Message from our Campus Principal—Matt Jobling

“What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others.”
Nelson Mandela

End of Semester And Headstart

Semester classes and exams have been completed for Year 10 students who begin their Year 11 Headstart program on Monday 28th November at the University Campus. Year 7-9 students complete their semester classes on Tuesday 29th November. Wednesday 30th November is report writing day and students are not required at school. Students return on Thursday 1st December for celebration activities and then commence their Headstart program on Friday 2nd December which will run until Friday 9th December. Grade 6 students will join us for a three day orientation program from Tuesday 6th to Thursday 8th December. The inaugural Kurnai College Awards presentation will be on Monday 12th December at 11.00am to be held at Federation University. Families of the award recipients will be contacted prior to the day and invited to attend. Tuesday 13th to Friday 16th December will be activities and students will need to complete and return permission slips for any activities that will involve them being off campus.
Farewell Year 10’s

On Thursday night the Year 10 cohort for 2016 celebrated the conclusion of their studies at Churchill Campus with a formal dinner at the LV Convention Centre. The transition to senior studies can be daunting for many however the transition events held over the last 12 months and the opportunity to participate in a class at the University campus throughout 2016 will have prepared them well for the change to a young adult environment. We wish all the Year 10 students every success for their future studies and endeavours, and encourage all of them to work hard and reap the rewards of their efforts. As they enter the final couple of years of schooling they have an opportunity to strive for personal goals that will open the doors to their future and this is a time to step up to the challenge and give it their very best. We look forward to hearing of their achievements in the years to come.

Year 10 Formal

Headlice

We have a reported case of head lice in the school. Please check your child’s head, treat accordingly and report any cases to the school.

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Year 7 News ..........

General News:

Only 4 days of “Year 7” to go...This has been an amazing year that has seen so much development in a group that began in such a positive manner. Parents, families and friends should be incredibly proud of the way in which this group of learners have tackled every challenge and accepted all the different learning opportunities with open arms. As a team of teachers we are extremely grateful for the way in which they have approached the year and will be very sad to see them move on to year 8 for head start.

The year 7 teachers would like to wish every year 7 student the very best for Year 8 and hope that they continue to impress as they have done in 2016.

Students Thoughts: 2016

- Throughout year 7 I have enjoyed: Going on camp when we went canoeing and leapfrog, I have also enjoyed the woodwork projects they are fun. (Liam Heffernan).
- My favourite projects in year 7 were woodwork because it is fun, I have made a box and put a FOX design on it. (Boyd Makepeace).
- My favourite class in year 7 is Maths because I am challenged really well and I enjoy the tests that are set, it is definitely the most enjoyable class. (Mitchell Bruerton).

My favourite project in year 7 was the “Thinking Olympics” because I had an opportunity to work with people that I don’t usually work with. (Courtney-Rose Baker)

Year 7 has been a great experience because I have made lot’s of new friends and enjoyed the change in learning dynamics between the primary and secondary setting, in that we get lots of variety and have many different teachers. (Hayley Donnelly)

Year 7 Project

The Year 7’s this week have been working on their Poverty project. This has been a great way to end the year. The project encompasses English, Science and Humanities. They are investigating aspects of global poverty that they have chosen and will be making a Solar Cooker in Science classes. Some students have also written stories imagining they are a child living in poverty. This gives students some great perspective and helps them to realise just how lucky they are.

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Year 7 News ..........

Year 7 Celebration Day

Year 7 students attending Churchill Kurnai are invited to a well-earned Celebration Day, to conclude our fantastic first year of high school. This will be held on Thursday the 1st of December. The event will occur during normal school hours, so students are expected to attend as normal. Students are expected to wear normal school clothes and bring along some bathers and a towel for a water fight.

This day will be filled with fun easy activities with a range for all students to enjoy. With movies, mechanical bull, bungee run, water fights and much more! To make this all possible, it is necessary to charge each student $10 to cover the cost of the day. This money needs to be paid to the office as soon as possible. Students are welcome to bring their own water balloons and water guns if they wish but there will be some balloons provided.

(Written by Bethany Blakely – Events Coordinator)

Year 7 English

What a wonderful year we have had this year. In English we have been busy all year with LOTS of writing, reading, spelling and tests! The students have been sensational, working hard to complete tasks and risen to all the challenges I have thrown at them. Amongst all the hard work we have also managed to have some fun this year with dioramas, posters, exploring our lives in the future, lives in poverty, nominating Australian's of the year and singing along to Dr Horribles Sing-a-Long Blog. I wish the year 7's all the best for next year and hope they manage to keep up their sensational can-do attitude and soaring for greatness.

Year 7 Literacy Testing

During Orientation last year, all current Year 7 students, with the exception of the ALP's class undertook YARC (York Assessment of Reading for Comprehension) testing. This testing is designed to measure students reading comprehension. The test has two sections. The first is the SWRT (Single Word Reading Test) and determines which level of reading comprehension is given. The second section requires students to read a fiction and non-fiction text based on their previous results. This will measure their reading fluency, along with their comprehension. This has been a valuable source of data for all Year 7 teachers, as we are all teachers of literacy in some way. In order to accurately measure the growth of your student across the year, we plan to re-test students on the 29th of November. Therefore, it is imperative that your student attends school on that day. When students are not involved in the testing process which will take approximately 20-30 minutes they will be in their normal classes. This data will help your students teachers plan for next year.

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 ...........

Year 8 students will finish their Year 8 classes on Tuesday 29th of November. During period 5 on the Tuesday students will be removing their personal items from lockers and then cleaning them, both inside and outside. Wednesday the 30th November is a student free day as this is a Report Writing Day for teachers at Kurnai.

Celebration Day

All Year 8 students who have returned return their permission forms and payment for the Celebration Day are reminded that they will need to be wearing full school uniform for the excursion on Thursday 1st December. Students should also note that as all food is being provided (pop corn and soft drink at the cinema and a BBQ lunch and drink afterwards) they should not bring a school bag to the cinemas.

The Celebration Day is a great opportunity for all Year 8 students to celebrate their last day in Year 8 with their peers and teachers whilst enjoying the private screening of the movie ‘Middle School: The Worst Years of my Life’ before its general release to the public in January.

Head Start

All Year 8 students will start their Year 9 classes on Friday the 2nd December. It is important that all students attend these classes so that they are able to start their Year 9 classes and complete work during this time which will contribute towards their assessment in 2017. All students will be required to have appropriate equipment such as an exercise book for each class and pens. These classes will continue until Friday the 9th of December. On the Monday 12th December all students will be participating in a College Presentation Day.

Lockers

All lockers in the Year 8 locker bay will need to be emptied by Tuesday 29th November as this is the last teaching day for the Year 8 students. All students will be asked to:

* Empty their lockers
* Make sure that they return all books to the library
* Place rubbish in the green bins outside the locker bay
* Wipe out their locker out inside and outside

PBS Raffle

Ruby Kypriotis has received the PBS raffle draw prize for Week 8 of term 4. Ruby was awarded her coupon for displaying the pillar of Engagement in Mr Stephenson’s class. 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.
Certificate of Achievement

Year 8 Classes

The following is a pictorial record of what the students have been doing in Art, Technology and Cooking over the last couple of weeks.

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Year 9 News

Exams

Congratulations to all the Year 9 students who sat their English and Maths exams on Tuesday. The students took the process seriously and were very well organised and well behaved. Good luck with the results of these exams.

Peer Support

Well done to all of the students currently on the Peer Support Camp. They are having a fabulous time as demonstrated in the photos below. They have shown a great amount of team work and leadership through some very challenging activities.

Year 9 Transition

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. All Year 9 students have been given their timetable for their University Campus VCE subject and will be attending this subject at the Uni Campus on Monday for period one and two.

All Year 9 students will begin their VCE or VCAL classes on Monday 28th November at 8.30am.

Lockers for Year 9

Students will be cleaning up their lockers between now and Tuesday and if required will take their padlock to their new location in preparation for next year. Please make sure any Library books are returned ASAP.

Celebration Day

On December 1st all Year 9 students will have the opportunity to attend Parky's Fun Park for the year level Celebration Day. This is always a great day and the staff are looking forward to celebrating a fantastic year with the Year 9 students before they leave and move up to year 10.

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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Year 10 News ..........

28th November

Head Start Begins at the University Campus

The year 10 staff would like to congratulate this cohort on completing their final year at the Junior Campus. We wish them all the best with their future schooling and further endeavours.

**Formal**

A fantastic night was had by all students and staff at the year 10 formal. We would like to again congratulate the VCAL class on their organisation of the event with the assistance of Mr Leeson and Ms Haarburger. The room looked amazing and each student looked fantastic in their formal attire. It was a brilliant way to celebrate a great year. We hope that the students enjoyed the night and again would like to wish them well as they continue their educational journey.

**Lockers**

A reminder that all students need to collect anything that is remaining in their lockers as lockers will be cleaned out before the holidays. Students should see their class teachers before the holidays if they would like to collect their exams. Any work not collected by the end of the year will be recycled.

**Library books**

Please ensure that all library books are returned to the library before transitioning to the Senior Campus.
## Calendar of Excursions / Camps

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Kurnai College Music *What's Happening ......*

**New Sponsor...**

We welcome Strzelecki Plumbing as a new sponsor to Kurnai College Music.

**Round Up...**

**College Concert**

The College Concert featured the work that was undertaken throughout term 3 with all of the College Ensembles. The night was an annual gathering of all students from three campuses performing together in their liked groups.

**Kurnai Idol**

The Idol Grand final featured a cross section of musical styles and interpretations that was consistent in the quality performances of all those that participated. The three external judges did have a difficult time in determining who the top three will be. All awards issued on the night were provided by A & P Music, Valley Trophy Centre and Kurnai College.

The top three results are as follows:

Third place: Michelle Hawkes, accompanied by Daniel Robinson  
Second place: Dakoda Jenkins, accompanied by Cameron Fowler  
First place: Gemma Brown, accompanied by Lucy Bertrand.

The Kurnai Idol Shield will now be placed at Morwell Campus until next year’s event.

**Morwell and Churchill Campus Music Presentations**

Both nights featured the junior campus students presenting the works they have been preparing through the ensembles and instrument classes. These performances were more intimate than previous performances, and family and friends were able to get up and close to the performers. A number of students currently studying year 11 VCE music performance at the University campus also presented a number of solo items.

**Some housekeeping...**

Music continuation forms have been distributed to students who are currently enrolled in music. These forms need to be returned by 9th December. All students that are hiring or have a College instrument at home, need to return the instruments asap.

Students at Kurnai College who are wanting to learn a musical instrument in 2017 can obtain an Music Expression of Interest Form from the front office.

**Heads Up...**

**Kurnai College Awards - Monday 12 December**

Pre-entertainment from 11am -11:45am, featuring all Kurnai Idol finalists;  
Foyer music from 11:45 – 12noon, featuring selected students;

**Fundraising...**

The collection of bagged Aluminum drink cans can be placed at the front office and mention that it’s for Music.
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 is 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!
The Latrobe and Francis Orchestras extend to you a warm invitation to attend

AN AFTERNOON OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Come and join us for an entertaining afternoon of fine music & carols, followed by afternoon tea.

2:00pm Saturday 3rd December, 2016
Traralgon Uniting Church
1 Park Lane, Traralgon
46 Cross’s Road, Traralgon

TICKETS

At the door or
Available for pre-booking by contacting
Ron on 03 5134 4260 or ronwall43@gmail.com

Adults: $10-00, Concession/Child: $5.00
Family (2 Adults + 2 Children) $25

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Featuring
talented singers, musicians and special guests delivering a fabulous afternoon of festive entertainment

Sunday 27 November, 2pm – 4pm
Morwell Catholic Parish Hall (St Vincent’s), Rowell Street

$10 entry per adult – children FREE
All proceeds will support Latrobe Regional Hospital

Tickets available from:

For enquiries email kgore@irh.com.au or call Anna 5174 1313
Fundraising Event for the Monash Children’s Hospital

Market Day

Food, vintage, retro, good quality, preloved and new fashion, accessories, jewellery, homewares, and gifts.

Saturday December 3
10am - 2pm
Federation University
Carpark - C3
Churchill

Proudly supporting
Monash Children’s Hospital

Kurnai Young Parents Program Market
A Fundraising Event for the Monash Children’s Hospital
Saturday December 3
10am - 2pm
Federation University Churchill
Carpark - C3

$20 will get you a stall at our KYPP Market
Your payment of $20 goes directly to Monash Children’s Hospital

KYPP Market is filling fast, but we still have some stalls available - we are looking for sellers of items from ‘now’ and from ‘then’ - vintage, retro, good quality, preloved or second-hand to brand new fashion, accessories, jewellery, homewares, gifts.

We still have a few outside food vendor stalls available - avoid disappointment, book now - all stalls must be pre-booked!!

Email: seymour.clair.s@edumail.vic.gov.au or phone 0438 464 474 for a stallholder details

Proudly supporting
Monash Children’s Hospital
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