**Newsletter**
**Morwell Campus**

Date: 7 March 2014

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**Message from Campus Principal - Michelle**

**Mine Fire Update**

So far this week we have been lucky with the air quality being very good. Parents may be interested to know that we now have air quality testing equipment continually monitoring levels of carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, and particulates. Since the equipment was installed about two weeks ago, carbon monoxide readings have been consistently zero, carbon dioxide has been close to normal, and particulate readings have been in the safe range, however I appreciate, as a Morwell resident myself, that conditions over the last three weeks have been very difficult, particularly for those families residing in Morwell South.

DEECD has advised us that older children such as ours need not be kept inside, unless they have a heart or lung problem, in which case they are advised to stay inside on poor air quality days. Students have been able to access the library (as always) and other rooms around the school have been made available.

We have also been advised that using masks can make asthma sufferers worse as they are hot, uncomfortable, and hard to breathe through, as well as being difficult to fit so that they are actually being effective. If you feel the need to provide masks for your child, that is fine, however we cannot supply them.

Each year level will have had one respite excursion (ie a day away from the Latrobe Valley) at no cost to families by the time this newsletter is published. I am currently planning further respite days for next week, should the need arise. Further details will be provided when available.

(Please note that families who paid for these excursions will be credited for use on other school related expenses.)
Kurnai College Uniform

Kurnai College Uniform does not include short black running shorts. Shorts are to be navy in colour and be at least mid-thigh in length. Girls in short black shorts will be provided with a pair of acceptable shorts from our supplies for the day; should they choose not to wear these, they will be sent home to change.

Accident Insurance and Ambulance Cover

Parents and carers are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students.

Parents and guardians of students, who do not have private student accident insurance or ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance and/or transport and any other transport costs.

As ambulance attendance and transport is incredibly expensive, we recommend that you investigate obtaining your own cover.

All staff have been instructed to call an ambulance as required, regardless of whether cover is held or not. The school cannot pay those costs.

Bus Travellers

MORWELL CONTRACTED COUNTRY AND TOWN BUSES

Please be advised that due to the demands of buses ferrying students out of Morwell, some delays in their services may be expected.

Latrobe Valley Bus Lines are coping with the demands of these services but have experienced some break downs on some bus routes. Kurnai College will endeavour to provide information to you if notified by Latrobe Valley Bus Lines, via our Emergency Management System to mobile phones.

We thank you for your patience and we hope that this issue does not cause too much inconvenience to your family.

PRECINCT CAMPUS - FEDERATION UNIVERSITY BUS LOOP – DO NOT ENTER

The school has been notified that parents/guardians are driving through the bus loop to drop off or pick up students each day. Please be advised that this roadway is designated for buses only. Accordingly, fines may be issued.

School Immunisation Program

Do you have a child in Year 7, 9 (males only) or 10?

If so it is time for immunisations.

Information is being sent home now about immunisations your child is due for at school this year.

Please take some time to look through the information and return the consent card/s to school as soon as possible.

If you would like further information, or require new consent cards, please phone the Council Health Services Team on 1300 367 700.
Dear Parents and Carers,

I am taking this opportunity to write to you to express my concern at the recent events concerning the mine fire at Hazelwood. As a College we are very concerned about the health of our students and their families. We are taking steps to give students respite on a weekly basis and we continue to monitor the situation on an hourly basis. I urge you all to read the available advice on protecting your own health and that of your family. The College will support students who need to relocate because of the current conditions, so please ask for support if you make this decision. The current situation is demanding on you all and again I urge you to look after yourself and your family and seek help if needed.

Take Care
Anthony Rodaughan

Health Advice from DHS

2014 College Council Election

Congratulations to the following parents on their successful election to the College Council. We hope your time as councillor will be enjoyable and productive.

* Stephen Van Rooy
* Penny Solomon
* Peter Devonshire

We are also delighted to be able to announce that Adam Hogan from the Churchill Campus and Holly Campbell from the Morwell Campus have been declared the DEECD Representatives.

A big thank you to all elected councillors for being prepared to take on this important role.
Since my last update a month ago, we have had an extremely busy year level.

I’d like to thank the families that came along to our ‘Meet and Greet’ barbecue a few weeks ago. This was certainly a successful event from our perspective. It was great to be able to put so many names to faces and to be able to respond to questions one-on-one, addressing the things that were most important to you. Please continue to keep the lines of communication open and contact me if you have any further questions.

We have begun using an online tool, Schoology, for operating our ‘Investigate’ classes. This has proved successful so far, allowing students to be supported in their learning at their own ability levels. Students can access this facility from home and I encourage you to sit down with them and have them show you what they are working on. Their current area of study is Ancient Rome.

A number of parents have been concerned about a lack of homework being completed by their child. We very strongly encourage students to be engaging in regular study activities, including 30 minutes each night of reading and further time memorising multiplication tables. These are basic skills that will assist them in all facets of their English and Maths (whilst supporting other learning as well). Students should also be completing any work not finished in class time. Some classes will have homework also. If you are concerned about the amount of work your child is or isn’t doing, feel free to contact their teachers directly. Our online attendance and reporting system, Compass, makes this very easy to do by email. This is the same system you will have viewed the students’ first Learning Behaviour Update on recently.

Today all Year 7 students attended the Mirboo North Pool. This is a day designed to build relationships between the students and the staff, however, it will also provide some welcome relief from the hazy environment of Morwell. This excursion has now been made free of charge. Any families that have already paid for this excursion will have the amount credited to their account for the next activity or excursion.

If you have any further queries about Year 7, please contact me at the school or via email to discuss them.
Year 8 News

Welcome

The Year 8 Team Building Day was held at Gumbuya Park today. The excursion was free and was funded to allow students from Morwell to have a break from the smoke from the mine fire. It is an excellent opportunity to get to know new students and staff on the Year 8 team. At Gumbuya Park students were able to view and learn about Australian native wildlife and have an opportunity to see koalas, tiger quolls, kangaroos, wombats, wallabies, emus, dingoes, cockatoos and parrots. They visited the Aboriginal centre which now boasts the largest private boomerang collection. The amusement rides were open to students from 11 am and included toboggans, mini cars, twister karts, paddle boats, mini golf and water slides. A BBQ lunch was provided.
Year 9 News

Events

Year 9 have had a fun few weeks with lots more events to come.

Recently during Team Time we had a water activities day in order to deal with the ongoing heat and effects of the hot weather.

As well as our water sports activity day The Community Spirit group made pancakes for the Year 9 students to promote the theme of teamwork. Everyone had full stomachs after the event and we hope there are more to come.

Well done to all Year 9s who participated in the swimming sports event. It was great fun to see all of the students dressed up in their house colours and great to see lots joining in events. A special mention goes to Rachel Peter and Ellie Pollutro who were our Year 9 stars of the day.

Photographs took place this week and it was lovely to see you all looking really smart in your correct uniform. I would like to remind all Year 9s that if they can achieve these standards on a regular basis then that would be excellent.

A reminder that all Year 9s need to be reading regularly in order to build vocabulary skills, and to prepare for the forthcoming NAPLAN tests in May. We will also be asking that you all have a book to read during form time to assist in this process.

Fundraising Friday: We held a fundraiser on Friday 28th to raise funds for a student currently undergoing hospital treatment. We undertook washing cars and offered manicures to staff and students.
MIRBOO NORTH POOL DAY

Last Wednesday Year 10 students enjoyed a day out at the Mirboo North Pool. It was a fabulous opportunity for students and staff to get to know one another in a relaxed environment. Staff waited on students by cooking BBQ and serving food and drinks. Despite the rain, a fun day was had by all.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Work experience will come up quickly. Morwell students will be on work experience from May 19 until May 30. Talk with students about their thoughts of possible career options that they might like to explore. Students may choose to try to contact employers if they wish, or else they can wait and will be supported through this during their team time class at school.

CENTRAL AUSTRALIA CAMP

Each year the Year 10s have the opportunity to participate in the Year 10 camp to Uluru. At the end of Term 3 students visit outback locations and experience a different part of Australian culture. We will be travelling through Adelaide to Coober Pedy and then Alice Springs, visiting Uluru, Kings Canyon and other significant places along the way. The cost will be approximately $900. We have not got firm costings at this stage but you can pay monies at the office on the student’s account in order to help with family budgeting.

STAFF/STUDENT VOLLEYBALL MATCH

On Wednesday, Year 10 students challenged the staff in a Volleyball match. Thank you to all who participated and a huge congratulations to the staff who never looked threatened by the young, fit, sporty Year 10s!

Final Scores

Game 1 – Staff 15  Students 7
Game 2 – Staff 25  Students 12
Game 3 – Staff 15  Students 10
Year 10 News

Careers

Although some students in Year 10 have a clear idea about their future pathways, it is likely that you are still deciding your areas of interest. This year, there will be a number of opportunities for you to participate in short courses, industry visits and other careers related activities. One such event is ‘A taste of Agriculture’ (refer to flyer). If you have considered the Agricultural Industry as a future employment option, then you might like to participate in this event. Please see Cleo Lazaris to register your interest.

Year 10 Art

The Year 10 Art Exhibition at the Latrobe Performing Arts Centre, Traralgon is showcasing the Howard Arkley style paintings from the Year 10 Art class of Semester 2, 2013.

The exhibition is open for viewing from Wednesday 5th March and closes on Wednesday 9th April.

Congratulations to the students on their excellent work and dedicated approach to complete such colourful, stylised art works.


Each student depicted their own home using bright exaggerated colours, transforming their home into a stylised version following the Australian Artist, Howard Arkley who depicted the urban home.

Please view the paintings sometime over the next month. I am sure you will be impressed.

STENCIL INCURSION

On Monday 3rd March the Art department hosted a guest Stencil Artist, Jessica Kease, who goes by her Artist’s name “23rd Key” who came to the class to demonstrate how she makes her multilayered cool stencils.

23rd Key won the 2011 National Stencil Art competition and since then she has made many more works, some are even more detailed than the winning entry.

The Year 10 art class had the opportunity to learn how to make the layered stencils and practised themselves by using 23rd Key’s stencils. Most of the students had a go at using the spray paint through the ready-made stencils and 23rd Key signed the prints. This was awesome. Thank you to 23rd Key for giving up a day’s work so she could be with the class for the two periods and a big thank you for all the resources she gave us: leaving the Melbourne Tram and the Microphone stencils and detailed photoshop notes on how to make the stencils.
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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A Taste of Agriculture

Combined Baw Baw & Latrobe Schools 2 Day Program

Thursday 7th & Friday 8th August, 2014

Come behind the scenes of the Agriculture Industry and explore the career opportunities.

OPEN TO STUDENTS IN YEARS 9-10 FROM BOTH BAW BAW AND LATROBE SCHOOLS

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST QUICKLY

Meet local Farmers, a Veterinarian and other trained agriculture professionals
Visit a working Dairy, Goat and Beef Farm. Participate in hands on activities
Learn about training options and career pathways
Meet and chat to people working in the industry over lunch
LUNCH PROVIDED ON BOTH DAYS. NO COST TO STUDENTS
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.**

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**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
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:

Recipients from the last 3 weeks.

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Under new direction, the Latrobe City Brass Band is seeking individuals wanting to make music. Rehearsals are in the Morwell Town Common - Corner Elgin and Chapel Streets, Morwell, every Tuesday from 7:30pm til 9pm.

Beginner Brass Band

Open to all ages who would like to learn to play a brass and percussion instrument.

There are no excuses. Your opportunity is NOW.

Commencing Tuesday 4th March from 7pm til 7:30pm.

For further info, contact Beth Turner on Ph 5134 1873.

MORWELL NETBALL ASSOCIATION

REGISTRATION NIGHT

Friday 14th March 2014

4.00pm until 6.00pm

Vary Street netball courts

Team registrations or individual entries will be accepted on the night for the following age groups:


Games are played on Saturday mornings with the season commencing on Saturday 29th March 2014.

The total cost for the season is $80.00 per player ($45 VNA & $35 MNA)

For further information or to obtain registration forms please contact Katrina on 0423 127 911 or Sandra 0407 882 401 or e-mail morwellnetball@hotmail.com.
Accept the challenge
We want eligible Under 18 and Under 16 players to be part of our exciting rebuild to help make our junior football teams more competitive.

This year the Morwell East juniors will be under the guidance of Rob Semmler (former premiership player) as U18 coach, and current senior player, Mick O’Brien as U16 coach. They will be supported by Junior Development Officers, Grant Greenwood and Brad Gibson, who have both had a lot of success at senior level.

Every registered player, who has a learner’s driving permit, will be entitled to half-price driving lessons. In addition to this, the club will also be giving away at least one free driving lesson per week. Players will also be entitled to half-price mouth guards and there will be plenty of other incentives throughout the year.

So come on, accept the challenge, bring your mates and make it great.

Training starts Monday 10th February at 5pm and will continue every Monday and Wednesday at the same time.

For any further enquiries phone:

Rob Semmler (U18) 0438 418 397
Mick O’Brien (U16) 0417 460 462
Grant Greenwood 0412 341 525