Welcome Back to Term 3

Welcome back to Term 3 to our Learning Community. During the term break, our PBS leaders attended a 2 day conference in Melbourne, which they gained valuable experience from. This will be imparted to our Learning Community over the coming weeks.

International Visitors

Our College has been hosting students and teachers from Jiyun Experimental School, China. Students attended morning English classes, followed by fun activities in the afternoons and day trips. Staff and students thoroughly enjoyed the experience of the Australian hospitality. Over the next coming weeks, Kurnai will have other schools visiting from China of which some of these students will be attending the Morwell Campus.
Thank You GHD

Kurnai College would like to thank GHD Morwell for their kind donation of a dozen partitions during their recent move to Traralgon. The partitions will greatly assist the College in creating a positive learning environment and will provide additional spaces to display student work.

Kurnai College Student Spray Jackets

Kurnai College student spray jackets (burgundy, navy and white) are NOW available for purchase at Lowes in Midvalley for $69.99 each.

Tutorial Sessions

Tutorial sessions will commence at the beginning of Term 3. These will be held each and every Friday from 3:00 to 4:00 pm in B7 and be taken by Marg Tomnay and Efrosini Pizzi. Students who require support with their school work are invited and encouraged to attend. Milo and biscuits will be provided. Look forward to seeing you there. Please remember to let your parents or guardians know to expect you home a little later on the Fridays you attend.

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Insurance and Ambulance Cover

Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. These costs may be recoverable where an injury is caused by the negligence (carelessness) of the Department, a school council or their employees or volunteers.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or Private Health Insurance.

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

SchoolMate

SchoolMate is a new app developed specially for Victorian parent to provide a window into their child’s learning.

SchoolMate provides parents with an overview of what their child is learning at school, and suggests ways for parents to get involved in their child’s education.

SchoolMate is the first Australian app that connects the curriculum to a child’s development.

SchoolMate will:

- Show parents what their children are learning in school in each subject in every year from Prep to Year 10 according to the Victorian AusVELS curriculum;
- Provide advice to parents about what they can do at home to help their child learn;
- Provide ideas for books and apps which parents can download, borrow or buy which are related to their child’s school work.

Developed by the Department, SchoolMate works on iPhone, iPad and Android phones and tablets and is available for free download in the App Store and Google Play.

SchoolMate was developed after research by the Department found that parents wanted to know more about what their children were learning at school and what they could do at home to help.
Secondhand Book Money

There is quite an amount of money from the sale of secondhand books still to be collected from the Morwell Campus. If you would like this money to go towards your account or have any queries, please contact the Morwell office on 5165 0600.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund

The State Government has introduced the Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF).

This fund is available to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF.

The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities to benefit your child.

Please contact your campus office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Your form should be completed and returned to any campus office no later than Wednesday 16th September for processing.

Please see attached flyer in this newsletter.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability ‘Collection Notice’

All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability this year.

The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability.

All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013 to provide information on a student’s level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.* Data will continue to be de-identified prior to its transfer to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. No student’s identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Reid-Metcalf on 03 5165 0600 or the Victorian Department of Education and Training Data Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621. For questions after 7 August 2015, please call the Australian Government Department of Education and Training on 1300 566 046.

* For more information on Schedule 3—Amendments for the collection of data on students who are persons with a disability Australian Education Regulation 2013 see: http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01723/Html/Text_Toc404934419
Kids Teaching Kids at Kurnai Morwell

It’s on again….the Year 7 students will be preparing and participating in our 4th annual Kids Teaching Kids event on Wednesday 9th September. We have invited our local primary schools to come along and engage in a fun-filled day about sustainability. Our presenting schools so far are: Commercial Road, Tobruk Street, Kurnai Churchill and Kurnai Morwell. Our community supporters and presenters are: Latrobe City, Gippsland Water, GDF Suez, EPA and Latrobe Community Health Service. We look forward to Term 3 when the students become the teachers to plan their special activities. If you would like to be involved or help out, please contact Lisa Benn at the school.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

Kurnai College is taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help the College by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Wednesday 15 July and Tuesday 8 September 2015. We will redeem these for educational resources for our College.

The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Products in the range include resources for Mathematics, English, Science and Art & Crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at the campus office.
Year 7 News

Swimming

This semester, all Year 7 students are participating in the swimming program as part of the Physical Education class. It is an expectation that all students will return the signed permission form to be able to travel to the pool, as this is where the class and its teacher will be. If there is a reason that your child is unable to swim, please contact your child’s Physical Education teacher to discuss the reasons in detail.

Daniel Swallow
Year 7 Team Leader
swallow.daniel.d@edumail.vic.gov.au
Phone: 5165 0600

Uniform

We continue to work very hard in Year 7 to maintain our excellent uniform standards. Please remember to contact me if you are having difficulty obtaining items of uniform as there may be ways that we can assist. Students are being asked to remove non-uniform items and given correct uniform to borrow from our supplies for the day when uniform is incorrect.

Athletics Sports

Notices have gone out this week for the College Athletics Sports Day to be held on Tuesday 18th August. This is another great opportunity to come together as a whole school. Please ensure that the notices are returned by the correct date.

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Year 8 News

Swimming program

All Year 8 students will be expected to participate in the swimming program over Semester 2. The boys will be swimming during their PE classes over Term 3 and the girls in Term 4. The program will take place at the Churchill Leisure Centre. There will be no cost to students as Kurnai will cover transport and swimming costs. Permission forms have been given to students and should be returned to school as soon as possible.

Inspiring Young People

Students in 8A and 8C will participate in an ‘Inspiring Young People’ session on Wednesday 12th August. The session will be held at the Morwell Italian Australian Club. Students will have the opportunity to discuss careers and pathways with past Kurnai students as they participate in activities and enjoy a 2 course lunch. Permission forms have been sent home and are now due back.

Year 8 Camp – Karoonda Park

It’s not too late to return permission forms for the Year 8 camp to Karoonda Park! The camp will run in the first week of Term 4 from the 5th to 9th October. The camp is located near Gelantipy and the Alpine and Snowy River National Parks. The activities will include a range of outdoor adventure and farm experiences such as horse riding, abseiling, white water rafting, caving and ropes courses. We will visit Buchan Caves on the way to camp and return via Lakes Entrance. The camp can be paid for in instalments. An alternate program will run for students who are not attending camp.

Interschool debating

Two Year 8 teams have entered the Debater’s Association of Victoria Junior Debating Competition which will take place next month. Good luck to both teams!
Year 9 News

Start of Term 3

It has been a busy start to the term in Year 9. Students have settled into their new electives and are starting to produce some encouraging work. Some students have also changed formgroups and are adapting well to their new groups.

Job Skills Expo

Next week, all of the Year 9’s will be attending the Job Skills Expo at Lardner Park, where they will have the opportunity to discover new pathways towards potential careers. This should be a rich and rewarding day.

Positive Behaviour

Students are reminded that teachers are on the look out to award positive behaviour with PBS coupons, which can be redeemed for canteen vouchers and other prizes. Please make sure you are following the College’s expected behaviours matrix to give yourself a chance to receive these prizes.

On Time to Class

Students are also reminded that they are expected to turn up to class on time and to be prepared with all the resources required for class. Detentions and notes home will be issued to those students who do not meet these expectations.

Common Room

Finally, Year 9 students have been using the common room at recess and lunch and are encouraged to keep it neat and tidy, with a special focus on ensuring no food scraps are left out as we do not want another ant invasion.

A reminder to call our absence hotline 5132 3711 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 10 News

Transition

Term 3 is jam packed with transition events for Year 10 students, beginning with the information evening held on 21st July at the University Campus and culminating with Course Counselling on Wednesday 26th August.

It is important that all students attend the transition events so they are able to make informed decisions about their future pathways.

Itrack Excursion

Last Monday our Itrack students attended their first face-to-face session with their mentors in Melbourne. This was a fun day where everyone was able to enjoy spending time together chatting and having lunch. Itrack participants are mentored by adults from various corporations who contribute an hour every week to have weekly online "conversations" with students. During these sessions, students are encouraged in their academic and occupational pursuits. It was evident though from the happy faces on the day that the mentors and the students have developed strong relationships where students can feel supported.

Second Step and Course Counselling

Over the next two months Year 10 students will be participating in the next stages of selecting their Year 11 subjects for 2016. Students will be provided with GEP handbooks and an initial pre-selection sheet to take home and discuss with you.

On Wednesday afternoon 5th August, Churchill Campus and Morwell Campus Year 10 students will be travelling to the senior campus to meet with staff to continue their course selection process.

Students will have the opportunity to discuss their initial subject selections and gain an idea of what subjects and possible pathways they are interested in for their studies in 2016. Students and parents will be encouraged to continue to research and use the handbook to help develop their understanding of Year 11 and 12 options.

Course counselling is the last of the formal program. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend course counselling sessions with their student on Wednesday afternoon - 9th August (Churchill Campus) and 26th August (Morwell Campus) to finalise subject selections. Please note that students will have a specific appointment time on these days. More information will be sent home from school.

We look forward to a positive and smooth transition for your child into Year 11. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your student’s Year 10 Team Leader or the careers staff at the senior campus.
Year 10 News continued……

Victorian Student Representative Council

The Victorian Student Representative Council held its 10th Annual Congress on the 8th to 10th of July. Fortunately, seven of our very own PBS Student Leader representatives attended with the help of The Smith Family. Our School Captain, Dante Brown, our Vice Captain, Abbey (Adrian) Brabazon and our other leaders from various year levels – Year 8, Hayley Goodwin, Gemma Newton, Eliza Studd, Connor Nikodemski and Year 7, Gabrielle Hines - all represented our school with pride.

On the first day, our representatives woke up early to get on the bus heading to Ormond College in the city at 7am. Other than being stuck in a bit of peak hour traffic the ride was good. Once we arrived we were escorted to our very own rooms for the 3 days and given the introduction. We then split off into our issue groups. At our issue groups, we were to discuss the importance of each topic within the school community and what effect we could implement. Throughout these sessions we broke off into workshops to improve our leadership skills even further. After a tiring first day we then attended the Harry Potter themed Gala Night. The costumes varied from regular Hogwarts students to Voldemort, Mad Eye Moody and the Golden Snitch.

The second day was a bit of a slow start but we all eventually woke up and got straight into our issue groups and decided what we were going to debate on in the formal sitting of Congress. In our issue groups we came up with our belief statements that we would take into Congress and debate on. The Congress session went for about 2 hours and 8 of the 10 motions were passed.

The last day was very small, the issue groups had bonded quite well by this point. As Congress came to an end, we all said goodbye to our old and new friends.

We also had to make a pledge to take back to school. Our pledges were that we would conduct a survey throughout the school community to find out what the students and staff would like to see in the new school, our second pledge was to also include LGBT+ education within our school, with Abbey (Adrian) Brabazon going to speak to Mrs Billingsley about implementing this into the education here at Kurnai.

On behalf of the Kurnai College PBS Student Leaders, we would like to thank Julie Nethercote and Sarah Barclay of The Smith Family for being so kind, generous and caring in the duration of Congress 2015. Your generosity has been more than enough for all of our leaders and we are very grateful for you letting us have this wonderful experience.

Dante Brown, School Captain.

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Immunisations

The importance of immunisation for students in high school cannot be underestimated. In particular I would like to draw your attention to the HPV immunisation (Human Papillomavirus) which is most effective when given to boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 13. The HPV vaccine saves lives by reducing cancer. Whilst we adults have not been immunised, our future generations will benefit from the National immunisation schedule and will have reduced rates of cancer.

Has your child missed one of the three doses??

If so, then arrange a catch up immunisation today by attending one of the Latrobe City Council immunisation sessions in your local town.

The HPV vaccine is FREE (normally costs $450) for all children aged 12-13 and for boys under the age of 16. Approximately 30% of Victorian students have missed a dose and they are therefore at an increased risk of developing preventable cancers.

There is also eligibility for vulnerable citizens if you are experiencing socioeconomic disadvantage, speak to the Latrobe City Council Health Services ph: 1300 367 700, you may be able to receive the free immunisation.

Please see the vaccination schedule below to check if your child requires further catch up immunisations. If you would like to check your child’s immunisation status you can contact the Medicare Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809 (option 2) and you can register online to keep track of immunisations for each child.

What is HPV?

HPV is a highly contagious virus transmitted through sexual contact, which can affect both males and females. It is estimated that four out of five people will have a HPV infection at some point in their lives.

However, HPV does not usually cause symptoms, so people infected with the virus often do not know they have it. The more harmful types of HPV can cause abnormal cells associated with a wide range of cancers. Other types of HPV can cause genital warts. HPV infection can be prevented by vaccination. Vaccinating males will also help to protect females from cervical cancer and HPV-related disease by reducing the spread of the virus.

About the vaccine

The HPV vaccine provides highly effective protection against the four types of HPV that have been shown to cause the development of cancers and genital warts affecting both males and females. The vaccine has been tested to ensure it is safe for males and females, and more than seven million doses have been distributed in Australia to date.

The immunisation involves an injection administered three times over a six-month period. It is important to complete the full course of three doses to ensure the best possible protection against HPV.
You do not need an appointment to attend the above sessions, however if you wish to discuss immunisations please contact Latrobe City Council Health Services - Telephone 1300 367 700 or The Royal Children’s Hospital Immunisation for specialist immunisation advice - 1300 882 924, choose option 2 at the menu.
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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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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Kurnai College - 2015 China Trip

Again this year, Year 10 students will have the opportunity to travel and discover the delights of China. The school will be undertaking a study tour of China during September 2015. The tentative dates are 9th - 25th September although this may change a little depending on ticket availability and cost. We hope the tour will visit Kou’an (our sister school in China) where students will stay with a Chinese family and attend some classes at Kou’an Middle School. Some of the other places the tour plans to visit will include Beijing, the Great Wall, Xi’an, the Terracotta Warriors, Shanghai and Hong Kong. This is an excellent opportunity for students to discover the wonders of China.

This term, after expressions of interest have been finalized, we will have a family information session to update families on the details of the trip and give parents and students an opportunity to find out more information.

Later this year there will be some classes run by the Language Centre to teach students and/or families the basics of the Chinese language. Knowing some basic Chinese will be greatly useful on the tour. All students in China learn English at school, but many older people in China don’t speak English.

The full cost of the tour will be around $2,500, and there will be some financial support available for some families. Costs will be confirmed later as itineraries are set. The school will organise travel insurance for the group at no cost to the students. All students will need to have a passport, so there will also be this extra expense for some families. So, if you are interested in travelling, start saving now.

If you need more information or have any queries you can contact Geoff Block on 5132 3800, Cleo Lazaris on 5165 0600 or Celeste Hardy on 51323700.

If you are interested in taking part of this study tour please complete the expression of interest below:

I _________________________________ (Student name) am interested in being involved in the Kurnai Study Tour of China in September 2015 (9th -25th).

Signed: ______________________________

Parent/Guardian name: ______________________________

Parent/Guardian signed: ______________________________

Please return this form to your campus office by Thursday 30th April.
Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors; excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date
You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
Dear Parents and Carers

In order to provide a single point of call for student attendance, from 2015, the College will change from having Campus attendance officers to a College attendance officer. The College is pleased to welcome Zoe Plumb to the role.

This will allow parents and carers to make one phone call regardless of which campus their student/s attend and provide for a better overall view of attendance.

The College attendance line is 5132 3711 and can be called at any time to leave a message. Please leave a message with your name, relationship to the student, the student’s name and reason for their absence. We ask that all parents and carers ring before 9:00 am to notify if their student will be away so their absence can be passed on to their teachers.

“In all analyses, average academic achievement on NAPLAN tests declined with any absence from school and continued to decline as absence rates increased. The nature of the relationship between absence from school and achievement, across all sub-groups of students strongly suggests that every day of attendance in school contributes towards a child’s learning, and that academic outcomes are enhanced by maximising attendance in school. There is no “safe” threshold.”


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Parentline Victoria

13 22 89 - 8am to midnight 7 days a week

- Parentline provides a statewide telephone counselling service to parents and carers of children aged from birth to eighteen years
- Professional counsellors are able to explore a variety of issues that impact on parenting and relationships
- Parentline can provide contact details for community services
- Parentline respects the confidentiality and right to privacy of callers
Short period Homestay Families Required

Kurnai College will be hosting the last Chinese Study tours early next term. We are looking for families who would be interested in hosting a Chinese student/s for two nights.

While at Kurnai, they will be participating in a mix of English Language classes located at the University Campus and immersion classes at the Churchill Campus. These classes will be followed up by organised afternoon activities in the local area.

The Homestay will provide a welcoming, nurturing and safe environment for young students, as it will likely be the first time these students have been out of China. If possible, it may pay to consider having two students billeted with your family making it less daunting and easier for the students.

Hosting an international student will be very rewarding and offers a wonderful opportunity to learn about a new culture and share our Australian way of life. This would be a great opportunity to consider for our students who are currently studying Mandarin or have/will be participating in our trips to China, either later this year or in coming years.

Host families are paid a nominal fee of $20.00 per night per student, which is to assist with food, accommodation and transportation as required for students that are living with them.

The dates for the last visit are:
7th – 9th October Students from Dalian, age 14 - 16 years

If you are interested or want more information please contact Corine Noblet on (03) 51 323 800 or noblet.corine.j@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Or complete the below form and return it your General Office.

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Expression of Interest form

I, ______________________________ the parent/s of ____________________________ (student’s name) am interesting in assisting Kurnai College in being a Study Tour Homestay family.

We would like to have [ ] 1 student [ ] 2 students, [ ] male or [ ] female stay with us.

Please contact me on this number to get more information ____________________________
Children's Drawing sessions at Morwell Neighbourhood House

A fun, after school activity session for Primary and Secondary students. Small groups of under 10 students available. Teaches children in a friendly, social environment to explore their creativity through drawing, developing technical skills and enhancing artistic imagination.

Mon 03/08 – 07/09 4:00pm – 5:00pm (6wks) Cost $36.00

Bookings are a must. Please contact the House on (03) 5134 5488.

SAFE TOWNS

WorkSafe inspectors are coming to the Moe Region

You’re invited to attend a free information lunch to find out how to prepare for a possible inspector visit at your workplace.

WorkSafe inspectors will provide practical advice on how to comply with Victoria’s Health and Safety laws, as well as Return to Work and WorkCover Insurance.

Date: 5th August 2015
Time: 12pm – 2pm
Location: Moe Racing Club (Turfside Function Centre)
Waterloo Rd, Moe Vic 3825
RSVP: Register your attendance by 31st July 2015 at worksafe.vic.gov.au/safetowns

To find out more, visit worksafe.vic.gov.au/safetowns
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Fun, inspiring classes in drama and musical theatre for kids 5-18!
From beginners to advanced.

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- Great value - all weekly classes, workshops and costumes included. No registration fee.
- Perform on stage twice a year.
- 30 years of success.
- Highly qualified, experienced teachers.
- Talent Agency - opportunity to join.

CALL 9384 1644
to book a free, no obligation audition session.

Classes Start in June/July

Convenient classes in your local area
17 locations across metro Melbourne.
Red Tree is an online music school, providing private instrumental lessons to students all over Victoria. Shaun Rammers, one the school’s founders said “we aim to bring the variety and standard of music education available in the city, to the country”. Lessons are conducted online, removing barriers that presently exist for instrumental education in the country. This is a great opportunity for students of all ages and levels to learn an instrument that otherwise wouldn’t be available outside of the city.

Want to learn an instrument?

Red Tree Music is holding an information evening. Try an instrument, hear our teachers perform and learn about online music lessons.

Where: Traralgon East Community Centre
When: August 6, 7pm
How much: Free

Places are limited. For more info and to register your interest go to: www.redtreemusicschool.com
JOIN IN THE SINGING!
WE’RE STARTING REHEARSALS FOR THE 2015 GIPPSAPELLA PERFORMANCE AND WE NEED YOU!
Singers of all ages and abilities are MOST WELCOME.
No experience necessary.

Choir leader: Sharon Richardson

Rehearsal times/dates: 7pm, June 17, 24.
July 15, 22 and probably 27. August 5.
Practice performance at Acoustic Club night at Tyers Hall on Sunday August 2nd, 7.30pm.

Rehearsal venue:
Latrobe Special Development School Multi-purpose Hall, Hickox St. Traralgon.

Cost: $10, payable at the first session. You will also need to be a GAMC member ($15 family, $12 singles) and wear a club t.shirt for performances (approx. $20). These can be finalised at rehearsals.

PRACTICING FOR A FABULOUS PERFORMANCE AT THE GIPPSLAND ACAPELLA FESTIVAL SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST, 2014 (see reverse).

Need more information? Call Dos Chambers on ph. 51742706
Or www.musicclub.org
18th Annual A’capella Singing Festival
Saturday 8th August 2015

Tyers Hall - Main Road, Tyers

Workshop $20 (includes evening concert). Evening Concert audience entry $15

Under 18 years of age - FREE entry to both workshop and concert

PROGRAM
2.45pm    Arrive and register
3-5.30pm  Singing workshop led by Barb McFarlane
5.30-7pm  Meal break. Food available by Ann-marie and Andy (small fee)
7-9.30pm  Concert beautifully presented by several Gippsland choirs

3pm - 5.30pm: Singing Workshop

No need to pre-book. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early.

BARB MCFARLANE is a singer-songwriter, choir director, sing/strum for fun and community music activist, who lives in the beautiful Dandenong Ranges. Barb’s warm and welcoming style puts people at ease and brings out the best in any community of voices.

“I love to bring people together to sing. In my ideal world, strangers sing together in cafes, pubs, queues, supermarkets and working bees,” says Barb.

7pm - 9.30pm: A’capella Festival Concert

The Festival Concert provides the opportunity to enjoy the talents of singing groups and choirs from Gippsland and beyond.

Workshop participants will be invited to perform in the finale of the Concert.

For further information contact:
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