



PARENT BULLETIN

14th June 2013

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, 18 th June.....	Year 6 Awareness Day
Wednesday, 19 th June.....	Year 10 I-Track
Wednesday, 26 th June.....	Year 9/10 Netball & Soccer
Wednesday, 26 th June.....	Naidoc Celebration –Dedlee Kulya Dancers
Friday, 28 th June.....	Last Day Term 2 (1.50 pm finish)
Monday, 15 th July.....	Term 3 commences

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

"The difference between winning and losing is most often... not quitting." – Walt Disney



Year 9 and Year 10 Exams

Students in Years 9 and 10 have undergone exams during the week. For most, this has been the first time they have been asked to sit in silence and produce an extended response to an assessment task.

The point of these students undertaking exams is not to see if they “pass or fail”, nor to determine their current VELS level, but to give them an exam experience that will help to prepare them for later in life. I have asked teachers to give all students individual feedback particularly on their preparation for the exams.

Start of Semester 2

Monday 17th June sees us commencing Semester 2. This is to enable us to line up with the Precinct Campus and VCE/VCAL which of course is important for our Year 10 students.

Please note that this is not a “Headstart” or any other alternate program, as the semester genuinely begins on that day and all work completed before the term break is assessable. Please ensure that your students attend school each day as normal.

Awareness Days

Recently Grades 5 and 6 students from some of our feeder schools spent the day here experiencing a wide range of activities. According to the students, the most popular activities were in IT, cooking and science. Students gain valuable coping skills to deal with transition when they are exposed to their new school as often as possible. This helps them to settle in quickly and get on with their education.

Our second Awareness Day will be held on 18th June – affected students’ families will be individually notified.

End of Term

As I am sure you are aware, Term 2 ends at **1:50 pm on Friday 28th June**. All students are expected to attend the last day; periods 1–4 will run as usual. The canteen will be open, although a reduced range of food will be available, and students must order their lunch at recess. **The buses will be running 1 hour earlier than their usual time on this day.**

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.

Year 10 Central Australia	4 th September	\$805	Permission form & payment of \$605 due by 11am 25/06/13
Year 9/10 Netball/Soccer	26 th June	\$7	Permission form and money due by 11am 25/06/13
Naidoc Week Celebration	26 th June	\$0	Permission form due by 11am 25/06/13
Year 9 Mt Baw Baw	27 th June	\$14	Permission form and money due by 11am 25/06/13
Year 10 China Trip	10 th September	\$2500 TBC	Permission form & payment of \$1600 due by 11am 1/07/13

SHORT PERIOD HOMESTAY FAMILIES REQUIRED

Kurnai College will be hosting a number of Chinese Study tours early next term and we are looking for families who would be interested in hosting a Chinese student/s for a week.

While at Kurnai they will be participating in a mix of English Language classes, predominately located at the Churchill campuses, and organised activities in the local area.

The Homestay will provide a welcoming, nurturing and safe environment for young students, as it will likely be the first time these students have been out of China. If possible, it may pay to consider having two students billeted with your family making it less daunting and easier for the students.

Hosting an international student can be very rewarding and offers a wonderful opportunity to learn about a new culture and share our Australian way of life. This would be a great opportunity to consider for our students who will be participating in our China trip in September.

Host families are paid a fee which is to cover food, accommodation and transportation as required for students that are living with them.

If you are interested or want more information please contact Corine Noblet on (03) 5132 3800 or noblet.corine.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

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 and Churchill areas 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.

Join [Kurnai's facebook page](#) and keep up to date on news across our College.



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	Engagement	Work Ethic	Excellence
Kirk Lambert	Iden O'Sullivan	Lexie Wiseman -Gatt	Tarly Francis
Thomas Mazae	Cheyenne Tatt		Emily Martin
Jessica Palmer	Kuti Mahammud		Latisha Haefele
Nicholas Smith	Stacey Rogers		Stacey Rogers
Chloe Flanigan	Luke Cassidy		Kiowa Scott Hurley
Jasmin Hamden	Chelsea Townley x 2		Maddison Barry
Corey Betteley	Shari Winkelman		Chase Maynard Deppler
Tanner Higgins	Michael McNeil		Skye Billing
Dante Brown			Lyndsay Bennett
James Goodwin			Paige Larcombe
Annalise Taylor			Marnie Bunker
Nyawech Chiok			Brendan Briggs
Shona Marino			Riley Low
Chelsea Townley			Tiara Vajler
Sean Ferris			Jeffrey Hines
Elena Velasco			Jade Smith
Lexie Wiseman-Gatt			Hayden Kenneally
Millie Helmuth			Jessica Tactor
			Emma Darling

YEAR 7

2013 Kids Teaching Kids Event, Monday 9th September

The Year 7 team will be hosting another Kids Teaching Kids event as last year's event was a great success. The whole day is learning about sustainability, mostly from students; this Kids Teaching Kids approach is a great way for our students to learn and have fun.

We have been successful in obtaining a \$1000 grant from Kids Teaching Kids to support the event this year.

The big day is Monday 9th of September which is the start of Kids Teaching Kids week across the nation. We look forward to planning a great day to engage our local primary schools and hope that parents may come along to see and learn more about sustainability.

Watch this space for more updates on the event.



**we're taking part in the 2013
Kids Teaching Kids Program
to Inspire Future
Environmental Leaders**

To find out more about Kids Teaching Kids visit
www.kidsteachingkids.com.au



If you wish to find out more, please contact Lisa Benn on benn.lisa.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

YEAR 8



The Year 8 Design Technology classes are finishing for the semester. We have had another fantastic bunch of classes with so many students that have excelled with super projects. When it comes to meeting the four pillars at our school, I'm proud to say that the Year 8 students as a whole have shown how **Work Ethic leads to Excellence**. The Year 8s have had time to complete at least one project and some students have gone on to complete two to three. This is demonstrated by the **engagement** in class while building **relationships** with other students and teachers. We are looking forward to next semester and having another great cohort of students engaged in technology. We had several students who completed very difficult projects. Sam Tormey and Brendan Briggs did an exceptional job completing their coffee tables. We also had Chloe Flannigan and Ellie Pollutro who finished some hand-made signs, Cara Mayberry who did several projects including a serving tray and Sam Weuffen moved on to a DVD rack that was almost as tall as she is. Well done Year 8s!

Karen Anders – Year 8 Team Leader

YEAR 10

First Step

On 12th June, Year 10 students took part in the “first step” program at the senior campus to help them learn about some of the different subjects on offer. Students were urged to choose subjects next year that they enjoyed, were good at or which would lead them to a career goal. Lunch was provided and what seemed like hundreds of boxes of pizza were quickly devoured. This was the second time students from both junior campuses joined together and it was encouraging to see barriers breaking down and the transition for 2014 well and truly underway. Students reported that they enjoyed the sessions adding that it has helped to guide their course selections for Year 11.

Exams



Students have been sitting exams this week, culminating today. This can be a daunting task for many students so next week time will be spent reflecting on what worked and what didn't work for students in terms of preparation, and how to improve. I hope that all students will take advantage of the feedback provided by their teachers and use it as a means of improving.



Learning Healthy Ways

On Thursday 29th May, over 250 Year 10 students gathered at the senior campus at Kurnai College Precinct. They were entertained and informed about a whole range of health and wellbeing issues. Sessions addressed a wide range of issues that young people may confront as they move towards adulthood. Groups of students rotated through four key sessions. The topics included **road safety, sexual health, smoking and health, and mental health**. Living Positive Victoria talked about sexual safety and the Laryngectomee Society talked about the damaging effects of smoking. Representatives from Headspace and Youth Support and Advocacy Service, who are more commonly known as YSAS, both talked with students about mental health, and the negative impacts of drugs and alcohol. Finally local officers from Victoria Police showed students a confronting video on reckless driving and the devastating outcomes, and took them through many of the road laws and rules that apply to P platers. One of the event's organisers, Ms Wendy Ruddell, (School Nurse) said “The presentations were very interactive and based on real life stories which made it more meaningful for our students. We have received great feedback; students were amazed at the honesty of presenters who shared their stories. I believe they've gained an appreciation for the consequences of making good and bad decisions.”

Ms Ruddell also advised “The aim of today was to support our young people through providing preventative health information so they can make educated choices for their own health and wellbeing.”

The day was supported by The Smith Family and Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, and Manny’s Market in Morwell donated healthy fruit that students grazed on throughout the day.

Transition Program for Year 10 Students

24th July – Year 10-11 Parent Information Evening at Precinct Campus.

Cleo Lazaris - Year 10 Team Leader

MUSIC PERFORMANCES



A PLEASANT SUNDAY
AFTERNOON
featuring the
Latrobe & Francis Orchestras

The Ladies Fellowship together with the
Latrobe & Francis Orchestras present a
Pleasant Sunday Afternoon at the Co-
Operating Church
Williams Avenue Churchill

2.00pm SUNDAY 16th JUNE 2013

Cost: \$10.00 Single
\$6.00 Concession
\$25.00 Family

A light afternoon tea will be served at the
conclusion of the concert

Come along and enjoy an afternoon
of exceptional music

Everyone welcome
Contact: Ron Wall 5134 4260
ronwall43@gmail.com

KURNAI COLLEGE MUSIC

Music Department Presents...

Be Our Guest Music Presentations

#1 Monday 24 th June	#2 Tuesday 25 th June	#3 Wednesday 26 th June
Kurnai College Churchill Campus	Kurnai College Morwell Campus	Kurnai College Churchill Campus
Theatre	Music Complex	Theatre
..... FEATURING..... FEATURING..... FEATURING.....
Choir	Band 1	KP NoiseMakers
Guitar Ensemble	Band 2	Concert Band
F.C.B	Band 3	The VCE Band
		College BigBand

PLUS selected Year 11 and 12 VCE Music Performance students

Entry: Gold Coin Donation

Commences 6pm

Approximate finishing time 7pm

Getting AHEAD

in a 'Just-Getting-By' World

**Kurnai College,
Anglicare Victoria,
and Latrobe City Council
have partnered to bring the
Getting Ahead program to
Morwell**

What is Getting Ahead?

Getting Ahead is an exciting program that offers a safe and supportive environment where you can explore and build the resources you need to move towards more economic stability for your family.

What will I get out of it?

- An opportunity to explore your own situation and look at the reasons you might feel 'stuck' in life.
- Ways to build on the strengths you already have and move from "I can't" to "I can".
- It will help you to: increase your confidence; find solutions; make positive choices; be in control of building your own resources; and create a positive plan towards a more stable future for you and your family.

**Getting Ahead will be presented
by experienced group facilitators
from Anglicare Victoria –
Parentzone Gippsland.**

DATES:

Tuesdays for nine sessions,
commencing 23rd July to
17th September 2013

TIME:

9.30 am — 1.00 pm

VENUE:

Anglicare Victoria
65 Church Street
MORWELL

**Morning tea, lunch and
program resources provided**

THERE IS NO COST TO ATTEND



For more information or to
register your interest
please contact:

Parentzone at Anglicare

Telephone: 5133 9998

Or

**Corine Noblet
Kurnai College**

Telephone: 5132 3800



MORWELL

Directions to Anglicare Victoria, 65 Church Street, Morwell



Anglicare Victoria,
65 Church Street,
Morwell

Two hour parking
available on Church
Street

Longer time parking
available in car park
behind buildings—
access through laneway
to left of
63 Church Street.