
- arrive to all classes ready to learn with all of the correct equipment.
- wear the accepted articles of clothing please. Hoodies are not part of the uniform.

Team Members

This year the Year 9 team members are: Josh Garth (Team Leader and Health/PE), Sheryl Tangi (Assistant Team Leader and Maths / Science), Andy Leeson (Health / PE and Outdoor Education), Dave Frendo (Technology), Robin Fitzpatrick (Health/ PE and Science) and Olivia Wall (English and Humanities).

Have a safe and happy break and we will see everyone for another great term starting 3rd October.

Contact Details

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End of Term 3

As we end another term we would like to thank all of the year 10 students for the hard work and effort that they have displayed. We would like to remind all students that they must complete work for a range of subjects over the holidays, including their oral presentations for English. Students will be presenting week 1 of term 4.

Have a safe and restful holiday and we look forward to seeing all students Term 4.

Business Lunches

Throughout term 4 students will have the opportunity to participate in business lunches. These lunches provide students with the opportunity to talk about careers with a range of industry employees. More details will be provided to students and parents early term 4.

VET Courses

Students who have selected a VET course for 2017 will need to provide the school with a USI number. Information on how to obtain this number has now gone home with students. Once you have obtained the USI number please email the school using the email address provided on the information sheet. If you have any difficulty in completing this process please contact a member of the year 10 team for assistance.

Central Australia and Camp

Students will be returning from their respective camps this Friday and the following Wednesday. The camps have been a fantastic learning opportunity for all students involved and we would like to thank the students for their participation.

Kurnai Idol

Year 10 students are encouraged to sign up for the Kurnai Idol competition. Sign-up sheets can be found outside the music room or alternatively you can email Mr. Bonnici via Compass. Good Luck to all students participating.
Kurnai College Music *What’s Happening* …..

**College Concert – Monday 17\(^{th}\) October**

6:30pm at Kurnai College Morwell Campus

All student ensembles that participated in the On The Road Again Primary Schools tour and the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod will be presenting their works to the College community. Each ensemble features students from every campus, displaying a variety of musical genres from all mediums of where music is used. The night will also feature a number of items from one of our year 12 VCE vocal solo student and her accompanists.

**Kurnai Idol – Campus Heats and Grand Final**

The door is open for all students from across Kurnai College to participate in this annual event. Students perform at their home campuses for the first three weeks of term 4, where the final three from each campus then perform against each other in the Grand Final.

Students can still sign up by either placing their names on the signup sheets placed in the music rooms, or by emailing their interest to participate to Mr Bonnici via Compass.

University Campus will commence the heats during the lunchbreak of the first Monday of school.

All participants are to vocally present a new item in every heat with either a backing track or a student accompanying on either piano or guitar. Those that make it to the Grand Final will need to present two items, one of which must feature a student accompanist. All are welcome to attend the Grand Final - Monday 24\(^{th}\) October, 6:30pm at Kurnai College Churchill Campus.

**Kurnai College Junior Campus Performances**

Monday Weeks 6 /7 - 6:30pm at each Junior Campus

Featuring campus ensembles and individuals from the host campuses and guest VCE Music Performance students. All welcome to attend.

**Kurnai College Awards**

Monday 12 December - time to be confirmed

Invited students will participate in this first ever College Awards celebration with fellow Performing Arts students.

**Performance on-campus**

Students undertaking the year 9/10 Music Elective class presented a lunchtime concert, featuring works that they as a class have chosen. Fellow students gathered around the band singing along with the band. There was a positive vibe throughout the performance. This was a fitting way to conclude the student musical presentations and the end of term.

**Fundraising**

The collection of bagged Aluminum drink cans can be placed at the front office and mention that it's for Music.
Kurnai Idol 2016
A Vocal and Accompanist Competition.

Do you have what it takes?

Signup sheet outside music room or email Mr. Bonnici via Compass

- Heats during lunchtime weeks 1, 2 and 3 at each campus

- Require items with backing track and a Kurnai College student accompanist

Grand Final
Monday
26th October @ 7PM
# Calendar of Excursions / Camps

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The School of Hard Knocks and Latrobe Valley Community Choir proudly present

**NO EXCUSES!**

No Excuses! is a new song suite, composed by Christina Green and Dr Kathleen McGuire for the School of Hard Knocks, focusing upon family violence and domestic abuse, with real stories of struggle and inspirational resilience as shared by women from Melbourne’s western suburbs. Audiences will be empowered by messages of solidarity and hope.

You are invited to an informative session about the No Excuses! Latrobe Valley Project which aims to bring a sense of respect, peace and hope to many communities struggling to come to terms with family violence.

**WEDNESDAY 12th October 2016 4:30 - 5:15pm**  
Venue: The Latrobe Room  
Traralgon Library  
Kay Street Traralgon  

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Tineke Westwood: 0427 955 009 or Jane Barr: 0428 325 003
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Monday, September 19, 2016

Churchill Tennis Club
Get Fit - Play Tennis Round Robin & Tournament
Monday, Sept 19, 2016 - 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Beginners entry Form

Never played before?
Come along and have a go in a relaxed and friendly environment.
Racquets and balls supplied.

9.00 am - 11.00 am
Non-competition players
(have never played competition before
or played Section 8 and 9 in Latrobe Valley
Tennis Association or C Grade and B2 in
Loy Yang Tennis Association).

11.30 am - 3.00 pm
Competition Players
To Register:
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In Years 7-10, students miss on average almost a week every term – that’s four weeks of school per year.

Going to school every day is the single most important part of a child’s education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it’s important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Students develop good habits by going to school every day – habits that are necessary to succeed after school, whether in the workplace or in further study.

Missing school can have a big impact on students academically and socially. It can affect their test results, including VCE, and, just as importantly, it can affect their relationships with other students, and lead to social isolation.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

It’s never too late to improve attendance – going to school more often can lead to better outcomes. Even at Year 9, when attendance rates are lowest, going to school more often can make a big difference. Every day counts. Schools are there to help – if you’re having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address those issues.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they’re ill. It’s vital that they’re only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

“Day off” – Think twice before letting your child have a “day off” as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – When students choose not to go to school without their parent’s permission. There can be many reasons for truancy, the best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

While all absences are bad for academic performance, unexcused absences are a much stronger indicator of lower reading and maths achievement.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.
- Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.
- Openly communicating with your child’s school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your year level coordinator, principal or other relevant staff member know so you can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx