Hello Everyone.

Well, we are officially at the end of another term. It never ceases to amaze us how quickly time goes. Term 3 has been a very long and busy one. The holidays are certainly most welcome for both staff and students.

On behalf of the Campus, we’d like to wish everyone a very restful and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing all of our students back on Monday, 7 October refreshed and ready for the sprint to the end of the Term 4.

Term 4

For our students Term 4 will be the absolute business end of the year when exams are being prepared for and sat.

There will be a lot of revision for all classes and with that goes a degree of stress. This can be alleviated to some extent by preparing early and not leaving everything to the last minute. As parents, we ask you to encourage your child to plan ahead and do as much as they can now rather than later.

Students need to ensure that they talk to their teachers about making sure they have completed all required work.

Any questions they have about the work should be discussed with each teacher now. Students should not be going into Term 4 with questions unanswered. Please encourage your child to have these conversations.
Farewell Simon

We say farewell to Simon Pickett who will be leaving us and starting in a new position with LaTrobe City in the new term.

We would like to thank Simon for all the work he has done over the past 6 years as the IT Technician at Churchill Campus and this year here at the Precinct Campus.

We will miss his dedication and hard work keeping the IT system working as well as it does under incredible pressure.

Thanks Simon.

All the best.

Compass Report Booking System

By the time you read this, our Parent / Student / Teacher Conversations will have taken place. It is the first time that we have had an electronic booking system and we will be looking at how it has worked from the point of view of ease of use and manageability.

We would be very interested in your feedback regarding your experience with the system. Both positive and negative aspects would be useful for us to improve how this progresses.

Access to an on-line booking was one recommendation that a number of parents requested at the last Report Night. We hope that this system is meeting your expectations and making life easier for you.

Nello and Geoff

Wednesday Afternoon Study Sessions

Every student is encouraged to use their Wednesday afternoons to catch up on their work, with individual teachers or simply to work in a quiet area with their teacher assisting if required.

These Wednesday afternoons are a great way of keeping up, getting extra help or working with peers to maximize learning.

Please encourage your child to take advantage of Wednesday afternoon study sessions, see page 10 for teacher, time and location.

Student Accident Insurance and Ambulance Cover

Parents are reminded that the Department of Education does not provide personal accident insurance for students.

Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

These costs may be recovered where an injury is caused by the negligence (carelessness) of the Department, a school council or their employees or volunteers.

Student Accident Insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers.

These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or Private Health Insurance.
Key Exam Dates

Year 11 Exams

Dates:
Thursday 21 to Wednesday 27 November.

A draft timetable has been put together and students will be given a final timetable closer to the time.

Location:
All exams will be held in the Green Inc. building, Module D.

Most students will be familiar with this room as the GAT was held here earlier this year.

If any student does not know where the room is then they need to come and see me as soon as possible.

There will be no Year 11 classes running during exam week.

Year 12 Exams

Mock English Exam

Date: Thursday, 19 September 2013
Time: 9:00am to 12:15pm

Students will need to be present at the venue at 8.30 a.m.

Location:
The Auditorium, Monash University.

A letter with further details is being sent to all families.

English VCE Exam

Date: Wednesday, 30 October 2013
Time: 9:00am to 12:15pm

Students will need to be present at the venue at 8.30 a.m.

Location:
The Auditorium, Monash University.

More information will be available shortly.

More info will be available in the coming weeks.
Important Information for Year 12s

End of Year Revision Lectures

Our Year 12 VCE students are very fortunate to have an opportunity to attend a number of subject revision lectures at Monash Gippsland on Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th October at a greatly discounted price of $10 per subject lecture.

This opportunity is made possible thanks to the Schools Access Monash (SAM) which subsidises the cost of these lectures for our students.

The subject revision lectures available at Monash Gippsland are:

- Chemistry
- Health & Human Development
- Biology
- Legal Studies
- Business Management
- English
- Psychology
- Maths Methods CAS
- Physical Education
- Further Maths
- Physics

Students are also most welcome to attend other subject revision lectures held at the other Monash campuses on the dates advertised.

Students wishing to attend these lectures can collect an application form from Mr Shields. Please find further information in the flyer below.
APPLYING FOR COURSES
A reminder that you need to apply for courses through VTAC for 2014 by 27 September (www.vtac.edu.au). The cost of applying up to that date is $27.00. If you apply after this date the charge rises to $91.00. You can apply without paying at the time, but be aware that if you do not pay at all, you will not receive an offer of a place in January 2014. Remember that once you apply, you can change your application. The final time you can change your application is at noon on 23 December.

APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS
Reminder: All current Year 12 students are advised to apply for Equity and Merit scholarships via VTAC. VTAC scholarship applications for domestic students close at 5pm on 18 October 2013. See: www.vtac.edu.au/applying/process.html. Also check individual institution websites for other scholarships. There are also Student Start-Up and Relocation Scholarships available to students receiving income support; these are administered by Centrelink. Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships are administered by institutions and will be allocated to students who meet the Commonwealth eligibility as described on the Centrelink website and have had their indigenous status confirmed.

COURSE OFFERS
VTAC has announced that offer letters will no longer be mailed to applicants. When offers of places are released on 17 January 2014, applicants will be able to view their offers in their VTAC user account. Offers may also be published by newspapers with the applicant’s permission. NOTE: Verbal offers have no status; if you receive a verbal offer, ask for the name of the person making the offer and contact VTAC.

JMC ACADEMY
Have workshops in the holidays to help you find out what a career in the creative industries can be like. JMC specialises in courses in 3D animation, audio engineering and sound, entertainment business management, film and TV production, games design and contemporary music performance. Where: JMC, 171 Bank St, South Melbourne; Cost: $10 per day (with lunch); Bookings: www.jmcacademy.edu.au/News/2013-07-05/MELBOURNE-WORKSHOPS.cfm.

CHANGE OF PREFERENCE (COP) –
You can change your VTAC preferences until 5pm, 25 October, and then from 9am on 25 Nov till 12 noon on 23 Dec. ATARs will be available on-line at 7am on 16 December, which means you can make changes to your application after you know your results. Institutions will offer assistance during this time – details in next Precinct CareerNews.

DIPLOMA OF NURSING –
Also known as Enrolled or Division 2 Nursing, is offered at some TAFE’s. Some require a VTAC application, while others require a direct application to the TAFE. You will also need to do the VETASSESS Nursing Test (see www.vetassess.com.au). The Diploma can be a pathway into Division 1 nursing (university), giving credits towards the degree. Apply for the Diploma if you think you may not achieve a high enough ATAR for the degree.

ATAR WIZARD – If you plan to study at La Trobe, the ATAR Wizard is a handy way of finding out which courses you are likely to be able to access once you know your ATAR (based on last year’s ATARs). See: http://www.latrobe.edu.au/school/apply/atar/atar-wizard

THE MONASH ‘SEAS’ ESTIMATE CALCULATOR –
The Special Entry Assess Scheme (SEAS) provides consideration in admissions for students who have experienced disadvantage. SEAS adds points to the aggregate study score, based on the type/level of difficulty experienced. The ATAR score is then recalculated with the additional points included. See: www.monash.edu/seas.

Careers advice in Psychology
Many students indicate an interest in studying psychology, and are unsure what it involves. Find out by attending a ‘Careers in Psychology’ free information evening run by the Australian Psychological Society (APS) Student Society.

When: 6.30-9.00pm, Fri 20 Sept
Where: Advanced Technologies Centre, Swinburne University of Technology, 427-451 Burwood Rd, Hawthorn;
Thank you to everyone who has sent their photos. If you haven’t forwarded yet, please send to me as soon as possible – this includes; baby photos and any photos taken at school or school events.

Thank you

Kallitsa

***Attention all Year 12 students***

PHOTOS REQUIRED!

A special DVD presentation that features the class of 2013 is being put together by Kallistsa Yiannacou. Please email her:

- 1 x Baby photo and
- photos of your time at school.

Digital images only. Photos that are not digital can be scanned in the library.

BABY PHOTO

Photos that work best are those in which you are facing the camera with your eyes open. It is also better if there are no obstructions in front of your face e.g. a dummy, a hand, etc. Suitable age is 0–6 yrs.

SCHOOL DAYS PHOTOS

Any photos of you and your friends from years 7–12. Examples can include, class activities, camps, excursions, formals, deb, school sports, just fun photos taken in the school yard. If you attended a different school before coming to Kurnai, that’s okay, send in a photo that has just yourself in it. NO PHOTOS FROM PRIVATE FUNCTIONS please.

Kallistsa is aiming to have at least 1 photo of each student. The making of this DVD is extensive and time consuming, please stick to the deadlines listed below.

Baby photos due: Friday 9 August 2013.
Other photos due: Friday 20 September 2013

Please email Kallistsa on:

kalleopi.yiannacou.k@edumail.vic.gov.au
Year 12 school netbooks

All Year 12 students who received netbooks through the school in 2010 or 2011, need to bring this netbook into the school’s computer technician so that it can be setup for home use after finishing school. This will also apply to any year 11 students with school netbooks who are finishing school this year.

This netbook is currently setup to connect to the school network, uses a range of school software and authenticates Windows and other programs via the Kurnai College network. When you are away from the school network, the authentication of programs like Windows will stop working and you will have great troubles using the netbook.

Netbooks can be brought in from the beginning of term 4 until the end of November 2013, but if you are still using your netbook for classes or exam preparation bring it after your last class or last exam.

All year 12 school netbook users will need to:

- Signup using the sign-up sheets outside the computer technician’s office.
- Make a backup of all wanted data, since a new image will put into your netbook and all data on the netbook will be lost.
- On the given day bring your netbook, AC charger and netbook bag to the computer technician.
- During the day the computer technician will place a new version of Windows home edition onto the netbook.
- Pick up the netbook the following school day (from this point the netbook will work from home and not connect to the school network).

About 20 students have not paid all of the payments required to retain their netbook, and these netbooks need to be returned to the school. If you are one of these students this netbook along with AC charger and bag needs to be returned to the computer technician by Monday 18th November. If you wish to keep your netbook, the outstanding payments will need to be made.
School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

One of the purposes of the PBS team is to collect data to inform decision making. This term the data collection has focused on punctuality and completing work missed through absence. Over the next few weeks the Precinct campus will be working towards educating its students on the importance of being responsible for their own learning by getting to class on time and catching up on work missed through both approved and unapproved absence.

Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) Postcards

As part of the Positive Behaviour Support program each teacher sends out a postcard once a week to reward a student who has demonstrated one of Kurnai’s four pillars. The four pillars are Engagement, Excellence, Relationships and Work Ethic. Congratulations to the following students who received postcards in the last fortnight.

Engagement-
- Milly Christopher
- Emma Blacker
- Sherlock Zhang
- Hayden May
- Mitchel Pattie
- Stephanie Cassidy
- Cassie Godden
- Christine Bingham
- Jemma Sterrick
- Damon Wilken
- Reece Smee
- Jessica Hilenaar
- Kacey Stevenson
- Garang Jok
- Liz Webb
- Nathan Noblett
- Eloise Darragh
- Lauren Lobb
- Gabby Beecher
- Liesel Ritchie
- Cameron Cowan
- Rosie Twomey
- Danielle Dowe
- Dylan Newton
- Jakob Mc Cubbin

Excellence-
- Chloe Taylor
- Kinya Scott-Hurley
- Beth Leak
- Genevieve Blakeley
- Isaac Van Rhine
- Kaitlyn Turner
- Tiannah Nicola
- Brody Turner
- Josh Lavery
- Meg Van Rooy
- Tegan Ikin
- Jacinta Sholten
- Jake Nolder
- Jemimah Lawrence
- Tayla Bruerton
- Sam Krupjak
- Jordan Stewart
- Jade Howell
- Tyana Brunt

Work Ethic-
- Korynda Holt
- Jasmine Kennedy
- Hayley Beyer
- Madeline Anderson
- Zac Cassidy
- Ben French
- Jaye Anders
- Katelyn Dodd
- Rebecca Rooney
- Sarah Ralph
- Shivika Nand
- Dylan Day

Relationships-
- Jemma Sterrick
- Matt Dyke
- Stacey Webster
- Amy Jenkins
- Eli Van Rhine
- Liesel Ritchie
- Bailey Mangano
- Corey Stewart
- Eloise Darragh

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Upcoming Excursions / Camps

To ensure the smooth organization and running of camps and excursions we request that permission forms and payments be returned to the school by the due date on the permission form. This enables the purchase of train tickets, food and venue tickets etc. in a timely manner.

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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*

Receive your Kurnai Newsletter by email

Email: pulis.georgina.g@edumail.vic.gov.au (subject: Kurnai Newsletter)
STUDENT SUPPORT: TEACHER AVAILABILITY 2013

Math
- Mr. Hoermeyer
  - Wednesday Period 5 & Thursday 3pm
  - SW0135

Math
- All Available Staff
  - Wednesday Period 5
  - SW Block

English
- Ms. Crichton
  - Monday Lunchtime
  - Art Department

English
- Ms. Riescheck
  - Monday Lunchtime
  - 6W158

English
- All Available Staff
  - Wednesday Period 5
  - English Office

Psychology
- Ms. Thompson
  - Wednesday Period 5
  - SW130

Physics
- Mr. Hoermeyer
  - Wednesday Period 5 & Thursday 3pm
  - SW135

Environmental Science
- Ms. Cropper
  - Wednesday Period 5
  - Student Services

Music
- Mr. Bonnici
  - Monday recess, Thursday Lunchtime
  - Hexagon

Media
- Ms. Crichton
  - Monday Lunchtime
  - Art Department

Art
- Mr. Shields
  - Wednesday Period 5
  - Student Services

All teachers are available by appointment during the week.
Teen Dental Vouchers

Latrobe Community Health Service operates a public dental service at Warragul, Moe, Churchill and Morwell.

If you have received a Medicare Teen Dental Voucher and would like to use this to have a dental check, please call 1800 242 696 for an appointment. Vouchers must be presented on the day you attend the clinic, along with a current Medicare card.

1800 242 696 | www.khs.com.au

More information can be found at Medicare on 132 011.

2014 MUSIC EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Latrobe City Council is seeking expressions of interest from local musicians to take part in the 2014 Music Exchange Program. Places are open for 30 - 35 musicians between the ages of 15 - 21 years, to form a touring band.

The band will then participate in an international exchange program with our Sister Cities - Fuchu, China & Takasago, Japan.

Applications are available from Traralgon, Morwell & Moe Service Centres, the Churchill Community Hub and the Council’s website www.latrobe.vic.gov.au.

For more information contact Jason Membrrey on 5123 5924 or email Jason.Membrrey@latrobe.vic.gov.au.

ATTENTION!!!

TEEN MUMS

Are you under 21?
Want to continue creating a great future
- for you & your family

We invite you to an information session to discuss an exciting new opportunity.

Offering you:
- FREE YEAR 12 CERTIFICATE
- FREE VET QUALIFICATION
- FREE CHILDCARE AT EVERY SESSION
- HELP & FRIENDSHIP FROM PEOPLE IN SIMILAR SITUATIONS
  (FREE MORNING TEA AND CHILD CARE PROVIDED)

DATE: THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER
TIME: 10.00am – 11.00am
St Luke’s - 277-281 Princes Drive Morwell
CALL DAVID on 0400 467 469 or
ELOISE on 0413 968 689

Can you open your heart & home to a child today?
Berry Street is looking for families like yours who can provide emergency, respite, short and long term care for vulnerable children.
If you have room in your heart and home for a child then we want to speak with you.
Call today to discuss about becoming a foster carer on 1800 0 FOSTER (1800 836 7831) or visit www.berrystreet.org.au.