As is always the case, Morwell Campus has been very busy this term so far, with students attending camps and a range of other activities.

Year 9s have been particularly busy with a range of educational and community activities. A number went to Melbourne on their “Melbourne Experience” camp, with a focus on orientating themselves in the CBD and understanding how to use public transport effectively.

Upcoming events include music students performing at local primary schools in the annual “On the Road Again” tour. This tour is designed to encourage students at primary schools to consider taking up music at Kurnai College as they see older students they know participating.

Our Year 9 students have visited the Precinct Campus this week in preparation for choosing the Year 11 VCE or VCAL subject they will study in Year 10. They attended three different information sessions on subjects they were interested in so that they can make an informed decision when choosing the subject, as well as participating in a tour of the facility to help orientate themselves. This was the first time many of our students had visited the Precinct.
Traralgon Show 29-30 November

Students and other members of our school community are invited to participate in the 125th Traralgon and District Agricultural Show.

There are a number of competitions suitable for school students to enter, including iced cup cakes, carrot cake, and carrot and date muffins.

Further details from Ms Reid-Metcalf.

We are also hoping that our campus band will be performing on the Saturday from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon.

The Traralgon Show Committee are always on the look-out for new members to help organise their event – more information can be obtained from the Secretary, Mrs L Anderson, phone 5174 1366.

Buses to Precinct Campus 2014 -
Students in Year 10, 2014 and Year 11, 2014

Recently we mailed out to families the bus forms which needed to be completed before the end of October 2013. These forms are so students can access public bus services to get from Morwell to the Precinct Campus.

If you have a student in Year 9 or 10 this year, please complete these forms immediately and return them to the campus General Office.

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 received a postcard:

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Teachers have completed another round of progress reports this week. They will come home to families soon. These are the last indication of how your child is progressing before the end of semester. Please feel free to contact me via phone or email if you have any concerns or queries about your child’s report, or alternatively call their teachers directly. The Year 7 Team will be rewarding students who are maintaining excellent reports or showing significant improvement.

Congratulations to the Year 7 students who participated in Relay For Life recently. It was fantastic to see them getting into the spirit of the event and being such an active part of the community. Particular mention should go to Tom Cook who volunteered to be one of our team’s ‘Miss Relay’ competitors. It was also fantastic to see a number of Year 7 students involved in the Churchill Car Show with their families. Though this was not a school event, it was yet another event which raises money for a good cause. This involvement in the wider community is something that our students should be proud of.
Year 8 News

Boys Straight Talk

Last week Year 8 boys participated in The Smith Family/Baw Baw Latrobe Local Learning and Employment Network Straight Talk session. Year 8 students participate in this program to begin a focus on careers and pathways and the related decisions that will be made about future career paths. It was held at the Waratah Restaurant over lunch.

To begin, students met with Darren Anderson from Victoria Police along with volunteers from a range of different careers and who were working across the Latrobe Valley. After interesting icebreaker activities the volunteers shared their experiences of work. Students found out about the qualifications of the visitors and the paths they had taken to achieve their present jobs. The visitors moved from table to table, so each small group of students was able to have more personal conversations with the visitors. The volunteers discussed the value of education and the importance of pursuing their individual interests. Students were inspired by a presentation given by Ben Tunks in which he discussed how you can draw on different opportunities and jobs to add to your ‘bag of tricks’.

The session was enjoyable and informative. It was great to see our students engaging in conversations with the volunteers. Thank you to The Smith Family, the Baw Baw Latrobe Local Learning and Employment Network and volunteers who generously gave up their time to provide the opportunity to help the students gain insight about possible careers and pathways and the importance of education.

Karen Anders—Year 8 Team Leader

On 24th October we went to a straight talk session at the Waratah Restaurant. We had to do a straw building contest. Two of the teams including mine were the tallest straw buildings. I thought mine was the tallest but Darren, the host, thought they were the same. Overall we had discussions about careers and education. I learnt a lot to add to my ‘bag of tricks’.

By Nick Smith—Year 8 Student

Discover Monash

On 23rd October the Year 8s went to the Monash University. We got to experience different activities and explore how things work at university. We were able to wander around and see new things such as; the classrooms, lecture rooms, and the lab. The Monash volunteers taught us about science, marketing and accounting. They also took us on a scavenger hunt around Monash to locate things around the building. We also had the chance to win prizes and talk to the students and leaders about their experiences at the University and what to look forward to in the future. It was a great experience and most people would gladly go there again.

By Rachael & Tiara
Orientation

Last week on Wednesday the Year 9 students of the Morwell Kurnai Campus, along with the Churchill Kurnai Campus, travelled to the Precinct to get a little taste about where we would be taking classes next year. This enabled the students to get to know their way around the campus better, get some information about the classes we were interested in taking and get to know the teachers that were taking those classes. The environment of the Precinct was very organised, tidy and spacious. Vending machines, lounges and bins were all conveniently spaced throughout the campus along with two large libraries, one belonging to the university but still welcome for other students to use for studying. The students and staff were all very welcoming and helped us get to where we needed to be to the best of their abilities. A few students occasionally got lost on their way to the information sessions but overall the day turned out to be very successful for the students, ending with free pizza and drinks for everyone who came along.

Written by Diana Nieuwburg and Jade Smith

Important Dates

Loy Yang Visit
November 21 for 9A and 9B
November 26 for 9C and 9D

Please return permission forms ASAP

Exams
November 29
Our Year 10 students with their host student on our last day at our sister school at Kou’an Middle school.

On 10th September a group of 26 students and 4 teachers set off for their journey around China. We got to experience things like The Great Wall of China, The Big Buddah and Ocean Park!

-by Amy Radford

During our China trip we stayed with a host family to experience what it’s like and every day life in China. We spent four nights with our host family going to school, eating with them and learning from them. We all created very strong friendships with all of our buddies. They were incredibly generous and we were so lucky to have them.

-by Hannah Humphrey

Before China most of us Morwell students didn’t know most of the Churchill students but since then after spending 18 amazing days together we have become some sort of a family! Like families do, it was hard to say goodbye. We bonded and all have made friends for life!

— by Chloe Robertson

During the trip, we had 6 plane flights all up. When we were in the cities the only way we could get around was to walk, catch a bus or take the subway train. The subways were often very cramped but they were the fastest way to get around!

-by Sam Solomon

The food that we had in China was very different to what we have here. The way they cooked the food was very interesting and made the flavor taste really good, there was a fair bit of food that you would find at home but there was a lot of different types of food that we have never tried before.

-by Lucinda Beecher
Exam dates: November 25-28

It is nearly the end of the year, and exams are looming. Students will perform best if they study in small chunks every night over the next 5 weeks. Here are a couple of suggestions:

1. When you study, don't just read: write! Too often we think we are studying when we let our eyes drift over the words in our notes and our textbooks. That isn’t enough; we must write to remember and develop better understanding.

2. Study in groups. When this works well, it is awesome; when it doesn’t work well, it can be a disaster. Get 3-6 students, no more, together for a couple of hours: be clear up-front that this is serious study time. Have food available: this is very valuable! Spend half an hour brainstorming what you think will be asked on the test: look at the work you have done in class and your text to guide you. You might have each member of the group individually write up 3-4 questions, then spend 90-120 minutes answering them. You might talk about them, one at a time, taking turns.

Your teachers have given you feedback over the term, take it on board. Your progress reports are an excellent source of feedback, which you will receive this week. Clarify with teachers where you need to improve.

Formal - November 28 at the Italian Australian Club. Tickets are on sale ($30) and students will need to return their permission forms. Students will need to organise their own transport to and from the venue.

Headstart

After all the fun and games of exams and the formal, students need to be ready to start their Year 11 classes at the Precinct Campus. Classes for Year 11 will run from December 2-13.
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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Music Performances

Kurnai Idol – 6pm
Semi Final – Monday 11th November at Morwell Campus Music Complex
Grand Final – Monday 18th November at Churchill Campus Language Centre
Adults $5  Children $2

Contact Mr Bonnici for further information on 5132 3700.

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.
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.
2013 FAMILY OPEN DAY
NOVEMBER 2ND

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

With adventure activities such as 150m flying fox, canoeing, 18m giant swing, climbing, archery, high ropes course, leap of faith from $2.50 a go. With many free activities from bouncy castle, face painting, mini golf, trampolines, bouldering, indoor sports, bocce 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

The Latrobe and Francis Orchestrals in collaboration with Yallourn Madrigal Singers and Narkoojee Winery

Extends to you a warm invitation to attend

AN AFTERNOON OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Come and join us for an entertaining afternoon of carols and fine music, followed by refreshments and a light supper.

5:00pm Saturday 7 December, 2013
Narkoojee Winery
220 Francis Road, Glengarry

Available for pre-booking by contacting Amanda on 0417 210 475 or emailing: latrobeandfrancistickets@hotmail.com or available at the door on