Message from our Campus Principal—Matt Jobling

“Continuous effort not strength or intelligence is the key to unlocking our potential.”
Winston Churchill

Arts In Action

Recently we have had a number of drama productions presented to packed audiences at Churchill Campus. On June 2 the year 7 & 8 Drama classes presented three short original plays and then the year 9 class presented Muriel's Wedding on June 9. The productions are overseen by our theatre director Kline, however it is the students, as Kline points out at all presentations, who are the creators of the performances. The students run the sound and lights, organise props, adapt the scripts and choreography to enable the plays to be performed from the available cast and crew. Congratulations to all who were involved and in particular those who went beyond their normal comfort zone to ensure the performances were a success. This Monday 20th June at 6.30pm will see a Music Performance presented in the Drama Room at Churchill Campus featuring students from both Churchill and University Campuses.

Staffing Update

At the end of semester 1 we temporarily said farewell to Dean Gowing who has taken up an ICT position at a local primary school for the remainder of the year. Dean has been working between the two schools this term and with the changeover of semester we have been able to cover his ICT classes and he will commence fulltime at the primary school. We wish Dean well in this new challenge and look forward to him returning for 2017.

In other staff news, Mark Heiberg will return next term from Long Service Leave and Sarah Cohen will be leaving for Long Service Leave and returning for term 4.
Message from our Principal continues........

Student Umpires For Primary School Sports

Last Friday whilst most students enjoyed a day off from school as teachers were busy assessing and writing reports, a number of students actually attended and represented the campus by officiating at the Cluster Primary Schools football and netball sports. The students volunteered to give up their time to support the primary students and their teachers in the sports held at Yinnar recreation reserve. Supervising teacher Mary Corponi reported back that the students were ‘absolutely fantastic!!’. The campus has also received a letter of appreciation from primary school student leaders thanking the students for their efforts. Congratulations to Alysha Clarke, Bridie Kimpton, Chloe Franssen, Sophie Bellingham, Jayden McCormack, Cain Iorangi, Hayden Weir, Boyd Makepeace, Rhys Luxford, Hayden Dwyer, and Mitchell Bruerton for their outstanding efforts and the leadership they displayed on the day.

Emergency Drill

As part of our Emergency Management Plan we held a Lock Out drill this week that went very well with all students participating in an orderly and sensible manner. On this occasion we alerted parents via text that the drill was taking place to ensure there was no undue concern. If any parent or carer has not supplied the campus with their mobile number and wish to do so please feel free to contact the office on 51323700 to be added to our list.
Year 7 News ........

Semester 2 classes are now underway, students have all been given new timetables and ask to check them closely as there will most likely have been several class, staff and room changes. Reports are almost ready for publishing and the Year 7 staff and students will end the term with a celebration of our fantastic cohort’s achievements to date.

School Football - Student Report

School football was awesome teaming up with all the Morwell boys to take on other schools in the area at Traralgon College. Against T.C we did not play all that well, but for a bunch of boys who really did not know each other, we did well and won our first game, then we lost our next. In the last game of the day we ended up winning by one goal which was awesome. All games were hard and strong and we must have had the smallest side but we went to enjoy ourselves.

Rock & Water

Year 7 students will engage in one period per week of Team Time over the course of second semester. This class is designed to be flexible in that we as a staffing team will assess the needs of the year 7 cohort. This week we used the hour to run an introductory Rock & Water session, with an emphasis on the skill of being able to “ground, center and focus”. This is a technique than can be applied to many situations and something that we will look to further develop with students over the duration of the year. Please ask your students what it means to “ground, center and focus” as they should be able to not only tell you what it means but also teach you ways to use it.

Year 7/8 Boys School Soccer

On Tuesday, the 7th of June, a group of Years 7 and 8 boys from Churchill attended an interschool soccer carnival at Sale. They enjoyed a fun bus trip to and from the venue singing and talking to the teachers who accompanied them. The weather was beautiful and the students had a great day. Their behaviour was excellent both on the bus and at the venue. The sportsmanship and leadership shown by the players was outstanding. The Year 8 boys are through to the next level after winning all their matches convincingly. The Year 7 boys were not so fortunate losing three games and drawing one.

Contact Details

If you have any questions or concerns regarding year 7 students or programs, please don’t hesitate to email us or phone on 51323700

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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 ........

As the end of the term approaches, teachers have just finished writing end of semester reports, indicating what students have achieved and how they can improve over the next semester. It is important that parents take the opportunity to go through these reports with their child and discuss the comments that the teachers have made regarding areas of improvement.

If parents have any queries about these reports please contact the relevant teachers for more information.

These reports will also be used to assist the Year 8 students in writing new goals for the second semester during the first lesson of Team Time after the holidays.

Year 8 Staffing Changes

It is with some regret that we say goodbye to Sarah Cohen, Assistant Team Leader for Year 8 as she heads off for long service leave and will return to the Churchill Campus for term 4. During her time away from the College her place will be taken by Sandy Treloar.

PBS Raffle

Antonio Cardillo has received the PBS raffle draw prize for Week 7 of term 2. Antonio has displayed a behaviour from the Four Pillars – Relationships, Engagement, Excellence, or Work Ethic, which was recognised by a teacher. A reminder to all Year 8 students that when they receive a ticket that they need to write their name on the ticket and then place it into the PBS box, which is located in the Library, so that they are in the running for the Weekly Movie Ticket draw.

Silent Reading

Starting next term during silent reading time in Form Group teaching staff will be closely monitoring student reading progress. Teachers will be keeping records of what a student is reading and how much progress they are making during the 20 minutes of reading time.

The Year 8 staff have noticed an improvement in the reading by students during this time but do feel that students should be choosing a novel which they understand and enjoy reading. Students should take the time to ask for assistance when selecting a novel for silent reading.

We continue to ask that parents and guardians talk to their children about the books they are reading and encourage silent reading at home.

Equipment

A reminder to students and parents that appropriate equipment needs to be brought to class. Students should have more than one pen, ideally a pencil case, as well as an exercise book on which to write on in class. Please take the opportunity over the term break to consider what stationary supplies your child may need to support their learning throughout semester two.
**Cordial Club**

After reviewing your child’s end of semester report, perhaps the Cordial Club which runs from Monday—Thursday starting at 3:00pm and continues until 4:00 in the school library is an activity that may need to be included in their weekly schedule. Students are provided with a drink and snack, and are supervised by one of our staff. If students have homework or catch up work to do it is a good opportunity to access school resources.

**Mobile Phones**

Since the last newsletter it has been great to see that mobile phones are being kept out of sight during class time. However, it is important for students to remember that mobile phones are not to be brought to class. Mobile phones need to be kept in lockers and only used before school, snack time, lunchtime and after school.

**End of Term**

A reminder that the last day for the term is Friday 24th June. All Year 8 students will be participating in an awards ceremony during period 4 on the last day. Students will be dismissed from school at 1pm.

The new school term starts on Monday 11th July. The Year 8 team wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday.

**Churchill Library News**

Churchill Campus library now offers a range of e-books to students. E-books are available in two easy ways.

**App.**

1. Search and download Wheelers e-platform app to your device
2. Search for your school
3. Login—Username: Cases number, Password: Cases number
4. Select and download book

**Library program**

1. Through Compass open library Churchill
2. Login—Username: Cases number, Password: Cases number
3. Search ebooks
4. Click on URL
5. Login—Username: Cases number, Password: Cases number
6. Download book

Please see library staff for assistance.

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Year 9 News ........

Congratulations to all Year 9 students for completing a great Semester One. We have been involved in a range of activities during the semester and the students have completed their first formal exams for Maths and English. We look forward to an even better Semester Two. The semester one reports are going through final checks at the moment and will be on-line at the end of the term.

Team Members

This year the Year 9 team members are: Josh Garth (Team Leader and Health/PE), Sheryl Tangi (Assistant Team Leader and Maths / Science), Andy Leeson (Health / PE and Outdoor Education), Dave Frenfo (Technology), Robin Fitzpatrick (Health/ PE and Science) and Olivia Wall (English and Humanities).

Camp

All Year 9 students have been invited to a camp in Melbourne later on this year from 16th – 19th August. They will be visiting many of the highlights in the city. Information has been sent out to all students. There are only 50 places available for this camp. Please return your forms and deposit to the office a.s.a.p. Meetings will take place about the camp starting early Term 3.

Umpiring

A huge thank you to all of the students who came in on their day off (report writing day last Friday) to help out at the local Primary school. Well done to Cain Iorangi, Alysha Clarke, Bridie Kimpton, Sophie Bellingham and Chloe Franssen for assisting with umpiring netball and soccer. They did us proud!

Peer Support

The Year 9 teacher team has chosen a group of students to participate in the 2017 Peer Support Program. Congratulations to those students asked to be part of the Peer Support Team!

PBS

Many students have received postcards for displaying consistent behaviours for the four school pillars of Excellence, Relationships, Work Ethic and Engagement. Many of the students have also received the new slips recently for showing positive behaviours listed on the school matrix. Congratulations to all of the students who have received postcards for their demonstration of one or more of the school pillars over the past few weeks. Students can now check their total points tally on their Compass profile.

- Students need to be at school by 8:25 am. Form Group silent reading starts at 8:30 am.
- Students require a device (please contact us if you need some support).
- Students are to wear the accepted articles of clothing please. Hoodies are not part of the uniform.

Thank You

The Year 9 teacher team and all staff in the Language Center would like to thank Alicia Wakefield, Brianna Caldwell, Karla Hall, Sharni Woodbridge and Precious Doherty for helping out and for tidying and cleaning up the kitchen area. Well done!

Semester Change Over

All students have finished semester one subjects at the end of last week and for the next 2 weeks of term they will be starting their semester two classes including electives. Please ensure their elective choices are appropriate and if there are any problems please see Mr. Garth a.s.a.p.

Contact Details

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**Electives for Semester 2**

Students have started their Semester 2 subjects this week. Please speak with your child about the elective choices that they have made. If your child has changed their mind regarding the elective that they are in, they can see a member of the Year 10 team to request a change. No changes will be made to electives after June the 24th.

**Central Australia Camp**

There are still spots left in the Central Australia Camp. If you are interested in going on the camp but have not handed in your permission form, please speak with a Year 10 team member or the office staff. The camp will run from the 7th of September to the 16th of September. The Camp can be paid in instalments with the first payment due on the 29th of April. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the camp, please contact a member of the Year 10 team.

**Year 10 Study Tour to China**

A draft itinerary is available for students interested in the study tour of China. The study tour will take place from the 5th of September to the 21st of September. The cost of the tour is $2,500, which includes flights and all internal travel costs in China, accommodation, most meals, and entry to most tourist attractions that will be visited. Itineraries can be collected from the Year 10 office.

**Australian Defence Force Talk**

The Australian Defence Force came to speak to students about trade careers that are available. A range of different careers were explored. Students were able to find out information about entry requirements, pay options, travel possibilities, and training. The talk was extremely engaging with a large number of Year 10 students choosing to stay back after the talk and discuss options in greater detail.
# Calendar of Excursions / Camps

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• Do you know, love or care for someone experiencing depression?

• Did you know those who love, care for or support people with depression can experience significant stress and are themselves at greater risk of developing mental health problems?

• Would you be interested in finding out more about a program shown to be effective in supporting the partners, family members and friends of people with depression?

Partners in Depression is a FREE four (4) week group program that aims to address the information and support needs of those who live with or love someone experiencing depression.

The program covers a range of topics including:
- What is depression?
- Treatments for depression
- Suicidality and self harm
- How do you best support someone with depression?
- Communication strategies

The program is run by health professionals and provides a forum in which to receive information and ask questions about depression and your support role, with others with similar experiences.

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| 4, 11, 18, 22 October 2016 | 1pm - 4pm | TRARALGON LUCMHS 2B Washington St, Building 3, GR2 | Linda Curtis  
Susanne Lampitt |

Register your interest for either course:
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Susanne Lampitt  
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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.
**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 noble.corina.l@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Or complete the below form and return it your General Office.

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**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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Come along to the Morwell Swimming Club GET READY FOR RIO training day and meet two of Australia’s Paralympians!

Sunday 26th June 2016
Latrobe Leisure Morwell
McDonald Street Morwell VIC 3840

SESSION ONE, 2:00pm - 3:30pm
This session is for swimmers not yet enrolled in a swimming club and capable of swimming 25m freestyle and 25m backstroke unassisted. Come and learn some new skills to improve your swimming and discover more about what swimming club can offer you.

SESSION TWO, 3:00pm - 4:30pm
This session is an opportunity for current swimming club members to meet and train with swimmers from other local swimming clubs and to participate in some fun interclub activities.

COST: $10 Per Swimmer
REGISTER: https://trybooking.com/LPRA
ENQUIRIES: info@morwellswimmingclub.org.au
WEBSITE: www.morwellswimmingclub.org.au
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There is so much to enjoy for the whole family!

Come along, bring the family pick up a bargain or two, enjoy live music, jumping castle for the kids, something for everyone ...

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For more information on Market or Stall bookings contact: Bob Lowick on 0408 377 781
Email: Churchill.lion@gmail.com
Going to school every day is the single most important part of a child’s education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

**Why it’s important**

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Students develop good habits by going to school every day – habits that are necessary to succeed after school, whether in the workplace or in further study.

Missing school can have a big impact on students academically and socially. It can affect their test results, including VCE, and, just as importantly, it can affect their relationships with other students, and lead to social isolation.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

**Getting in early**

It’s never too late to improve attendance – going to school more often can lead to better outcomes. Even at Year 9, when attendance rates are lowest, going to school more often can make a big difference. Every day counts. Schools are there to help – if you’re having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address those issues.

**What we can do**

The main reasons for absence are:

**Sickness** – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they’re ill. It’s vital that they’re only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

**“Day off”** – Think twice before letting your child have a “day off” as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

**Truancy** – When students choose not to go to school without their parent’s permission. There can be many reasons for truancy, the best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

While all absences are bad for academic performance, unexcused absences are a much stronger indicator of lower reading and maths achievement.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child’s school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your year level coordinator, principal or other relevant staff member know so you can work together to get your child to school every day.

**For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:**

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 these community events.