2nd September, 2016

Message from our Campus Principal - Michelle Reid-Metcalf

Parent Teacher Conversations

Bridge the gap between school and home

- Communication between teachers and parents/carers is a proven way to help students achieve their potential.
- Don’t just hear how your child has been doing at school, discover the next step for them to achieve even more highly.
- It is important for every parent and carer to attend, whether your child is doing well, not so well, or somewhere in between.

We can print out your child’s report if necessary.

Bookings can be made on Compass

Message from our Principal continues........

How can I get my teenager to school?
Did you know?
• Patterns of late arrival at school or missing classes are early warning signs
• Missing one day of school each week adds up to 2 months missed over a year
• Each day absent in high school has an impact on skill development and social connections
• Poor attendance may be associated with future unemployment, criminal activity, substance abuse, and poorer health and life expectancy

Some causes of school problems
Some of the more common causes of school problems are underlying learning difficulties or learning disabilities or behavioural or emotional issues. But there are many other reasons why a young person might not be engaging fully in their education.

• School factors might include:
  • bullying
  • disliking, or not feeling connected to, the school culture or environment
  • disliking school subjects, not liking the choice of subjects, or not feeling challenged by the work
  • poor school or academic support, especially in relation to heavy workloads
  • not getting along with teachers or other students at school
  • competing demands on time, such as extracurricular activities

Personal factors might include:
• chronic illness
• intellectual or cognitive disability
• behavioural or developmental difficulties or disorders
• mental health issues such as depression or anxiety
• history of abuse and neglect
• poor self-concept or self-esteem
• poor communication skills
• poor social skills
• difficulty with listening, concentrating or sitting still.

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Family factors might include:

- parents who aren't involved in their child's education
- a home environment that doesn't or can't adequately support a young person's learning
- family problems such as relationship breakdowns
- competing family or social responsibilities, such as caring for family members, or working outside school hours

What you can do

- Act early
- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day, make that the expectation. Regular attendance at school sets up good behaviours for regular attendance at work.
- Help your teenager maintain daily routines such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep. On average, teenagers need 8-9 hours sleep to be healthy and alert. You may also need to monitor their use of the Internet, mobile phone and TV at night to ensure they are not staying up too late or being disturbed while sleeping.
- Try not to schedule hair, dental or medical appointments during school hours. Arrange family holidays during scheduled school holidays so that they don't miss out on classes and feel left behind. If it is necessary to be absent from school for an extended period, arrange with your school for a Student Absence Learning Plan.
- Don't let your teenager stay home unless genuinely sick. Complaints of headaches or stomach aches may be signs of anxiety.
- If your teenager wants to stay home to finish an assignment, rather than letting them stay home, expect them to go to school

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.

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Year 7 News ........

Spelling Bee
This week, four ALPs students; two from Year 7 and two from Year 8 represented the school in the Gippspell spelling competition, held at Lowanna Secondary College, on Tuesday 30th August. The students have been training hard over the term in an effort to represent Kurnai College as best they could. Our students conducted themselves well during the event and received certificates of participation for their efforts.

Physical Learning Activities
In Year 7 this week, we have been engaging in a variety of different physical learning activities designed to help students connect with the material they are learning. During the geography unit, students have been engaging in a treasure hunt of sorts that uses grid references to find specific areas in the school. This has helped students use real world application to use the skills they have been developing during class time.

Problem Solving
In addition to this, students have been engaging in a problem solving unit on a Friday afternoon looking at developing their own problem solving abilities. Today, they will be putting all of their understanding together to create the biggest and strongest tower they can out of recyclable materials. This is providing the teams the opportunity to practise their visualisation skills, their perseverance and their use of reason and logic. If you could please collect some of these recyclable materials for your child to bring to class this week, it would be greatly appreciated.
Year 8 News ..........

As we are drawing to the end of term, I would like to let you know that learning behaviour reports will soon be available for parents to access on Compass. Please take time to check these through with your child, especially before Parent Teacher interviews on the 15th and 16th September. This way you can discuss any issues with your child’s teacher then.

A reminder about Year 8 behaviour;

- No phones in class unless it is your only device and you have permission from the teacher to use it.
- Full school uniform to be worn at all times
- Correct basic equipment to class (pen, writing book, device)
- Reading book for 10 minutes reading in form group

Federation University

Next week, all Year 8 students will be participating in a visit to Federation University. If you have not yet signed a permission form allowing your child to attend this trip then please contact the office. This is a compulsory trip for all of Year 8 students so they are all expected to return forms.

Girls Swimming Lessons

At the moment, there are still a number of Year 8 girls who have not returned their swimming permission forms for their swimming lessons in term four. This programme is to develop responsible and safe behaviour in and around the water, so unless your child has a medical certificate, then they will need to return a permission form.

Soccer

Our Year 8 soccer team are off to State Finals next week. We wish them and Ross Johnson the best of luck with their match. They have done extremely well to get this far.

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 9 News ...........

Camp
A reminder that there is a payment plan in place to assist with meeting the costs of the camp. We will meet with students during the last week of term to provide equipment lists and other information. This will allow families to use the school holidays to begin getting organised.

Team Time
The class rotations are going well with the second group of business ventures selling their wares, yesterday. The days have been well received by all staff and students. Well done to our Year 9 students – who knows, we might have the next budding business person in our midst.

History Enrichment Program
The History Enrichment program was an opportunity to pursue our history interests. It was a two day event and was offered to students across Gippsland. Myself and others that attended returned with positive comments and we were thankful for what we learned during the various lessons. Several of the seminars included Medieval, Indigenous and World War 1 history, and we recommend it to those that have even the vaguest interest in history!

Chloe Radford

Small Business
On Wednesday 31st August, Mr Johnson’s class conducted their own small businesses. The class held 4 stalls; Nacho Boys, Chicken Nuggets, Ice cream and Spider drinks. We made a profit of $162. Throughout the unit, we learnt certain skills of how to run a business; pitch ideas, create marketing tools such as posters and learnt knowledge about profit and loss. We all gained an insight on how tough it is to maintain a business but overall the activity was rather enjoyable.

By Alisha and Alana

Bus forms
During Year 10, all students travel to our senior campus at Churchill to complete a Year 11 class. In order to travel to and from the senior campus, students will need to return the yellow bus form that was distributed last week.
Year 10 News ..........

Transition Programs

By now, all Year 10 students have had a course counselling interview to select their subject choices for next year. Some students still need to return their VET forms (purple). All students are applying for their Unique Student Identification number during team time and require the information on their Medicare card, Passport or birth certificate in order to do this.

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.

Bus Forms

Students have been provided with the bus conveyancing form for next year. This needs to be returned as soon as possible.

Camp

Some of our students will be joining students from Churchill Campus to travel to either China or Uluru for the Year 10 camps. For students not attending camp, classes will be running as usual and any assessments planned for that time will go ahead as usual. Teachers will arrange alternate times with students on camp.

FedUni Schools Outreach – Year 10 visit

All of our Year 10 students went to the FedUni Outreach day last week to learn more about Uni life and what it's really like to study at the Gippsland campus.

They experienced a typical lecture, learnt about different courses, pathways, study skills and familiarized themselves with the campus.

All students enjoyed the “Amazing Race” through the campus and the $10 canteen voucher for each student was eagerly spent at lunchtime.

The day ended with a Q&A session with current University students, providing a personal insight to different courses, support and social networks and their own likes and dislikes of the campus.

Our students are very fortunate to have access to a University so close to their homes, allowing them to explore different career and course options.

Thank you to FedUni for having us for the day.

The Common Room will be available for quiet study. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 5165 0600.
Kurnai College Music *What’s Happening* ......
College Ensembles... moving forward

**Performance review... On The Road Again AND Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod**

This year, all students enrolled in the music program at all campuses and undertaking VCE Music Performance have combined forces to perform at the College's annual On The Road Again Primary Schools Tour and the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod.

The College ensembles consisted of Choir, Concert Band, Guitar Ensemble and KP NoiseMakers. Each ensemble consisted of students from each campus, who were diligently preparing at their individual campuses and periodically congregated at Churchill campus to work with students from the other campuses.

The repertoire prepared by each ensemble have collectively created the theme for the primary school performances of *Where Music is Used*, through National Anthems, Film, Popular and Symphonic music, as well as Cultural and Festive songs.

In the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod, Choir performed in the two sections, receiving a second and third placing. The Concert Band, KP NoiseMakers and Guitar Ensemble performed in the Secondary Schools Ensemble section, where a 4th, 2nd and 1st placing were received.

Numerous accolades were received by numerous individuals, including the organisers of the Eisteddfod on our presentations and student conduct.

The students should be very proud of the journey that they have embarked with their music presentations. Preparing and performing as One College has allowed others to see that work that is occurring at Kurnai College.

**Student Quotes when asked: What did you learn / enjoy about the whole preparation and performance experience**

Harry Sands “getting the little kids all excited in listening to the music... working with students from other campuses”

Amber Jones “learned and enjoyed in getting out of my comfort zone”

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**Fundraising**

The collection of bagged aluminum drink cans can be placed at the front office and mention that it’s for Music.
### Congratulations to our PBS Recipients

#### Engagement
- Paul Repinks x 2
- William Morgan
- Izayah Terrick
- Steph Power
- Kayla Strickland
- Erin Blakeley
- Emma Thompson
- Tamika Smith
- Lachlan Thorp
- Teniel Sunderland
- Kyle Hogan
- Ayden Coad
- Damian Gough
- Jojo Utanga
- Stacey Rogers
- ChiChi Mohummud
- Jordan Fischer
- Shalin Kumar
- Tyler Spiteri
- Amber Davis
- Gemma Brown
- Kiara Burzese
- Bailey Conlan
- Lachlan Burge
- Jasmine Buckland x 2

#### Excellence
- Kujile Mahammud
- Chloe Radford x 2
- Danelle Van Vliet
- Bree Mollard
- Izayah Terrick
- June Sriamnuay
- Amanda Millet
- Lachlan O'Brien
- Olivia Mitchell
- Jess Gates
- Jojo Utanga
- Jolen Teo
- Tamika Smith

#### Work Ethic
- Declan Wellsmore
- Jolen Teo
- Chloe Radford
- Kyle Hogan
- Elijah Dijamco
- Emily Brabazon
- Ayen Aynieth
- Chloe Howe
- Jess Gates
- Kayla Strickland

#### Relationships
- Kaitlin Hayward
- Tayah Andrews
- Nyabiey Jiath
- Lucy Bertrand
- Tarley Smith
- Joshua Rodda
- Nic Mills
- Declan Wellsmore x 2

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## 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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WORTH OF DENTAL CARE FOR ELIGIBLE KIDS

BOOK NOW

- Do you have kids aged 17 years or under?
- Do you receive Family Tax Benefit A?

Latrobe Community Health Service can provide $1000 in dental treatment over 2 years for each of your children. The government will cover the cost.

CALL 1800 242 696
- Morwell
- Moe
- Warragul

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Morwell Junior Cricket Registration Day

Tuesday September 6th - 4.30pm at Keegan St Oval (next to Morwell Football Ground)

Cost $30 for the season

All Equipment, Shirt & Hat Supplied

All Junior teams train on Tuesdays 4.30-6pm

U12s play Monday evenings, U14s Wednesday Evenings, U16s Friday Evenings

(information for 4-8 year olds to come in October with Milo Cricket)

Play Cricket under lights with Zing Bails! Be Famous and have your name on our new Electronic Scoreboard!

Contact Mark Smith 0438 870 790 or at mdsmith72@bigpond.com


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