Message from our Campus Principal -
Michelle Reid-Metcalf

This is the last newsletter from Morwell Campus for 2016.

This has been an exciting and busy year for us, and 2017 is looking fantastic already.

The leadership team and I have been very busy this term ensuring that the beginning of 2017 is as smooth as possible. Students are working their 2017 timetable already, and in most cases are working with their 2017 teachers.

At the end of the year, we will say “Adieu” to a number of our staff who are taking a break from teaching for a period of time. I would like to thank Bernie McLeod, Froso Pizzi and Jay McDonald for their contributions to Morwell Campus – I know many of the students are already talking about the departure of these teachers!

On behalf of all here at Morwell Campus, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope the summer holidays are an enjoyable time spent with your friends and family.
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Message from our Principal continues........

Change to Start of School Day
In 2017, Morwell Campus will change from providing 310 minutes of face to face teaching per day to the mandated 300 minutes. This means that school will commence at 8:40am instead of 8:30am. Supervision will be provided from 8:15 am.

This will commence from the beginning of Headstart, Friday 2nd December.
Other times will be unchanged.

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

Celebration Day
For the cohort who have now left us to go to Year 8, we recently enjoyed a fantastic Celebration Day. The students came together and worked hard to solve problems in our Amazing Race. The weather provided us a positive environment for a water fight to end the day. It was a really great way to farewell an amazing group of students that we have really enjoyed working with this year. They have grown from timid, uncomfortable Grade 6’s in to confident (and sometimes loud) Year 8’s. We wish them well in their new year, but know that they will be very successful.

Orientation Day - Year 7 2017
For the last three days, we have really enjoyed the company of our new cohort of Year 7’s who have been experiencing their Orientation Week. They have really settled in well and we have been extremely proud of their focus and relationship building. The adjustment to High School is a big one and we know that it’s a jolt to the system for students to suddenly be the little fish in a big pond, but this group have taken it in their stride. They now have their lockers, have met their classmates and tried out their classes.

‘Meetings for Success’
One of the Year 7 Team will be in touch with every parent in the coming week to arrange a “Meeting For Success”. This is an opportunity to hear from you and your child about their experience of schooling over the last few years and to inform us how we can make that experience better. Please take advantage of this opportunity.

If any parents of the incoming cohort have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me via email (swallow.daniel.d@edumail.vic.gov.au) or by calling the school.

We wish both cohorts a safe and happy holidays and look forward to a fantastic year in 2017.

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

Welcome 2017 Year 8's
Welcome to all the new Year 8's. The team is looking forward to getting to know you all over the coming year. Mr Mitchell will be heading up the team in 2017 but until then if there are any issues or concerns, please contact Emma Hudson on 5165 0600.

Transition from Year 7 to Year 8
Most students have made the move from Year 7 to 8 and have adjusted well. There have been some class changes and the majority of students have dealt with this in a mature manner. If students have problems with their timetables, they will need to see Mrs Billingsley or myself in the Year 8 office.

Karoonda Camp
The Year 8 camp in 2017 will take place in Term 4 and usually costs approximately $450, but if parents/carers wish to start making payments now then they are recommended to speak to the office staff about a payment plan.

I wish all the students a positive end to the term and hope that all of you take the time to reflect and recharge over the holidays, returning in 2017 with fresh energy and enthusiasm for learning.

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Year 9 News ..........

Welcome

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of Year 9 students to the Year 9/10 team. I look forward to getting to know you all and working with you in the coming year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to phone me on 5165 0620.

Headstart

Students have settled into their classes for Headstart with enthusiasm. There have been some minor changes to classes however all students have been patient and have embraced the new opportunity this offers.

Course Changes

Every endeavour has been made to give students at least one of their preferred electives. Unfortunately this might not have been possible if course selections were submitted late. In 2017, there will be a small window of opportunity to request an elective change.

Melbourne Discovery Camp

Although the camp is not until Term 4, it is worth noting that Year 9 students attend the Melbourne Discovery camp during the second week. The cost is usually around the $500 mark which includes accommodation, some meals and activities. A payment plan will be offered but if you would like to start making payments towards this, just see our friendly staff in the office and they will look after you.

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.
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Year 11 Classes

By the time this newsletter is published, all our Year 10 students have had 2 weeks of Headstart in their Year 11 class. It is possible that some students have found that the subject they have selected is not their thing and would like to change. In order to do this, they will need to visit the Careers office at the University Campus and make a class change request. All requests need to be signed by a parent/guardian and myself.

Course Changes/Electives

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Celebration Day

An absolutely fun day was had by staff and students at Jump and Climb last Thursday. We were very lucky to have awesome weather for the BBQ lunch and time at the park. A big thank you to all the students who attended and to the staff for assisting with cooking and activities.

Camp

Students have received an expression of interest letter for the Year 10 Uluru camp. A deposit of $50 is required to secure a place on the camp. Please contact myself or the general office if your child has not brought the letter home.

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Kurnai College Awards - Monday 12 December
Pre-entertainment from 11am -11:45am, featuring all Kurnai Idol finalists;
Foyer music from 11:45 – 12noon, featuring selected students;
Main event commencing at 12noon, featuring College Choir and the 2016 VCE Music Performance class.

Some housekeeping...
Music continuation forms have been distributed to students who are currently enrolled in music. These forms need to be returned by 9th December. All students that are hiring or have a College instrument at home, need to return the instruments asap.
Students at Kurnai College who are wanting to learn a musical instrument in 2017 can obtain an Music Expression of Interest Form from the front office.

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

Merry Christmas
Congratulations to our PBS Recipients

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Annual Victorian Schools Garden Awards – WINNERS!

On Tuesday 29th November 6 students from the Morwell Campus Hands on Learning Program attended the Annual Victorian Schools Garden Awards Ceremony at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne.

Prior to the awards the students were able to explore the beautiful surrounds of the gardens, gain some ideas to implement in the HOL garden and participate in different activities.

Kurnai College Morwell Campus was announced the winner of the Engaging Garden for Learning Award which included a certificate of recognition and $1,000 worth of gardening or related products.

Congratulations to all of the HOL students as your hard work and team efforts have been well rewarded through this acknowledgement. The students who represented the group on the day proudly demonstrated the true spirit of our College, engaging in conversations with presenters and respectfully receiving the award.
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**MORWELL CAMPUS - PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS**

**Kurnai College Awards Ceremony**

You are invited!

**Save the Date**

December 12 2016

10am—2pm

**Kurnai College**

**Awards Ceremony**

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Stock to arrive for orders by end of January 2017.

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**Attendance**

**Hotline**

5132 3711
Debutante Ball

Parents & Carers of students planning to do the Debutante Ball in 2017 need to be aware that as the Deb Ball is an external event to the normal school curriculum, conditions are placed on student participation.

One of these conditions is that families with outstanding charges are required to bring them up to date before their child can begin dance lessons in preparation for the Deb Ball.

This does not include the College’s yearly school charges but only costs that should have already been paid such as outstanding balances for camps and excursions, extra curriculum music costs or charges relating to damage of school property.

In addition to payments made at the campus office, the College offers both Centrepay and Bpay options as a method of payment. Centrepay allows families to have fortnightly amounts automatically deducted from any Centrelink payments.

If you have any concerns or wish to organise a payment plan please don’t hesitate to contact the campus office.
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$1000 WORTH OF DENTAL CARE FOR ELIGIBLE KIDS

✔ 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.

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You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Rick Pemberton, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(03) 5120 2582 / 0407 567 312
or rpemberton@berrystreet.org.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered across Bass Coast and South Gippsland. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.
MORWELL EAST FOOTBALL / NETBALL CLUB

PRE SEASON TRAINING
UNDER 16’S & UNDER 18’S

To all players interested in the upcoming 2017 Mid Gippsland Football Season.

The under 16’s and under 18’s will start on
14th December 2016, 5pm
@ Morwell East Football Club (Vary Street)

BBQ to follow after Training

All enquiries please contact:
Rob Semmler on 0438 418 397

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THURSDAY 15th DECEMBER 5-8pm

We want to know what will make Churchill a healthier place to live so, we’re asking someone who lives here!

The best people to ask what makes a neighbourhood healthier and stronger are those who live here.

We have been asked to help make sure Churchill community members are really heard when it comes to the things you want to see happen to improve your health and wellbeing.

To do this, we are looking for people to come along to a ‘Community-Up’ discussion meeting so that we can hear firsthand what really matters to the health of residents here in Churchill.

The meeting will be held over a couple of hours in the early evening and we’ll provide a feed.

If you’re interested in having a say, either call or text Margie on 0475 358 188 or send her an email on communityuplatrobevalley@gmail.com and register your interest.

You will need to leave us some contact details so we can let you know what’s happening and when.

We’re looking forward to meeting you,

Margie
The Primary Agency

The Community-Up discussion is an initiative of the Department of Health and Human Services. The Primary Agency has been employed as an independent facilitator to ensure Churchill community’s views are heard.