Message from Campus Principals

Hello Everyone,

Well, this is the final newsletter for the year, a year that has certainly has gone quickly. From our perspective it’s been a very successful year with many great things happening, far too many to list here!

Recently, we had the Graduation Dinner for all of our Year 12 students. It was a really successful and enjoyable evening at the Premier Function Centre in Traralgon. It’s always gratifying to see so many of our students finish their secondary education in such a positive manner and about to move into the next exciting phase of their lives.

On Tuesday last week we attended the KYPP (Kurnai Young Parents Program) Graduation Ceremony where seven of the KYPP girls were awarded their Year 12 certificates; a wonderful achievement for them all. We wish them the very best in whatever they decide to do next whether it is to continue their education, move into the world of work, spend more time with their young family or a combination of all three.

Finally, we’d like to wish members of our learning community a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year. School starts again on Tuesday, 31st January. See you then.

Geoff & Nello
Gippsland Regional Assembly – The Future of the Valley

Mirrín McKay, Sophia Patikisa, Rose Van Rooy and Daniel Schneider represented Kurnai College at the recent Gippsland Assembly held in Moe on 17 November. They were amongst a diverse group of members drawn from local communities, businesses and the three tiers of government who discussed ideas and opportunities under seven key themes: Energy, New Jobs and Industry, Tourism, Education and Wellbeing, Connectivity, Food and Fibre; and Latrobe Valley.

The Assembly intends to increase collaboration between communities, industry, businesses and government to address the most important challenges and opportunities in our region.

The four students were congratulated by the Premier Daniel Andrews and the Minister of State, Gavin Jennings for their valuable contribution, maturity and insight into local issues and in particular the closure of the Hazelwood Power Station.

If you wish to have your say you can access the debate by going to:

Do you need to catch a bus in 2017 to come to classes at University Campus?

Students who are going from Year 10 Morwell Campus to University Campus need to keep their 2016 ID cards until a new one is issued at the start of Term 2, 2017.

Existing students at University Campus or Churchill Campus who catch the Contracted School Bus services will also need to keep their 2016 ID cards until a new one is issued at the start of Term 2, 2017.

If you have misplaced this card you need to get a new one by paying $5 at the General Office. This will take a couple of days to produce so act now so you don’t have to use a MYKI in 2017.

New students to Kurnai College who are attending their closest school, should have completed Bus Forms available from the General Office. If you have handed in your bus form or are unsure of how you get to school by bus please contact Fiona Fraser or Leonie Mackie on 51323709.

Debutante Ball 2017

Parents & Carers of students planning to do the Debutante Ball in 2017 need to be aware that as the Deb Ball is an external event to the normal school curriculum, conditions are placed on student participation.

One of these conditions is that families with outstanding charges are required to bring them up to date before their child can begin dance lessons in preparation for the Deb Ball.

This does not include the College’s yearly school charges but only costs that should have already been paid such as outstanding balances for camps and excursions, extra curriculum music costs or charges relating to damage of school property.

In addition to payments made at the campus office, the College offers both Centrepay and Bpay options as a method of payment. Centrepay, allows families to have fortnightly amounts automatically deducted from any Centrelink payments.

If you have any concerns or wish to organise a payment plan please don’t hesitate to contact the campus office.
100% ATTENDANCE

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO HAVE ATTENDED EVERY DAY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER – ON TIME.

Montana Badcock  
Liam Cassar  
Sam Daddo  
Alice Davey  
Blake Ewald  
Alicia Ewen  
Robert Goodwin  
Nanyin Huang  
Emily McKeen  
Josh McLeod-Dryden  
Meika Ormerod  
Lucy Sevenson  
Cameron Stewart  
Tiara Vajler  
Justin Van Tilburg  
Emily Vella  
Eric Andreazzi  
Emma Darling  
Yuxin Li  
Billy Treloar  
Jill Warwick

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak to the school as soon as possible.

Openly communicating with your child’s school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let the appropriate staff know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Did you know?

- Patterns of late arrival to school or missing classes are early warning signs.
- Missing one day of school each week adds up to 1½ months missed over a year. Each day absent in secondary school has an impact on skill development, social connections and keeping up.
- Poor attendance may be associated with future unemployment, criminal activity, substance abuse, and poorer health and life expectancy.

Headstart has started and learning for the next year has begun. Attendance is important to ensure a good start.
Whilst 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 these community events.