Hello Everyone,

School Captains
Last week the elections for school captains and vice captains were held. In most cases the results were very close with only a handful of votes between the candidates. We are very pleased to announce that the School Captains for 2015 are Riley Hogarth and Chloe Robertson. The Vice Captains are Brandon Welsh and Maneesha Nambirajan.

We look forward to working with the student leadership group to make the University Campus the best place that it can be. At our first scheduled meeting we will be exploring and examining the ideas and thoughts of our school captains for the ongoing improvement of the Campus.

Punctuality
Please encourage your student to get to school on time. Students arriving late impact on the lesson and on the rest of the class members. Nothing is as distracting for a lesson as a student/s arriving late to class necessitating the teacher to stop and deal with the latecomer’s needs. There is really no excuse for arriving late to class for a young adult student who is able to get themselves ready without the need for someone else’s help. Please stress to your student that punctuality is a virtue not only in school but at work and in their social lives as well.
Debutante Ball 2015
Parents and Carers of students planning to do the Debutante ball in 2015 need to be aware that as the Deb is an external event to the curriculum, conditions are placed on student participation. One of those conditions is that families with outstanding charges are required to bring them up to date before their child can attend the Debutante ball.

This does not include the College’s standard levies but costs that should have already been paid. This includes charges such as netbooks, damage to school property, music or outstanding balances for camps and excursions.

We are happy to organise payment plans where necessary.

The College also has Centrepay facilities. Anyone receiving any type of payments through Centrelink can sign up to automatically have fortnightly amounts deducted from their payments to cover material charges, camps and excursions. Forms are available from each Campus office.

Registration is now open for this year’s Deb. 18th and 19th June.
Students can sign up and collect an information form at the General Office.

Vet Building Class
The year is off and running for the VET building class. After weeks of theory and OH&S, the boys were keen to get on the workshop floor and make some mess.

Year 12 Outdoor Ed. Walhalla Trip
The two Year 12 Outdoor and Environmental Studies classes went to Walhalla for an excursion. Students had a look at the cemetery and then went on a tour of the Long Tunnel Mine, where a guide provided students with an excellent insight into the life of a miner. Students wondered the streets of the town, absorbing the old mining atmosphere. Students also had a look at 'Horse Shoe Bend', an old tunnel cut through mountain in an effort to make mining the alluvial deposits easier. Students were extremely positive and appeared to enjoy the day. The trip was linked to their studies in class.

VCE/Careers Talk
Last week all of the VCE students in both Year 11 and 12 were presented with a talk by VCE coordinator, Bernie Cropper, Careers staff and Advocates on the important issues facing VCE students. Leading Teacher, Dave Shields, spoke of the importance of a balanced life while undertaking Year 12 and of the benefits of planning for success while undertaking VCE. The essential aspects of the VCAA rules were explained and questions answered. We’re sure that a lot of good information was taken on board by most students at these sessions.

Geoff & Nello
2015 College Council Elections Nominations
Congratulations to the following parents on their successful election to the College Council. We hope your time as councillor will be enjoyable and productive.

* Sandra Stevenson
* Joanne Britt

We are also delighted to be able to announce that Melissa Ross and Dan Swallow from the Morwell Campus, and Todd Miller and Lia Crichton from the University Campus have been declared the DET Representatives.

A big Thank You to all elected councillors for being prepared to take on this important role.

If any parent/carer is interested in being involved in the College Council, please contact Corine Noblet on (03) 51 323 800.

Apology Day
On Friday Feb 27th students, teachers and members of the public gathered at Mathieson Park in Churchill to commemorate the Apology to the stolen generations and to acknowledge the ongoing hurt and damage done by this dark part of our nations history.

Organised by the Smith family’s learning for Life team (Christine Johnson and Dee Crosby in particular) and supported by the Healing Foundation the event highlighted the importance of recognising and sharing the experiences of our Stolen Generation by engaging students, parents and community members in a range of cultural activities.

Students Leaders from all three Kurnai Campuses represented our College with Maneesha Nambirajan from the University Campus acting as MC. After the Koorie flag was bought in and a few welcome remarks made the students observed a minute silence and listened to the brave story of Jeane Morgan a member of the Stolen Generation.

After morning tea, students rotated through a series of workshops conducted by members of our local Koorie community engaging in badge making lead by Ronald Edwards, story telling read by Hollie Johnson, hearing stories from the Stolen generation with an introduction from Colin Thomas and a cultural walk around Lake Hyland lead by Doris Paton where local plants and their use was explained.

The event was well received by all who participated and Christine Johnson and Dee Crosby should be well pleased that participants learnt more about the Stolen Generation and local Koorie culture.

Anthony Rodaughan

Attendance
The College attendance line is 03 5132 3711 and can be called at any time to leave a message. Please leave a message with your name, relationship to the student, the student’s name and reason for their absence. We ask that all parents and carers ring before 9:00 am to notify if their student will be away so their absence can be passed on to their teachers.
VCE Assemblies
Year 11 and 12 students were spoken to by the VCE Coordinator last Thursday in two separate assemblies. The mysteries of Study Scores, ATAR and SACs were unraveled and examples from 2014 Year 12 VCE results were shown to them as a guide to the high expectations that are being placed upon them as they head toward their final years of school. Hayden Stephen, 2014 School Captain and Year 12 student spoke to the Year 12 Group about the ups and downs of their final year and made the important point that, “the work starts now and that teachers can only help you so much but a lot of the work has to come from the individual and above all to seek help when in doubt or need”.

Redemption Policy and SAC Policy
These policies are both now available on Compass and outline the requirements of staff and students when sitting SACs or redeeming an unsatisfactory Learning Task.

If you have any questions about Study Scores, ATAR, SACs, Policies, etc. please do not hesitate to contact me on 5132 3800 or cropper.bernadette.b@edumail.vic.gov.au

‘Dare to Lead’ – Kiowa Scott-Hurley and Samuel Solomon
Congratulations to Kiowa and Sam for being accepted on the ‘2015 Work Exposure in Government (WEX) Program in Canberra from 23 – 27 March.

This superb opportunity was available nationwide and fifty students were selected across the country including our very own Kurnai College students. The program provides hands-on experience and information about job opportunities and career pathways in the Australian Government. During their stay Kiowa and Sam will undertake placements with the offices of Parliamentarians, the Federal Police and the Australian Defence Force. More news about this in term 2.

Monash Mentoring Program
Access Monash MATES provides intensive support to selected Year 11 and 12 students who aspire to university. The program aims to support your decision making and preparation for university and careers by matching you with successful Monash students to work in a one-to-one mentoring relationship.

Mentoring sessions will take place on a weekly basis for one term (approx. 2 hours pw). They will be structured around transition, preparation, study skills and may include some subject-specific academic support. The mentoring will happen online via face-to-face technology like Skype, etc.

Those students who are interested in hearing a presentation about the program please email David Shields at shields.david.p@edumail.vic.gov.au or message through this blog at https://findthebestyou.wordpress.com

Free After School Tutoring
We are looking to introduce FREE after school tutoring to Year 12's. The tutors will be from Federation University and will look to support students in Math, Science and English-based subjects. The aim is to have 1 tutor for 4-5 students and run the sessions Tuesday 3.10pm-4.10pm, Wednesday 2.00pm - 4.00pm and Thursday 3.10pm - 4.10pm.

We are still working on logistics and finance but are eager to get a list of students who would be interested in taking part in 1 or all of the tutoring sessions. Those who are interested please respond via email to David Shields at shields.david.p@edumail.vic.gov.au or via his blog at https://findthebestyou.wordpress.com/

A list of independent tutor names will also be available shortly along with their educational background and contact details. These private tutors will cost $25 per hour and you will need to organise times, places and topics with them. You will also pay them directly.
Kurnai Study Support Website
A new blog has been set up to support our students in getting the best out of their time at Kurnai. The website, https://findthebestyou.wordpress.com/ is available for parents and students and will offer tips, advice and tasks aimed at improving student’s learning, preparation, organisation and personal skills. We believe that well-balanced, happy students make the best learners and have a higher potential for a fulfilling and rewarding life. So we want ALL of our students to enjoy every aspect of school and be empowered and excited about their time here and their future. This blog will look to support this idea and will cover the following:

- Tips on how to get the best out of your grades: Predicting test questions, preparing for SAC’s and exams, high - quality note taking
- Tips on memorising material
- How to be confident and motivated
- Being in total control of what you do and how you do it
- How to get the most out of your teachers
- Where to find the extra edge in SAC’s, Exams and Learning Tasks
- Benefits of working in groups
- Past student advice and contact details for support
- Plus more.........

These blogs will gradually appear over the course of the year. E-mail notifications will be sent to students who have signed up, along with other career support and information.

Students wanting to sign up (who haven’t received an introductory email) should email David Shields at shields.david.p@edumail.vic.gov.au

Direct Career Support
Students at the University Campus have filled out slips outlining what career paths they are interested in potentially pursuing in the future. They have also offered up email addresses and phone numbers so the Careers Department can contact them when needed. Having this information and contact details this early in the year, allows the careers team to directly contact students about upcoming events, programs, courses that are related to their interests. Cherie and Kylie in the career’s office will continually give information on these programs to students – it is up to the students to be proactive and in control of their future by following up on the information that comes their way.

Plein Air Painting
Year 11 Art students took to the University Campus’ surrounds to get a feel for drawing and painting outside. On a slightly warm day last week the students compositions tackled perspective and scale and experienced the different light changes that occur outside. This was followed up with a lesson of drawing internal designs around the Federation University Campus buildings.
### Year 11 & 12 SACs Term 1

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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*
Car Show Assists Sam Tormey

On Sunday 1st March at Kurnai College Morwell Campus, the Pistons Car Club hosted a car show to raise funds for Sam. The car show was organised for Sam Tormey, a Morwell Campus student with a rare bone cancer - Ewing’s Sarcoma. The car show will help to finance a “Backyard Blitz” on Sam’s backyard to secure the area for his new dog, Scooby. The “Backyard Blitz”, will be completed over the weekend of the 14th and 15th of March.

Michael Stubbe, who is a teacher at Morwell Campus is organising this endeavour along with a team of volunteers who will assist with the manual labour needed to complete the task for Sam, his family and Scooby.

The Car Show was a great success with over 150 cars and bikes on show. A large participation from the local community supported the event. It was encouraging and wonderful that so many car enthusiasts and members of the public came along to support both the show and the worthy cause.

This event was not for profit and run by the Pistons Car Show with 100% of the entrants and public fees going straight to the “Backyard Blitz”. Many teachers of Kurnai, Morwell Campus supported the show by helping with public parking, management and directions. A group of Morwell students sold cancer related T-shirts which also raised money for the event.

There was a raffle with many prizes donated by generous sponsors. The major sponsors of the show were Colin Watson Holden, Shannons Insurance, Auto Barn and Prorent. Over a dozen trophies were awarded to the best cars that were shown on the day.

The car show raised over $4,200.00 to support the upcoming “Backyard Blitz”.

If anyone is interested in donating goods or labour, please call Michael Stubbe on 0409 937 405.
Congratulations to our PBS Recipients

Work Ethic
Jessica Fossati
Josh Hearn
Wei-Han Chang
Bree Morse
Jasmine Carrigy
Brooke Taws
Stephanie Crowe
Molly-Rose Hillenaar
Engagement
Brodie Sherrit
Daniel Blakely
Caiden Gill
Gus Peter
Michelle Hawkes
Chris Bruerton
Brandon Welsh
Sherlock Zhang
Grace Qin
Maddison Harris
Elyse Gillespie
Gabi Kypriotis
James Piripi
Iden O'Sullivan
Brody Turner
Ellis HayesHills
Mitchell Woodall
Jia Liu
Bradley Rogers
Relationships
Dylan Goodwin
Millie Helmut
Zoe Hibbert
Josie D’Alia
Giacomo DiLullio
Bijanka Langanke
Bennie Marr
Zac Helyar
Rachael McKenzie
Bianca Pike
Madeline Lewis
Excellence
Kimberley Zerafa
Tanner Higgins
Elone Lotulelei
Kalob McCubbin
Jade Smith
Maddison Harris
Yuxin Li
Shaun Goodwin
Brody Turner
Chelsea Radford
Adam Chawner
Nick Teresi
Ruoxuan Xu

PBS Award Recipients
Staff at the University Campus continue to show our support and appreciation for students displaying positive behaviours. We know that these positive behaviours are very much our students doing the good things they have always done. Never-the-less, we will continue to support these students and their behaviours as it makes this school the great place it is. To show an extra appreciation the PBS team raffled the names of all students at the University Campus who received a postcard in 2014. The winners and prizes are shown below:

PBS Prize Winners
1st Prize – Samsung Galaxy Tablet - Chelsea Townley
2nd Prize – iTunes voucher - Tristan Winkelman
3rd Prize – Leigh Vajler - Movie voucher & chocolate

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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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Smoke Free Schools - Message from Nurse Laura
Students within Kurnai College are invited to attend the QUIT program.
In March I have begun discussions with students regarding the health effects of smoking and starting to smoke at a young age. The aim of the QUIT program is to:

- Identify the reasons people smoke
- Equip students with strategies to reduce / quit smoking
- Identify the health consequences of smoking
- Support and encourage students to make informed decisions about lifestyle choices.

Please register your interest with Laura Van Stijn – Secondary School Nurse at the college.

Smoking Facts

- A single cigarette contains over 4000 different substances, many of which are cancer causing.
- Cigarettes contain substances such as Tar, Metals, Hydrogen Cyanide, Pesticides & Radioactive compounds.
- Smoking decreases oxygen levels due to increased carbon monoxide levels in the lungs, increases heart rate, pulse rate and blood pressure & also decreases blood flow to the hands and feet.
- Smoking causes the premature death of approximately 18,000 people per year.
- The younger a person is when they start to smoke, the less likely they are to quit and the more likely it is that they will become a heavier, more addicted smoker, and die of a tobacco-related illness.
- Nicotine is a poisonous and highly addictive drug that comes from the tobacco plant.

Smoking at / around School
All schools have a duty to provide students with a safe and healthy educational environment, as well as giving students information about important health issues such as smoking. The policies within Kurnai reflect this duty in striving towards a ‘smoke free school’.

150,000 Smokers Quit per Year – Be a Quitter
Further information can be obtained from Laura Van Stijn – Secondary School Nurse
Your GP or local pharmacy and www.quit.org.au or 131 848.
Careers and Pathways

Are you interested in a Career in Civil Construction?
Please see Careers for an opportunity to undertake a Civil Construction Taster Program that will give you experience in the Civil Construction Industry and an opportunity for a week of work experience in the field.

See Kylie or Cherie in Careers.

Fed Uni ‘Experience Days’
Are you interested in experiencing a Day at Fed Uni?
Are you interested in a Career in:
- Art and Design
- Nursing, Health Science and Psychology
- Arts and Education
- Business
- Engineering and IT
- Science and Outdoor and Environment

Please see Kylie or Cherie in Careers to register your interest.

UMAT 2015
The test is used specifically to assist with the selection of students into the Medicine, Dentistry and Health Science Degree programs at undergraduate level at a number of Universities in Australia and New Zealand. For more information, and/or to apply visit http://umat.acer.edu.au/

Bond University - Medicine
Charles Darwin University - Clinical Sciences
Flinders University - Clinical Sciences/Medicine, Vision Sciences
La Trobe University - Health Sciences (Dentistry) (non-Y12), Oral Health Science (non-Y12)
Monash University - Medicine
University of Adelaide - Dental Surgery Medicine
University of Auckland (NZ) - Medicine
University of Newcastle / University New England - Joint Medical Program
University of New South Wales - Medicine Optometry
University of Otago (NZ) - Dental Surgery, Medical Laboratory Science, Medicine
University of Queensland - Dental Science, Medicine (provisional entry)
University of Tasmania - Medicine
University of Western Australia - Dental Medicine (assured entry), Medicine (assured entry)
University of Western Sydney - Medicine
Careers and Pathways Cont...

Tax File Numbers
Any student will need at tax file number if he/she starts work (part-time and fulltime) and all students planning on a tertiary education require one when they start. Importantly, current Year 12 students are reminded that they cannot enrol in a CSP (Commonwealth Support Place) course at university without a Tax File Number, so it is worthwhile getting an application submitted early! Students must now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office. To apply and also to find out about participating Post Offices, visit: https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Ind/Apply-for-a-TFN-on-the-web/

Army Aviation
An army aviation unit is an aviation-related unit of a nation's army, often described as an air corps. These units are generally separate from a nation's dedicated air force, and usually comprise helicopters and light support fixed-wing aircraft. The Australian Army Aviation (AAAvn) Corps has aircraft including the Black Hawk, Chinook Helicopter, ARH Tiger Helicopter, the MRH90 Troop Lift Helicopter, and civil helicopter training aircraft.
Find out more about the Australian Army Aviation (AAAvn) Corps at Australian Army Aviation

The ADF Gap Year program provides an opportunity for young Australians, who have finished Year 12 (or equivalent) and are aged between 17 and 24, to experience military training and lifestyle whilst gaining new skills and pay over their Gap Year. The life skills and job training that students acquire during their Gap Year experience will be valuable regardless of what career you ultimately undertake. Gap Year opportunities are available in the Navy, Army and Air Force. To find out more information about the ADF Gap Year program please visit http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/GapYear/
Are you 13 - 18?  
Like Australian Rule Football?  
Want to Play Football?  
Morwell Tigers are looking for players in our all girl competition  

All Skills and abilities welcome whether you have played Junior football before or never kicked a ball Everyone is welcome  

Boys and Girls  
Also wanted for our Under 10, 12 & 14 Teams  
In our Mixed Competition  
Training Starts 4:30pm March 10th Holmes Rd Oval, Morwell  

Enquiries Contact  
Keith 0400 860 257  
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mjfc@live.com.au