Message from Campus Principal - Michelle

**Headstart**

Since last Friday, students have all gone up to the year level they will be in for 2014, and have had the opportunity to sample some of the work from that year level. As an example, our new Year 9s are enjoying the opportunity to participate in electives that they actually chose for themselves – this is an experience they probably have not had in 10 years of education so far.

It is important that attendance is maintained right to the end of the year, as students are completing work that will be assessed and reported on in February. Students who stay away will be behind and have to catch up before the new year even gets started.

**Awards Day**

Morwell Campus will celebrate Awards Day on Wednesday 18th December at 10:30 am in the Hexagon.

We have a slightly different format this year where our student leaders will be Masters of Ceremony. We will hear from our Campus Band, the winner of Kurnai Idol, and will also have the opportunity to view some of the art work and technology models produced by students throughout the year.

I extend a cordial invitation to all members of the Kurnai Learning Community to attend this celebration of our successes throughout 2013.

Students are expected to attend as it is a school day, and may wear neat casual clothes. No dress-ups, onsies or pyjamas please.
Message from Campus Principal - Michelle continued...

Final Day for 2013

The last day for formal activities at Morwell Campus will be Wednesday 18\textsuperscript{th} December. An informal activities program will be run on the final two days of Term 4. Buses will continue to run until 20\textsuperscript{th} December.

This is the last Newsletter for 2013 – I cannot believe how quickly the time has passed! On behalf of all here at Morwell Campus, Wayne and I would like to wish all members of the Kurnai Learning Community the compliments of the season, and a safe and happy new year.

Secondhand Book/Uniform Sale

Money from proceeds of the secondhand sale may be collected from the general office before Wednesday 18\textsuperscript{th} December.

There is still plenty of secondhand uniform items available for sale. Prices vary depending upon condition of item.

Lost Property

There is numerous items at the general office in lost property including Kurnai jackets, jumpers, polo tops, keys, watch, glasses, phone. If not claimed by the end of term these will be donated.
**Year 8 News**

Welcome to 2014 Year 8 students and families.

We’ve had a strong start to Headstart this year. It is pleasing to see students arriving ready to learn and engaging with their new classes. The Year 8 teaching team this year are Karen Anders (Team Leader), Megan Schwarzenberg (Advocate), Marg Tomnay, Sue Reavley, Di Billingsley, Lynda Southall, Danny Johnston and Alison Webb. Please feel free to contact me if you have any issues or wish to discuss anything concerning Year 8.

**Year 9 News**

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**Community Spirit**

During Term 4 a class of Year 9 students were given the opportunity to participate in the ‘Community Spirit’ Program. This enabled students to volunteer in a number of different settings within the community including local primary schools, kindergartens and aged care facilities. Students were able to select the project that they were interested in participating in. This gave students the opportunity to support their local community and realise the benefits of volunteering to others as well as themselves.

Dee and Alicia (as Program Coordinators with The Smith Family based at Kurnai College) were lucky enough to accompany a group of 5 students on their visits to Mitchell House in Morwell. The students attended during the residents’ activity time and became well versed in their favourite card game ‘Ahoy’. It was lovely for the students to have the chance to interact with older people as they may not have this opportunity within their everyday life. The students embraced this experience; the photos express how well the students engaged with the Mitchell House Residents and enjoyed their time. The residents thoroughly enjoyed sharing their life experiences with the students and revisiting their youth.
Year 10 News

Farewell

It is with sadness that we farewell the Year 10 students. I have many fond memories of the students joining Kurnai College in 2010 as Year 7s. As their Team Leader for 3 years, it has been an absolute pleasure to watch the students grow from cute Year 7s into fine young adults. They have been a great group of young people and we are confident that they have developed the skills to be successful in the future. Thank you to the Year 10 team of 2013 for their efforts in supporting and guiding our students. While 2014 will see new staff joining the team, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Nicole Carder, Andrew Simpson and Amanda Harrison, who have made an enormous contribution in supporting our students.

The 2014 Year 10 Team:

Cleo Lazaris (Team Leader), Nyssa Beebe and Daniel Murphy are continuing from 2013. We welcome Holly Campbell, Corissa Rieschieck and Jessica Qu to the team.

Work Experience

Year 10 is a busy year as students work to develop pathways for their future. Part of this work will be getting ready for work experience. This will take place in a two week block in May. Students are encouraged to talk with parents and others over the holidays to work out what career they would like to explore during the work experience.

Excursions

The first activity for next year will be a “Getting to Know You” day at the Mirboo North Pool. This has been tentatively booked for Wednesday 25th February, and is anticipated to cost approximately $15. More details will be given out at the beginning of the year.
BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

As of 2014, students attending Kurnai College may make use of a variety of devices to access the College curriculum resources using WIFI. This includes iPads, tablets, Netbooks and laptops. This will provide a series of opportunities for students to learn more efficiently and effectively. The number of skills that are needed in an ever-changing world means that, as a school, we need to adapt and meet demands of society and implement a system that better reflects the way in which students learn. For these reasons students need to have their own device that they can rely on to get their work done.

Why are we going BYOD?

With the cuts to the National Secondary School Computer Fund, the College can no longer provide netbooks to students. Students who received netbooks under the old program will continue to be supported until they complete school. All other students will need to supply their own device from 2014.

Recommendations

The following table summarises the Minimum Specifications to consider when shopping for a laptop/tablet device for BYOD:

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*Please note that 10 inch devices or bigger are recommended, as smaller devices have less benefit to students and can cause more problems than benefits.
Accessories recommended with tablets and laptops.

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Highly recommended devices

With the huge number of devices on offer there are a few we recommend. Please note that devices change very frequently.

Tablet computers such as;

- Microsoft Surface RT and Pro tablets.
- Windows 8 tablets
- iPad
- Top branded Android tablets (ask in store or school).

Any Laptop that has been made in the last 2 years will be effective regardless of their specification, power etc. Battery life will need to be considered as laptops run out of power much faster than tablets.

Must Haves

Devices will need to have an up-to-date anti-virus protection program installed. If a device is considered to be a threat to the network then it may not be allowed access.

Where to buy?

Currently Kurnai students will be able to receive a discount from Harvey Norman Traralgon store only. Proof of enrolment is required.

More devices can be readily found and purchased through most electronic stores or online.

Parent involvement

It is important that parents be involved in checking students’ devices consistently to make sure they are maintained and up-to-date. Students will load games, music and video on the devices which can take a lot of power away from the machine and slow it down.

Student Responsibilities

Students need to ensure their device is fully charged before they come to school and maintain their devices in good working order. When at school the required safe and effective use of IT devices needs to be followed.

For further information

If you have any further questions please email your query to one of the emails below;

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“Looking after our mates” is an initiative of RoadSafe Gippsland Community Road Safety Council. It is an alcohol and drug education session that aims to reduce the incidence and severity of crashes involving alcohol-affected drivers and pedestrians.

“Looking after our mates” promotes a simple effective message regarding responsible drinking, driving and looking after our mates with the objectives of raising awareness of the affects of alcohol on drivers and pedestrians and to provide the public with strategies to reduce the incidence of alcohol and drug-related casualties.

“Keys Please” is an interactive forum for Learner Drivers that promotes getting the maximum benefit from the Learner Driver period through:

- Stages of learner driver development
- Successful supervising tips
- What to do first
- Supervisor’s and learner’s common concerns
- Hazard perception and identification
- Building experience in a variety of conditions
- Tips to help your learner develop hazard perception skills; and useful resources

“The Penalty Walk” involves:

- Group discussion on safe and unsafe driving practices
- Highlights driving penalties linked with unsafe actions
- Reviews 'real life' examples of safe and unsafe driving practices and penalties by taking a ‘walk’ within a street environment

**MORWELL EAST FOOTBALL/NETBALL CLUB**

Any U16 or U18 interested in playing football at home ground, Ronald Reserve, Vary Street Morwell. Please contact Craig Giddens 0409 755 198 for information.
2014 Junior Netball Series

Churchill Indoor Netball (CINA)

Development: Under 11’s, Under 13’s & Under 15 / 17
Squad / Representative (Tryout) Umpire Development / Mentor

March – August 2014

Great opportunity to get a team together now for registration Dec – Feb

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