Hello Everyone

Welcome back to Term 3. We hope that everyone has had an enjoyable break.

The Deb Balls are over, Unit 2 and 4 VCE subjects have well and truly started and Year 12 VCAL students are focusing on their work placements and transitioning to apprenticeships and employment.

For VCE students in Unit 4 subjects the time of the final exams will be here very quickly. It is important that students make the most of the next few months. Study and mentoring sessions are available after school on Tuesday and Thursday and the library as a place to study is open every afternoon during the week. Keep in mind too that the Fed Uni library is a great place to study, both during the week and on weekends. Students should also be supporting each other as much as possible during what can be a very stressful time. Remember too that if you are having difficulties coping with the workload ask for help. There are people with resources available to make these last few months easier but students must make sure that support staff know when help is needed.

We are also moving into the time when current Year 10 students look to select their course and subject for next year. Students at Morwell and Churchill Campuses are automatically involved in this process. However, about one third of our students each year come from schools outside of Kurnai College. If you know of families who are thinking of shifting students to the University Campus in 2017 please remind them they need to contact the school on 5132 3800 to arrange an interview and a tour of the Campus.

Parents and students are invited on Tuesday 26 July, to attend a free BBQ at 1p.m on Campus in celebration of Naidoc Week.

Geoff and Nello

Message from our Campus Principals

KEY DATES

July 26  Naidoc Celebration, Free BBQ for staff, students and parents who wish to attend. 1p.m on Campus
Sept 15  Parent Teacher Conversations
         3.30p.m - 7.30p.m
Sept 16  Parent Teacher Conversations
         10a.m—1p.m
Oct 26- Nov 18  End of Year Exams Yr. 12 VCE Written Exams
Nov 17 - 23  Year 11 End of Year Exams
Nov 28 - Dec 9  Headstart

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***Attention all Year 12 Students***

PHOTOS REQUIRED!

Year 12’s, as part of a special DVD presentation at the Year 12 graduation that features the class of 2016, **1 Baby photo is required**

**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.**

Photos can be scanned by you or you can bring them to school to scan them.

**IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS**

When scanning: Select resolution of 300 DPI

When saving: Select JPEG format. **DO NOT SAVE IN ANY OTHER FORMAT**

EMAIL photos and queries regarding the year 12 graduation to Kallitsa Yiannacou at the email address below:

GraduationPhotos@kurnaicollege.vic.edu.au

Digital images only.

Example of a baby photo- facing front and no obstructions covering the face.

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**College Magazine**

If you wish to order the college magazine for your student, payment must be made by the end of this term. Payment can be made using existing credit on your family account, BPayment, EFTPOS, Cash or Cheque. The charge for the Magazine is $15. Please contact the General Office if you wish to arrange payment.

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A reminder to call our ABSENCE HOTLINE 5132 3711 preferably before 9am if your child is not going to be at school.

This will ensure your child’s absence is recorded correctly and you don’t receive a phone call from our office.
Accounting News

On Tuesday July 19 students from the Year 11 and 12 Accounting classes travelled to Melbourne to visit ENGIE and Deloitte Australia. The day was courtesy of The Smith Family, and particularly Julie Nethercote. Whilst at ENGIE the students were given a tour of the head office and learnt about how the trading of electricity works, as well as watching the live trading of electricity. Unfortunately the Deloitte Australia portion of our excursion fell through at the last minute, however, the time spent at ENGIE was quite fascinating and it was great for students to see how the topic they are currently studying in class is applied in the trading of electricity.

UBS Finance Academy

In the first week of term 3 Zequaden Hanratty participated in the UBS Finance Academy for students who are studying accounting and have an interest in a career in finance. Zequaden had to go through a selection process and was one of a small group who was successful. Here is what he had to say.

‘Hello My Name is Zequaden Hanratty, last week I was given the opportunity to travel to Sydney and attend the UBS finance academy for five days. As well as being able to learn more about the finance industry I was given the opportunity to make friendships with a vast array of people from an even wider range of cultures. This was an opportunity that I hope will stay with me for a lifetime and I would definitely recommend applying for the position to anyone with a vague interest in the finance industry.’
Without the ongoing support of local businesses and community organisations, our VCAL Structured Workplace Learning program would not be viable. Students in VCAL must complete a work placement one day a week as part of their studies. This provides students with experience in a variety of industries and with opportunities that they cannot get in a classroom setting. In upcoming newsletters we will acknowledge some of the other local businesses/organisations that have supported our program by taking on VCAL students.

Thank you!

Etrax Earthworks and Concrete (Morwell)
Gaztronomy (Morwell)
WRW Mechanical Repair (Morwell)
Latrobe City Council Hub (Churchill)
Contracting Kings (Yallourn North)
Latrobe City Council Headquarters (Morwell)
Gippsland Joinery (Morwell)
Morwell Club Inc (Morwell)
Greenleaf Hydro and Homebrew (Traralgon)
Morwell Park Primary School (Morwell)

We are always looking for willing businesses to take on work placement students. If you would like to find out more about the VCAL program or to discuss the benefits of taking on a work placement student, please call the VCAL team on 5132 3800.

Kurnai Kafe

Monday 25th July – Pasta Bake with garlic bread $3
Tuesday 26th July – Free BBQ for NAIDOC week
Mon 1 Aug – Baked Potatoes $3
Tues 2 Aug – Soup with roll $3

Don't forget $1 Toasties in the morning along with hot chocolate and coffee. Come by and check out our selection of treats, including cookies, chocolate crackles and honey joys.
 Careers News

Reminders:
- ‘INSIDE MONASH’ UNIVERSITY SEMINARS – Final seminars in the series: Science - August 24; Teaching - September 13; For details, and to book go to: www.monash.edu/inside-monash
- NURSING AT DEAKIN – Info session: Burwood 20 July OR 23 July; Geelong 20 July or 23 July; Warrnambool 22 July; Book: Ph 9244 6032; See: www.deakin.edu.au/nursing-midwifery.

Open Day Reminder – University and TAFE Open Days are just around the corner. These are an opportunity to check out Campuses and courses which interest you. Year 10 is a great time to commence these visits. Some students will spend more time checking out an $5,000 used car than checking out an investment in education which may cost $20,000 or more...

Some Open Day Dates for 2016:
- Sun 31 July – Swinburne University
- Sat 6 Aug – Monash (Peninsula)
- Sun 7 Aug – Deakin University (Warrnambool); La Trobe University (Bundoora); Monash University (Caulfield & Clayton)
- Sun 14 Aug – Australian Catholic University (Melbourne), La Trobe University (Bendigo); RMIT University; William Angliss Institute
- Sun 21 Aug – Box Hill (Lilydale Campus); Deakin University (Waterfront & Waurrn Ponds); University of Melbourne; Monash (Parkville)
- Sun 28 Aug – ACU (Ballarat): Box Hill Institute (Box Hill); Deakin University (Burwood); Federation University; Victoria University (Footscray campus)

How to Get the Most out of Open Day Visits – Don’t wander aimlessly….try these:
- Get an Open Day Guide, eg from www.deakin.edu.au/openday, www.openday.unimelb.edu.au, or www.monash.edu/openday and be there when relevant information sessions are on
- Allow sufficient time for your visit; two hours or so would be advisable
- Speak to staff/students about courses which interest you - note your questions beforehand
- Collect information/brochures
- Ask about industry based-learning (IBL) opportunities; these can assist with gaining employment
- Ask about international study opportunities – a popular option
- Consider transport issues; is the campus accessible from where you live?
- Check the environment where you will study; will you be happy there for three/four years?
- Consider the facilities/clubs offered at your preferred institution
- Consider a rural campus - ATARs are often lower at rural campuses and they often offer other advantages.

NOTE: If you plan to apply for a course involving an interview/folio presentation/audition as part of the selection process, attendance is A MUST! You might be asked what you learned at Open Day.

Year 12 News – Applying for Courses
Applications are usually made on the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) website, opening on Mon 1 August, with timely applications closing on 29 Sept (see www.vtac.edu.au). You will be able to apply for up to eight courses, placing them in the order you most want them. You will be offered a place in the highest course in your list for which you meet the ATAR/Selection requirements/pre-requisite subjects.

As we know, some circumstances can spoil a student's academic achievement. Tertiary institutions are aware of this and offer alternative entry schemes taking into account short- and long-term disadvantage. While many are offered through the single Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS) application process, others require application to the institution. Note: SEAS applications cannot be completed until you have made a course application through VTAC. See: www.vtac.edu.au/applying/seas.html

Monash University News
- Monash Guarantee and SEAS for Year 12 Students – Monash operates two access schemes, the Monash Guarantee and the SEAS that can help you enter your preferred course, even if your ATAR is below the clearly-in ATAR. It is possible to be eligible for one or both schemes. The Monash Guarantee can get you into a course even if you don't reach the course's clearly-in ATAR. You could be eligible if you have experienced financial disadvantage or if you are an Indigenous Australian (Note: the Monash Guarantee also applies to students who attend a Monash under-represented school). Every course has a Monash Guarantee ATAR. For Info: http://www.study.monash/how-to-apply/entry-schemes/the-monash-guarantee/monash-guarantee-atars.
UNIVERSITY CAMPUS - PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Cities News Continued.....

- **SEAS adjusts your ATAR** in recognition of circumstances that may have affected your education. See: [http://www.study.monash.edu.au/how-to-apply/entry-schemes/special-entry-access-scheme](http://www.study.monash.edu.au/how-to-apply/entry-schemes/special-entry-access-scheme).
- **Monash Art, Design & Architecture (MADA)** is holding workshops which offer a way to get tips on the application process for MADA courses. When: 26 & 27 Sept; Where: MADA (Caulfield Campus); For: Year 11 & 12 students; Bookings: [www.monash.edu/mada/workshops](http://www.monash.edu/mada/workshops).
- **New Vertical Double Arts Degrees** - This means that students can gain a Bachelor of Arts degree and relevant Master's degree in four years. The offering will be accessed either commencing directly into a planned vertical course program or electing to move into the double degree structure while undertaking their Bachelor's degree. Students will need to achieve a 75% average in their first two full time years to progress to the Master's course.
- **New Pathways into Law** - For students with the determination to succeed in the B. Laws but just miss out on the clearly-in ATAR, and identify as an Indigenous Australian, live in a low socio-economic area OR have experienced financial hardship. The new courses allow students to study law units from day one so they can try law before committing to the full degree. New courses:
  - Bachelor of Arts (Law pathway)
  - Bachelor of Commerce (Law pathway)
  - Bachelor of Science (Law pathway)
In the first year they will study four first year law subjects along with four Arts, Commerce or Science subjects. Students who pass all eight units with a credit (60%) average in all four law units and a credit (60%) average overall, will be guaranteed a place in either B. Laws/B. Arts, B. Laws/B. Commerce or B. Laws/B. Science OR second year of the B. Laws (Honours) single degree. Info and eligibility: [www.monash.edu/law/future-students/undergraduate/pathways](http://www.monash.edu/law/future-students/undergraduate/pathways).


Deakin Information Sessions


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100% ATTENDANCE

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO HAVE ATTENDED EVERY DAY FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

Montana Badcock  
Mick Berger  
Josh Bogner  
Liam Cassar  
Joshua Hall  
Moises Haviland  
Hayden Kimpton  
Chelsea Laidlaw  
Sarah Lett  
Casey Matthews  
Allison Newton  
Daniel Rowe  
Cameron Stewart  
Alfonso Surman  
Benjamin Wilson  
Rhys Woszczeiko  
Daniel Wynne  
Eric Andreazzi  
Grace Bonnici  
Georgina Brick  
Marnie Bunker  
Wyatt Ceney  
Emma Darling  
Matthew Devonshire  
Aiden Ewald

Sophie Fitzpatrick  
Jesse Fyfe  
Madison Harris  
Jacob Hibbert  
Samantha Hogarth  
Emma Jonkers  
Taylah Kilpatrick  
Angela Knersch  
Megan Knox  
Caleb Leak  
Bennie Marr  
Matthew Morgan  
Bradley Sands  
Jade Smith  
Callum Sturk-Merino  
Jordan Taylor  
Damian Toward  
Viola Xu

Our attendance is low in winter and we want to do something about it......

Winter is the time of year when the weather takes a toll on school attendance. Cold weather may lead to students being unmotivated to get out of bed, so can the colds and fevers that often come with the winter months.

Being late and having poor attendance, even if they are excused, can lead to academic issues. If it is a cold or rainy day but school is still open, students are missing out on learning if they aren’t in class. These absences can result in lower test scores and grades.

There’s not much we can do about the weather, but there are things that can be put in place to ensure your child is on the path to success:

Encourage 100% attendance, but if your child is really unwell arrange with the teachers to get the work that has been missed in class and above all, let our staff know how we can help. We want your children and all our students to succeed. And that means attending school on time every day possible.

Thank you!

PLEASE BE ON TIME.

Congratulations on our students that have achieved 100% attendance despite the colder month. Our recipients are students that come to school 100% of the time and always attend on time. There were another 16 students that attended every day for the month of June but were late on at least one occasion. Being late affects not only the student but the class. The introduction to a topic, the instructions for the lesson as well as explicit teaching may be missed. Remember it is important to BE ON TIME.......
Congratulations to our Positive Behaviour Support Recipients

**Work Ethic**
- Sky Billing
- Jess Dever
- Dylan Duffy
- Brittany Jewel
- Taya Kennedy-Mathison
- Layla-Jia Liu
- Jamie Mareska
- Ifti Narawi
- Sophia Patikisa
- Emilly Vella
- Daniel Wynne

**Excellence**
- Jaynai Caldwell
- Sam Davey
- Robert Goodwin
- Zekinthia Halge
- Taya Kennedy-Matheson
- Top Pewngam
- Johnny Phelan

**Relationships**
- Brooke Aurish
- Montanna Badcock
- Ryan Carlson
- Brittany Chalmers
- Shannon Clissold
- Sam Davey
- Peter Duncan
- Emily McKean
- Bradley Richardson
- Joel Robinson

**Engagement**
- Emma Darling
- Matt Devonshire
- Chantal Patton
- Cameron Stewart
- Nichola Teresi
- Damian Toward
- Emily Vella
- Jessica Wright

### Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) ‘Caught in the Act’ Coupons

We continue to look for ways to promote the positive behaviours our students show on a daily basis. The Kurnai University staff will be handing out coupons to students who display actions linked to our 4 pillars: Excellence, Engagement, Work Ethic and Relationships. These coupons are not only an acknowledgement of great behaviours but put kids into the running for a range of prizes.

It also good to hear such positive feedback from parents and students about our use of PBS Postcards. We strongly value these and see it as a great way to show both the students and families that we highly respect the positive approach of our students.

### Afterschool Study

The Tuesday and Thursday afterschool program has become extremely popular with an average of 32 students turning up to each session. Students are using their time to get ahead in classes and embed the information they are learning. The commitment they are showing to studying is very impressive and we continue to offer Pizza, Fruit, Snacks and Tutors to all that turn up.

The program will run for the remainder of Term 3 as the Year 12’s (especially) begin their run to exams.
## Key Dates

### Calendar of Excursions / Camps

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Kurnai College Music What’s Happening …..

The rise of the College Ensembles

Term three will see the formation of the College Ensemble, where students from all Campuses will congregate to the one location to prepare for performance. The ensembles being created are: Choir; Concert Band; KP NoiseMakers; and Guitar Ensemble. The rehearsals dates and ensembles involved are as follows:

Monday 25th July and 8th August - Guitar Ensemble and KP NoiseMakers – at Churchill Campus;
Monday 8th and 15th August - Concert Band and Choir – at Churchill Campus.

These ensembles will be preparing to perform in the annual On The Road Again primary schools tour, as well as the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod.

On The Road Again Primary Schools tour is on 23rd – 29th August
Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod starts Tuesday 30th August (Choir). Other groups on between 31st Aug – 2nd Sept.