



PARENT BULLETIN

19th April 2013

COMING EVENTS

Thursday, 25th April..... ANZAC Day (**Public Holiday**)
Monday, 29th April..... Year 10 Morwell Art Gallery
Friday, 28th June..... Term 2 finishes

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

Welcome

“If you learn something from a defeat, it isn’t a loss.” – Autum Worcester

Hello everyone, welcome to Term 2. I hope all our students were able to enjoy a great break during the holidays and are now ready to tackle their work this term.

Harmony Day

Just before the holidays we celebrated Harmony Day, an opportunity to enjoy and appreciate the many cultures represented at our school. Students and staff alike enjoyed a variety of foods from around the world, from American Hotdogs, traditional German fare, some delights from the Middle East, and good old Australian damper. Almost everyone in the school came into the courtyard to sample the various foods, and look at the displays and students in various traditional costumes.

Congratulations to all the students and staff who gave up their time to make this event so successful.



Supervision Outside School Hours

Parents are reminded that there is no general supervision after 3:15 pm; all students should have left the campus by this time unless they are participating in a specific school program.

Parents and guardians are also reminded that students who catch the 3:40 pm bus from the stop just past the shops are not supervised and, where possible, students should consider alternative transport even if this means catching a bus that goes close to their house but may involve a few minutes walking.

Swimming Success

We are very proud of two of our students who performed brilliantly at the State Swimming Championships at the end of March.

Caiden Gill smashed the 100m freestyle record by 1.26 seconds, winning in a time of 55.68 seconds; he also sliced 1.01 seconds off the 50m freestyle to clock a time of just 25.99 seconds. To cap off his day, Caiden won the 50m backstroke, just missing out on a record by 0.30 seconds!

Annie Pepper also had a great day out, placing second in the individual medley. Congratulations to both of these students – we might be hearing more about their success on the national scene soon!

Farewell Roy!

Many of our students, and I'm sure many of our parents, will remember Roy Franklin, a driver with Latrobe Valley Bus Lines for many years. Roy has at last taken retirement, and wished for us to pass on his gratitude to all for the friendship and support shown to him by students over the many years of his career. He says that he will really miss the interactions he had with students on a daily basis and hopes if past or present students see him around town that they say hello and let them know how they are doing.

Roy plans to spend his retirement enjoying fishing, farming, and taking his caravan on many trips. Roy has been an institution at Kurnai College, and his friendly face will be missed by many!

Stay Safe On-Line

The Department of Justice has launched a campaign to help Victorian secondary students protect themselves by providing simple and relevant advice on protecting themselves from serious on-line crimes such as cyber bullying and identity theft. Some steps include:

- Create strong passwords and change them regularly.
- Use an anti-virus program and turn on automatic updates.
- If you don't know who sent an email, delete it.
- Your personal information is valuable – protect it.
- Don't respond to a cyber bully if you're being bullied online. Block the person from contacting you, and report the incident to the authorities if the cyber bullying continues.

For more information, please visit www.justice.vic.gov.au/ProtectYourselfOnline

Homework Club

Morwell Campus will once again be running a supervised Homework Club during Terms 2 and 3. This is an opportunity for students to complete homework or get extra help from teachers in a friendly environment after school. A healthy snack is provided and there is no cost for this program. There will be more details in the next newsletter.

Uniform

As the weather has suddenly become much cooler, please be reminded that students must still be in correct school uniform (please refer to the sheet later in the Bulletin). This means that, while students may choose to wear additional garments to keep warm, only school uniform garments should be **visible**.

We have a range of secondhand winter uniform items available including woollen jumpers, polar fleece jackets and girls' winter skirts. We also have a limited number of school coats and spray jackets.

Please be aware that flimsy shoes are not suitable for school wear – a sturdy pair of school shoes can prevent injuries.

Finally, students are reminded that they may not wear hats in class.



Kurnai College is once again participating in Woolworths' Earn and Learn program. **Earn and Learn stickers** are being handed out between **now and 9th June** – all you have to do is collect the stickers, place them on the sheets provided and send them along to the General Office.

This promotion is well worth participating in – last year Morwell Campus was able to trade our Earn and Learn points for two classrooms full of good quality chairs, worth in excess of \$1500, which was a great help in our program to renew the furniture around the school.

Please help to support our school by collecting the stickers when asked by the cashier at Woolworths supermarkets.

Michelle Reid-Metcalf
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.

ESL Industry Tours	24 th April	\$0	Permission form due by 11am 23/4/13
Year 10 Morwell Art Gallery	29 th April	\$6.00	Payment and form due by 11am 24/4/13
Year 9 Project Time	29 th April	\$0	Permission form due by 11am 26/4/13
Year 10 Inspiring Young Women	1 st May	\$0	Permission form due by 11am 23/4/13
Year 9 Primary School Visits	3 rd May	\$0	Permission form due by 11am 2/5/13

PUBLIC BUSES



As of 26th April you will no longer be able to purchase short term tickets on board buses. The only way to travel will be with a valid MYKI card. To find out more about which type of MYKI card you need, or how to purchase a MYKI card, log on to www.myki.com.au or call Latrobe Valley Bus Lines on 5135 4700 to speak to one of our dedicated MYKI Support Officers.

As of 26th April any student catching public buses will need to have a MYKI card loaded with credit. The general office will no longer be able to loan money to students to catch a bus. Cash will no longer be accepted for travel on the bus.

HOME STAYS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Kurnai College has an expanding International Student Program, and the College is seeking interested Community Members in the Morwell, Traralgon, Churchill area who would like to be a part of it.

We are looking for host families to provide paid long term accommodation for overseas students (aged 15 – 18), predominately from China and Japan.

These students provide an enriching cultural exchange experience for your family and will give you a chance to develop international friendships and understandings.

If you are interested or want more information, please contact Geoff Block or Corine Noblet on 5132 3800.

YEAR 7

On the last day of term, Year 7 students had the opportunity to celebrate their term's work by having a Civics and Citizenship Ceremony. During this time College Principal, Anthony Rodaughan, Campus Assistant Principal, Wayne Bass, and Year 7 Leader, Dan Swallow, addressed the students and parents in attendance congratulating them for a term's hard work. Students received certificates of Active Citizenship, reconfirmed their citizenship and gave a rousing rock rendition of Advance Australia Fair. The students were extremely well behaved and enjoyed the chance to showcase their learning. The ceremony was followed by a barbecue and the chance for parents to talk to staff. The event was possible with the support of Year 7 and 8 staff, as well as some Year 8 students who cooked the barbecue. The teachers of the students are very proud of the work completed by our students.

Many thanks to Holly Campbell and the other Year 7 Humanities teachers for their fantastic organisation of this event.

YEAR 8

Well done to all Year 8s on an excellent first term! Students have settled in well and are making good progress. At the end of Term 1, students completed on-line testing in reading, numeracy and problem-solving. The results of these tests are available to students and will be used by teachers to personalise student learning. In Team Time we have had a focus on fitness, increasing learner confidence and cyber safety. During Term 2 we will be running a sports program with three students from the SEDA program. Alex, Isaac and Chris delivered an engaging soccer skills program with the Year 8s at the end of last term. They will continue to deliver a range of sports skills lessons with us once per week.

Just a reminder to parents that all students are expected to be in full school uniform. With the cold weather approaching, students need to check their uniform jackets, jumpers and long pants, and make arrangements to purchase a new one if required. Please contact me if you have any concerns in relation to this.

YEAR 10

Year 10 students have returned from their two weeks at Work Experience. Congratulations to all students who approached this experience with a positive attitude. I have received many reports on how well behaved, polite and hard working our students were. Some students have secured ongoing part time/casual work and one student impressed his employer so much that he is likely to secure a school-based Apprenticeship. Well done to all!

On the 29th May we are bringing all Year 10 students from Kurnai College together for a Health Day. We are in the process of securing a number of guest speakers and activities designed to better inform students about issues such as car safety, mental and physical well-being. A permission form will come home shortly.

Cleo Lazaris -Year 10 Team Leader

PBS Postcards

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 have recently received a postcard -

Relationships	Work Ethic	Excellence	Engagement
Latisha Haefele	Chelsea Powell	Andrew Heyden	Kuti Mahammad
Rachel Rigby	Maddison Barry		Allison Newton
Joanna Trinidad	C J Jiath		Katie Stewart
Jasmin Hamden	Emily Aitken		Shari Hood
	Steven Hanning		Khalid Narawi
	Robert Goodwin		Janaya Morrirt
	Eryn Dowe		Taria Dykes
	Emily Richardson		
	Jasmin Hamden		

VIXENS NETBALL

The ANZ Championship is back, bringing with it a first class showcase of speed, skill and sensational on court rivalry from some of the world's best netballers.

From March to July, five Australian and five New Zealand teams will battle it out over 14 home and away rounds followed by a hotly contested Final Series.

Do you believe in your Melbourne Vixens? Get behind your team, the Melbourne Vixens as they prepare to fight for the 2013 ANZ Championship title. Join today and purchase a Melbourne Vixens membership by contacting 1300 VIXENS (849 367) or visit melbournevixens.com.au.

SAVER PLUS

Would \$500 assist you with education costs?

You could receive up to \$500 to help pay for educational costs including:

- school uniforms*
- text books*
- excursions*
- laptops*
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons*
- music tuition and instrument hire*
- TAFE, traineeship and apprenticeship costs!*

Berry Street delivers Saver Plus in your local area and is looking for new participants.

You may be eligible if you or your partner:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card*
- are at least 18 years old*
- have some regular income from work*
- have a child at school, or attend accredited vocational training yourself.*

To find out more contact Meryl Watson, Saver Plus Worker at Berry Street 5120 2506 / 0478 398 695 or mwatson@berrystreet.org.au

Saver Plus is a matched savings and financial education program, developed by Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, with ANZ providing matched savings for participants.

Kurnai College - 2013 China Trip

Again this year, Year 10 students will have the opportunity to travel and discover the delights of China. The school will be undertaking a study tour of China during September 2013. The three week tour will visit Kou'an (our sister school in China) where students will stay with a Chinese family and attend some classes at Kou'an Middle School. Some of the other places the tour plans to visit will include Beijing, the Great Wall, Shanghai, Xi'an and the Terracotta Warriors and Hong Kong. This is an excellent opportunity for students to discover the wonders of China.



During next term we will have a family information session to update families on the details of the trip and give parents and students an opportunity to find out more information.

Later this year there will be some classes run by the Language Centre to teach students and/or families the basics of the Chinese language. Knowing some basic Chinese will be

greatly useful on the tour. All students in China learn English at school, but many older people in China don't speak English.



The full cost of the tour will be around \$2,500 and there will be some financial support available for some families. Costs will be confirmed later as itineraries are set. All students will need to have a passport, so there will also be this extra expense for some families. So if you are interested in travelling, start saving now.

If you need more information or have any queries you can contact Lisa Benn on 5165 0600 or email benn.lisa.1@edumail.vic.gov.au.

If you are interested in taking part of this study tour, please complete the expression of interest below:

I _____ (student name)
are expressing an interest of being involved in the Kurnai Study Tour of China in September 2013
(10th -28th).

Signed: _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____

Parent/Guardian signed: _____

Please return this form to your campus office by **Monday 29th April**