**Newsletter**

**Morwell Campus**

*Date: 30th May, 2014*

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**Message from Campus Principal - Michelle**

**Athletics Carnival**

Last Tuesday Kurnai College held the annual Athletics Carnival at the Joe Carmody track in Moe.

Unfortunately, quite a small number of students from across the College attended, possibly because the weather forecast was for rain, however, after a brief shower early in the day, the weather turned mild and those who attended were able to enjoy a range of events, including the more serious running, jumping and throwing events, as well as more fun events such as limbo and water balloon throwing.

Parents and students are reminded that permission forms for these events must be returned by the due date. We are unable to accept late forms because of the large amount of administrative work that must be completed. We urge everyone to make a big effort to get all permission forms back on time.

**Awareness Day**

Each year Morwell Campus opens its doors to Grades 5 & 6 students from all of our feeder primary schools.

This is a very important part of the transition program that helps students attending Kurnai College for the first time in Year 7, feel more at ease moving into their secondary years.

Due to the large number of Grades 5 & 6 students attending, the normal Years 7 & 8 program will not be running. Some students have been selected as helpers for the day, however other students are not required to attend. If necessary, students will undertake supervised private study.
“Every Day Counts”

It is compulsory for all young people aged 6 – 17 to attend school, unless they have obtained special permission.

It is important for all young people to attend every day so that they are successful at school, and do not fall behind, both socially and developmentally.

Young people who regularly attend school and complete Year 12 studies have better health in later life, have better employment opportunities, and higher incomes across their lives. It is important that we help young people develop regular attendance habits from early on.

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.

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.
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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Secondary School Nurse Program

Just a reminder that Kurnai College has a school nurse in attendance two days per week.

I am based at the Churchill Junior Campus this term and visit the senior campus on Thursday afternoons. I run health promotion programs and am able to see students about any health related issues.

Students attending the Morwell campus can access me by appointment, please speak to your year level co-ordinator.

Bridgette Hutchinson
Secondary School Nurse
Awareness Day

The first of our transition days for primary school students, Awareness Day, is set to take place next week on Thursday. Most Year 7 students will not be required for school that day, however we will be looking for a small number to take leadership roles on the day being guides and assistants to the primary schools engaging with our activities.

Language Studies

Throughout semester 1, all Year 7 students have studied one term each of Chinese and German language and culture.

Kurnai College believes that studies in Languages Other Than English are a valuable way of building knowledge and understanding of the world around our students, as well as recognising that foreign language studies have been identified as having an impact on the education of students in the areas of communication, intercultural understanding and literacy in the students’ first language.

Now that students have had a brief taste of the languages we have on offer, we have asked them to indicate their preferred language for study in semester 2 and potentially to continue with in future years. We feel that it is important for families to have an input into this decision. A letter has been sent home with your child requesting that you indicate your preference for their Language study (Chinese or German). You can do so by returning the slip on the letter, calling me at the school on 5165 0600 or emailing me on swallow.daniel.d@edumail.vic.gov.au.

We will do our best to meet the preferences of all families, though we must operate within the constraints of class sizes.

All Year 7 students must study either Chinese or German in semester 2.

Year 7 Camp

All students have now received a letter indicating emergency contact details for the camp and a packing list. If you have not seen this yet, you can contact me for another copy to be sent home. Some families are yet to finalise payments for the camp. These are now overdue. If you have an outstanding payment and have not contacted us to make an arrangement, please call the office as soon as possible. Camp is now just over a week away!
Year 8 News

Team Time

In Team Time this semester, Year 8 students have been exploring potential career pathways in the future and linking that to the knowledge, skills and behaviours they develop in our learning environment.

As part of this, students have been developing their understanding of goal setting, time management and study timetables. Study refers not only to completion of homework and classwork tasks, but to revision of subject matter and review of notes. This helps students to really understand the learning that is occurring.

Students in Year 8 are generally working towards completion of assessment tasks across all subject areas and in some subjects, they are engaging in revision as they prepare for end of unit tests and presentations. Please help them with this as they build their study habits.

Classroom Equipment

Many of our Year 8 students are arriving in class without equipment — books to write, pens, pencils and the like. Please check with your child and arrange that they have top-ups of their stationery if necessary.

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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
Over the past few weeks Year Nine have been busy with a number of activities and it has been great to see so many of them contribute and bring that community spirit to everything they engage with.

**Athletics Day**

First of all, a huge thank you to all those students who went to athletics day. Those who went had a thoroughly enjoyable day. A shout out goes to Dante Brown, Chelsea Radford and Abbey Brabazon for their efforts in dressing up, and to Blake Woodman for his participation in as many events as possible.

**Hands On Learning**

Thank you also to Damon Davenport and Andy Heyden who are working with the Hands On Learning Team to rebuild the planters in our school quad. It is lovely to see the effect they are having on our school environment, making it a pleasant place for the other students.

**Electives**

Year Nines have also been choosing their electives in school this week. I am collecting the forms in on Friday to draw up an initial list of choices. While we try to give as many students their first choice where possible, this is not always achievable. I will be finalising this list next week if any students wish to change their minds about their original course selection after consulting with parents.

**Rewards**

We are trialling a new scheme with the students where they are rewarded for doing the right thing. This week the award went to two students Katie Foster and Rachel Peter who intervened when there was an issue between two year seven students. With the year tens out on work experience at the moment it is wonderful to see the year nine students modelling the correct behaviour to our younger campus members.

**Under 15’s State Football**

Finally, massive congratulations to CJ Jiath who has been selected for the Under 15’s State football team. He went through two trials to make the selection process, the second trial being made up of 60 people of whom only 25 were selected. Year Nine will now be supporting CJ in his efforts to fundraise for his uniform, kit and his trip to Sydney, where he will be playing.

**Melbourne Camp**

A reminder about the Year 9 Melbourne camp takes place at the end of Term 3. As stated in the last letter, pre-payments towards the cost of the camp can be made at the office to help with your family’s budget. Early estimates of the cost of the camp suggest that it will be approximately $350.
Year 10 News

Work Experience

Students are currently undertaking their work experience placements. It has been fantastic for staff visiting the students on the workplace and seeing some tired but happy faces. From all reports so far most students have enjoyed their placements and have found it enlightening. We wish all of our Year 10 students all the best for the rest of their placements and are looking forward to hearing their stories on their return.

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.

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. Permission forms have now been given to students and are due along with the first payment.
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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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) 51 323 800.

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Love live music? Interested in event management?

The FReeZA program gives young people the opportunity to attend local music and cultural events. These events are organised and run by a committee of young people who love music and enjoy running gigs and other events. The committee are looking for new members to join their team - so if you love live music, or if you’re interested in event management and learning new skills...

Come meet the current FReeZA committee at our Information Night

*When:* Tuesday 3rd June 2014
*Time:* 4pm-6pm
*Where:* headspace, 99 Buckley St Morwell
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 9936
or Anglicare Victoria Bairnsdale office - 5152 1213

Parentzone Gippsland is the Regional Parenting Service in Gippsland and receives funding from DEECD and FaHCSIA 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.
Invitation

The Smith Family together with Kurnai College, are presenting a Parent Engagement Workshop on “Supporting Your Child with Their Homework”

Where? Library at Kurnai College’s Morwell Campus.

When? Thursday June 19th at 7.30-8.30 pm

Who? The workshop will be run by Holly Campbell a teacher at Kurnai College’s Morwell campus, who has lots of great ideas that she is willing to share. Holly says:

Why? “Kids are more successful in school when parent’s take an active interest in their studies—it shows kids what they do is important. Come along and join us for this free workshop and pick up some hints and tips on how to support your child in their learning.”

A supper will be provided for all to enjoy at the conclusion of the workshop.

We would appreciate an expression of interest from you if you would like to attend.

Please call The Smith Family Program Coordinators Terri or Alicia on 5133 9065 if you would like to attend.
First Step – Wednesday June 11, 2014

To assist students to make decisions regarding their education and training beyond Year 10, the Gippsland Education Precinct (GEP) of Kurnai College is running a program of subject sessions on Wednesday June 11 at the GEP.

Every Year 10 student will attend five 30-minute sessions where teachers from the Precinct will explain what the subject involves and the types of skills and abilities required to achieve success in these subject areas.

Your student will bring home a selection form and a schedule. Please assist him / her to choose subjects from each column. There should be three subject choices, numbered in order of preference, in each column.

Students should not select a subject that they are already studying or subjects that they already know about. They should focus on subjects that they know little about or are possibly interested in.

*Selection sheet must be returned to the Year 10 team leader by Wednesday June 4, 2014 at the latest.

Please see below the outline for the day:

All Morwell students take the morning bus that brings them out to the Precinct Campus.

8:30 – 10.15 Students complete year 11 VCE exams
Work Skills students go to the Library

10.15 – 10.45 Recess

Meet at lecture theatre 4N104

10.45-11.30 Welcome, VCE, VET and VCAL information

11:30 – 12:00 Subject session 1

12:00 – 12:30 Subject session 2

12:30 – 1:00 Subject session 3

1:00 – 1.50 Lunch (Pizza and drink provided)

1.50 – 2:20 Subject session 4

2:20 – 2.50 Subject session 5

2:50 School day ends

We look forward to seeing all students there!

Regards

Michelle Moore
Transition Coordinator
WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN VET, VCAL AND VCE?

VCE

A program designed for students wishing to undertake further study or unsure of their direction after school

VCAL

A program designed for students wishing to enter the work force straight from school with an apprenticeship or traineeship

VET

VET courses are designed to give students hands-on learning in their field of interest. Depending on the course students are able to gain credit towards their ATAR and/or apprenticeship

VCE students may choose a VET course

VCAL students must choose a VET course