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**Message from our Campus Principal—Matt Jobling**

“Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending.”

*Maria Robinson*

**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.
Message from our Principal continues........

Year 10 Students Course Counselling

Last week the Year 10 students participated in their course counseling in preparation for their move to the senior campus for 2017. The event has had a lot of positive feedback especially from the University Campus in how well it ran and for the support of parents and preparation of the students. Thank you to all families who were able to be present and also the staff involved led by Nicole Ashton in the organisation and support of the students.

Camps and Events

Our Year 9 students had a great camp in Melbourne CBD recently with staff commending them on their positive behavior and approach to the many experiences and activities they encountered.

Our Year 10 students are heading to Central Australia next week and another cohort are flying to China for a study tour. We wish all of the students and staff safe travelling and look forward to hearing about all their wonderful experiences when they return.

Our Year 7 cohort are looking forward to next week undertaking the Thinking Championships that is an annual highlight of being a Year 7 student at Churchill Campus.

Our Music students have been very busy performing at local primary schools and competing at the LV Eisteddfod and receiving rave reviews which has encouraged all those students who have been diligently practicing over the year.

More reports of these events are included later in this newsletter or will be in upcoming editions.
Year 7 News ........

I wish to begin by congratulating all students who over the last couple of weeks have participated on behalf of Kurnai in the Athletics competition, and in the local Eisteddfod. Not only have these students exemplified Kurnai outside of the college, but also when they returned, to ensure they were caught up with class work, and up to date with their teachers. Congratulations to all involved.

Thinking Olympics

Starting this Monday and running for the last two weeks of term, all the Year 7’s will be taking part in our annual Thinking Olympics. The Thinking Olympics requires all students to work in groups with others they wouldn't normally work with, whilst representing a country. In their country groups students compete against the other countries at a range of activities including Master Inventor, Memory Games, Orienteering, Maths Pentathlon, sports, art, etc. The activities are designed to apply the skills students have learnt in their core classes, in a more interactive ‘fun’ environment. Countries are competing for medals with the overall winner as well as outstanding individuals earning prizes. If parents/family members would like to be involved, please feel free to come and see our Pentathalon (Thursday 8th), Theatre sports/Ad. Making finals (P3 and 5 Wed 14th), or our presentations during (Thursday 15th P4). We ask that you please make contact with either Celeste Hardy or Russel White prior to the event you wish to partake in.

Australian Mathematics Competition

Recently the ALPs class participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition. All the students achieved good results, however three students; Jeremy Courtis, Tristen Waack and Breanna Ameerbeg performed extremely well achieving distinctions. This puts these three in the top 15 percentile of those students who completed the competition across Australia. Students have been working very thoroughly in their Core classes, completing various elements of work. Please see images for some of the outstanding completed work examples. Well done to everyone.
Year 7 News ..........

STUDENT PROFILE:

Hayley Donnelly

Chosen: For representing school values and being friendly to everybody.

Favourite subject: Drama

Challenging subject: Science

Favourite teacher: Mrs. Gruis

Why do you like school: because different subjects and there is different teachers

Music Performances

Across these past two weeks, the Kurnai music students participated in 9 performances with each at a different school. These schools included; Morwell park, Yinnar south PS, Churchill PS, Churchill North PS, Hazelwood north PS, Boolarra PS, Commercial Road PS, and Morwell PS. The music included a choir, a drum line, the concert band, guitar ensemble, and a Piano Accordion. The Kurnai music participants had a really good time playing and supporting the set up and pack up of all elements related to music. This week various students are competing in the eisteddfod, we wish those students luck.

The Number Grid Puzzle

“Check in with your student for strategies to solve this problem”

Write the numbers 1 through 8 in the circles of the grid shown in the illustration so that no two numbers inside circles joined by a line differ by 1. For example, if you put a 4 in the top circle, you cannot put a 3 or a 5 in any of the circles in the row directly below it because each of those three circles is joined to the top one by a line.

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 ..........

As the end of term 3 approaches, the Year 8 team of teachers encourages students to reflect on how far they have come this year and remind them to stay focused in the lead up to the holidays. There has been significant improvements in the approach that students are taking to silent reading and other year 8 activities recently throughout term 3. In the final two weeks of the term students need to maintain this focus and not drop the ball. Students are reminded that the next round of progress reports will be completed by teachers during this time.

In other news, the year 8 team has this week re-introduced the reading log book. Students are to complete this activity at the end of each morning’s silent reading session as a way of tracking and monitoring their reading habits. Further to this, we have also been using the Team Time to practice effective reading techniques such as prediction.

PBS Raffle

Thomas Lade has won the latest PBS raffle draw for Year 8. Tom has displayed a behavior from the four pillars of Kurnai College Relationships—Engagement, Work Ethic or Excellence which was recognized 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.

Devices

A reminder to all year 8 students that devices are part of the required equipment for school and that phones are not recognised by the Kurnai college ICT policy as being a part of the BYOD program. Accepted devices include tablets and laptops.

In order to fully participate in a 21st century learning environment, students need to be able to access digital resources and platforms during classes. The most reliable and efficient way for them to do this is by having their own fully functioning device with them at the beginning of each applicable class.
Cordial Club

The Cordial Club continues to run from Monday—Thursday starting at 3:00pm and running until 4:00 in the school library. Students are provided with a drink and snack, and are supervised by one of our staff. This is a great opportunity for students to catch up on any work they are behind on, or just to get some extra help if they need it. Students have full access to library resources including, text books and computers.

Punctuality

It is important that students remain punctual throughout the school day. There have been a number of year 8 students recorded as being late to class recently. A large fraction of these incidents are occurring between periods 3 & 4 and after the lunch break. Students are reminded they need to have their equipment with them for both periods three and four at the beginning of period 3 and should not be returning to their lockers in between classes. They should also be getting a drink or visiting the toilet before the end of lunch time bell so they are in class by the time the second bell has gone.

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 went on the Melbourne camp. All of the students and staff had a great time as shown in the photos below. Currently, the students are working hard towards their next progress reports. Each student is working on a goal they developed with their mentor to improve their Learning Behaviour score from the last report to the next one. These progress reports will be published before the Parent/teacher interviews at the end of the term.

Melbourne Discovery

The students had a great time at Melbourne Camp! They took part in a range of activities including:

* Rock wall climbing
* Ice skating
* Eureka Sky Deck
* Glow golf
* MCG Tour
* Amazing Race
* Melbourne Star

The camp was very successful and the students were organised and well behaved.
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.

PBS

Many students have received postcards for displaying consistent behaviours for the four school pillars of Excellence, Relationships, Work Ethic and Engagement. Many of the students have also received the new slips recently for showing positive behaviours re the school matrix. Congratulations to all of the students who have received postcards for their demonstration of one or more of the school pillars over the past few weeks. The winner of the PBS raffle movie ticket for last week was Chloe Answerth who is a very deserving recipient.

Contact Details

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Year 9 students please don’t hesitate to e-mail us or phone on 51323700

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tangi.sheryl.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

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
Course Counselling

Thank you to all of the parents and students for your involvement in the course counselling process and the VCAL interviews. It was great to see students thinking about their future courses and pathways.

All course selection sheets have now been taken to the University Campus. If you have concerns around the course that has been selected or would like to change the order of subject preferences please contact Nicole Ashton and this information will be forwarded to the University Campus.

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 will be going home with students this week. 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.

Federation University Outreach Excursion

On Thursday all year 10 students attended the outreach day at Federation University. The students were able to familiarise themselves with the campus throughout the day and identify some of the supports provided to students attending Federation University.

During the day students participated in a lecture and a scavenger hunt. The year 10 team would like to thank the students for their fantastic behaviour and participation throughout the day.

A reminder to call our absence hotline 51323711 preferably before 9.00 am 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.
Federation University Outreach Excursion

Central Australia Camp

There will be a meeting this Wednesday to finalise details for the Central Australia Camp. If you have a child attending the camp please ensure that their luggage is packed in a soft bag (no cases). Students should also clearly label any medication required. All medication must be handed to the teacher in charge before departure.

**The bus will depart from the Churchill Campus at 5.30am. Please arrive 15 minutes before departure time.**

Camp Week

Due to a reduced number of students during camp weeks, only 3 of the 4 Core classes will be running. Students who are currently in 10D will be placed in one of the other three forms for the last 2 weeks.

During this time all students will be continuing on with work from their Core classes and electives. If you have any queries or concerns regarding this change please contact Nicole Ashton.
Kurnai College Music *What’s Happening ......*

**Performance review... On The road Again AND Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod**

This year, all students enrolled in the music program at all campuses and undertaking VCE Music Performance have combined forces to perform at the College’s annual On The Road Again Primary Schools Tour and the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod.

The College ensembles consisted of Choir, Concert Band, Guitar Ensemble and KP NoiseMakers. Each ensemble consisted of students from each campus, who were diligently preparing at their individual campuses and periodically congregated at Churchill campus to work with students from the other campuses.

The repertoire prepared by each ensemble have collectively created the theme for the primary school performances of *Where Music is Used*, through National Anthems, Film, Popular and Symphonic music, as well as Cultural and Festive songs.

In the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod, Choir performed in the two sections, receiving a second and third placing. The Concert Band, KP NoiseMakers and Guitar Ensemble performed in the Secondary Schools Ensemble section, where a 4th, 2nd and 1st placing were received.

Numerous accolades were received by numerous individuals, including the organisers of the eisteddfod on our presentations and student conduct.

The students should be very proud of the journey that they have embarked with their music presentations. Preparing and performing as One College has allowed others to see that work that is occurring at Kurnai College.

Student Quotes when asked: *What did you learn / enjoy about the whole preparation and performance experience*

Harry Sands “getting the little kids all excited in listening to the music... working with students from other campuses”

Amber Jones “learned and enjoyed in getting out of my comfort zone”

**Fundraising**

The collection of bagged Aluminum drink cans can be placed at the front office and mention that it’s for Music.
VCAL Fundraising

The VCAL class have been organising and running fund raisers to meet their outcomes. So far students have run a sausage sizzle and free dress day and a pizza day. The proceeds from the pizza day were given to the Royal Children's Hospital whilst the sausage sizzle proceeds will be put towards reducing the cost for the year 10 formal. Students have had to organise a lot of different things to make the day work including; advertising, cooking and ordering food. We would like to thank all of our families and students in helping to support our students in achieving their outcomes and we are looking forward to our movie fundraiser which will occur later this term.

Music Fundraising

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Dairy Assistance Payment now available

As part of the Victorian Government’s dairy assistance package, students with parents in the dairy farm industry can benefit from a one-off payment through the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Students currently enrolled in government and non-government schools whose parents own, share-farm or lease a dairy farm business; or those people whose primary occupation is working on a dairy farm, are eligible for the payment. The school will need to ensure that evidence is provided with applications and record how the funding has been allocated for each individual student.

Consistent with the 2016 CSEF Drought response, the CSEF Dairy Assistance funding is paid to the school that the student attends to be used towards camps, sports, excursion and/or other education expenses for the benefit of the eligible student. These guidelines only apply to the Dairy Assistance funding (not the CSEF payment which was paid separately and is subject to CSEF policy). Families who received the means-tested CSEF payment are also eligible.

Families that have previously qualified for the CSEF Drought assistance funding are not able to also access the CSEF Dairy assistance funding.

A once-off amount of $375 per student will be paid to the school that the student is currently enrolled at the start of Term 3 2016. To apply for the CSEF Dairy Assistance, parents are to complete an application form and return it to their school office by 18 November 2016.

A reminder to call our absence hotline 51323711 preferably before 9.00 am 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.
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**Premium Quality Schoolwear...... That Lasts**

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HOLIDAY PROGRAM
FOR 5-12 YEAR OLDS
Monday 26th to Friday 30th Sept
10am-Noon daily
Activities, Games, Building, Morning Tea
Co-operating Churches
Crn William Ave & McDonald Way
FREE EVENT
Call Cathie on 51223094 to book places

Music Playgroup

A fun session of music, dancing and story-telling for preschoolers and their parents/care givers!

When: Monday - September 19, 2016
       10.30-12 noon
Where: Cooperating churches of Churchill,
       1 Williams Ave, Churchill
Cost: Free

For more information, email Brenda Burney:
       bbbeans59@hotmail.com
or phone: 5122 1480
Hosted by the Cooperating Churches of
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Get Fit - Play Tennis

ROUND ROBIN and TOURNAMENT
Manning Drive, Churchill

Monday, September 19, 2016

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:
Fill in the Entry Form and Mail to:
PO Box Box 270, Churchill 3842
by Thursday, September 15, 2016
Entry Forms are also available at
www.cdnews.com.au

Churchill Tennis Club
Get Fit - Play Tennis Round Robin & Tournament
Monday, Sept 19, 2016 - 9.00 am - 11.00 am
Beginners entry Form

Churchill Tennis Club
Get Fit - Play Tennis Round Robin & Tournament
Monday, Sept 19, 2016 - 11.30 am - 3.00 pm
Competition entry Form

Heaps of trophies to be won
School Holiday Fun

Sausage Sizzle

Churchill & District News
"Connecting Your Community"

Lucky Door Prizes

For Further information contact
Carol Scott 0409 326 769
Entries close Thursday, Sept 15, 2016
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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:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

- 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