Message from our Campus Principal—Matt Jobling

Building Students’ Learning Power—A Workshop for Parents and Students

On Wednesday 16th November renowned educational presenter James Anderson will be holding an evening for parents and/or students to share how to improve their learning power. James has presented at professional learning sessions for many of the schools in our area and the feedback from our own staff is that he is an engaging and inspiring presenter with great strategies and approaches to improve learning for individuals of any age. James will be presenting at Boolarra Primary school and details including ticket arrangements can be found in a flyer toward the end of this newsletter. This is a great opportunity to hear about how we can all support our students to develop the habits and mindset to enable powerful learning for life.
Big Day Out

The College Big Day Out was held at the Churchill Leisure Centre recently with a fun day full of positive and healthy activities. Organised by the students for the students and introduced by the Year 12 student leaders there was a lot of excitement and energy as the day kicked off. Student participation was very high with large numbers especially for the Dodge-Ball and Sh'bam. Amongst the other activities on offer were Boxercise, Yoga, and Meditation. A market area provided a range of stalls and connected students with a lot of youth agencies as well as College support services. Music was provided in the main stadium by a DJ (Glen from Almost Anywhere Entertainment) and former local, now Melbourne based musician Emily Murdica performed near the market area entertaining the students and staff with guitar and vocals. Toward the end of the day the staff v Year 12 students’ dodge-ball game drew the biggest crowd for the day with non-stop action and raucous cheering. Congratulations to everyone who contributed to the organisation and running of the day and for the students getting involved to make it such a success.
Year 7 News ..........

General News:

The first 4 weeks have flown which only leaves another 5 weeks of year 7 before we will sadly send our awesome cohort on to begin year 8 classes during headstart before the Christmas holidays. We still have a lot of things happening at year 7, immunisations have just been, the drama play is coming up, learning behaviour updates are due to be released, teachers are beginning to think about end of year reports and the year 7 students will spend a day celebrating the completion of their first year of secondary school on the 1st of December.

Humanities

During a study of economics students have been investigating their choices as a consumer. Students have been studying the choices producers need to make, and how/why certain items change price throughout the season. Students have now begun asking questions about advertising, and how they are influenced as a consumer. This includes looking at locations of products in a supermarket, product placement on TV and in Movies, as well as target audiences and key terms that relate to this subject. We encourage you to have a conversation with your student regarding these key terms and what is being studied in the class.

Chinese

In Chinese students are learning the topic "clothes" this term. In this topic, students are learning some common clothes and accessories. Students are developing the skills to form some simple questions and statements regarding clothes preferences. There is also going to be a fashion parade later in the term.

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 ..........

Problem of the Week

HOW MANY MINUTES?

How many minutes is it until six o'clock if fifty minutes ago it was four times as many minutes past three o'clock?

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
malcolmson.reece.r@edumail.vic.gov.au
hardy.celeste.n@edumail.vic.gov.au
Year 8 News ...........

Teachers have been busy completing the Learning Behaviour Reports for all students. These reports will allow you to check on how your child is progressing with their work habits in all classes. Please take the opportunity to discuss these reports with your child and make contact with teachers to discuss any concerns that you may have regarding your child’s progress.

Kurnai’s Big Day Out

The following is a report on the Big Day Out by Hayley Sheers and Meg Dunn:

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Celebration Day

BBQ lunch at the Gippsland Immigration Park. On Thursday 1st December the Year 8 students will have the opportunity to watch a private screening of the movie ‘Middle School: The Worst Years of my Life’ before its general release to the public in January. The students will soon be bringing home the permission form for this activity which will need to be returned as soon as possible. Cost for the bus hire, movie, soft drink and popcorn and the BBQ lunch is $15 per student.

PBS Raffle

Taneesha Catton has received the PBS raffle draw prize for Week 4 of term 4. Taneesha displayed a behaviour from the Four Pillars – Relationships, Engagement, Excellence, or Work Ethic, which was recognised by a teacher. A reminder to all Year 8 students that when they receive a ticket that they need to write their name on the ticket and then place it into the PBS box, which is located in the Library, so that they are in the running for the Weekly Movie Ticket draw.

Year 8 Technology

In Year 8 Technology the students are currently working on designing and making a tank using wood. The students are using a plan to cut out the pieces required for the tank and then sanding the wood to give their models the curves needed. This task is what the students are working on throughout term 4.

Team Time

This week, in Team Time, the Year 8 students have started learn about Memory, in particular working memory. So far the students have had to try and work out whether their visual memory is better than their auditory memory. Most students have realised that they need to work on developing their auditory memory. Over the next couple of weeks, in Team Time, Year 8 students will participate in activities which are aimed at trying to help them improve their ability to remember ‘things’.

Silent Reading

The Year 8 students are continuing to make great strides with their silent reading during morning Form Group. The students are continuing to write about their predictions of the story or article before they start reading. A student from each of the core classes has also taken on the responsibility of making sure that the students within their core class each have their Reading Journal at the start of Form Group time.

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.
Year 9 News

Exams

Please be aware that all Year 9 students have a Maths and English exam to start to prepare for that will take place in week 8 on Tuesday the 22nd November. All students are allowed to have their Maths workbook in their exam and each student needs have a calculator of their own to use.

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 Head-start in December and our student leaders will begin working with Grade 6 students transitioning to Kurnai College.

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).

Big Day Out

The students that attended the Big Day Out on Tuesday 18th October had a great time. They took part in a number of activities during the day and enjoyed a BBQ lunch. We were all very proud of how well the students behaved during the day.

Year 9 Transition

The Year 9 Orientation Day yesterday went extremely well. The students that attended the day were able to go on a tour of the campus and then they all went to three sessions about the VCE subjects they are interested in doing next year. During the last session they were asked to put in their preferences marked 1, 2 and 3. These sheets are being sent home in the next few days for parent approval of student choices. Please return the sheets a.s.a.p. so we can form the classes for 2017. The VCE subjects that are offered to the Churchill students are Art, Information Technology, Food Technology, Outdoor and Environmental Studies, Theatre Studies, Legal Studies, Visual Communication, Psychology and Media.

Locks for Year 9

All Year 9 students have been given a combination padlock for use whilst they are at the Churchill Campus. Please take time to learn how to use these locks. Students are responsible for their own lock and for keeping their codes confidential. If their lock is damaged or lost, there will be a cost of $10 to replace it.
Year 10 News ..........

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We are quickly coming towards the end of year 10 and the weeks seem to be rapidly disappearing. We would like to encourage all students to continue to work hard in all of their classes and check with all of their teachers to make sure that they have completed the set tasks before exams.

AGL Business Lunch

Unfortunately the AGL business lunch was cancelled this Wednesday. This lunch will be rescheduled at a later date.

Inspiring Young People

20 year 10 students will be going to the Italian Australian Club today to network with a range of industry people. The students will be bused to the Italian Australian Club where they will have lunch and the opportunity to sit with industry people and ask questions. The students will return to school by bus at 2pm. We would like to encourage all students involved to make the most of this opportunity and to enjoy the day.

Sexting Presentation

The Victorian Police came to the school on the 26th of October and presented information to the year 10 students on sexting and online safety. The presentation was very informative and the students that I spoke with at the end of the presentation felt that it was very valuable. We would like to congratulate the students on the way that they conducted themselves during the presentation.

The Big Day Out

All three Kurnai Campuses came together on the 18th of October for the Big Day Out. The event was a huge success. It was fantastic to see students from all three campuses forming friendships that will assist students with their transition to the University Campus. We would like to thank the students for their participation throughout the day.

Year 10 Exams

Year 10 Exams will commence on the 21st of November to the 24th of November. We encourage all students to use this opportunity to improve their skills. An exam timetable will be posted in closer to the date.

Formal Fundraiser

Formal notices will be coming home with students this week. Students need to return a signed permission form along with $32 to the office. We would like to thank the VCAL class for all of the work that they have done in reducing the cost of the tickets through fundraising and negotiating prices with the venue. We would also like to thank the Latrobe Convention Centre for working with our students and making this an enjoyable learning experience.

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.
# Calendar of Excursions / Camps

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The Arts Are Alive at Kurnai / Churchill

Don't miss the second annual KURNAI/CHURCHILL ARTS FESTIVAL, featuring the student works in painting, drawing, food, furniture, sculpture, theatre, and music.

THE ART SHOW opens the festival on Thursday, November 10 at 6 pm in the Language Center. The art program at Kurnai/Churchill is firing with exciting works of painting, sculpture, and drawing. The cooking department is working on the art of cakes and will present inspiring work. Wood and metal feature in the art of furniture and sculpture.

On the same night, November 10 at 7 pm, Year 9 theatre students present a wild adaptation of INTO THE WOODS. This is an ambitious undertaking, the story of a host of fairy tale characters in a modern tale of dreams and coming of age with music and puppets.

The heart of the festival is the campus MUSIC CONCERT on Monday November 14 at 6.30 pm. This features ALL of the musicians across the campus in a night of great music and entertainment. Always an exciting event, this year's concert promises to the best ever.

In the second week, on Thursday November 17 at 7pm, year 10 theatre students present COSI, one of the most important Australian plays. It's a story of a young man who gets a job to direct a play in an insane asylum during the tumultuous 60's. It's a fantastic story, a hilarious comedy about love and fidelity.

The grand finale is on Wednesday November 23 at 7 pm. Year 7 and 8 theatre student present a range of original plays, written and devised by themselves. These plays are funny and serious and thoroughly entertaining.

While the FESTIVAL lasts for two weeks, THE ART SHOW will be on display from November 10 to November 17. It will be open on the nights of the plays as well as during the days of the week.

THE ARTS ARE ALIVE AT KURNAI/CHURCHILL. It's a whole range of art, music, and theatre which expresses the passion and skill of student artists here at KURNAI/CHURCHILL!!!
Traralgon College presents ‘Most Likely To Succeed’

OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM WAS DESIGNED IN 1893.

'Most Likely to Succeed' is an inspirational film that explores the possibilities of education when we provide opportunities for students to have strong student agency over their learning. ‘Most Likely to Succeed’ looks at how one school has adopted a fresh approach to educating their students with great results.

It explores the possibilities of how learning environments, building on passion and expertise, giving students a voice and leveraging partnerships with parents and school community, can have a positive impact on student learning. This award winning film reaffirms some of the great things we are doing in our schools, and raises questions about what else can be done to provide our students with the best education.

Please note: This film contains profanity so it not suitable for primary school aged children

For further information on the film, please visit http://www.mitsfilm.org/

Where: Premiere Function Centre Traralgon
When: Wednesday 30th November       Time: 7pm– 9.30pm
Viewing of the documentary and panel discussion on the impacts for schooling now and into the future.

Why: Fundraiser to enable Traralgon College to explore other learning opportunities for students.

Cost: $15 per ticket       Drinks at bar prices

Sponsored by: Premiere Function Centre and DE&T
Save the Date

December 12, 2016

10am—2pm

Kurnai College Awards Ceremony

You are invited!
Dear Parent/Guardian,

[INSERT NAME OF ATTENDEE] has been invited to attend the Turning Ideas into Action - Youth Forum.

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The Youth Affairs Council Victoria (YACVic) in partnership with Victoria Government is holding a series of youth forums to hear from young people on topics that matter most to them.

When: 4.6 pm on Thursday 3rd November 2016.

Where: Latrobe Community Health Service, 81 – 83 Buckley Street, Morwell (Training Room- upstairs).

Safety: The forum is a drug free, smoke free and alcohol free event.

Content: The content of these forums will be focused around local issue identification, idea/solution generation, advocacy and civic engagement.

Transportation: YACVic is not responsible for transportation of young people to this event but is working with local youth services, community groups and schools to provide group transportation options.

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PARENTAL CONSENT
I give consent for them to attend this Turning Ideas into Action - Youth Forum.

Signature: ____________________________

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MEDIA RELEASE

I give consent for the electronic recording of them in photographic, video, audio or any other formats. I understand that photographs or other electronic recordings may be used by Youth Affairs Council Victoria (YACVic) and the Office for Youth, or other media organizations (newspapers & television) publications, broadcasts and websites without acknowledgment and without entitlement to remuneration or compensation.

Signature: ____________________________

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TRANSPORTATION

I understand that transport arrangements to and from is the responsibility of the school/youth service provider (or myself) and give ____________________________ permission to transport them to this event.

Signature: ____________________________

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MEDICAL

In the case of a medical emergency I give consent for the adult supervisor in charge to authorise such emergency treatment as is deemed necessary to be administered to them.

Medical contact: ______________________ Medical conditions/allergies if any: ______________________

Signature: ____________________________

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CONTACT DETAILS

Attendee’s name/s: ______________________

Name (Parent/Guardian): ______________________ Parent/Guardian mobile number: ______________________

Parent/Guardian address: ______________________

Signature: ______________________ Date: ______________________

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Please complete and return the attached form to

If no one is listed above please email it to rural@yacvic.org.au or hand it in upon arrival at the event.

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Should you have any further queries, please feel free to contact me. Kind regards,

Andy Bell, Rural Manager - Youth Affairs Council Victoria

Level 3, 180 Flinders St, Melbourne, VIC 3000 Ph: (03) 9267 3715 Email: rural@yacvic.org.au
MORWELL HIGH SCHOOL

60 YEAR

DIAMOND REUNION

SUNDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER 2016

Kernot Hall Morwell
(parking at Mid Valley)

TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS $15 www.mhsdiamondreunion.com

(includes afternoon tea and entry into the prize draw)

Photos to research@morwellhistoricalsociety.org.au

Food and drinks available

For more information and program:
www.mhsdiamondreunion.com
Family Fishing Day

Saturday 5 November 2016
10am - 2pm

Families are invited to join staff from Relationships Australia Victoria and volunteers from Churchill and District News for a barbecue lunch and a junior fishing competition. You don’t need to be a fishing expert – we will have plenty of helpers on hand to show you the ropes.

This is a great opportunity for parents and children to spend time together, learn new skills and have a whole lot of fun!

Where          Lake Hyland Mathison Park,
                Mackeys Road, Churchill

Cost            $2.50 per child / $6 families

All children under 18 years must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times. Limited bait and tackle are available.

This project is funded by the Victorian Government using Recreational Fishing Licence fees.

Come along and throw your line in to catch the biggest fish!

Competition open to children aged 5 to 17.

- Plenty of prizes!
- Mystery weight
- Lucky door prizes

For further information, contact Relationships Australia Victoria’s Traralgon office by calling (03) 5175 9500.
# Kurnai College

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**Official Uniform Supplier of Kurnai College**

Mid Valley S/C, Cnr Centre Valley Rd & Princes Dr, Morwell, Vic, 3840

Opening Hours: **Mon-Wed**: 9am-5.30pm, **Thurs**: 9am- 6pm, **Fri**: 9am-9pm, **Sat**: 9am- 5pm, **Sun**: 10am-4pm

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All prices are subject to alteration
Building Students' Learning Power

A workshop for parents and senior primary and secondary students with

James Anderson

James is Affiliate director for the Institute for Habits of Mind & the first internationally certified Mindset Trainer by Carol Dweck’s Mindset Works

Wednesday 16th November 2016
7:30 – 9:00 pm
(tea & coffee available from 7:15 pm)

at Boolarra Primary School

Earlier this year James presented at a shared learning day for the teachers and Education Support Staff at our school, along with staff from other schools in the Churchill Cluster.

I was really impressed with James’s entertaining and thought provoking presentation. Throughout the day I found myself thinking “I wish I had used this approach with my own children!”

We are delighted that James has agreed to run a session at our school for parents and older students. This is will help us to work in partnership with our families to maximise the learning outcomes for our students.

.................................Leanne Emond, Principal Boolarra Primary School

Limited places are available
for participants from other schools.
Cost is $20 per participant

To register to attend: contact Boolarra Primary School on 51696471, or e-mail boolarra.ps@cdumail.vic.gov.au, to organize a tax invoice. Payment must be made prior to the evening to secure places.
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:

• 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