Term 2

“You always pass failure on your way to success.” Mickey Rooney

The first few weeks of this term have many events that will engage staff and students across all year levels.

Year 10 students have already begun going to Federation University for experiences in a variety of faculties. The Victorian Student Representative Committee conference has been hosted by Kurnai College at Federation University and SRC representatives from our campus have attended.

This Monday, April 18, Kurnai College is holding the second day of a staff professional learning program and students will not be required at school.

Kurnai College Athletics day is Tuesday April 19 and other sporting activities beginning with volleyball are also coming up.

Year 7 and 8 students will have camp in week 4 at Camp Coolamatong and Karoonda Park respectively. Our Year 10 students will have 2 weeks of work experience in weeks 3 and 4.

NAPLAN testing will take place from May 10 for Years 7 and 9, further details are contained later in this newsletter.

ANZAC day ceremonies are fast approaching and we have student leaders represent the campus at these important community events. Later in the term we will be holding the Year 7 Awareness Day for Grade 5 and 6 students from our local primary schools.

Thank you to all the families that were able to attend the Parent & Teacher conversations at the end of last term. Staff are in the process of contacting any families who filled in a form to catch up with them if they were not able to be seen on the day and this should be completed in the next few days. The exception will be Kline who is still in China supervising the Year 9 Young Leaders trip and will be returning with the students for week 4.

Thank you to the families who have given us feedback and we will continue to be as responsive as possible to suggestions for improvement. One concern that we want to resolve, is our current system doesn’t indicate that some of the Year 10 students’ teachers may be located at the senior campus and this has caused difficulty with timing of appointments and we are exploring solutions to this issue.
Message from our Principal continues........

School Sport Victoria - Gippsland Swimming Championships 2016

Year 9 student Bridget Cain recently represented Kurnai at the SSV Gippsland Swimming Championships in Sale. Bridget had a very successful day with 4 gold medals and 1 silver medal from her 5 swims. Bridget will now compete in the state finals at MSAC in April. Bridget is a highly accomplished swimmer and demonstrates the result of persistent and determined effort. We wish her well at the state championships.

EVERY DAY COUNTS – SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

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.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school.

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

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don’t fall behind:

Speak with your Year Level Team Leader and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

Develop an absence learning plan with your Year Level Team Leader and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your Year Level Team Leader as early as possible.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your Year Level Team Leader know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

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
Welcome Back!!!

Term 2 is an 11 week term, however the first 4 weeks are very hectic and will pass us before we know it. We have a student free day, Athletics Day, Anzac Day and Year 7 Camp all taking place before the end of Week 4. Students have been spoken to about the importance of making the most of every learning opportunity that is presented to ensure that they get the most out of an interrupted start to the term.

End of Term 1- Team Building Day & Awards

Award Recipients:
At the completion of the term we felt it necessary to acknowledge the efforts of our entire cohort by having a team building day capped off with an awards ceremony. We gave out our “Learning Behaviour” certificates that are generated directly from the first set of progress reports, whilst also giving out awards selected and voted by the students and finally our staff awards that were based on our 4 Pillars. (Work Ethic, Engagement, Relationships and Excellence)

ALL STAR AWARD: Kiarna Cluderay
Kiarna was acknowledged for her learning behaviour average being 3.9 out of a possible 4, meaning that across all her subjects areas and learning behaviours she exhibited an outstanding level of achievement.

On the last Wednesday of term, we took all the Year 7’s to Lake Highland for a fun filled afternoon where we watched them engage in a number of different team building activities. It was awesome to see such great team work, filled with enthusiasm, laughter and in turn creating a really positive atmosphere.

We had a break for some sausages and then in their house colours students set off on an Easter Egg hunt. For the Year 7 teachers is was great to sit back and watch 70 students interact in the manner in which they did, it was a great way to cap off what was a terrific start to secondary education.

Learning Behaviour Awards

We handed out in excess of 50 certificates, recognising a high level of achievement in relation to learning behaviours. It is our hope that students continue to build on this performance, we look forward to seeing the results of our next set of progress reports.

Student Choice Awards

All Rounder: Gavin Richards
Most Athletic: Boyd Makepeace
Most Encouraging: Hayley Donnelly & Jeremy Courtis
Friendliest: Chloe Huizer
Funniest: Blake Vandermeer
Hardest Worker: Riley Stevens
Most Helpful: Sophie Dwyer & Courtney-Rose Baker
Leadership Award: Jessica Hoghton & Mckenzie Tingay
Most Respectful: Zac Carlson

Teacher Choice Awards – All Rounders

Boyd Makepeace, Charlize Doller, Dylan Kamphuis, Azriel Halge
Zac Carlson, Courtney-Rose Baker, Hayden Dwyer
Year 7 News Cont’d ……..

Year 7 Camp – Camp Coolamatong

Students are starting to get excited for camp, which is just a few weeks away. An additional information sheet was sent home on Monday which contain what students will need to bring and further details on the camp. There will be another letter sent home prior to departure.

Final Payments are due next Tuesday – Please contact us if you have any concerns or are in need of additional time to make final payment.

A reminder that if your student requires any medication for camp, it must be handed to a staff member prior to leaving for camp with details of dosages and times that medication needs to be taken. It is also important that if there is anything else you feel we should know prior to camp, that you make contact or send a note with details. i.e any allergies not listed on enrolment forms.

Problem of the Week

DIVIDING THE CLOCK

a) Draw a straight line across the centre of the clock face so that the numbers on both sides of the line have the same total.

b) Draw two lines (like the hands of the clock) to divide the clock face so that the total of the numbers on one side of the lines is twice the total on the other side.

Reminder: Shoes – Predominately Black in colour (Except for shoes used for P.E)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding uniform please contact the school or send an email to malcolmson.reece.r@edumail.vic.gov.au or hardy.celeste.n@edumail.vic.gov.au

Contact details

If you have any questions r concerns regarding year 7 students or programs, please don't hesitate to email us or phone on 51323700

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 8 News ..........

Progress Report

Congratulations to the following students who achieved Certificates of Achievement and Gold Achievement Awards. These certificates are awarded based on a student’s consistent demonstration of a positive work ethic, attitudes towards others and ongoing engagement towards their studies.

Certificate of Achievement

Antonio Cardillo
Vincent Schoutens
Matthew Ounjit
Mason Porykali
Shelby Love
Brooke Dalrymple
Emily Griffiths
Oscar Ewen
Declan Doller
Timothy Hutchinson
Regan Sultana
Sydney Simpson

Gold Achievement Award

Amelia Bolton
Sophia Scholes
Samantha Wakefield
Mekaela Wendlandt

Team Time

This week in Team Time the Year 8 students have started to reflect on their term 1 Progress Reports. The students were required to review their ratings and then set three goals based on Learning Behaviours that they feel need to be improved. Some of the students are still developing the strategies to help them to achieve their goals and hopefully when they undertake a review of their term 2 progress reports later in the term they will have improved in their chosen area.

Year 8 Camp

The Year 8 Camp to Karoonda Park, Gelantipy, is taking place from Monday 2nd May to Friday 6th May. Staff and students are looking forward to the heading off to camp in week 4 of this term. A reminder to all students and families, that the second instalment of the camp costs is due was due by the 14th April, with the final payment in by the 26th April. More information about the camp will be provided the students during Form Group time over the next week.

A reminder to students and families, that if your child is not participating in the Year 8 Camp, then they are required to attend school, unless a note is provided to explain the absence. During the week, whilst the camp is on an alternative Year 8 curriculum will be running.

If you have any questions about this camp, please contact the school and speak to either Lindy Gumpold or Sarah Cohen
PBS Raffle

The end of term 1 saw Sydney Simpson, receive the PBS raffle draw. Sydney has 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.

Uniform Expectations

As the weather changes and it becomes a bit colder, students are still expected to be in full uniform. This does not include non-school uniform jackets, hoodies or tracksuit pants, however they can wear long sleeve navy or white tops (without hoods) underneath their polo tops. Students are also reminded that if they are required to wear shoes that are predominately black. If you child is out of uniform, please provide a note.

Notes

Students require notes from Parents/Guardians for the following:

- Out of uniform
- Not having P.E uniform
- Being Late to school
- Needing to leave school
- Not having the correct equipment
- Being sick or injured and unable to participate in certain classes.

China Trip

Welcome back to William, Mason and Nick, who have returned from two weeks in China. The following is an account of the boy's trip to China.

The trip to China was one of the most exciting things that we have done for Chinese studies. We got to go to China and stay with a homestay and visit awesome landmarks. On the first day, we were flew from Melbourne to Shanghai. It was a long flight and we had two meals that everyone thought was great. When we landed, everyone was tired and exhausted because of the long flight. When we left the airport we went straight to the hotel and everyone went to sleep. The next few days while we were in Shanghai we saw the Oriental Pearl Tower.

Next we took a train to the most exciting part of the trip, the homestay and our host school Jiyun Experimental School. The school has 2500 students plus 11 more (us Australian kids), which everyone thought was a blast. Everyone had the most generous family to stay with during the visit. In the first few days at the school, we followed our host student's ordinary school schedule. We got to eat in the school cafeteria which was fun as sometimes we didn't know what we were eating. The saddest part of the trip was leaving our new friends. Everyone had at least one tear falling down their face, even though everyone wanted to prove they were brave. But even the bravest have the biggest hearts.

Beijing, the capital of China, and the end of our trip, where we visited many places like the Great Wall of China, Tiger Mountain (which had no tigers), and the Temple of Heaven. When we got to the airport to go to Melbourne, we all saw the flight back to Wen Zhou and we all wanted to go back, but there was no choice, we had to go back to our Australian families.

This was the hardest trip, as we had to be on a plane for a long time, stay with a new family and see how people live in china; but we all had a great adventure in China.
Welcome back to all of the staff and students in the Year 9 team and we are looking forward to a great Term 2. Thank you to all of the parents and guardians who came along to the parent-teacher interviews at the end of last term. Congratulations to the students who received a pleasing report. All of our Year 9 students should now work on ways to improve their results for an increased score on the next progress report.

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), Olivia Wall (English and Humanities) and Kate Gibson (Maths).

Camp
All Year 9 students will be invited to a camp in Melbourne later on this year from 16th – 19th August. They will be visiting many of the highlights in the city.

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 raffle tickets recently for showing positive behaviours re the school matrix. Congratulations to all of the students who took part in the week long step challenge. Well done to the winner Emily Chessum!

Reminders
- The behaviour of the week we are currently working on is arriving to class on time.
- Students need to be at school by 8:25 am. Form Group silent reading starts at 8:30 am.
- Students require a device (please contact us if you need some support).

NAPLAN
All Year 9 students will be involved in NAPLAN testing from May 10th – May 12th. The testing will involve carrying out tasks for Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy with and without a calculator. This is a way of tracking student progress over a two year cycle and is undertaken by students in Grade 3, 5 and Year 7 and Year 9. All students will need to have their own calculator for the Maths with calculator session. If you do not wish to have your son/daughter participate please contact the school as soon as possible.

Athletics Day
Students are reminded that next Tuesday April 19th is Athletics Sports. Please ensure the permission form is signed and returned to the office. The students can wear their house colours and dress up to show their support.

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
Staff would like to remind students that it is important for them to bring a reading book for the independent reading held each morning. This reading time helps to grow a student's vocabulary and assists them in all aspects of their learning. Please encourage your child to bring a book from home that they enjoy reading or alternatively they can borrow a novel from the library.

Work Experience

Work experience is quickly approaching and it has been fantastic to see students actively seeking placements for work experience and taking this opportunity to experience working in a field that they are interested in.

Students still have this week available to complete forms for their work experience. If they are having difficulty with finding a placement or completing forms they can speak with any of the year 10 team for help.

We would encourage students to try two different places to get the most from this time. Students and families should also be aware that they are responsible for getting to their placement on time and take this travel time into account when considering placement.

PBS

Students have begun receiving raffle tickets for showing positive behaviours that reflect the four pillars of Excellence, Engagement, Work Ethic and Relationships. Congratulations to all students who have been receiving these tickets. The winner is drawn each Friday with the winning student receiving a movie ticket.

Federation University Taster Days

Students have begun attending taster days at Federation University. These days give students the opportunity to experience some aspects of courses that they may be interested in over a day. There are a variety of different days that cover a range of courses. If students are interested in attending they need to sign up at the Careers office and collect a permission form. This form needs to be completed and returned to the Careers office.

Athletics Day

Students are reminded that Athletics day will be held next Tuesday. Please ensure that forms are signed and returned by Friday the 15th. It was great to see all students dressed in house colours supporting their team at the swimming carnival and it would be great to see the same enthusiasm for the athletics day.

Camp

All year 10 students are invited to the Central Australia Camp in September. This is a great opportunity to see many sites and explore the beauty in the Australian outback.

Devices

It is important that all students have access to a device that can be used in class. If you are experiencing any difficulty in obtaining a device please contact the team for assistance.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding Year 10 Students please email Nicole Ashton or Clifton Kline or call 51323700
# Calendar of Excursions / Camps

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Yinnar Football & Netball Club

Under 16’ & 18’s – Players Wanted!!

We are looking for some extra player numbers for the Under 16 & 18 teams, if you are thinking of having a kick or know someone that might be, please contact: Under 18 coach David Hibbert 0438 661 842 or Under 16 coach Craig Flanigan on 0417 770 737.

CAN YOU SPARE A FEW HOURS A WEEK?

If you can spare a few hours on tasks like catering & canteen staffing / general administration / building & grounds maintenance / relatively straight forward computer entry work – in fact anything – we would love to hear from you. If you have some time we will find a task that is suited to your skills and interests, it’s that easy.

If you would like to know more, please contact any Committee member or a member of our Club Executive: Peter Linton 0409 011 198, Peter Quigley 0499 600 334, Sonia Williams 0421 338 249, Deidre Buckley 0409 195 027 or Mario Monacella 0429 342 906.

THANKS TO THE YINNAR & DISTRICT COMMUNITY FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT – WE HAVE BEEN A PROUD PART OF A STRONG COMMUNITY FOR 133 YEARS – AND WANT TO MAKE IT ANOTHER 133!

GO PIES

Netball Umpires Needed

Yarram Netball Club is seeking umpires for their junior teams in the Churchill Indoor Netball Competition. Saturday mornings at Churchill Indoor Centre at 9am & 10 am. These are PAID POSITIONS. Umpire or general netball knowledge needed. Please contact Christie on 0418535337 or Colleen on 0431482738 Yarram Netball Club
Meanwhile Kurnai College is happy to include Community Announcements in our newsletters - please understand Kurnai College is not involved in the organisations or the running of any of these community events.
A LITERARY EVENT

You are invited to the launch of

The Way We Roll by Scot Gardner

To be launched by award-winning author and screen-writer, Phillip Gwynne

Wednesday 27 April 2016

6:30pm

Kurnai College University Campus Library

Cnr Northways Road and Jean Galbraith Drive

Churchill VIC 3842

Drinks and snacks will be provided.

RSVPs to melbourneevents@allenandunwin.com

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