Newsletter
Morwell Campus
Date: 19 September 2013

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Message from Campus Principal - Michelle

“With ordinary talent, and extraordinary perseverance, all things are possible.” – Thomas Fowler Buxton

NAPLAN Results

Parents of students in Years 7 and 9 are advised that the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has identified an error in the placement of some of the national average indicators in the Year 5 and Year 7 NAPLAN student reports. This has required the reprinting of student reports with a consequent delay in distribution. There are no errors related to the NAPLAN tests or scoring of student results. No incorrect reports will be released to students.

It is expected that delivery of reporting packages to Victorian schools will now take place in early Term 4. Once the reports arrive in the school, we will post them home.

Contact Details

Please ensure that your contact details are up to date. In recent weeks, a number of teachers have let me know that when they have tried to contact parents, they have found that the phone number is disconnected, or the postal address is incorrect.

Please ensure that you update any contact details as soon as a change occurs as it is essential that we are able to contact you, particularly in the event of an emergency.
Bring Your Own Device

As mentioned in previous editions, next year Kurnai College will be moving towards a “Bring Your Own Device” model for general classroom ICT provision.

Students at all year levels will provide their own device such as a tablet or laptop that will be connected to the school network whilst they are on campus.

For parents wishing to plan ahead and wanting information about what to purchase the following information is provided:

There are some minimum requirements for the devices to operate effectively in this environment:

- For Macbooks, iPads - iOS5.0 or above
- For Android, OS4.0 or above, a 10” screen is recommended, as a 7” is not as user friendly
- For Windows devices, Windows 7 or above is suitable

Smaller devices eg i-Pods or smartphones may be handy in certain situations such as photographing work or videography activities but will not be terribly useful as the main device

It is possible to purchase devices on-line, however we recommend that you are careful if you decide to do this

Harvey Norman (Traralgon) are offering discounts to holders of Kurnai College Student ID Cards

It is highly recommended that whichever device you decide on has at least one USB port

Parents of students in Year 9 and above, please remember that the current netbooks will be supported, and so there is no need to purchase something new.

If you have any questions about any aspect of this, please contact Dean Gowing, the College IT Leader. Dean is located at Churchill Campus, and can be reached on 5132 3700.

Music

It was my pleasure to attend the Morwell Campus Concert on Monday evening.

Many of the students involved performed in public for the first time that day when they participated in the “On the Road Again” tour of local primary schools.

I can hardly imagine how difficult it is for some of our more shy students to perform in front of teachers, their parents and other adults, yet they all overcame their fear and sang and played their hearts out.

Well done to all the students and a big thank you to Mr Gretton, Mr Hopkins and Mr Bonnici who have worked tirelessly to put these events together.

Parent Teacher Conversations

This term we have trialed appointment times for Parent Teacher Conversations. We appreciate that the first time you try something you are likely to face glitches, so we welcome your feedback, positive and negative, in order that we can improve for the future.
Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students including any transport costs. These costs may be recoverable where an injury is caused by the negligence (carelessness) of the Department, a school council or their employees or volunteers.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance.
Every week staff at Kurnai College identify students who they feel are reflecting the four pillars of Kurnai College and send them a postcard. The pillars are **Relationships, Work Ethic, Excellence and Engagement**. Congratulations to the following students who received a postcard:

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Year 7 News

It was great to see so many students presenting in the Kids Teaching Kids event last week. Nearly half of the Year 7 cohort was involved in presenting teams which have required them to work throughout the semester with their teachers to develop a curriculum on the subject of sustainability and teach it to other students ranging from Grades 3-7. Even the opening ceremony was MC’d by Year 7 students. The feedback I have received regarding our presenters has all been extremely positive. I would like to thank all of the students and teachers involved in the preparation and operation of this event. In particular, I would like to thank Ms Lisa Benn. Without her tireless efforts, this event could not have been offered to our students or our feeder primary schools.

I hope all Year 7 students take the opportunity over the holidays to recharge their batteries. Term 4 will be very busy!
Year 8 News

Relay for Life

On 19th and 20th October, all year levels have a chance to take part in the 2013 Relay for Life to raise money for Cancer research. Each student will take turns in walking around a track along with cancer patients/survivors and cancer patient carers. This event goes for 24 hours and we will be camping at Gaskin Park.

A couple of students have been walking around the school grounds trying to raise money to go towards the Relay for Life. The students and teachers have been so generous to donate money.

Kiyomi’s Girls Group class are making cupcakes. They will be sold for $1. The money that we raise from selling the cupcakes will also be donated to Relay for Life.

We’re still collecting money and if you would like to donate you can do so at the office or you can find Dante Brown or Chelsea Powell in the school grounds. Even if you donate 10 cents, every cent counts.
Year 9 News

Year 9 English

Below are poems written by two of my Year 9 English students which I believe are exceptional. As part of a poetry unit, students had to write and perform a poem in the style of ‘beat’. These poems were written at the beginning of the term.

Hamed Sabawi—Year 9 English Teacher

**Beat Poem By Nyawech Chiok**

Life is like an ocean,
It can be calm and still, rough and rigid.
But in the end it’s always beautiful.
Life is like the oceans - you never know what you will discover.
Never take things for granted because it can be gone in a second
Always have faith because someone has faith in you.
There is no need to fear.
Fear is only an emotion.
Emotions can be overcome.
And never say never
Because never can be right around the corner.
Always have dreams
Because dreams do come true
Never lose control of your life.
Like the ocean -
I am the wind.

I control my life as the wind controls the ocean’s path.

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**Beat Poem By Brodie Mahy**

Nowhere to go,
Nowhere to hide.
Where am I?
Where shall I hide?
In the forest of dreams -
Helplessly I wander.
Where I am?
My life is a wonder.
What will I do?
Am I alone?
I don’t like this place.
I’m cold and alone.
This is not the place I know.
What will I do?
Where will I go?
My life, unknown -
Just like a mystery.
I am left here,
All alone.
My life is over -
Or has it just begun?
Life is a mystery
We know nothing about it.
I sit here alone.

Year 9

**Upcoming Excursions, Camps and Events**

Year 9 Melbourne Camp Discovery – 14th—18th October

Relay for Life – 19th—20th October

**Project Expo**

As one of the electives this year, Year 9 students have chosen from the following Projects – Game Maker, Master Chef, Cottage Crafts, Human Powered Vehicle and Community Spirit. The aim is for students to produce a final product. During Term 4 we will have an afternoon where students will display their work for their families. More information regarding dates and times will be available early next term.

**Year 10 Transition**

As a way of transitioning our Year 10 students to the senior campus at the Precinct, all students will select a VCE or VCAL subject to study next year. On 30th October (to be confirmed), Year 9 students will spend the day at the Precinct participating in ‘tasters’ for the subjects on offer.
Year 10 News

Year 10 Camp

Last week many of our Year 10s went travelling. While a group have gone to China, another spent a week experiencing one of Australia's iconic cities, Sydney. Monday was a long day spent driving, Tuesday's highlights, other than the glorious 32 degree heat, included a Captain Cook Cruise of Sydney Harbour, walking around Darling Harbour and viewing Sydney at night from the Sydney Sky Tower. Wednesday was a more relaxing day. Students walked over Sydney Harbour Bridge, enjoyed some free time to explore and then enjoyed dinner at a local Chinese restaurant where some learned to use chopsticks and others chose to stick to forks. Thursday was another busy day which included a tour of ANZ Stadium where students were able to go into locker rooms and a commentary box, a swim at the Sydney Aquatic Centre, a Sydney Opera House guided tour and then after dinner a Q Station Ghost tour.

Friday came too soon and it was time to get back on the bus for a very long drive home. Thanks to our bus driver, David, for cheerfully navigating Sydney's busy and confusing streets and the students for behaving well.
Year 10 News continued

Year 10 Camp—student reflection

On Monday 9th September, 29 Year 10s along with 3 teachers from both Morwell and Churchill set off early for a really long bus ride to Sydney which not too many were looking forward to haha. Our first stop was at Bairnsdale for a quick something to eat and a stretch, then up to Cann River and then further on to Cooma for lunch. We eventually arrived at camp at about 7:30 pm where we got to have some tea and then up to our rooms to get ready for the first night.

An early start for Tuesday morning, breakfast at the hostel and then on to the coach to start our adventures around Sydney. Our first stop was the Captain Cook cruises on Sydney Harbour which was just magnificent and such good weather. We then went to the Powerhouse Museum which was great and then over to the National Maritime Museum where we got to have a self-guided tour of a submarine which was interesting to see what the sailors conditions would be like. We then had the opportunity to go do a bit of shopping which about half did, the others went back to the hostel as it was so hot (a temperature of about 30) and went for a swim. Once everyone was back at the hostel we had tea and then made our way over to the Sydney Sky Tower which was fantastic. it was a great opportunity to see the city lit up at night.

Wednesday saw us head over to the Pylon lookout which was a great way to see a view of the Sydney Opera House, and we got to have a walk along the Sydney Harbour Bridge which was amazing. We also went to the Museum of Sydney (the former land of the first Governor’s house built in 1788), dinner then was at the 9 Dragons restaurant.

Thursday saw us with another early start, starting with a tour of the ANZ Stadium, then heading over to the Sydney Aquatic Centre which everyone loved as the weather was so warm and it was a great way to cool off a bit. After the swim we headed over to the Opera House with a guided tour telling us the history behind the Opera House. It was then back to camp to get ready for tea and the ghost tour, which a lot of people were looking forward to. At the ghost tour it was a good experience but it was also incredibly cold so we all were rugged up the best we could be haha. After the ghost tour we headed back to camp and packed our bags because we had an early start in the morning to head back home again.

Friday saw us up and ready and down at breakfast for one last time at 7:00 am with our bags being under the bus ready to go once we had finished breakfast. We stopped at the same places as we did going up. The majority of us slept at least for 2 hours of the trip home as we were really tired or some people slept on the bus a little longer as they stayed awake all night the night before haha.

On behalf of the Year 10s at both Morwell and Churchill we would just like to thank Ms Lazaris, Ms Flake, Nick Johnson and our bus driver, David, for a great week which I'm sure we will all remember.

By Chelsea—Year 10 Morwell student
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.

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Morwell & Churchill Gym Hire Available

The Morwell and Churchill Gymnasium currently has vacancies available for hire.

Morwell has Thursday & Friday nights available.

Liability Insurance proof of cover is required and key deposit applies.

Contact Leonie Mackie on 5165 0600 for more information.

Microsoft Surface RT tablet giveaway competition

On 30th August we drew the winner of the Microsoft Surface RT which was donated to Kurnai College with thanks to Harvey Norman Traralgon and Microsoft.

We would first like to thank all the parents who attended the two sessions and gathered vital information on the school’s BYOD program and the Compass system.

The winner of the tablet and congratulations go to Jack Ernst. We hope you enjoy using the tablet.
Kurnai is pleased to introduce you to our new online service for families called “Compass”.

Each family has been mailed unique login for Compass. If you have not received this letter please contact your campus office.

Compass provides the school community with a range of facilities which will streamline communication and provide enhanced access to information. Modules will slowly be introduced over the next coming year.

When fully integrated parents will be able to use Compass to:

- **Email address and mobile number** – update your details through the portal. The details listed will be used to send emails and SMS alerts.
- **News feed** – the school will post news to parents to remind you about events and activities at the school. Your news feed will be customised, showing only the information relevant to you and your children.
- **Attendance** – view your child’s attendance online, approve absences, and indicate future absence.
- **Reports** – view your child’s current and past progress and semester reports as an electronic PDF file.
- **Newsletter** – the newsletter will be published on Compass and parents will be able to login to view it each fortnight.
- **Teacher email** – parents will be able to email their child’s teachers directly.
- **Excursions** – approve your child’s participation in excursions and other special events.
- **Parent/Student/Teacher Conversations** – make appointments with teachers.
- **Curriculum materials** – assignments and homework will be made available for parents and students to access.

You can access Compass on any web-enabled device e.g.: laptop, iPhone and Android Phone.

Parents will play an important role in this initiative. It will be essential that parents log in at least once a fortnight to access the newsletter and the news feed. It is essential that the Username and Password are kept in a safe place, and not made available to students.

**Parent, Student and Teacher Conversations**

In response to parent feedback the time allocated for Parent, Student and Teacher interviews will be increased and families will be able to book set times rather than standing in line for teachers to become available.

The end of term interviews will now run from:

- Thursday – 19th September - 3:30 pm to 8:00 pm
- Friday – 20th September – 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Please see the attached sheet for instructions on how to book your interview times through Compass.

If you require any assistance with Compass or booking your interview times please contact your campus office.
Making a Parent/Teacher/Student Conference Booking

To access PTS Conferences log into the Compass parent portal using your Username and Password. If you are unsure of your log in details please contact the school.

On the Compass homepage a list of your students will be listed. If a conference has been opened for any of your students a link to the PTS Conference will appear under their name. Click on the link.

This will display the PTS Conference Dashboard which includes a list of all of the conferences for all of the students linked to your parent account. If a conference is open for bookings 'False' will appear in the 'Locked' column.

Each event in the list is specific to one of your students, therefore if you have two or more students with conferences during the same event that event will appear once for every student in the list of Available events.

To make bookings for one students’ conference click on that Event in the table.

This will display a list of all available booking times. A list of teachers linked to this student will be displayed at the bottom of the screen. To see when a teacher is available for an appointment you can click on their name in this list.

A teachers schedule for PTS Conference – this screen is read only; bookings cannot be made on this page.
Computer Sale

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

A number of the desktop computers are available for purchase.

**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**

This represents the minimum specs. Due to replacements and upgrades over the 4 years some computers may have higher specification than listed.

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 and can be purchased and picked up from the Morwell Campus office Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
2014 MUSIC EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Latrobe City Council is seeking expressions of interest from local musicians to take part in the 2014 Music Exchange Program. Places are open for 30 - 33 musicians between the ages of 15 - 21 years, to form a touring band. The band will then participate in an international exchange program with our Sister Cities - Taizhou, China & Takasago, Japan.

Applications are available from Traralgon, Morwell & Moe Service Centres, the Churchill Community Hub and the Council’s website www.latrobe.vic.gov.au

For more information contact Jason Memrey on 3128 9004 or email Jason.Memrey@latrobe.vic.gov.au

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2013 FAMILY OPEN DAY

NOVEMBER 2ND

Licola wilderness village

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Looking for something amazing to do in a Melbourne Cup weekend? Try the Licola Wilderness Village "Family Open Day" Saturday 2nd November, 10am to 5pm. FREE ENTRY

With adventure activities such as: 16m giant swing, climbing, archery, high ropes course, leap of faith from $5.00 a go. With many free activities from bouncy castle, face painting, mini golf, trampolines, bouldering, indoor sports, dance and much more why go anywhere else...Kids - bring your parents for a challenging fun filled action packed day out. Day visitors welcome or accommodation available.

visit: www.licola.org.au or call 03 5148 8791

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Our Light the Night details:

When: 25th September 2015
Where: Victory Park, Warragul, Vic.

Contact: 0412 749 919

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Shine a lantern of hope to help cure leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma forever.

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