Date: 17th October, 2014

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Message from Campus Principal - Michelle

Welcome Back to Term 4

I know I say this every term, but Term 4 is a very busy term for everyone at Morwell Campus as we finalise studies for 2014 and plan for 2015.

Year 10’s will have exams in English, Humanities, Maths and Science at the end of November and Year 9’s will have exams in Maths and English.

Year 10’s are facing the sometimes scary prospect of completing their middle years education and moving into senior education. Some students find this prospect very daunting, and I urge any student who is feeling pressure to seek help from the Year Level Leader, Ms Beebe, or from Gea, or from any other trusted adult.

We will also run our Headstart Program in December, and students in Year 8 and their families and carers will be invited to participate in another round of Meetings for Success – more information on these activities as they get closer.
University Campus

The Gippsland Education Precinct (GEP) was disbanded last year when Monash University left the area and GippsTAFE changed to Federation.

I know a large number of our school community have always referred to our senior campus as “the GEP”, however, that was not really correct as the GEP included Monash, AGA, GippsTAFE, and Latrobe City. The senior campus was actually called the Precinct Campus.

Now that the precinct has been dissolved, we sought a name change for our senior campus as neither the Precinct nor the GEP exist any longer.

It has been decided and officially recognised that the Kurnai senior campus will be known as the University Campus.

Energy Drinks and Soft Drinks

We continue to ask students not to consume any form of caffeinated energy drinks either before or during school. These drinks have proven health risks, and are not recommended for children.

Recently we have had a number of students purchasing large bottles of soft drink (ie 750 ml and above), and consuming them in one or two sittings. Clearly this practice is also bad for your dental and physical health, with more than 27 teaspoons of sugar in a litre of cola, for instance.

Bottles of soft drink in excess of 375ml, or ANY caffeinated energy drink will be confiscated, and stored for students to collect at the end of the day.
Year 7 News

We have had a fantastic start to our final term with all students working hard and striving for excellence. The teachers have been very impressed with the mature and committed attitude of the cohort which serves as a reminder to us that they are only a few weeks from moving on to Year 8.

2015 Year 8 Curriculum

The Year 8 curriculum for 2015 will include the continuation of the students’ language study, with parents and students being able to indicate preferences towards either continuing in the students current language study, or changing to a general cultural studies course. Students will not be able to change from their current language of study.

Students have received a letter to take home today that requires your signature indicating your preference for their ongoing language or cultural study. This will need to be returned to their form group teacher by Wednesday, 22nd October. Alternatively, you can email me with your preferences directly using the Compass system.

A reminder to call our absence hotline 5165 0611 preferably before 9.00 am if your child is not going to be at school. This will ensure your child’s absence is recorded correctly and you don’t receive a phone call from our office.
Year 8 News

We’ve had a busy couple of weeks at Year 8. Week 1 of the term was camp week. All students had a lot of fun, regardless of whether they were on camp or participating in the alternate program at school. We are impressed with the way students participated and engaged with each program – well done Year 8’s!

Discover Day

Students will have the opportunity to participate in a Federation University ‘Discovery Day’ next Thursday. They will have a tour around the campus and participate in sessions to learn what the university can offer them after they complete Year 12. Permission forms have been sent home and need to be returned promptly.

Karoonda Camp

Last week, Year 8 students went to Karoonda Park for their camp. Everyone enjoyed the atmosphere and activities. On the way, we stopped at Buchan Caves and did a tour through the royal cave. On the camp, we undertook a range of fun and challenging activities such as Abseiling, the longest flying fox we have ever seen, horse riding, an initiative course, white water rafting and rock climbing. We learnt about the livestock that lived there and went night walking.

Our favourite activity of the day was horse riding. After getting partnered with our suitable horses, we took off on a long walk through the nearby bush on the camp site. We learnt how to control the horses and what to do when we are going up and down hills. Some of the horses were difficult to control and we stopped several times so they could go to the toilet. We all had different horses and had to quickly learn how they acted and how sensitive they were.

On the third day we drove to the Snowy River to do white water rafting and an overnight camp. The rafting was amazing. We had 6 or 7 people in each boat as we rafted down the snowy river. We took 3 boats and had splash fights the whole way down. MJ had a bet going with his boat that if they got Ms Anders wet they would get Maccas. Ms Anders had a bet going with her boat as well. We were all wet when we got out. We all loved Carlin’s adaptation of ‘Row row your boat’ that ended with ‘throw Ms Anders over board and listen to her scream’.

By Stacey, Amanda and Bailey.

We participated in an alternate program while the other students were at camp. We made a 3D model of the Latrobe Valley. We also did a challenging web quest. The first person to complete the work got a prize. Another one of the challenges would have been in maths when our table completed all the work sheets first. We also did cooking which had to have been the best subject out of all of them. On Monday we made sausage rolls and chocolate truffles and on Friday we made fruit crumble and fruit smoothies, we also had fried rice. Science was fun when we had to think about what the world would be like in the future.

By Casey Schorr and Chris Rose
KAROONDA CAMP
Year 9 Orientation Day – Wednesday October 29, 2014 at the Precinct.

Year 10 Kurnai students study one VCE subject at the University Campus (formerly 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 VCE subject for 2015, Kurnai College, University Campus is running a program of subject information sessions and a tour of the campus on Wednesday October 29, 2014.

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

Students will attend three 30-minute sessions where teachers from the University 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 all students should 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, listing their Year 11 subject preferences for 2015. They will hand in this sheet. They will also have a copy of their selection to take home. Please discuss the subject selection with your student and if you have any concerns or desired changes please contact me.

We look forward to seeing all Year 9 students at the University Campus on Wednesday, 29 October.

Michelle Moore
Transition Coordinator
5132 3800
Year 10 News

Central Australia Camp

A group of 32 Year 10 students from both Morwell and Churchill set off on an adventure to visit the red centre of Australia. The camp took us via Adelaide to sleep underground and check out the opals at Coober Pedy. From here we travelled to Uluru, where we explored and learnt about the cultural significance of the red rock, climbed the Olgas and watched the sun set over Uluru. The tour then took us to Kings Canyon where we hiked along the top of the canyon. The sites where amazing! Our last stop was Alice Springs. Here we visited the School of the Air, the Royal Flying Doctors, the Telegraph Station, swam in the gorge and visited Standley Chasm. We all had fantastic time and were amazed at how beautiful and diverse our country is.

Exams

It is that time of year again where our Year 10 students need to start preparing for their exams. Students will have exams for each of their core subjects (Maths, English, Humanities and Science) along with their Precinct subject. Students should be taking their books home and revising each night, making revision booklets and going over all topics covered this semester. Please encourage your Year 10 to prepare a study schedule so that they can use their time wisely and be as prepared as they possibly can. Exams will be held during week of 24th – 27th November.
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 recently.

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**Kurnai College Four Pillars**

- **Engagement:** We actively participate in our own learning
- **Excellence:** We do the best that we can do
- **Work Ethic:** We are committed to working hard
- **Relationships:** We value and respect each other
Shine the Light-Lantern Project

Is about the community recovering together after the bush fires and the coal mine fire and creating a Lantern to remember what happened and to move on in our lives. The following students have spent about 20 hours constructing a Lantern of cupped hands and a tree to represent new life for the Community Lantern parade on Friday the 17th of October starting at 6pm.

Isabell Pack, Maggie Darragh, Eliza Studd, Tyler Spiteri, Allana Carrigy, Jasmine Hall, Taylor Hess, Shona Marino, Charmaine Cook and Marcey Collier.

Thank you and congratulations to those students for their enthusiasm and their commitment.
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, Music and more Music……

Gearing up for the Kurnai Idol GRAND FINAL…..

The Semifinal of Kurnai College’s Idol competition featured the final three students from each campus competing against each other for the first time to claim a spot in the Grand Final.

Performing students presented a song in its entirety with music or audio accompaniment. The audience were presented with a variety of musical genres, from Music Theatre through to Ballads – all items in which the performing students had chosen and prepared for themselves.

The Semi Final was judged by selected community members with specialties within the music industry. Performing students were keen to receive feedback from the judges to improve in any aspects of their performance. Unfortunately, those eliminated from the Semi Final were Jaz Silvester, Tahlia Davenport (Morwell Campus) and Zekinthia Halge (Churchill Campus).

Performing in the Grand final are: Carlin Graham (Morwell Campus), Crystal Libreri and Michelle Hawke (Churchill Campus), Sherlock Zhang, Amy Jenkins and Matthew Berend (University Campus). Each will be performing 2 items, one of which will be with live accompaniment.

The bragging rights when claiming the title include:
$100 voucher from A&P Electronics;
Kurnai Idol CUP to keep;
Name inscribed on the Kurnai Idol Championship Shield which will be housed at the winning Vocalist’ campus.

The Grand Final is on Monday 20th October, commencing at 6pm at Kurnai College Churchill Campus.

Entry cost is Gold Coin. Refreshments are available on night.

The Grand final is open to the general public.

On The Road Again Primary Schools Music Tour…..

The tour has kicked off this week with students from Churchill Campus performing at Yinnar South and Hazelwood North Primary schools. Morwell campus commences their tour on Monday.
Homestay/Host families provide an authentic, safe environment for 15 – 18 year old overseas students, coming to Australia, for study.

Homestay families are paid a fee to cover weekly food and utility costs. Students’ stays can vary from one year to three years.

If you, friends or family are interested and would like further information please contact Geoff Block or Corine Noblet at Kurnai College on (03) 5132 3800.
A Day Out at Lardner Park is back!

Fresh new arts & crafts, home wares, handmade packaged food & lots more!

**When** - 21st September (Sunday 9am to 2pm).

23rd November (Sunday 9am to 2pm).

15th February (Sunday 9am to 2pm).

19th April (Sunday 9am to 2pm).

**Where** – 155 Burnt Store Road, Drouin/Warragul.

A great day out. $3 parking, Large undercover pavilion plus over 100 outdoor stalls.

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**Churchill Basketball**

U/14’s, U/16’s and U/18’s boys and girls - Any boys or girls wanting to play basketball in these age groups?

Age groups-


U16- born 2000, 2001

U18- born 1998, 1999

Please contact anyone you know who may be interested to get these age groups up and running again.

To register your interest, please contact Jason Sutherland on 0481358158 or Ang Van Rossum 0448 773 365.
MORWELL CRICKET CLUB UNDER 16s

- MORWELL CRICKET CLUB UNDER 16s
- Training is on Tuesday Nights 4.30-6.00pm
- Games are either Friday evenings from 5.00 to 7.30pm with a few Sunday games over the season
- The first game is on the 3rd weekend in October
- All games are in the Morwell/Moe area
- Fees are $30 for the season
- All equipment is freely supplied
- Opportunity to play in senior cricket from time to time if you so desire, this could be with your Dad for example
- Teams are so much more fun with a friend, so bring at least one along!
- Check out our website for more information on our club

Co-ordinator Mark Smith 0408 627 597
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