Message from our Campus Principal - Michelle Reid-Metcalf

Parent Teacher Conversations

Parent Teacher Conversations will be held on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th of September – the last two days of Term 3. I would like to emphasise the importance of us working together to help your child be the most successful they can be.

A proven way to help students achieve their potential is for parents and carers to attend parent teacher conversations, not just to hear how the student has been doing at school, but what they need to do next to continue their growth.

This makes it important for every parent to attend whether your child is doing well, not so well, or somewhere in between.

Bookings will be available on Compass very soon:


There are appointments available between 3:30pm and 7:00pm on the Thursday, and 10:00am and 1:00pm on Friday.

We are able to print out your child’s report if you cannot access it at home.
Collecting Students During the Day

We know that from time to time, parents and carers will collect students during the day for a variety of reasons such as medical and dental appointments. It is essential that your student brings a signed note explaining why they are being collected, and at what time. This note should be handed to the relevant class teacher.

Please ensure that your child knows what time you are coming – they need to be responsible for coming to the office at the appropriate time. The office staff cannot page students except in the case of EXTREME emergency, as it is very disruptive to all classes running.

Tutorial Sessions

Tutorial Sessions will continue to run each and every Friday (Morwell Campus) from 3:00-4:00 pm. Students who would like some support/assistance with their school work are invited to attend. Afternoon tea provided.

Ms Pizzi.
Year 7 News ..........

Our students have participated in a variety of different programs these last few weeks. A group of our students had the pleasure of going to the MCG to see St Kilda play Carlton. All the students had an amazing time and really enjoyed seeing some of their favourite players on the field.

History Enrichment Program

Some of our students from a variety of different year levels have been selected to participate in the History Enrichment Program that is running from Federation University next week. Students were required to complete a questionnaire and respond in essay format as to why they would be suitable for the program and how this experience would be a benefit to their learning. In addition to this the students were required to obtain a teacher recommendation and then their entries were reviewed. We are extremely proud to announce that seven students from Morwell Campus were selected to participate in this program, with one student representing the Year 7 cohort. We wish these students luck and look forward to the knowledge and skills they will learn and bring back to the classroom.

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Inspiring Young People

Recently, thirty Year 8 students and two staff members from Morwell Campus attended the Inspiring Young People luncheon organised by the Smith Family. We walked from Morwell Campus to the Italian Australian Club and enjoyed a two course meal in the function room. Students were seated at tables with special guests from a range of employment fields and took the opportunity to ask many questions about possible career paths. The guest speaker was Leading Senior Constable Matt Ryan from Victoria Police, who shared his career pathway story with the students and offered excellent advice about perseverance and resilience to his audience. Other career paths represented included firefighting, beauty therapy, web design, nursing, social welfare, counselling, hospitality, viticulture and education. Our students learnt a great deal about these fields through talking with the guests over the meal. They were a credit to the school, engaging with the adults and showing excellent manners.
Year 9 News ..........

Camp

The Melbourne Discovery camp is a wonderful opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with the city and to visit various landmarks and places of interest. Years after students have been on this camp they say that it was one of the most enjoyable and it helps them develop independence and responsibility. Permission forms are now due, along with the first payment.

Team Time

During Team Time this term, students have been participating in a variety of units, these include: Nutrition, Ethics, Resilience and Wellbeing, and Business Studies. The Business Studies unit culminates in students running a small business with the aim of making a profit. Last week, we were able to purchase a number of food items prepared by the students. I would like to congratulate each group who had to cost the venture, work out the shopping list and ensure they made a profit. These skills are important skills for students to develop that will hold them in good stead for their entire life. All profit will go towards the Year 9 Celebration Day at the end of the year.

Project Time

In project time, Tomas Raines, Zac Tuff, Sebastian Schorr, Ryan Graham and Blake McCoy have been working on a website for a local business. On Tuesday 16th August, Tomas, Blake and myself went along to Federation University to see other schools present their websites for businesses.

We were able to learn tips and tricks on how to improve our own website development as well as learn about careers in Information Technology and what Federation University has to offer. Our main learning from the day was the importance of being able to work as a team and cooperate with one another to achieve our goals.

Ryan Graham
Year 10 News ........

TRANSITION PROGRAMS

Course Counselling
By now, all Year 10 students have had a course counselling interview to select their subject choices for next year. If you were unable to attend last night’s sessions an alternate time will be arranged with your child.

More information regarding subject choices, bus conveyancing forms and Vocational Educational Training (VET) induction days, will be given to students as soon as it is provided. It is essential that students attend form group in the morning where this information is given.

Outreach Day at Federation University
As part of Year 10 transition, all students attended Federation University yesterday to find out a little more about what the University has to offer our students after they have completed their secondary schooling.

Boot Camp Class
To assist students in catching up on work that has been missed or not completed, a boot camp class will be running three times per week for students in Year 10. Your child might be required to attend this class in order to complete assessment tasks.

The Common Room will be available for quiet study. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 5165 0600.

John Monash School of Science
Since the 18th of July, three Year 10 students, including myself, were lucky enough to attend the amazing John Monash Science School (JMSS) in Clayton. The experience was a once in a lifetime experience and it really opened our eyes in the opportunities that studying science can do for us. It shows us other likeminded people that have the same crazed obsession for science as ourselves.

Throughout the four weeks, we were put in classes that weren't necessarily taught at Kurnai. These classes, along with the other classes we did, engaged and opened our eyes to the possibilities of further education along different pathways that we would not have otherwise known. Alongside the classes we attended, JMSS organised activities within the Monash University campus. These activities engaged us in the different topics they presented to us and we were able to see what different professions work look like close up. Altogether, the classes and opportunities that JMSS provided to us were eye opening and I am thankful to have been a part of it all.

The atmosphere within the school was one that I will never forget. Among the friendly faces and the need to know more, the permanent students were hard workers and were never afraid to give anything a go. The teachers there were committed and really helped us to fit in with everyone else. They were all so helpful and kind and truly made the experience whole. Not only were the permanent students there kind, but the other regional students on the trip were as well. We spent nearly every day with each other and formed close bonds with them all, as we all have at least one similar interest.

The way the school ran was very different to the way Kurnai runs. With over 600 students within the one building, things ran very smoothly throughout the whole school. There were no classrooms, dis including the labs, which were separated to avoid accidents, and the tutorial rooms, which were rather small. The classes were running in areas where you could see other classrooms working. Amongst the odd classrooms, the classes contained double the number of students than we have here and had joint teaching. This was a different experience for us all, but we found it simple enough to flow with.

I would recommend anyone with an interest in science to leap at the opportunity if they are given the chance to go. This program helped me understand what it is I would like to do and what interests me more than others. It was an amazing opportunity, and I'm looking forward to going back to present my science project at the science fair they are holding in October.

Stacey Rogers
Kurnai College Music *What’s Happening* ......

College Ensembles... moving forward

The next combined rehearsals and the ensembles involved are as follows:

These ensembles will be preparing to perform in the annual *On The Road Again* primary schools tour, as well as the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod.

*On The Road Again* Primary Schools tour is on 23rd August – 29th August

Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod starts Tuesday 30th August (Choir). Other groups on between 31st August – 2nd September.

**Fundraising**

The collection of bagged Aluminum drink cans can be placed at the front office and mention that it’s for Music.

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Congratulations to our PBS Recipients

**Engagement**
- Brohdie Thorp
- Daniel McCoy
- Jack Cooke
- Zac Whelan
- Jordan Fischer
- Ayden Coad
- Alexis Sullivan
- Steph Power
- Erin Blakeley
- Hayden Schopp
- Tyson Carpino
- Jaz Hall
- Sarah Barry
- Trinity Mayberry
- Jesse Harrison

**Excellence**
- Declan Wellsmore
- Alisha Brabazon
- Dylan Cassar Cummings
- Patrick Carte
- Jordan Gillespie
- Zoran Winkelman
- Lachlan Thorp
- Josh Giles
- Dylan Smith
- Oliver Spiteri
- Skye Woods
- Nyalieb Chiok
- Keisha Harrison
- Olivia Mitchell
- Anu Anubhav
- Caleb DeLuca
- Nathan Garsia
- Gemma Newton
- Isabella Hollis
- Jai Jose
- Aynieth Aynieth
- Shyla Feltham
- Madison Spiteri x 2
- Britney Atkinson
- June Srimnuay
- Nyabiey Jiath

**Work Ethic**
- Eryn Gunn
- Jonathan Dijamco
- Dustin Ryan
- Nic Mills
- Emily Brabazon
- ChiChi Mohammad
- Hayden Edwards
- Talia Cooke
- James Gal
- Claudia Gardiner
- Hayden Jones

**Relationships**
- Lachlan Armstrong
- Patrick McCaughan
- Jai Jose x 3
- Nicholas Styles
- Khamis Mazae
- Gemma Newton
- Aimee Ballard
- Hayley Tobin
- James Maskell
- Nathan Britt
- Jean Ruey
- Tayla George x 2
- Madison Spiteri
- Izayah Terrick
- Lucy Bertrand
- Declan Wellsmore
- Darcy Cooke
- Jackson Mackenzie
- Jasiah Whitfield
- Brayden Gillespie

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.
# Calendar of Excursions / Camps

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Dairy Assistance Payment now available

As part of the Victorian Government’s dairy assistance package, students with parents in the dairy farm industry can benefit from a one-off payment through the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Students currently enrolled in government and non-government schools whose parents own, share-farm or lease a dairy farm business; or those people whose primary occupation is working on a dairy farm, are eligible for the payment. The school will need to ensure that evidence is provided with applications and record how the funding has been allocated for each individual student.

Consistent with the 2016 CSEF Drought response, the CSEF Dairy Assistance funding is paid to the school that the student attends to be used towards camps, sports, excursion and/or other education expenses for the benefit of the eligible student. These guidelines only apply to the Dairy Assistance funding (not the CSEF payment which was paid separately and is subject to CSEF policy). Families who received the means-tested CSEF payment are also eligible.

Families that have previously qualified for the CSEF Drought assistance funding are not able to also access the CSEF Dairy assistance funding.

A once-off amount of $375 per student will be paid to the school that the student is currently enrolled at the start of Term 3 2016. To apply for the CSEF Dairy Assistance, parents are to complete an application form and return it to their school office by 18 November 2016.

College Magazine

If you wish to order the college magazine for your student, Payment must be made by the end of this term. Payment can be made using existing credit (excluding CSEF funds) on your family account, Bpay, EFTPOS, Cash or Cheque. The charge for the magazine is $15. Please contact the General Office if you wish to arrange payment.
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