Message from our Assistant Campus Principal - Wayne Bass

As we are now well into Term 2, there has been so many things that have happened or are about to happen. Firstly, a very successful College athletics sports day for those who attended, with participation and fun high on the agenda.

Student Leadership Camp
Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) student leaders from across the College, participated in a leadership camp last weekend, led by Jamin Heppell from Change Makers Australia. Students and staff had a great time getting lots out of the sessions provided and also enjoying the interaction with different groups from across the College.
Message from our Assistant Principal continues……..

ANZAC Day

Once again, Kurnai College 424SQN AAFC cadets and student captains were busy with several services across the region, starting with the dawn service at Port Albert, followed by a quick trip to Churchill for a mid-morning service. At the same time, cadets and school captains represented Kurnai College at the Yinnar service. Very proud to see our students front and centre and representing our College in the community.

Resilience Day

On Wednesday at Morwell, our PBS team, staff and students organised a Resilience Day program incorporating guest speakers, plays and many other activities, followed by lunch from different cultures. Students were organised into teams, where they participated in games, such as cross bar challenge, hula hoops and team races and other activities. Students and staff were getting involved and the atmosphere across the campus was very positive.

School Wide Positive Behaviour School (SWPBS)

As mentioned last term, attendance is extremely important for the success of students in their education and I continue to ask parents and guardians to support the school with ensuring their children attend school regularly and in a timely fashion. We have far too many student absent or arriving late that are unexplained. Please assist us with this by contacting the school when your child is away for any reason.

Again, as a SWPBS school, we encourage strong partnerships between school and home. It is well known that students who have parents/guardians actively involved in some way within the school culture, are likely to be more successful in their learning.

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
Winter Uniform

As the colder weather sets in, we are starting to notice students struggling to bring together their winter uniform items to adequately keep warm. Please ensure that you have purchased the correct winter uniform for your child. Those out of uniform are being asked to change into a provided item for the day, to ensure that they are in correct and full uniform. If you are having difficulties purchasing the correct uniform for your Year 7 child, please communicate with me via email or telephone.

Reports

Next week, a new round of learning behaviour reports will be made available to you on Compass. We are following up with students regarding improvement and decline in reports and encourage you to do the same at home. These reports do not indicate achievement, but are very clearly directed at the behaviours that promote achievement in the classroom. These learning behaviour reports are the last ones before your child’s end-of-semester report.

If you have any concerns about your child’s performance in any class, contact the teacher directly using Compass or alternatively feel free to discuss the concerns with me.

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 ..........

**Student Leadership Camp**
This week has been an exciting week for our PBS student leaders and our resilience leaders in Year 8. Over the weekend our intrepid PBS leaders had a camp in school where they undertook various leadership challenges with Jamin Heppell from the Game Changers program. The students worked with leaders from other year levels and formed some fantastic relationships and have gained some great ideas for how to develop student voice within our school.

**Resilience Day**
On Wednesday we had the culmination of a joint project between our PBS leaders and our Resilience team, when we held our Kurnai Resilience Day. The majority of the day was organised by the students and there were various activities including a staff and student obstacle race, guest speakers, a theatre performance and multicultural food provided and prepared by staff and students.

Thanks to Gabby Hines, Riley Day, Blair Motta, Bridget Fitzmaurice and Bailey McDonnell who were the Year 8 students who collaborated with other year levels to provide support for the day.

**Camp Karoonda**
Just a reminder that letters will be going out shortly for our Year 8 camp which is running later this year in the first week of Term 4. The cost of this trip is roughly $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.

**AGL Loy Yang**
On the 10th - 11th May, Year 8's will be going on an excursion to AGL. We encourage all the Year 8's to attend, as the purpose is to develop awareness of career opportunities in the local power industry. Please return permission forms by Friday 6th May. This is a free excursion so we would expect that all students should attend.
Year 9 News ........

Exams
Students in Year 9 complete Mid-Year Exams in English and Mathematics. The exams will be during week 8 beginning May 30. A timetable will be provided for students shortly, but in the meantime it is important that students are up to date with their classes and that their workbooks are in order to help when it comes time to study. Students are encouraged to talk to their teachers about the things they can do to prepare for the exams.

Year 9 Projects
All Year 9 students are enrolled in a Project class which runs for either a semester or across the Year. This semester we have – Human Powered Vehicle (HPV), Game Maker, Master Chef and Community Spirit. Students focus on completing a Project by the end of the class and this will be showcased at our Presentation afternoon. Formal invitations will be sent to all families, however it would be good to note June 6 from 3.30-6.30, in your diaries. More information will follow in future newsletters.

Learning Behaviour Reports
The next Learning behaviour report will be available for students and families next week. I encourage all students to discuss with their teachers, ways of improving their performance average.

Student to student Reading Program
We are fortunate to be involved with the Student to Student reading program organised by the Smith Family. A number of our Year 9 Students have volunteered their time to be a reading buddy with an anonymous student at least two years younger than them. The program has had huge success in the past with the buddies improving their reading levels by up to two years. Well done to our volunteers! I look forward to hearing about their reading experience.
**Year 10 News ...........

**Work Experience**

Students are finalising their paperwork and Safe @ work certificates before they head out into the big wide world of work next week! On behalf of the Year 10 team, I would like to wish all our students a wonderful time on Work Experience and I look forward to hearing about your placements.

Students are reminded that Log books and other relevant paperwork will be distributed this Friday, May 6 so it is important for you to be at school.

**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.

**Camp**

The Year 10 Central Australia Camp is a ten day trip from September 7-16. Itineraries and permission forms have been distributed. If you would like to attend, please return your forms along with the first payment. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me.

**Learning Behaviour Reports**

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**Keys Please**

Last week, we were fortunate to have the Keys Please program delivered to our Year 10 students.

The VicRoads Keys Please program offers information and practical ideas for Year 10 students on how to best use the learning to drive period, get 120 hours of practice and become safe drivers. This session links well with the F2D Year 11 Workshop and together they help to prepare young people to be safer road users. This is maximised when these two sessions are supported by other road safety education activities in the classroom and followed up in Year 12 with a Looking After Our Mates session.

On the 26th April, the Year 10’s had Grant Phillips from VicRoads talk to us about road safety and requirements to getting our L’s. During the Power Point, Students were given rewards if they answered questions correctly. The rewards consisted of, Pens, Drink Bottles and Ryan Schopp got L plates as a congratulation for the achievement. Overall, it was a great experience for all of us, I would recommend this for any new drivers.

Created by: Casey Schorr and Carlin Graham
# Calendar of Excursions / Camps

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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.

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.
**General News**

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### Congratulations to our PBS Recipients

#### Engagement
- Corey Smith
- Bianca Stubley
- Sarah Barry
- Ella Robson
- Jolen Teo
- Tim Wilson
- Corey Smith
- Tyson Carpino
- Tammin Stanbridge
- Eliza Studd

#### Excellence
- Ayen Anyieth
- Lachlan Thorp
- Dustin Ryan
- Khamis Mazae
- Elijah Dijamco
- Kaiden Hainsworth
- Bailey Conlan
- Hussein Eliaser
- Riley Day
- Anyieth Anyieth
- Bridget Fitzmaurice
- Declan Brunning

#### Work Ethic
- Ethan Love
- Declan Wellsmore

#### Relationships
- Bailey Conlan
- Blair Motta
- Cheyanne Dalia
- Corey Hall
- Brohdie Thorp
- Tabitha Stevens
- Bree Mollard
- Daved Penfold
- Jayden Leeson
- Isabella Hollis
- Jojo Utanga
- Liam Raines
- Hussein Eliaser
- Darcy Cooke
- Brayden Gillespie
- Chloe Radford
- Olivia Mitchell
Whilst Kurnai College is happy to include Community Announcements in our newsletters, please understand Kurnai College is not involved in the organisations or the running of any of these community events.