



**PARENT BULLETIN**

**24th August 2012**

**COMING EVENTS**

Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> August.....	Yr 9 HPV Loy Yang
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> September.....	College Athletics at Newborough
Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> September.....	Proposed Strike Day (more information closer to date)
Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> September.....	Yr 9 ACMI Game Masters
Tuesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> September.....	China Camp
Wednesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> September.....	Yr 10 Uluru Camp
Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> September.....	Music Band Performance 6.30pm
Wednesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> September.....	Parent Teacher Interviews (3.30pm – 6pm)
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> September.....	Last Day Term 3
Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> October.....	First Day Term 4
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> - Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> October.....	Yr 9 Melbourne Discovery Camp
Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> - Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> November.....	Yr 8 Karoonda Park Camp

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:	8.00 am – 4.00 pm
SCHOOL HOURS:	8.25 am – 2.50 pm students are supervised between 8.10 am and 3.00 pm



**CAMPUS PRINCIPAL'S NEWS**

Hello Everyone

Kurnai College, in partnership with the Smith Family and the School of Education at Monash University, have established The Learning Club. Every Wednesday afternoon for the next 7 weeks a group of pre-service teachers from Monash will be tutoring students to help develop their academic skills and increase their confidence in their own abilities.

Morwell Campus students will work together in small groups on projects that provide them with a challenge, whilst supporting them to advance their skills and experience success. The Learning Club is not only an opportunity to supplement classroom studies but also supports the development of student excellence – just another way Kurnai strengthens partnerships in our Learning Community.

The first Progress Reports for Semester 2 were sent out on Thursday morning. If you have any concerns or questions please make sure that you contact the school and talk with the appropriate teacher or year level team leaders. The next progress reports will be distributed between **3:30 and 6:00 pm on the afternoon of Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> September**. Can you please make a note of this date because it will provide you with a chance to meet with your student's teachers and discuss their progress.

Between now and the end of term a number of Year 10 students will be involved in fairly substantial trips. In the early hours of 11<sup>th</sup> September four students from Morwell Campus will be boarding a plane at Tullamarine to join the Kurnai Student Trip to China. The group will be away for nearly three weeks and visit Shanghai, Xi'an, Beijing and Hong Kong while they are away. They will also get the chance to live with a Chinese family for a few days when they visit our sister school in Taizhou. The next day, 12<sup>th</sup> September, a further 20+ students and staff will be jumping on a bus and heading to Central Australia for 10 days. Whilst there they will visit Uluru and Kata Tjuta, Alice Springs and Standley Chasm and spend each night camping under the stars. I hope they have good weather! We look forward to hearing of the experiences of both groups.

Lastly, just a repeat of the message in the last newsletter regarding the consumption of energy drinks. It is school policy that these drinks must not be consumed at school and it is our strong advice that students should not have energy drinks before school. Energy drinks found at school will be confiscated and parents will be contacted.

If a student is at school and their behaviour is affected by energy drinks we will have to contact parents and ask that the student goes home. We are also worried that some students are consuming food and drink which have very high sugar content which can have an impact on the ability of students to concentrate at school. We would ask parents to make sure that the food and drinks that students have before and at school do not have an impact on their behaviour.

**Geoff Block**  
**CAMPUS PRINCIPAL**

**UPCOMING EXCURSIONS/CAMPS**

To ensure the smooth organisation 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.

Yr 9 HPV	29 <sup>th</sup> August	\$15	Permission Form and money due 27 <sup>th</sup> August
College Athletics	4 <sup>th</sup> September	\$0	Permission Form due 31 <sup>st</sup> August
Yr 10 Uluru Camp	12 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> September	\$800	Final Payment was due <b>22<sup>nd</sup> August</b>
Yr 9 Melbourne Camp	15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> October	\$315	Permission Form and deposit <b>due 20<sup>th</sup> August</b>
Yr 8 Karoonda Park Camp	19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	\$365	Permission Form and deposit <b>due 20<sup>th</sup> August</b>

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT (PBS)** Every week teachers are asked to consider which students have demonstrated standout behaviour in the area of our school pillars – **Relationships, Engagement, Work Ethic and Excellence**. A postcard is sent home to let families know about their student’s positive behaviour.

RELATIONSHIPS	WORK ETHIC	EXCELLENCE	ENGAGEMENT
Kayla McCarthy	Bianca Pike	Danielle Dowe	Amber Ohlson
Nyabhan Jiath	Nick Smith	Bianca Pike	Nyaboora Gai
Bianca Pike	Josh Hearn	Claudia Logiodice	Danielle Dowe
Brooke Koenigkamp	Sera Kingston	Chase Maynard-Deppler	Callum Cox
Dana Brands	Anthony Maat	Lachlan White	Ahmed Eliaser
Callum Lane	Deng Deng	Kalob McCubbin	Joshua Hall
Jake Liddell	Kalob McCubbin	Shari Lee Hood	Emily Aitken
Macee Franchetto	Paige Rowley	Angela Knersch	Brittany Chalmers
Brad Aitken	Chloe Helmuth		Chloe Robertson
	Tyson Lee		Shari Winkelman
	Brandon Bennett		Jade Smith
	Emma Darling		Chelsea Radford
	Chloe Flanigan		
	Josh Mcleod-Dryden		

## COLLEGE MAGAZINE

Parents who wish to purchase the College Magazine will need to make payment of \$15.00 to the general office before the end of October.

## YEAR 9

The Year 9 camp in Melbourne is on October 15th – 19. The numbers are limited to 60 students so please return your forms ASAP. There will be an information session held for students and families attending the camp in the first week of Term 4. If you have any questions regarding the camp, please feel free to contact me or a member of the Year 9 team on 5165 0600.

**Cleo Lazaris -Year 9 Team Leader**

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Scot Gardner** who has won Children's Book of the Year from the Children's Book Council of Australia for his book "*the dead I know*". This book won in the category for older readers.

Scot has written many books for teenage readers and "*the dead I know*" is about the teenager Aaron who leaves school to work at funeral directors. Aaron Rowe is an enigma. Aaron Rowe walks in his sleep. He has dreams he can't explain, and memories he can't recover. Death doesn't scare him - his new job with a funeral director may even be his salvation. But if he doesn't discover the truth about his hidden past soon, he may fall asleep one night and never wake up.

Scot wasn't born reading and writing; in fact he left school in Year 11 to undertake an apprenticeship in gardening with the local council. He has worked as a waiter, masseur, delivery truck driver, home dad, counsellor and musician. **Scot is currently a teacher at Churchill Campus.**

Other books written by Scot are studied in English classes at both the Churchill and GEP campuses.

Congratulations Scot.



## **COLLEGE MUSIC**

*Advocates for Music Making*

### **Out & About – Music @ Kurnai College – Morwell Campus**

Throughout the week, all music students took part in scheduled all-day rehearsal, where ensembles focused on fine tuning their repertoire for a lunchtime performance.

Participating students were involved in the educational practices from Assessment For Learning AND Musical Futures – where students are reflecting, critiquing and providing constructive feedback to each other to further enhance their own and the ensembles progress.

During the lunchtime performance, the atmosphere and participation from audience and performers were very well received.

All ensembles are preparing and fine tuning for the Up & Coming campus performances AS WELL AS for the Term 4 Primary Schools *On The Road Again* Road Show performances.

### **Up & Coming Performances:**

- **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September**, bands participating are: **Band 1, Band 2 and College Big Band**, as well as some of the current VCE Music Performance students.  
Venue: Kurnai - Morwell Campus **Music Room**.  
Starting time: 6:30pm.  
Entry – **Gold** coin donation only.

### **Fundraising... Drink Cans**

@ Morwell Campus – Bags can be left outside the Music Complex (Room E2) on Mondays and Tuesdays.

**Wanna go interstate or overseas?**

Any interested students wanting to experience local/regional/interstate/overseas opportunities can do so by joining the College Big Band.

Must be committed to attend weekly rehearsals and on Thursdays from 3pm- 4pm;

Must have some knowledge in reading music. Can hire instrument if you haven't got one.

Instrument players looking for include: **Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, and Piano (not for hire)**

If interested, fill in and return bottom slip to front office.

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year level: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Tel Number/email: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ Own Inst: Yes / No

Hiring an Inst: Yes / No

**Music Instruments and classes are available for:**

FLUTE, CLARINET, SAXOPHONE, TRUMPET, TROMBONE and TUBA

**Never played an instrument before but interested? For rest of Term 3 ONLY, learn an instrument for FREE. That's right FREE! Take it home and practise it... and attend scheduled music classes. GET THE MUSIC EXPRESSION FORM FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE NOW.** Offer is only available for instruments mentioned above. If students are interested in continuing on with the instruments for Term 4, then the fees for Enrolment and Hire must be finalised.