Message from our Assistant Campus Principal - Wayne Bass

Hello Morwell Learning Community

Once again, Morwell Campus has had a lot going on for the past fortnight. Our Year 10 students have been on work experience, gaining valuable experiences within the workforce far and wide.

Well done to all involved and especially to the local businesses, as without them students would not have been able to participate and gain this experience.

This Friday, we welcome the Grades 5 and 6’s from our local primary schools for our transition program. This program enables students to gain experiences within a secondary school environment.

During the day, students will have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of classroom taster programs, with student leaders from across the campus.

Staff are also looking forward to meeting our future students and parents and welcoming them to Kurnai’s Learning Community.

A friendly reminder to all, we do run after school catch up classes on Friday afternoon 3.00pm to 4.00pm. We strongly encourage all students to take up this opportunity to keep on top of their work, especially if they are falling behind. Please encourage your student to attend.
Implementing the new Victorian Curriculum

The Victorian Government is launching a new program that will support schools and teachers to implement the new Victorian Curriculum. The program will ensure that Victorian students are better equipped to deal with our changing world.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

“Everything in your life is a reflection of a choice you have made.
If you want a different result, make a different choice.” (Anonymous)

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) is a whole-school approach to creating a positive, safe and supportive school climate.

We, at Kurnai College Morwell, with support from our learning community, work together to teach and support behaviour expectations at school. Every part of a SWPBS school, including the classrooms, school grounds and buses, are considered integral parts of the total learning environment. In our school, teachers deliver instruction in a set of behavioural expectations and then positively acknowledge students for those behaviours. With this in mind, we continually seek help from our learning community to make sure every child has the opportunity to be successful at school. Once again, I seek your assistance in making sure, for the success of your child’s education, that they attend school. I ask parents and guardians to support the school with ensuring their children attend school regularly and in a timely fashion.

Please assist us with this by contacting the school when your child is away for any reason on our attendance line 51323 711.

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
Year 7 News ..........

Naplan
Congratulations to all of the Year 7 cohort who engaged so well with NAPLAN. There is no doubt that this is an exhausting week for all involved, and the students persisted right throughout. We look forward to seeing all of the results later in the year.

Hands Off!
We are pushing students very hard to ensure that they are keeping their hands to themselves. This is usually about kids having fun together and playing games, and we are stressing to the students how easy it is to hurt or upset each other in such games. We are reinforcing the need to develop more ‘mature’ behaviours as they move into adolescence. It would be great if you could reinforce this is in the home and discuss the difference between mature and immature yard behaviours with your child.

Camp Coolamatong
The office staff have been busy chasing up missing payments for camp. If you are behind, please address this as soon as possible. If you are experiencing difficulties, please contact our office staff and talk with them. The camp packing list will come out in the next couple of weeks, but it may be worth starting to think about some of the more major items that your child may need, such as a large bag to carry their clothes in, a sleeping bag, and plenty of warm clothes. We've been lucky with weather in the last couple of years, but sometimes we do get the cold and wet to deal with. It is important to ensure that the kids have enough warm clothes to keep them going if they get wet. This includes shoes and socks which are often an area that students get caught out.

A reminder to call our ABSENCE HOTLINE 5132 3711 preferably before 9am 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 8 News ..........

AGL Loy Yang Tour

Year 8 students have recently been on a trip to AGL Loy Yang, so they could develop awareness of career opportunities in the local power industry. The students behaved excellently on both days and came back with lots of information about the industry and what sort of jobs they might be interested in if they got the opportunity to work there in the future.

Swimming

Permission forms about compulsory swimming lessons for all Year 8 students have gone out this week. It is vital that these permission slips are signed and returned so that your child gets the benefit of this PE program. Swimming is a skill that every child should know so they can keep themselves and others safe in the water. The skills covered will cater for all abilities, so will be useful for all students. Any parent or carer who has an issue with their child participating in the program should contact myself to discuss this matter further.

Camp Karoonda

Letters will also be going out next week to ask about interest for our Year 8 camp which is running this year in the first week of Term 4. The cost of this trip is approximately $450. If you wish to set up a payment plan, please speak to our office staff, who will organise this for you. Camps are a great way for children to build relationships and attempt challenges that they may not experience in school so it is important that your child attends if possible. If you have any difficulty with payment for this then please contact us and let us know as we may be able to arrange some support.
Year 9 News ..........

Exams
Students in Year 9 complete Mid-Year Exams in English and Mathematics. Please see the attached timetable for the exam times. If your child will be absent due to medical reasons, please get in touch with me to arrange an alternate time.

Melbourne Camp
The Year 9 Camp to Melbourne is held during Week 2 of Term 4. The cost of the camp is yet to be finalised however based on past experience it is usually around the $500 mark. I am finalising the itinerary with the Camp Organisers, Melbourne Discovery, and will have information for families in the next couple of weeks. A payment plan will be available to assist with payments towards the camp however in the meantime if you would like to start making payments towards the camp – you are able to do this at the general office.

Year 9 Projects
Please see the attached invitation.
I am looking forward to meeting all of you at our Presentation afternoon where together we can celebrate the achievements of our students.

Student to Student Reading Program
A number of our Year 9 students have volunteered to participate in the Student to Student reading program which is run by The Smith Family. I commend the students who have chosen to mentor younger students and to assist them with their reading. Past participants have commented on how rewarding the program has been for them.
During Year 9, students select a project to complete over the semester/year. These projects are Community Spirit, Master Chef, Game Maker and Human Powered Vehicle. Students choose a project time that best suits their interests and skill set. The purpose of this Presentation evening is to showcase their achievement and completed work or works in progress. This is a good time for us to come together and celebrate the work of our students.

I look forward to seeing you all.

Cleo Lazaris

A presentation of activities and opportunities designed, facilitated and experienced by the students will be on display. This includes both at school and while on placement at Mid Valley Kinder, Morwell Park Primary, Commercial Road and Mitchell House.

The MasterChef class will be providing a selection of refreshments including two soups, scones and slices. Tea / Coffee, freshly made lemonade and a zingy fruit cup punch.

A presentation of interactive games, their packing, advertising material and presentations of the learning journey that students took to create their games will be on display.

The HPV class will put on a demonstration of night racing and skills learnt throughout the course of the year all in preparation for our main event held in Maryborough each year.

Student Name:

I will be attending with ☐ family member/s at some time during the evening.
Year 10 News ........

Transition
Over the next couple of months, Year 10 students will begin considering their options for Year 11 at the University Campus in 2017.

To assist students to make decisions regarding their education and training beyond Year 10, the University Campus will be running “First Step” - a one-day program on 7th June - with a range of 30 minute subject information sessions.

Your child will receive a coloured form next week, which they can indicate areas of interest and the subject workshops they would like to attend on this day. They will also have plenty of opportunities to ask questions from campus staff and course providers about VET, VCAL and VCE studies.

This is the ‘first step’ in ensuring that your child is prepared for transition to the senior school and they are positive, informed and in control of the choices they make - regarding courses and subjects. Please take the time to look over the coloured selection form with your child and ensure they are returned to Cleo by Tuesday May 31st, 2016.

Any queries please contact Cleo Lazaris on 5165 0600 or David Shields at the University Campus on 5132 3808.

Work Experience
It has been great to visit our students as they immerse themselves in the world of work! Students on the whole are enjoying the opportunity to try something different to the routine of school and to experience the demands of different jobs. We look forward to catching up with the group, next week.

Camp
There are still a few spots left for the Central Australia Camp. If you would like to go, please return your permission form and chat to me about the payment plan.

Please do not hesitate to call me on 5165 0600 if you would like to discuss anything regarding Year 10.
**Exams**

Year 10 Exams will be during Week 8, beginning May 30. Students complete exams in all their core classes; English, Maths, Science and Humanities as well as their VCE class. Students will be given information from each of their classroom teachers and a timetable will be provided when students return from Work Experience.

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### Semester 1 Exam Timetable – Year 9 and 10

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**Cleo Lazaris**  
Year 9 & 10 Team Leader  
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**Headspace Information Night**

Coming up in Term 2 our Welfare Officer, Gea Lewis, and Headspace will be conducting a student and parent information night. Headspace will be giving an overview of their services available plus covering several topics that relate to young people. Further details will be given in due course.

If you have any enquiries regarding this night please do not hesitate to contact Gea on 5165 0600.

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**Head Lice**

A number of students from all year levels have had head lice in recent weeks.

Please take a moment to check your child's hair, and if lice or eggs are present, please commence treatment before sending your child back to school.

Children can be treated with the "comb and conditioner" method, which is a cost-effective option. Use conditioner and comb hair with a fine comb every second day, until no live lice have been found for 10 days. Alternatively, a head lice-specific lotion or shampoo can be used, carefully following instructions on the packaging. Remember that two treatments are required, seven days apart, for this option to be effective.

There is no shame in contracting head lice – they are very common and can easily be transferred from child to child through hair contact.
Congratulations to our PBS Recipients

Engagement
Khamis Mazae
Lucy Bertrand
Amber Davis
Darcy Cooke
Jordan Gillespie
Bailey Conlan
Jordie Murray
Chloe Howe
Lachlan Burge
Stephanie Savige
Kyle Hogan

Excellence
Shyla Feltham
Alex Watkins
Eryn Gunn
Rachel Stancl
June Srimnuay
James Wellsmore
William Dolan
Mitchell Matthews
Harry Ladyman-Wightman
Sharlene Dijamco
Matilda Parker
Kujile Mahammud

Work Ethic
Hayden Edwards
Hayden Schopp
Alana Carrigy
Tabitha Stevens
Erin Blakeley
Bridget Fitzmaurice

Relationships
Jenna Kennedy
Maddison Ohlson
Tayah Andrew
Bianca Stubley
Ayden Coad
Alisha Brabazon
Chloe Radford

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Short period Homestay families required

Kurnai College will again be hosting two Chinese Study tours early next term. We are looking for families who would be interested in hosting a Chinese student/s for up to a week.

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 within 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 you and 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.

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 these visits are:
18th – 22nd July  Students from Fuzhou Overseas Chinese High School, aged 14 – 17 years
25th – 30th July  Students from Taizhou Pengjie High School, aged 14 -17 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.

Expression of Interest form

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

The dates that suit our family are:

[ ] 18th – 22nd July  [ ] 25th – 30th July

We would like to have:  [ ] 1 student  [ ] 2 students
[ ] male student/s  [ ] female student/s

Please contact me on this number to get more information _______________________

Expressions of interest are due back in no later than 15th June, 2016
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A PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON

featuring the

Latrobe & Francis Orchestras

With guest artists St Paul’s School String Group.

The Ladies Fellowship together with the Latrobe & Francis Orchestras present a Pleasant Sunday Afternoon at the Co-Operating Church Williams Avenue Churchill

2.00pm SUNDAY 19th JUNE 2016

Cost: $10.00 Single
$6.00 Concession
$25.00 Family

A light afternoon tea will be served at the conclusion of the concert

Come along and enjoy an afternoon of exceptional music

All welcome

Contact: Ron Wall 5134 4260
ronwall43@gmail.com

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