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22-24 June       CSI Animal Studies Camp
24 June          END OF TERM 2 - school finishes 1.50pm.
11 July          TERM 3 BEGINS
7-16 Sept        Year 10 Central Australia Camp
3-7 Oct          Year 8 Karoonda Camp

Message from our Campus Principal - Michelle Reid-Metcalf

As Term 2 comes to a rather chilly close, the Hands-on Learning crew have been hard at work around the gardens at school.

Recently, they renovated two garden beds that are located in the courtyard, completely replanting one, and giving the other a really good tidy-up. The plants used were grown from tube stock by the students, who have been busy repotting plants in the tube stock nursery.
As the plans come together for the Morwell Campus Rebuilding Project, our HOL team will meet with the landscape designer to determine appropriate plantings for the new courtyard design. They will then purchase tube stock and grow them on so we can plant mature plants at a fraction of the cost.

Three new recruits into the Hands-on team are three chooks. These girls were purchased at point of lay, and are now producing several eggs a week each. They are becoming quite tame, as you can see in the photos.

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
Music Performance
The Year 7 students showcased their amazing musical prowess last week with a musical performance of all the students who have been engaging in the music program that has been offered this semester. Students who have been learning a variety of instruments played for parents, carers and friends in a night that was extremely well attended. We here at Kurnai, could not be more impressed in the ability of the students to play so well in such a short amount of time. Well done and hopefully this experience will encourage more students to take up an instrument.

Camp Week
This week is quite busy in the Year 7 team, with just under 80 of our students off to Coolamatong Camp for the week. While those students are enjoying a variety of different activities designed to be both about having fun and developing their resilience the 24 students who remain are partaking in an alternative program designed to also build their resilience. We hope that the weather gets a little warmer for those on camp and we know that they will have an amazing time.

Coolamatong Camp
As I write, the students on Year 7 camp are just waking up to a -5 degrees temperature. Camp Coolamatong has put together another amazing program this year exploring our theme of “Resilience”, and the students are doing an incredible job of demonstrating the theme. We were very excited to take double our usual group size with 70 students attending, and all are doing a great job of challenging themselves and each other. They are having a great time in all the activities, including mountain biking, initiative and low ropes courses, archery, bushcraft, rock climbing and abseiling, an adventure race, and farming. Many of the students have been very proud to catch sheep and chickens, and some have decided that tipping into the water when canoeing was still worth it despite the cold. We are doing our best to wear them out before they get home.

Today, all the students are heading out on a boat ride to Raymond Island.

Swimming Program
Please ensure that your child has returned their signed permission form for the Physical Education swimming program ready for next semester. All students must attend the pool regardless of whether or not they are swimming as this is where the class supervision will be. If any student is not able to participate in the water element of the program, please contact your child’s Physical Education teacher to discuss this further.

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Year 8 News ..........

Reports
As we are drawing to the end of term, I would like to let you know that reports will be available to students and parents on the 24th June via Compass. Please take the time to read your child's report with your child and explore any of their future areas for learning.

Semester 2
This week all students have been issued with their new Semester 2 timetables. They should check their timetables before the holidays and see Mrs Ross or myself if there are any issues.

Mobile Phones
There are currently some issues with use of mobile phones in classes. Year 8 students have been informed that unless their mobile phone is their only device then they should not be used in class, unless given permission by the teacher.

Other equipment that students should be bringing to class is a pen, pencil, a writing book and a reading book. All students will be participating in silent reading at the start of classes to improve their reading skills and to help them become ready for learning at the start of the lesson.

Soccer
Congratulations to our Year 8 soccer team who won the initial round of the interschool's soccer match. Well done to all the boys involved and thankyou to Ross Johnson for taking the boys on this trip.

Karoonda Camp
This week permission forms were given out to students for the Year 8 camp, which will take place in Week 1 of Term 4 (October 3rd). If you wish your child to go on the camp, please return the permission forms and deposit by next week. Please check to see if you are eligible for funding support through CSEF. If you need help with this please see our office staff for more details.

Swimming
At the moment there are still a number of Year 8's who have not returned their swimming permission forms. It is an expectation that all Year 8 students will participate in this program to develop responsible and safe behaviour in and around the water.
Year 9 News ..........

Exams
I would like to congratulate all Year 9 students, for conducting themselves in a mature and responsible manner during the Semester 1 exams.
Teachers are giving students feedback and making suggestions for improvement. I encourage all students to talk to their teachers to discuss both areas of strength and ways to improve.

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 Project Presentations
Thank you to all students and families for supporting our first Project Presentation evening. Students were enthusiastic and keen to show off the work they have done so far in their Project time. Following this are some reflections from each of the classes.

Masterchef Class
“The project night was very fun and interesting. We enjoyed making soup and slices. The set up was very nicely presented and worked well so people could get their refreshments as they went through the door. It was really great to see everyone working together to achieve a common goal. In future, we can improve the night by inviting more schools and letting other people know that the presentations are on so that they can come and participate in the evening.”

Human Powered Vehicle Class
“Project night was a great learning experience for the HPV class. We were able to build on presentation skills and communication that will be essential for our upcoming trip to Maryborough. Students were able to engage with the parents through demonstrations of racing, a raffle, bike mechanics and an overall synopsis of the event. The class showed interest, and aided the visitors in understanding what the program is all about. I was significantly happy with how the night played out, and proud of each student’s contribution to the success of the evening.”

Emily Brabazon and Chloe Radford
Year 9 News continued........

Year 9 Project Night Description: Community Spirit

On Monday, 6th of June, Year 9 Community Spirit students at Kurnai College hosted a Project Night to present what the class have recently been doing over the course of the semester to some parents and visitors. The class created a Powerpoint presentation that included images of students working in various activities during placement and descriptions of topics we have touched base on. The activities included magnet word work with the preps at Morwell Park, colouring in pages completed by the Grade Preps at Commercial Road and playing bingo with the elderly at Mitchell House. Leading up to the Powerpoint the class developed a great understanding of certain areas such as first aid, leadership, dealing with children, coaching styles and skills. This information was essential to our grade as we needed it whilst we were on placement.

By Nyabiey, June and Alisha
Kurnai College First Step

The First Step program is in place to give Year 10 students from both junior campuses insight into classes they may like to choose for next year. We were offered a very wide range of informational classes.

After arriving at the University Campus during recess, we proceeded to a lecture hall. Following introductions, a number of Maths and English teachers outlined the different paths that were available to us over the coming years. This was valuable to all because it was the first in-depth look we had at English and Maths.

For the rest of the day, we attended the four sessions we had chosen. Physics, Theatre Studies, Outdoor and Environmental Studies, and Design Technology were only a few of the sessions offered.

Almost the whole of Year 10 attended, and all students found the day worthwhile. We now have a much clearer understanding of what next year will entail. Thanks to the teachers who organised this event – from both the junior campuses and the senior campus. We look forward to any similar events that may occur later in the year.

Stacey Rogers and Nathan Britt

School Captains, Morwell Campus

Exams

By now, students have received feedback on their recent Semester 1 exams. For many, their result will reflect the good study habits they have used over the years and for others it will highlight areas for improvement.

Here are a few tips for improving achievement in class and on exams:

- Use a diary or calendar to keep track of work to be completed
- Organise your locker, backpack and work space
- Make a study/homework schedule
- Read your notes, text book, novel – annotate as you read
- Take notes when reading or listening in class
- Participate in class
- Ask for help
- Work and study with a friend

Camp

There are still a few spots left for the Central Australia Camp. If your child would like to go, please return the permission form and a deposit to the general office.
Year 10 News continued........

**Australian Defence Forces**

The Australian Defence Forces presented to Year 10 students last week where they outlined the wide and varied careers offered. Students heard first hand the subjects and level of education required in order to join the Defence Forces.

**Start Smart**

We recently welcomed Start Smart to deliver their free, financial education workshops to our Year 10 students. Delivered in class to students by a facilitator, Start Smart changes the way young people learn about money. By making money management interactive, engaging and fun, our students were equipped with the confidence and competence they need to make smart decisions about money.

Our school has proudly joined the Commonwealth Bank’s Start Smart Program in its mission to improve the financial literacy of Australia’s young people. Overall, the program proved to be a highly beneficial experience for students and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. For more information on the program and each of the workshops we encourage you to visit www.startsmart.com.au. Students will continue to improve their financial literacy during Team Time sessions.

Please do not hesitate to call me on 51650 600 if you would like to discuss anything regarding Year 10.
MORWELL CAMPUS - PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

MUSIC PRESENTATION

Monday June 20th 6:30pm
Kurnai College
Churchill Campus
Drama Room

Featuring Students from:
Yr 11 & 12 VCE Music Performance and
Churchill Campus Music Students.

Entrance is a gold coin donation
Cold and Hot Drinks will be available on the night.

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### Calendar of Excursions / Camps

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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.
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.
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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