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Message from Campus Principal - Michelle

Term 4 is a busy term for everyone as there are so many things to get finished off before the end of the year.

### NAPLAN Results & Uncollected Reports

All uncollected Progress Reports and NAPLAN results for Years 7 and 9 students have been mailed home this week.

Parents may wish to contact their child’s teacher if they wish to discuss issues raised by the Progress Reports.

### 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.
Year 10, 2014

Year 9 students will soon get information about the VCE or VCAL subject they will be studying next year. Students can choose from Art, Food Technology, Legal Studies, Outdoor Education, Health and Human Development, Sociology, Theatre Studies, Visual Communication, and Work-Related Skills.

The reasons for students studying a VCE or VCAL unit in Year 10 are 3-fold:

- Most importantly, students get the opportunity to transition to the Precinct Campus in a supported way; students become used to studying in a young adult learning environment.
- Students who complete a Units 1 & 2 sequence whilst in Year 10 have the opportunity to complete a Year 12 sequence in Year 11, thus completing an extra Year 12 sequence, which will boost their university entrance scores if needed.
- The extra units studied can be a back-stop for students who do not pass all their units when they get into Year 11.

When students are selecting their unit for next year, they should think carefully about doing something they are interested in, not what others are going to do. The more interested we are in a subject, the more likely we will be successful.

Further information will be distributed soon, meanwhile interested parents and students are able to look at VCE and VCAL study designs at http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/index.aspx, remembering that ONLY the subjects listed above will be available to Morwell Year 10s next year.

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

This week we have mailed out to families the bus forms which need 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.

College Magazine

Orders for the College Magazine will close on Wednesday 30th October. To order please pay $15 at the general office. The College Magazine consists of photos and articles from each campus and will be available at the end of term.
Year 7 & 8 Swimming Program

This term Year 7 PE class that runs on Monday P1 and P2, the Year 7 and Year 8 combined PE class that runs on Tuesday P3 and P4 and the Year 8 PE class that runs on Wednesday P1 and P2 will be travelling to local pools to undertake swimming lessons.

It is vitally important that all students in these classes actively participate in these swimming classes, which means they need to return the permission forms if they have not already done so.

Kurnai College and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development place a high priority on the teaching of swimming in Victorian schools. Every year, too many drowning deaths occur in Australian waterways. 284 people drowned in Australia between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012, with 37 of these in Victoria. Many of these people did not intend to enter the water, they were involved in recreation such as land-based fishing, or boating when misadventure struck.

There has also been a 45% increase in drowning in inland waterways in the 12 months to June 2012.

It therefore of great importance that all students are given the opportunity to learn to swim and perform simple but effective lifesaving techniques.

Our program consists of 10 one hour lessons with a trained Austswim instructor - one lesson per week in each student’s Physical Education class, in an indoor pool. Lessons consist of stroke improvement, basic lifesaving, fun activities and 10 minutes free time at the end of each lesson.

Student Accident Insurance and Ambulance Cover

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.
Term 4 is a busy time for our students who are excited about finishing Year 7 and moving into Year 8 by the end of the term.

Students have been working on a variety of practical problems in Team Time. Their team challenges have looked at flight, object strength, lateral thinking, velocity and shapes. Encourage your children to try their challenges at home with you and see if they can improve on the products they have made at school. The resources are simple things around the home: paper, straws, tape and eggs.

Relay For Life is this weekend. Several Year 7s have jumped on board for this great event and will be walking all night at Gaskin Park in Churchill with others from Morwell Campus and Kurnai College, as well as the local community.

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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Year 8 News

Karoonda Park Camp

Karoonda Park, where do I even start? There were so many great activities such as night-walks, the ‘Initiative Course,’ horse riding, the flying fox, abseiling, the overnight camp, a bonfire, white-water rafting, walking to the border of New South Wales, orienteering, rock-climbing and tree identification. I had a ball participating in all of those activities, but I personally enjoyed white-water rafting the most because I’d never done it before, and no other camps offer activities like that. I’d now like to thank Karoonda Park for giving all of the Year 8’s, and myself, a camp to remember. Thank-you!

By Chelsea Radford, 8A

Year 8 camp was so much fun! We did lots of fun and exciting things such as abseiling, rock climbing, flying fox, horse riding and white-water rafting. The white-water rafting was so much fun! Sophie fell out of the raft which was scary but funny. We also enjoyed the horse riding. It was a great experience that not many of us had experienced before. It was an adventure to get to Dingo Hill. We had to find clues to get us there which was fun. The food was pretty good. Sophie and I both enjoyed the dessert. We slept one night at the Snowy River, it was very cold. Some slept in tents and others under a tarp. We made a massive bon fire and told ghost stories and had marshmallows. The whole camp was a great experience. We also enjoyed getting to know our peers more.

By Liz and Sophie

Year 8 camp was so much fun. We did lots of activities and had many new experiences which were really good. On the first day we went to Buchan and enjoyed the Royal Cave. It was very interesting and informing and the caves were beautiful! When we arrived at Karoonda Park the staff were very welcoming and the fun started right away. Some activities such as white-water rafting, abseiling, the flying fox and horse riding were really exciting. We did other activities that were team building, such as an initiative course, hiking to Dingo Hill, camping at Willis (putting up tents), crossing the border to NSW and rock climbing. The food at the camp was so good! Each night we had a 3 course meal of soup, main and dessert. For breakfast we would have the choice of cereal and fruit and then eggs and bacon. Lunch would be a meat choice and many salad options. We would like to thank Karoonda Park and their staff for providing us with such a wonderful and enjoyable camp that we would gladly go back to!

By Tiara & Rachael.
Year 8 News continued

This year the Year 8 camp was to Karoonda Park. At Karoonda Park we participated in a numerous amount of activities such as horse riding, practiced our team work in the initiative course, flew on the flying fox, abseiling, camping in unbelievably freezing conditions, white-water rafting, rock climbing, orienteering course (the red and yellow group got REALLY lost and was lead to safety by Ms Tomnay and Danny), identified trees, crossed the border to New South Wales and then spent Friday in Lakes Entrance. This camp opened up different opportunities for us as teenagers other than having our faces stuck in electronics all day and night. The staff at Karoonda Park were amazing and provided laughter, fun and great food.

Thank you Karoonda Park and staff for an amazing camp!

By Erin Osborne 8A
Year 9 News

Year 9 Transition/Orientation Day—
Wednesday 30th October at Precinct Campus

Year 10 Kurnai students study one subject at the Precinct Campus. This is their first experience of senior schooling and it is a momentous step into the next stage of their lives. To help students make their decision about their Year 11 subject for 2014, Kurnai College Precinct Campus is running a program of subject information sessions and a tour of the campus on Wednesday 30th October 2013.

Brief descriptions of the subjects to be offered are included in this newsletter.

Students will arrive at their respective junior schools as normal for the start of the day and will then be escorted to the Precinct.

Students will attend three 30-minute sessions where teachers from the Precinct will explain what the subject involves and the types of skills and abilities required to succeed in these subject areas. During the sessions there will be time for questions so it would be a good idea to bring a pen and paper to record important information for later use. At the end of the information session they will fill out their selection sheet.

Students will be expected back at their campuses for Period 5 on Wednesday.

At the end of the Orientation Day students will complete a course selection form which they will hand in. They will also have a copy of their selection to take home. Please discuss the subject selection with your child and if you have any concerns please contact me.

We look forward to seeing all Year 9 students at the Precinct on Wednesday 30th October.

Michelle Moore—Transition Coordinator
Telephone 5132 3800

Permission forms for the Transition Day at the Precinct on 30th October have been given to Year 9 students. Please ensure the form is signed and returned asap. All students are expected to attend.
Year 9 News continued

**Accounting**

Accounting is the process of recording, reporting, analysing and interpreting financial data and information which is then communicated to internal and external users of the information. It plays an integral role in the successful operation and management of a small business.

**Environmental Science**

Environmental Science investigates the interactions between natural and human systems. This study examines the application of environmental science to ecologically sustainable development and environmental management. While undertaking this study, students will develop skills in practical scientific investigations, environmental fieldwork techniques, report writing, research and analysis.

**Health and Human Development**

The study of Health and Human Development is highly recommended for the following career options; teacher, nurse, medical practitioner, dietician, childcare or health care worker. The study promotes the understanding that nutrition plays a major role in influencing both health status and individual human development.

**Information Technology**

Information Technology focuses on the processing of data and the management of information and information systems. The study of VCE Information Technology encompasses information systems and how people interact with information technology to create structured information and to connect with others to exchange information.

**Music Performance**

Music is an integral part of all cultures and societies, both contemporary and historical. The study of music develops students’ understanding of artistic processes and contributes to the development of the aesthetic, cognitive, psychomotor and affective domains. Music offers students opportunities to engage in the practice of performing, creating and studying music that is representative of diverse genres, styles and cultures. (Approval from the head of music is required for this subject.)

**Outdoor and Environmental Studies**

Outdoor and Environmental Studies is a study of the ways humans interact with and relate to natural environments. This unit is a combination of both practice and theory and does include additional costs in relation to excursions.

**Psychology**

Psychology is the scientific study of mental processes and behaviour in humans. Biological, behavioural, cognitive and socio-cultural perspectives inform the way psychologists approach their research into the human condition. The study of psychology leads to opportunities in a range of careers that involve working with children, adults, families and communities in a variety of settings.

**Studio Art**

VCE Studio Arts encourages and supports students to recognise their individual potential as art makers and presents a guided process to assist their understanding and development of art-making. The study establishes effective art practices through the application of an individual design process to assist the student’s production of a folio of artworks.

**Work Skills (VCAL Foundation level subject)**

In this unit you will develop your employability skills. These skills include communication, problem solving, self-management, technology and team work. You will learn about safe work practices, further education options, job seeking, conflict resolution in the workplace and find out about different work industries.
Year 10 News

Year 10 China Camp

The Great Wall stands out as an icon of China. A group of our students were fortunate to be able to see it up close and admire the amazing views as so many people have done before. Another icon students enjoyed seeing was the Giant Buddha.

The main values of travel are the experiences we have and sometimes even the difficulties we overcome. Before leaving, most students were anxious about the homestay portion of the trip. As it turned out, this was the highlight of many, with really being able to experience the culture, hanging out at night and letting off firecrackers. Riding motorbikes around Taijou felt exhilarating and the subway in Hong Kong was also very different from what they were used to.

Some students enjoyed the attention they received from the locals, having their photos taken with local babies and their mothers. The relationships formed when travelling together can be lasting, and many students enjoyed getting to know students from the other campus. They are eager to begin their Year 11 studies at the Precinct and are looking forward to renewing those contacts soon.
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.
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.
Licola Wilderness Village

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

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Gippsland Region:

Balnarring
Date: Wednesday 30th October 2013
Time: 9.30am – 2.45pm
Venue: Balnarring Neighbourhood House
27 Delaney Street
Balnarring 3970
To Book: http://www.byelooking.com/49534 or contact our office

Traralgon
Date: Thursday 31st October 2013
Time: 9.30am – 2.45pm
Venue: GippsTAFE Academy Conference Centre
Princess Highway, Traralgon 3844
To Book: http://www.byelooking.com/49537 or contact our office

Cost: $25 per person – members
$40 per person – non-members
Morning tea & light lunch included

*Membership is free for the first 12 months, as we pay the office to supply.
Workshops may be cancelled if numbers are low

Association for Children with a Disability
For more information phone 9818 2900 or 1800 654 013 (rural calls)
Email mailand.org.au or visit our website www.acd.org.au

Our presenters are parents themselves, so they understand the issues families face