The highlight of the year for many Precinct students occurred last week when most of our Year 11 girls participated in their Deb Ball.

There were two sets of Debs and from all accounts both were hugely successful with an absolutely great time being had by all.

The theme for both nights was The Roaring 20s and the official parties dressed in gangster gear was very impressive.

All of the Debs and their partners looked fabulous. It was really great to see how mature and grown up our students looked and how well they carried themselves throughout the night. They danced well too.

We’d like to say a big thank you to the organising committee; Andrea Gordon, Trevor Chandler and Bernie Cropper for the outstanding job they did in making both nights go without a hitch.

Many thanks also to Dan Swallow and Todd Miller for their unique MC work that made the night so enjoyable for all.
Lateness - It’s not okay to be away or late!

As was said in the last newsletter, lateness to school is a problem at the moment. Perhaps it’s the cold miserable weather that makes it difficult for some students to get out of bed and on their way. Perhaps it’s the Term 3 dip that some students experience around this time of the year. Whatever the reason lateness to school is not acceptable for a number of reasons. Most importantly because it is unfair to the rest of the class if a lesson has to be restarted a number of times because students come in late. It is also unfair to the teachers who have planned the timing of the lesson to cover all the points, and this is slowed down because of lateness. Please encourage your son/daughter to get to school on time every day. It’s Not OK To Be Away and It’s Not OK To be Late either.

*Nello and Geoff*

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Parent Information Night

Monday, 26 August 7pm – 8:30 approx.
Language Centre, Churchill Campus

This is an invitation to all parents of current and perspective students to Kurnai College campuses and will cover the following;

Introduce the COMPASS ONLINE school management system, for Parents. This system allows parents to log in and easily;

- communicate with teachers via direct emails
- view their child/ren’s attendance at school
- view semester reports
- update student management information
- receive school notices

You’ll also hear about the BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program for 2014

- What it means for parents and students
- What is involved, expected
- Device suggestions and restrictions

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As part of Kurnai’s commitment to technology (or ICT), every 4 years the classroom computers across the College are upgraded.

We now have a number of desktop computers available for purchase.

Computers do not come with a warranty but the College will exchange (subject to availability) or refund within two weeks of purchase should any item prove to be faulty.

The price has been set at $200.

The computers may be purchased and picked up from the Morwell Campus office on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays only.

**Minimum Specification:**
- **Brand:** Lenovo
- **Processor:** AMD Athlon X2 Dual Core 4450B 2.30GHz
- **Memory:** 2GB
- **Hard Drive:** 160GB (Some have 320, and very few have 500GB)
- **Graphics:** NVidia 9300GE 256MB
- **Monitor:** 20” Flat screen
- **Mouse and Keyboard included**

The above listing represents the minimum computer specification.

Due to replacements and upgrades over the past 4 years, some computer may have higher specification than listed.

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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
Career & pathway news

Year 12 subject selection for 2014

In early September all Year 11 students will be finalizing their subjects for 2014.

Currently, the majority of Year 11 VCE students are studying six subjects and in Year 12 they will study five subjects.

This means that students will need to reduce the subjects they study in Year 12.

If students or parents have any questions on course and career options - we encourage you to make contact with our Career Advisors (Mr Watts or Cherie), at any stage during studying VCE or VCAL.

To keep you informed, below are the steps that we will be taking to ensure this is a smooth transition for our students:

1. We recommend students talk with their subject teachers and gain their feedback on if they feel they will be able to cope with the subject at the next level.

2. From Monday, 2 September - Career Advisors (Mr Watts and Cherie) will attend all Year 11 VCE classes to give them more information about subject selection for Year 12. Students will be asked to fill out a form nominating their subjects for next year (Year 12) and they will be able to request further careers counseling.

3. Early in Term 4, Student timetables will be sent out to parents informing them of their child’s Year 12 subject selections.

The VCAL students studying Intermediate VCAL will move into Senior VCAL, and Foundation VCAL will move into Intermediate VCAL.

If you have any questions, please see Cherie or Mr Watts in the careers room or call us on 5132 3831.
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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2013 Deb Night cont… Thursday 15 August
Community news & events

A PLEASANT WINTER SUNDAY AFTERNOON
featuring the
Latrobe & Francis Orchestras

At the UNITING CHURCH
19 – 29 Park Lane
Traralgon

2.00pm SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST 2013

Cost: $10.00 Single
$5.00 Concession
$25.00 Family

A light afternoon tea will be served at the conclusion of the concert.

Come along and enjoy an afternoon of exceptional music

Everyone welcome

Contact: Ron Wall 5134 4260
ronwall43@gmail.com

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 U FOSTER (1800 836 7831) or visit www.berrystreet.org.au

Receive your Kurnai Newsletter by email

Email: bardsley.sarah.d@edumail.vic.gov.au (subject: Kurnai Newsletter)
STUDENT SUPPORT: TEACHER AVAILABILITY 2013

**Humanities**
- All Staff
- Wednesday Period 5
- English Office

**Math**
- Mr. HooiMeyer
- Wednesday Period 5 & Thursday 3pm
- SW135

**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

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

**Media**
- Ms. Crichton
- Monday Lunchtime
- Art Department

**Art**
- Studio Art
- Visual Communication
- All Art Staff
- Thursday 3pm
- Art Department

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

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

**Theatre**
- Mr. Miller
- Wednesday Period 5 & Thursday 3pm
- Student Services

**ALL TEACHERS ARE AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT DURING THE WEEK**