

# Learning Community Newsletter



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## Message from College Principal

G'day everyone

The half way mark of our year is almost upon us as we begin our Second Semester curriculum and the Winter break gives us all a breather.

This term our College community has been deeply saddened by the loss of two young lives from our midst. At the beginning of this term we farewelled Sam Tormey from Morwell Campus who finally succumbed to cancer. This week, many of our College community will gather to farewell Cassie Godden. Cassie passed away last week after battling genetic melanoma. As a College we are devastated that that these two young promising lives have been lost. As a parent myself, I cannot begin to understand how a parent must feel at such a terrible time. Our prayers and thoughts are with the Godden family this week as they have been with the Tormey family along their sad journey.

### VYLC

A group of 13 Year 9 students have recently returned from 6 weeks in China as part of the Young Victorian Leaders to China Program. These students have had a life changing experience and recently reported to a Government Minister, Chinese Ambassador and other DET hierarchy. They also reported back to their parents at an event held at the College. Almuth Otten and Bernie McLeod accompanied the students on the trip and are to be thanked and congratulated on their professionalism and care. This is a wonderful opportunity which will be available again next year for Chinese Language students, so keep it in mind if you are planning on continuing with Mandarin as the experience is a great help to your language.

### GEP Bursary Winner

Earlier this year a Bursary was set up with remaining funds prior to the cessation of operation of the GEP Board. I am pleased to announce that the first of these was awarded to a Kurnai arts student who is studying at Fed Uni. Kayla McCarthy received \$2,000.00 to support her ongoing learning. Kayla has overcome significant disadvantage to stay at school and we are delighted that she has received this bursary.

### Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability this year. The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability.

Data will be de-identified prior to its transfer to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. No student's identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

If you have any questions on this process the Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621 is available until August 7th. For questions after 7 August 2015, please call the Australian Government Department of Education and Training on 1300 566 046.

Have a great break everyone and I hope your local and Melbourne footy and netball teams are having a win or two!

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## University Campus News

Recently, teacher Brett Gay and 12 students from the 2014 VCAL program were recognised at the VCAA VCAL Achievement Awards for excellence in the Senior Team Achievement category. This state-wide award was for the Bushfire Recovery Program that saw Kurnai College students travel to Tasmania over 3 trips to help with rebuilding local communities after the bushfires that went through the Tasman Peninsula area in January 2013.

Eight students and their proud families travelled to Melbourne to receive their awards from Ms. Judith Graley, Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier and member for Narre Warren. Mr Gay accepted the award on behalf of the school and teachers Paul Radford and Andrea Gordon who also made the trip to Tasmania to help out. The program has continued this year with a crew spending a week in Tasmania in April.



## Churchill Campus News

Churchill Campus has recently hosted Grades Prep, 1 and 2 students from Churchill, Churchill North, Yinnar, Yinnar South, Boolarra and Hazelwood North Primary Schools for a Chinese Culture Day. Students rotated through six activities over the day facilitated by some of the Year 7 and Year 8 students who are currently studying Chinese. Those activities included writing Chinese calligraphy, using chopsticks, Chinese dancing, making paper frogs, making fluffy sheep and learning to make dumplings. There was lots of enthusiastic activity and the primary students said it was a great day. The Kurnai students leading the activities also enjoyed the day. They stepped up as young leaders and the level of maturity and their hard work definitely impressed the guests and the day was successful due to everyone contributing and putting in their best effort.

As part of the Mandarin program, this year all Kurnai cluster primary school students are offering classes in Chinese language. Culture Day is a great opportunity to meet students from other schools and share learning experiences.

In all, the Culture Day was again a huge success and on behalf of Kurnai LOTE team, we'd like to thank everyone for their support.



## Morwell Campus News

National Sorry Day is an annual event that has been held in Australia on 26 May, since 1998, to remember and commemorate the mistreatment of the country's indigenous population.

Each year at Kurnai College, Morwell Campus, we celebrate this day by running a "Harmony Day". At Morwell Campus, we have students and staff from a very diverse range of cultural backgrounds, and it is wonderful to celebrate our harmonious existence.

At lunchtime, staff and students participated in cultural "tasting", including kangaroo steaks and sausages, American hotdogs, English scones with jam and cream, various rice dishes, Ukrainian beetroot soup, and Chinese dumplings.



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## Campus Calendar of Events

### Churchill

Date	Events
13 July	Start of Term 3
18—21 August	Year 8 Melbourne Discovery Camp
18 August	College Athletics
9—18 September	Year 10 Central Australia Camp
17 & 18 September	Parent Teacher Conversations (17th 3.30pm—7.00pm, 18th 10.00am—1.00pm)

### Morwell

Date	Events
26 June	End of Term 2
13 July	Start of Term 3
18 August	College Athletics
9—18 September	Year 10 Central Australia Camp
17 & 18 September	Parent Teacher Conversations (17th 3.30pm—7.00pm, 18th 10.00am—1.00pm)

### University

Date	Events
18 & 19 June	Debutante Balls
13 July	Start of Term 3
21 July	Parent Information Evening—5N104
27 July	VCAL Winter Sleep Out
13 August	Parent Teacher Conversations 2.00pm—7.30pm
18 August	College Athletics

**Term Dates for 2015** Term 2: 13 April to 26 June  
Term 4: 5 October to 18 December

Term 3: 13 July to 18 September  
2016 Term 1 28 January—24 March