Welcome to Term 2!

We extend a warm welcome to the many new families who have joined the Morwell Campus Learning Community in recent weeks and wish all students and carers a very successful term.

As we move through the recovery phase after the Hazelwood Mine Fire, we are working towards getting back to a settled routine and catching up on curriculum missed during last term. We hope to obtain funding to assist students who were particularly disadvantaged in their learning. We will keep you filled in when we have further news.

Staffing Updates

This term, Wayne Bass is enjoying some long-overdue Long Service Leave, however, Cleo Lazaris has stepped up to Assistant Principal. Cleo will be available to parents in the same way Wayne was.

Cleo is being replaced in her role as Year 10 Team Leader by Nyssa Beebe – parents of Year 10 students are asked to contact Nyssa in the event of any issues arising with their students.

Finally, Melissa Ross is replacing Nyssa on the Student Advocate Team. Thank you to each of these ladies for helping Morwell Campus out this term!
Arcots Testing

As I say at the beginning of every term, we have a very busy term coming up! We are currently completing ARCOTS testing – this very important part of our program helps us to collect data that enables us to design a more individualised program for all students. Each student is tested in reading, numeracy, and problem solving.

NAPLAN Testing

May 13 – 15 sees our Year 7 and Year 9 students undertaking the National Testing Scheme, NAPLAN. Students will be tested on Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation), Writing (students produce a piece of writing – they are assessed on quality and organization of ideas, structuring of sentences and correct use of spelling and punctuation), Reading (students answer short questions to show their understanding of some reading provided on the test) and Numeracy (students solve problems across all areas of mathematics, according to their year level).

The NAPLAN results provide individual students with a snapshot of their achievement compared to all other students in Australia, and gives the school valuable information to help us evaluate programs and work out how to best use resources.

A brochure with further will be sent to all families of students undertaking NAPLAN very soon. Please contact me if you have any questions at all.

Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) student leaders

At an assembly this week our new student leaders and campus captains were formally acknowledged and presented with certificates and their badges by the Hon Russell Northe, Member for Morwell.

Leaders for 2014 are:

Year 7: Nicholas Mills, Emily Kerstjens, Ajeep Magar
Year 8: Lyndsay Bennett, Chris Rose, Nathan Britt, Ryan Schopp, Taylor Hess
Year 9: Dante Brown, Abbey Brabazon
Year 10: Jade Smith, Brandon Welsh (School Captains)

Congratulations to all these students who have been through a rigorous selection process, including an interview with Ms Lisa Benn, who is running PBS Student Leaders’ program this year and their Year Level Team Leaders.

See Photo on page 3.
Year 9 and Year 10 Exams

All students in Year 9 will undergo exams in English and Mathematics towards the end of Term 2, while Year 10 exams will be held in English, Mathematics, Science and Humanities, as well as in their Unit 1 VCE subject as appropriate.

The exams have two purposes: firstly, students gain experience in completing this type of assessment which is very important not only for future education, but also for potential employment where aptitude and entrance tests are required. Students are also given a picture of how they stand against Year 9 or Year 10 standards.

It is very important for these students to take their exams seriously. Teachers in each relevant class will give students assistance on how and what to study. This year, for the first time, all exam results will be included on end of semester reports.

Anzac Day

The school captains, Jade and Brandon, have already had a taste of leadership as they laid a wreath on behalf of the campus at Anzac Day last week.

Kurnai College Annual Report

Each year all schools prepare a report that details student achievement in all aspects of their education, including well-being, as well as financial information and other indicators of school performance.

Our Annual Report will be available in hard copy from the General Office, via email and on the School Website from the middle of next week.
Year 7 News

Year 7’s have returned from holidays ready to go. Our focus for the term is on the students engaging with all of their classes and making the best of all of opportunities they have.

Student Leaders

It is great to have our student leaders now determined and we congratulate Nick Mills, Emily Kerstjens and Ajeep Magar on their successful applications. These students have had to submit detailed applications with an external reference and then have an interview to narrow them down from a variety of very good candidates. We are sure that they will do their best to represent their peers at Year 7.

Performance Updates

A number of students received certificates last week for their excellent results in the last round of performance updates. It is a pleasure to be able to recognise those students who continuously put in amazing efforts in the classroom. In particular, I would like to recognise Chloe Radford who had an outstanding performance average of 4.0 (out of 4.0). Very well done, Chloe!

Class changes

Year 7 classes do not change for term 2, aside from their language which has been swapped from German to Chinese and vice-versa. All students will have an opportunity to indicate a preference, with your input, between these languages for terms three and four.

Camp Coolamatong

Finally, preparations are underway for Year 7 Camp. We have a very large group of students going this year. The theme for this year’s camp is ‘RESILIENCE’. Participants have been asked to form cabin groups. More details will be provided to the students we get closer, including a packing list. Please ensure that payments for the camp are up to date.
Year 10 News

Work Experience

Students are busy organising their work experience placements, which are only two weeks away. Work experience is an opportunity for students to see what it is like to work in their chosen career. We ask students to think beyond their part time employment options and use this to assist in determining their career choices when they complete school. Students are required to complete two weeks of Work Experience from 19-30 May.

Exams

It is almost 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. With Work Experience also being in the middle of the term we understand that some students may be feeling a little overwhelmed and concerned about how this might interfere with their preparation. We would like to remind students that all of their teachers are aware of the interruption and will work with you to assist you in being successful. Exams will take place during the week of 10th – 13th June.

itrack

This term has seen the commencement of the itrack program, organised by The Smith Family. The program offers an opportunity for a group of Year 10 students to be paired up with a mentor who works in a profession of which they an interest. Students will chat online with their mentors before having a chance to meet them face-to-face later in the term.

School Camp

The Year 10 school camp to Uluru is a fun and eye-opening experience. Our students get to appreciate how vast and diverse our country is, experience cultural and geological landmarks such as Uluru and enjoy learning more about our indigenous heritage. Although permission forms are yet to be handed out, payments towards the cost of the camp can be made at the office to help with your family’s budget. It is anticipated that the cost of the 10 day camp will be approximately $900.

School Captains

The Year 10 cohort would like to congratulate our new school captains Jade Smith and Brandon Welsh. We appreciate you stepping up to the plate and know that you will both be fantastic role models and leaders of the school.

Spark Engineering Camp

Year 10 students who have an interest in Engineering are encouraged to apply for the Spark Engineering Camp. Applications close Friday 30th May. See below for more details.
Spark Engineering Camp

It’s an experience of a lifetime!

So what will we be doing during the time at Spark?

Every activity at Spark is based around engineering, whether we are building bridges or walking over them. Throughout the week students will attend lectures, take part in hands on practicals, and socialise, similar to a University student.

Some of the most popular activities in 2013 included the Story Bridge Climb, keynote speeches from prominent engineers, the disco, and a the powering cities workshop in which teams of students were given the opportunity to put their skills to the test in constructing an electrical network for a suburb.

Eligibility. Who can apply?

Do you, or does someone you know need a ‘Spark’?
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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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.
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;

Gowing.dean.d@edumail.vic.gov.au    garth.joshua.p@edumail.vic.gov.au

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CHARITY EVENT

RESIDENTS OF TRAFALGAR WILL LIGHT THE WAY BY LEAVING FRONT LIGHTS ON THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT

**When**: 5pm Friday 9th May - 5pm Saturday 10th May  
**Where**: Based at McGregor Park  
**Course**: Town loop of Trafalgar  
**FAMILY DAY**: Saturday 10th 11am - 4pm (Mcgregor Park)  
**NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED**

COME DOWN AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT BY CHEERING ALONG THE ROAD RUNNERS  
LIVE MUSIC, BBQ, PIZZA, ACTIVITIES for the kids and much more.

Donations can be made on the day or by bank deposit to:  
Gippsland Road Runners Bsb: 633000 Acct: 151414885  
Contact - Tracey O’Brien 0400 892 109 or email: gippslandroadrunners@gmail.com
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FEE: $30 STUDENT/ FAMILY ONLY $50 PER MONTH

TRAINING TIMES:
THURSDAY 6 PM - 8 PM
SATURDAY 5 PM - 7 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION PHONE:
SANG (INSTRUCTOR)
0431 185 663

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Are you sick of doing this?

...and want to get involved with this?

Latrobe Skatepark Series Workshop

Sat 17th and Sun 18th of May 2014 (11am to 4pm)
Latrobe City, 141 Commercial Rd, Morwell

film/photography • event set ups • judging • emceeing • promo
The workshop will provide training and experience in how to become a judge and event manager at your local skatepark as well as allowing your direct input into the Latrobe Skatepark Series.

For bookings and enquiries contact Kieran Ryan:
kieran.ryan@ymca.org.au
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 recently.

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Positive Behaviour Postcard
Competition 2014

Design Brief:

1. Design a postcard which reflects one of the four pillars; relationships, work ethic, engagement and excellence.

Important design tips:

- designs should be drawn on an A4 page with a landscape orientation
- colours and lines need to be well defined (so they will show up when scanned)
- make sure you write your name at the bottom right-hand side of the postcard

2. Write on the back of your entry in 25 words or less what this pillar means to you. These words will appear on the winning postcard designs.

You can enter as many times as you like. Please submit the final designs to your year level team leader by Monday 12th May 2014.