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Message from Campus Principal - Michelle

End of Semester Reports

By the time you read this, your student’s Semester 1 Report will have been published on Compass. You can choose to read it online or download the PDF file and print if you wish. Alternatively, if you are unable to do this at home, please contact the General Office for support, or to have us print it for you.

Whichever way you choose to view the reports, it is essential that you go through the reports with your child and take careful note of the advice each teacher has given with respect to future learning.

No matter whether the student has completed the semester well above the expected standard, at the expected standard or below the expected standard, all students are required to show improvement. Their teachers have gone to a lot of trouble to provide strategies to improve or areas that need further work, so please ensure this advice is taken on board.

Cleo Lazaris

As I am sure you are aware, Ms Cleo Lazaris has been acting as Assistant Principal this term – I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank her for the support and help she has shown to the students, staff and me. She certainly slotted into the position seamlessly and has helped to ensure that issues have been dealt with in a timely, equitable fashion.

Meanwhile, by all reports, Wayne Bass is slowly working his way south and will be back to chilly Victoria ready to resume his duties by the beginning of next term.
Message from Campus Principal - Michelle continued...

Have an Enjoyable Break

I have no doubt that students, teachers, support staff, (and principals), cannot wait for the holidays to start so we can all enjoy the rest we richly deserve! On the other hand, parents and carers are often less enthusiastic about the break from school as they have a houseful of demanding teens for two weeks straight. Try to think of this as being a time where you can spend some extra quality time with the kids and their friends, or if that doesn’t work for you, at least it is a break from the endless rounds of early morning routines, school runs, packed lunches and uniform-hunting!

I hope our school community does enjoy the winter break and is able to gather up the strength to face the long, cold darkness of Term 3!!

Remember that school resumes on Monday 14th July and we will be celebrating NAIDOC Week soon after the holidays.

Uniform

Could parents please ensure you name all your child’s school uniform, so if it is lost we are able to identify whose piece of clothing it is and return it to the student.

We have a substantial amount of lost property (clothing) at the office without names on them. You are more than welcome to come to the office to have a look.

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Kids Teaching Kids Is On Again September 11th

We have just received news that we have been successful in obtaining a grant to host the Kids Teaching Kids event in September again this year. We wish to thank Kids Teaching Kids and Target for sponsoring the event and supporting our school to participate.

We look forward to our Year 7 students preparing for the event by studying an area of interest in sustainability. We have had many of our feeder schools accept the invitation to be part of Kids Teaching Kids again, and we will surprise the audience with a few new workshops.

Watch this space for further updates.

Mrs Lisa Benn

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Schoology

Since the start of the 2014 school year, Kurnai has been using the Schoology Learning Management System (LMS). It has been slowly introduced across many subjects and allows students to access their work online at any time, and also submit work or ask questions.

The system is an effective 21st century learning tool that enables teachers, students and even parents to come together and help students learn what they need to learn.

For more information go to, schoology.com to have a look at how the system works with its online demonstration. Alternatively, call or email the school to find out more.

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Kurnai College IT Co-ordinator

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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 7 News

Camp Coolamatong

What a fabulous week we had at camp! The theme for the week was “Resilience” and the Camp Coolamatong team did a great job at putting it together for us.

The students enjoyed a variety of activities including rock climbing, bushcraft, a boat trip, an initiative course, farming, archery and so much more! The food was fantastic and plentiful and the students even made it through a week without their various electronic devices! We were so proud to see them working together and helping each other out and we were blessed with fantastic weather all week. Many thanks to all the staff of the Year 7 Team, including Ms Duncan, who gave up time from their families and lives to support the camp and make it possible for the students to attend.

Winter Sleepout

Coming up early next term is the Year 7 Winter Sleepout. This is a fundraiser, run by us for the Year 7 students on a Saturday night at the school, to raise money for Mission Australia. Mission do some great work helping out the homeless. The night has a number of activities designed around increasing awareness of homelessness. Amongst them, the students will spend the night outside in the cold to experience how that can feel in winter. Security measures are taken to ensure that students are safe overnight and an appropriate number of staff will be assisting to supervise. If you have any concerns or queries regarding the event, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school. Forms are due to be returned early next term. There is no cost to the students.
Year 8 News

Karoonda Camp

The Year 8 camp is currently being organised and will run in the first week of term 4, from the 6th -10th October. The camp will be at Karoonda Park. Karoonda Park is located near the Alpine and Snowy River National Parks, wilderness areas and state forests. It provides a convenient base for exploration of this special country.

The activities will include a range of outdoor adventure and farm experiences such as horse riding, abseiling, white water rafting, caving and ropes courses. Students will be able to challenge their personal boundaries in a safe and supportive environment and will further develop their team building and social skills. It is estimated that the camp will cost approximately $430.00. Further information and permission forms will be sent home next term.

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Exams
In the final weeks of this semester Year Nine were sitting exams in English and Maths. I would like to thank the students for their exemplary behaviour and the fact that we had a high attendance for that day.

Semester 1 Reports
End of semester reports have been completed and are now available for viewing on Compass. Anyone who wishes to receive a paper copy of the report should let the office know. Please take the opportunity over the holidays to discuss your child’s report with them so they can make a positive return after the break. Any issues regarding reports can be addressed with myself or the subject teacher.

Semester 2 begins
Students have been issued with new timetables and the transition into new electives has been fairly smooth. Any changes regarding electives will have to be approved by me and students are reminded to be resilient if they have not been granted their first choice, trying the subject for a while before opting out.

School holidays
The holiday time is also an excellent opportunity for students who are having uniform issues to get organised before their return to school. If people need support with uniform please contact me at school.

Finally, a note from the students:

This semester we have enjoyed learning the skills of Cooking, getting fitter in Physical Education, the penmanship required in Art and Drawing and performance techniques in Performing Arts.

Next semester (it has already started), we look forward to Woodwork, Surf ‘n’ Turf and Physical Education. In Surf ‘n’ Turf we will be completing our Bronze Medallion for the Duke of Edinburgh Award which will be a great experience for everyone involved. We complete Community Service, Physical Activity, learn a new Skill and go on an Adventure Hike.

Blake Bourne and Miranda Sayle 9B
Exam Results

Students have received their exam results which for the most part will reflect the amount of effort they are putting in to their class. While some students can be proud of what they have achieved, many will have been disappointed. Whatever the result, it is important that students use the result to inform them about their work ethic and their study habits. Now is the time to develop good habits. Students should make a commitment to themselves and their parents to expect more from themselves and to achieve their best.

Central Australian Camp

We are very much looking forward to the annual Year 10 camp to Central Australia. The tour organisers were kind enough to extend the time when payments are due. This means we did not have to cancel the camp last week due to all monies not being in. We really want the camp to go ahead, so if you have returned your deposit, could you please ensure the next instalment is paid as quickly as possible.

ITrack excursion

Last week the itrack students went to Melbourne to have a face-to-face visit with their mentors. While they have established relationships with each other by weekly on-line conversations, it was exciting to meet in real life.

The initial nerves quickly passed and the room was filled with noisy chatter as the mentors and students worked together on various activities.

The event was hosted by Black Rock in Collins Street and the view from the room was amazing, stretching out to the bay and the Melbourne Star.

Students enjoyed a lunch of seemingly unlimited gourmet sandwiches, then another activity before it was time to wander back to Flinders Street to take the train back home.

Year 10 students will soon be choosing their pathway for next year. On Monday 21st July, representatives from JMC academy will come and speak with students about courses that they offer that students may not know about and offer some information as to appropriate subjects for Year 11 and 12.

JMC academy is dedicated solely to the education, development and training of students who are passionate about pursuing a life-long career in the Creative Industries. JMC Academy offers IT performance industry based courses such as game design.
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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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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Congratulations to these students who have received recognition for their positive start to Semester 2

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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.

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Community News

Heart Foundation

Walking

Would you like to join a fun, free walking group?

Your local Walking Groups

**Traralgon Walkers**
When: Tuesdays & Fridays 9.30am
Tuesday: Tall Stockland Sign; Friday: Traralgon Railway Reserve
Contact: Jean Robertson Phone: 5174 3263

**HOP Walkers**
When: Sundays 10.00am
Hubert Osborne Park, Traralgon
Contact: Ges Hammer Phone: 5174 9996

**Newborough Walkers**
When: Wednesdays 9.00am
Top of Stamford Street next to Ollerton Reserve in Newborough
Contact: Mary Donnelly Phone: 5127 7094

**Morwell Walkers**
When: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9.00am
Traffic School, corner Princes Drive and Churchill Road
Contact: Louise Lawrence Phone: 0400 087 946

**Churchill Walkers**
When: Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays 8.30am
Mondays & Fridays: Leisure Centre; Wednesdays: Lake Hyland
Contact: Harry Speake Phone: 5122 2809
Triple P. Stepping Stones

TRIPLE P. STEPPING STONES IS A PARENTING PROGRAM SPECIFICALLY FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES, AND HELPS FAMILIES DEAL WITH EVERYDAY PARENTING ISSUES AS WELL AS MORE COMPLEX PROBLEMS.

This program will be facilitated by Parentzone Gippsland. The aim of the program is to increase parents skills and confidence in raising their children with disabilities. The program will cover:

- Goals for change.
- Positive parenting.
- Developing a positive relationship with your children.
- Understanding causes of children’s behaviour.
- Ways to encourage cooperative behaviour.
- Strategies to deal with difficult behaviour.
- Educating children on new skills and behaviours.
- Family survival skills.

Dates:
Friday mornings for five weeks
30th May 2014
6th June
13th June
20th June
27th June

Time:
11.00 am to 1.00 pm

Venue:
Meeting Room
Bairnsdale West Primary School
Wallace Street
Bairnsdale

Off street parking available
Please sign in at the front office

This group will provide parents with the opportunity to meet with other parents in a safe and confidential environment.

Sessions are free.
Please register your name before commencement of the program.

For more information or to register please contact:

Parentzone Gippsland at Anglicare Victoria Morwell office - 5133 9396
or Anglicare Victoria Bairnsdale office - 5152 1213

Parentzone Gippsland is the Regional Parenting Service in Gippsland and receives funding from DEECD and FACS to provide parenting programs in Gippsland.

Anglicare Victoria acknowledges Aboriginal people as the traditional custodians of the land on which we operate. We commit to working respectfully to honour their ongoing cultural and spiritual connections to this country.
Yallourn North Primary School is holding three winter markets. We have over 35 stalls selling a range of crafts, clothing, jewellery, art, kitchen gadgets, produce, baked goods and hot food. The first market will be June 29, 10am – 2pm. The market is an indoor event so the weather will not beat us.

Find us on Facebook to stay up to date.

Premier’s Spirit of ANZAC Prize

2014-15 Competition Now Open!

The Premier’s Spirit of Anzac Prize is an annual competition held to select Year 9 or 10 students for an overseas study tour of sites where Australians have served in war, centred on Gallipoli or the Western Front.

The 2014-15 Premier’s Spirit of Anzac Prize will provide 12 students with the opportunity to participate in the study tour. In addition, regional finalists will tour a significant Australian location and will be invited to attend lunch with the Premier of Victoria.

The competition is open to students in Years 9 and 10 currently enrolled in Victorian Government, Catholic and Independent Schools. Students need their parents’ permission to enter the competition.

Parent Session

It’s time we talked:
Pornography, young people and sexuality today

24 July 2014
7:30pm until 8:30pm
GippsTafe, Traralgon

Pornography has become a parenting issue we can’t afford to ignore...

- How are children and young people being exposed to pornography online?
- Are young people being educated about sex through pornography?
- What impact can this have on young people’s understanding of relationships and sexuality?
- What impact does this have on our community?
- How can parents address this problem?

What do parents need to understand about porn and its influence on young people’s sexual understandings and expectations? How can parents support their kids’ healthy social and sexual development in an age of pornography?

This session will be led by Maree Crabbe, Coordinator of the community education project Reality & Risk: Pornography, young people and sexuality. Maree is Co-Producer and Co-Director of the documentary film Love and Sex in an Age of Pornography, broadcast last year on SBS, and author of In The Picture – a whole school resource to assist secondary schools to address the influence of explicit sexual imagery. Maree’s articles on young people, sexuality and pornography have been published in online and print media.

Register online @ www.trybooking.com/ERQN
RSVP 22 July 2014  Cost: Free

Further Information Selena (03) 5143 1600 or selena.gilham@gwehealth.asn.au

Gippsland Women’s Health Service

State Government of Victoria

This training opportunity is funded by the Gippsland Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy