



Kurnai College
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Churchill Newsletter

Friday 7 August 2020

KEY DATES

5 August— REMOTE LEARNING
current

10—14 August CAREERS WEEK -ONLINE YEAR 9 STUDENTS

18 September END OF TERM 3



Cleo Lazaris
Campus Principal

Message from our Campus Principal

By the time this newsletter is published all students across Victoria will be learning remotely. It is one of the necessary steps to help slow the spread of the Coronavirus and to protect the community.

I know that the current situation can cause some of our students to be anxious. Not seeing their friends face-to-face and learning from home can be difficult. I have every confidence that our school community is up to the challenge once again. We are in a great position this time as we are all a little more prepared and have the advantage of previous experience to calm any uncertainty.

Please continue to monitor Compass and our Facebook page for any current messages. If you require any support or have questions please contact our General Office staff on **51323700**. I know that this has been used a lot this year but 'We are all in this together' and I know that we can all do our bit for the greater good.

Cleo Lazaris

College Principal
Anthony Rodaughan

Campus Principal
Cleo Lazaris

School Hours: 8:25am - 2:50pm
Students are supervised from 8:10am - 3:00pm

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Message from our Principal continues.....

Just as we continue to make improvements to our Teaching and Learning program, each year we also try to improve the physical environment of our Campus. Last year we saw the refurbishment of our Science Wing with two new Science rooms and a Seminar space.

So far this year we have added a number of sheltered seating areas outside of the canteen. The structures have provided a lovely place for our students to eat their lunch and be protected from the elements.

Some of you might be familiar with the slab area in front of the Art rooms. We have begun beautifying this space with outdoor gym equipment. Our new gym equipment has been well received by staff and students and is used at recess, lunch time and after school!

In addition, we will put in a gazebo to provide sheltered seating, and along with trees and bench seats, that area will be a comfortable and pleasant place to be.



Year 7 News

Log in to Station Year 7

In addition to the parent/guardian sms and reminder sent out to students earlier this week, it is crucial that we keep communication open by phone, Compass and Teams. All students are familiar with how to keep informed and contact their teachers. All laptops, on recent observation, were functional. Speaking with the teacher online was a challenge for numerous students last Remote Learning, but video appearances are just one way of keeping in touch. Student attendance is essential at our Team live classes or check-ins, so we really do encourage students to use these reassuring learning and social opportunities.

Accelerated Learning Program (ALPs)

Just short of forty students attended our ALPS testing on Monday at 9am and 3.30pm. Offers have been made to successful students for the class of 2021, but we also congratulate all Grade 6 students who bravely did their best in an unfamiliar environment. Stephanie Barfoot and I really enjoyed meeting all Grade sixers on our visits this Term, received plenty of questions and sometimes corrected information passed on by big brothers or sisters. We are looking forward to seeing them all again in Term 4! Current ALPs students are expected to challenge themselves and like all students, have reflected on their previous experience and skills to better equip themselves for the weeks ahead.

7B and 7D Go High Tech!

As the photos reveal, 23 curious students visited Gippsland Tech School last week. This experience provided an introductory window into future jobs, our changing world, the role of technology and plenty of hands-on activities and programming. For those who were eagerly awaiting their turn, please stay motivated. Like our last remote learning 'visit' to Gippsland Tech School, there are plans to link-in again soon.



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THE YEAR 7 TEAM



Celeste Sanderco **Andrea Flake**



Russell White **Chris Gretton**



Stephanie Barfoot **Bin You**

Year 8 News

What a short start to week 4 of Term 3. All Year 8 students are to be congratulated for the way in which they all positively embraced the mandatory requirement of wearing masks to school. The wearing of masks is such an important part of trying to keep everyone safe during COVID19 and the way that the Year 8s stepped up and wore their masks is to be commended. After one day at school wearing masks we are now back to remote learning.

We all learnt so much about remote learning the first time. This time around we have taken many of the suggestions from both parents and students and tried to improve on the remote learning.

Things that will be quickly noticed by students and families are the reduction in the number of Learning Tasks that are being set for each class during the week as well as the schedule of online classes that have been set for the students.

A copy of this schedule has been placed in the Teams Form Group and a copy will be posted out to all families.

During remote learning as we do not see the students everyday it is important to make sure that if things are not going well, please contact either the classroom teacher or myself so that we can provide support sooner rather than later.

July Attendance

Congratulations to the follow students for achieving 100% attendance



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| THOMAS BOLTON | BILLY WHEATLEY | RYAN STEPHENS |
| CHRISTOPHER BOLTON | KAYDEN GRAY | RIEKA ARBON |
| HOLLY DAWSON | KAYLA SCHMIDT | FLYNN HANSON |
| ETHAN MCKINNELL | LIVI SELLENS | JARL TATTI |
| TRANG NGUYEN | ERIC BRENNAN | HARRY TOWNSEND |
| MEG RENWICK | LUKE MARCHIONNE | ERIC WANG |
| LINCOLN STURRE | BETHANY MORTLOCK | |
| ANDREW TYRELL | ARCHIE REILLY | |

Learning Behaviour Reports

Learning Behaviour Updates for 2020 were completed and made available to both parents/guardians through Compass. These reports show will be made available during the week and you will receive notification through Compass when these are available to access. The updates will give you an indication of how your child has been working in their classes over the first few weeks of Term 3. These reports give parents and guardians the opportunity to have the conversation with their child about how they are working in class time. These reports do not comment on a student's academic ability, but instead the skills that are also transferrable to the work place.



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THE YEAR 8 TEAM



Lindy Gumpold



Robin Fitzpatrick



Gabriella O'Bree



Cathy Tan



Kara Thompson



Nicole Ashton



Jen Caruana



Clifton Kline



Year 9 News

Remote learning has commenced once again, and this time, I know we are all well prepared and ready to take on the challenge. The last few weeks have seen students enjoying all the things that onsite schooling has to offer, playing basketball with friends, enjoying a snack and a chat together at recess, and collaborating with teachers and peers in the classroom to undertake great learning.

As we pivot to remote learning, its important that we all keep up these positive and enjoyable aspects of schooling even though it may look a little different. Face time a friend at recess break, call or message teachers on Teams to ask a question, take on physical activities and challenges through social media, I hear Tik-Tok dances are a great way to exercise with friends remotely. One of the things we learned here at the Year 9 Team last time we did remote learning is the importance of routine. Keeping up a regular routine is a great way to keep up with classwork and it's great for your mental health and wellbeing.

Parents on Compass

A reminder to all parents that you are able to login to compass to see tasks and work that is due for students. You can access this through the Kurnai college webpage

<https://www.kurnaicollege.vic.edu.au> You can also download and install the app on your smartphone to conveniently monitor your child's progress with learning tasks. If you require assistance with this in any way or need help with your login details please do not hesitate to contact the school on 51323700.



Communication with Students

Communication with students will primarily be done via Microsoft teams and email. Each Year 9 form group is assigned teachers from the Year 9 Team. These teachers will be the liaison for the students of that form group and will be in contact from time to time to check how things are going. This contact will be made via email, teams or phone. If the teachers themselves are unable to provide any extra support a student might require, they will be able to get them in touch with the staff member that can.

Teacher Liaisons

9A & 9D	Glen Stephenson	Glen.Stephenson@education.vic.gov.au
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9B	Rachel Dodd	Rachel.Dodd@education.vic.gov.au
9C	Chris Flake	Christopher.Flake@education.vic.gov.au
9C	Elyse Derricot	Elyse.Derricott@education.vic.gov.au

Careers Week Activities

From the 10th to 14th of August, the Year 9 Team along with Suze Benson our campus Careers Advisor plan to deliver a range of activities relating to careers. Some of these activities will still be able to be completed remotely, of significance, the Morrisby Career consultations. These provide an opportunity for all Year 9 students to receive one on one careers guidance based on the results of their assessments completed earlier in the year. These will be completed via video link up. Details will be emailed directly to students along with appointment times. For any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact Glen Stephenson.

PBS Rewards and E-gift Cards

Throughout the remote learning period, teachers will be keeping a record of student engagement and participation. To acknowledge all the hard work that will inevitably be completed over the next 6 weeks, students are reminded that **\$10 E-gift cards** will be up for grabs for those that consistently engage with and show exceptional resilience with regard to remote learning.



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THE YEAR 9 TEAM



Lisa Knowles



Dave Frendo



Corryn Evans



Rachel Dodd



Elyse Derricot



Chris Flake



Year 10 News



WELL DONE on your 2021 COURSE COUNSELLING INTERVIEWS!

One last mention of Course Counselling and a BIG HOORAH for all those students who completed their interview last week! The Year 10 Team are so proud of how students conducted themselves, but also, how well prepared they were with their pre-planning about their subject preferences! We appreciated the support from our families with only one parent/guardian attending in our efforts to maintain social distancing requirements.

If your child has had a change of mind with the subjects they nominated on the night they can contact Suze Benson (Careers Officer) via Teams chat to discuss their options.

COMMUNICATION CHANNELS for Remote Learning 2.0

Just a reminder that our main communication channel during remote learning will again be Teams (for students) and Compass (email or SMS for parents). Due to the nature of remote teaching for staff, if you need to contact any of your child's teachers please either email them directly OR contact the main office and request to speak to a teacher or Team Leader.

Year 10 team members have been allocated to the following form groups. These team members will be the main point of contact between the family and school throughout Term 3.

10A – Ian Hopkins and Jenny Horner

10B – Andy Leeson and Clancy Bennett

10C – Sandra Flake and Rebecca Lynch

10D – Mary Corponi and Jenny Horner

An allocated team member will make phone contact, if needed, to gauge your thoughts on how your child is progressing, address any concerns we have with your child engaging with the work or raise any welfare matters that have been known to surface during times of isolation.

The aim of this strategy is to maintain contact with families but not overwhelm you all with multiple calls from multiple teachers.

DEVICES AND INTERNET ISSUES

A reminder that students who are having any technical issues (with their device OR internet) are to contact the IT Department via TEAMS for advice and guidance.

LEARNING BEHAVIOUR UPDATE (AUGUST) SUPER STARS

A big shout out to our students who achieved 3.5 or more on their most recent LBU. Fantastic effort on your return to onsite learning!

TAMSYN WALKER	LOUIS MALADY	KAYLEY ANSWERTH	CADE TATTI	CLAIRE IRVING
BONNIE SYKES	BRIDIE BYRNE	LANCE TOWNSEND	JACK DADDO	THOMAS HOGHTON
JORDYN BRYCE	ALISON HEFFERNAN	LEA CHAHOUD	MIA STURRE	MADILYN BRYCE
DYLAN DUNSTALL	RILEY FRANKS	CALLUM HILL	PATRICK MCGOWN	CHARLIE GRIMES
HUNTER HOOGERWERF	MONAI PORYKALI	TILLY WAKEFIELD	HAYLEY CALDWELL	GABE HILDITCH
TILLY WAKEFIELD	VIOLET JURICEVICH	JAKE WHEATLEY	CAYILL MAWER	JAMIE WILLIS
JAZMIN PERROTT ORR	MCKENZIE ABBOTT	CLAIRE PENDLEBURY	TREY KNIGHT	CARMELA CARDILLO



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Latrobe City Council COVID Helpline

Do you have questions about what local support is available to you during COVID-19? Are you caring for someone who needs help? We can help you connect with supports and better understand what is available in our community.

Coronavirus has put additional pressure on individuals and communities and many businesses and organisations are operating differently. We want to hear how you can best be supported during this time and into the future as we work through the challenges. We want to help build a stronger resilient community.

Phone 1300 367 700 and choose option 2, or send us an email COVID19Helpline@latrobe.vic.gov.au

You can leave us a message and we can call you at a time that suits you best.



If you need an interpreter, call TIS National on 131 450 and ask for Latrobe City Council.

For specific advice on Coronavirus and Government information call the National Helpline on 1800 020 080. The line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



show us your 'happy place'! online art comp

When: 21st July to 14 th August
Use any medium to demonstrate your 'happy place'
3 age categories:
under 12,
12-18
18-25

**submit on Info@headspacemorwell.org.au • Judges include local
artists and entrepreneurs •**
Winners announced on 18th August 2020 by the Judges

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PARENTZONE GIPPSLAND

TERM 3 PROGRAMS

Storytime:

Supported Playgroup

Join us online to enjoy songs, stories and fun activities each week.

Tuesdays
10:30am – 11:30am

Wednesdays
12:30pm – 1:30pm

Throughout school term
Online via Zoom

Homework Club:

to assist your children with their homework or just have some fun reading and playing games.

Tuesdays
3:30pm – 5:00pm

Throughout school term
Online via Zoom

Breaking The Cycle

For parents and carers of adolescents who are violent or abusive in the home

Thursdays
30th July – 17th September
5:30pm – 7:30pm

Online via Zoom

Let's Talk About Parenting

Learn strategies, share stories and take some time out for you!

Program 1: Fridays 7th August – 4th September, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Program 2: Mondays 17th August – 14th September, 10:00am – 12:00noon

Program 3: Mondays 17th August – 14th September, 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Online via Zoom

Single sessions

Understanding your child's behaviour:
Wednesday 26th August, 11am – 1pm

Building self esteem & resilience:
Wednesday 2nd September, 1pm – 3pm

Bullying – helping your child: Wednesday 9th September, 12noon – 2pm

Communication: Wednesday 9th September, 10am – 12noon

Online via Zoom

For more information or to register-
please contact –
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