



**Kurnai College**  
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

## Churchill Newsletter

Tuesday 20th October 2020

### KEY DATES

11-13 Nov	YEAR 9 SURF CAMP
18 Nov	VET ORIENTATION DAY
25 Nov	YEAR 10 EXAMS (MATHS 7 ENGLISH)
26 Nov	YEAR 10 CELEBRATION LUNCH—LAKE HYLAND
27 Nov	REPORT WRITING DAY



**Cleo Lazaris**  
Campus Principal

## Message from our Campus Principal

Hello everyone, well it feels like we just returned to a 'normal' routine and already we are looking ahead to the end of year events. Traditionally each year level celebrates the end of year with their teachers and peers. Although the activities might be different to ensure they are COVID safe and within the guidelines, there will still be a chance to relax and reflect on the year that was with friends and team teachers. See messages from Year Level leaders over the coming weeks for more information.

### Upgrades

The gazebo and slab upgrade are coming along with only a few final touches before students are able to make full use of the facilities. Next on our list is a much-needed upgrade to the Food Technology rooms. Works should begin in Term 4 to bring that space into the 21st Century.

### Exams

Year 10 students will sit exams in English and Maths before heading to the senior campus for Headstart. Preparing for and sitting exams is an important life skill and I encourage all year 10 students to approach the exams with a positive attitude and seek assistance from their teachers.

### Other events

At this stage COVID 19 will prevent us from holding our normal awards ceremonies and transition programs. I will provide more information in coming newsletters as we arrange a new style program for 2020.

### Attendance

The importance of attending school is well documented. School provides a good training ground to practise the skills of learning, independence, collaboration, and cooperation. It is difficult to learn what you are not there to learn. Please encourage your child to attend school every day with the appropriate equipment and attitude to make the most of every lesson.

As always, please call the relevant team leader or myself if you have any questions.

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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**Attendance  
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# Year 7 News

## Moving towards the end of Term 4

Year 7 Students have three busy weeks ahead. Subject learning tasks are preparing all for their final assessment of skills across this topsy-turvy semester. Therefore, we remind students to use precious class time well and consider the advantage of the 'homework' word for revising and getting any **unfinished class work completed**.

## Healthy Friday Afternoons

Your child may not have mentioned this, maybe many of us wouldn't have to our parents, but a carefully composed Sexual Education program has been in place since students returned to school. Whole year level, class and small group activities, usually accompanied with tried and tested videos, have provided opportunities for participation in discussion or listening time. Students have behaved respectfully throughout these sessions.



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## THE YEAR 7 TEAM



**Russell White**



**Andrea Flake**



**Steph Barfoot**



**Chris Gretton**



**Bin You**

## Feels good to be back

Students have formed strong friendship groups upon returning to school, the playground is always an active place, the occasional student outshines older year levels on the new exercise equipment, Physical Education classes have students up and about. The breakfast menu is available from time-to-time care of the Advocate team (and others) and there's always library activities such as super-size chess, board games, computer use and reading.



# Year 8 News

Students have been adapting to the new normal with COVID19 and the wearing of masks. All students are to be congratulated for the manner in which they are wearing their masks and complying with the requirements around the masks. The October Learning Behaviour Updates were made available through Compass. Please take the time to have the conversation with your child about how they are progressing with their learning behaviours.



## All-Star Award

Congratulations to the following students who achieved 3.5 or higher in their October Learning Behaviour report. The All-Star Award is to acknowledge the effort and diligence that the students are showing in their classes.



Emily Birney Thomas Bolton Christopher Bolton Gabrielle Bonnici Holly Dawson Jorja Hart Lola Hill Ethan McKinnell	Trang Nguyen Tahlia Runge Lincoln Sturre Andrew Tyrrell Billy Wheatley Matthew Dunstall Kayden Gray Dylan Hobbs	Kayla Schmidt Antony Lock Gabrielle Marks Luke Marchionne Bethany Mortlock Flynn Hanson Lachlan O'Connor Robert Steele Harry Townsend
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### THE YEAR 8 TEAM

Lindy Gumpold	Robin Fitzpatrick
Gabriella O'Bree	Cathy Tan
Kara Thompson	Nicole Ashton



## October Attendance

Congratulations to the follow students for achieving 100% attendance.

Christopher Bolton	Kayla Schmidt	Sam Auger
Thomas Bolton	Zoe Long	Flynn Hanson
Jorja Hart	Luke Marchionne	Riley Lawrence
Ethan McKinnell	Gabrielle Marks	Kiara Pulis
Lincoln Sturre	Archie Reilly	Harry Townsend
Andy Tyrrell	Keven Alkhoury	
Kayden Gray	Rieka Arbon	

## Year 9 Electives 2021

Students and parents are reminded that Year 9 Electives will need to be submitted by the end of Week 7, which ends on **Friday 20th November**.

## 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 make sure that your child has the necessary equipment for their classes. Students are reminded that they are not to bring bags to class. A reminder that students are expected to have a laptop and that students need to bring their laptop to all classes.

**Tech School Excursion** On the 4th & 5th of November students from the Year 8 classes participated in an excursion to the Gippsland Tech School. The students spent the day investigating rocks through a range of activities – making rock types with chocolate and heat; using drones to measure the width of trees and developing landforms using Minecraft.



# Year 9 News

**Global Youth Advocacy Forums** On Tuesday 27th October a group of lucky participants had the opportunity to interact with students from other countries to share their perspectives and experiences of education and culture. The feedback from students was very positive, the technology worked, and all students engaged in some great activities in the comfort of the classroom as Satoshi Sanada from the Asia education foundation did an outstanding job of facilitating the session remotely via Zoom.

## Tech School Science Excursions

On the Tuesday and Wednesday 27th & 28th October Year 9s travelled to the Tech school to complete a series of science activities relating to this term's topic of Physics. The activities saw them engaging in circuit building, Computer Aided Design (CAD) and design thinking. This was a great opportunity for these students to enrich the learning they have been undertaking back at school and it was really great to see students working so productively together at the end of the day to produce their amazing ideas in the design thinking challenges.



## School Bags and Lockers

A reminder to all students and families that school bags are not permitted to be carried around the school yard and to classes during the school day. All students have been provided with a locker or space to keep their belongings through out the day and these should be used along with the combination lock provided.

## Peer Support Summit Camp

The Kurnai College Peer Support students attended a team building event at the Summit this week. The students are building their skills in order to best support the new Year 7 students in 2021. Their aim was to build stronger relationships, gain some independence, as well as conquer some fears. Students attempted activities and stunts which were not only physically but also mentally challenging, and encouraged each other to have a go at everything and push themselves to their best.



Students reported feeling daunted by the tasks ahead of them, especially the Leap of Faith which involves a jump across thin air to hang far far above the ground from a bar. But with the support from the rest of the group, they pushed through their barriers and surprised themselves with their courage.

"I have connected with many more kids who I didn't really know that well before. I feel like I grew into a better person in a way." **Leah Hughes**

"It was great to hear encouragement from the other students." **Gemma Whykes**

"This experience will help us to help the younger kids coming through Kurnai." **Oakleigh Riley**

"Yeah, it will help us to help them because we met our fears and now we know what it might be like to come to a new school and be in a new experience" **Jenna McLauchlan**



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## THE YEAR 9 TEAM



**Lisa Knowles**



**Dave Frendo**



**Corryn Evans**



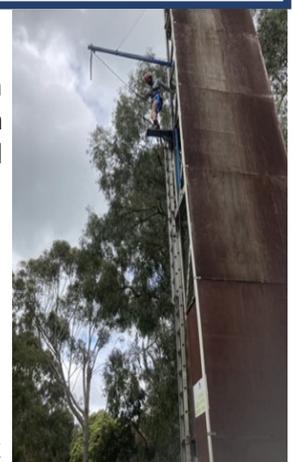
**Rachel Dodd**



**Elyse Derricot**



**Chris Flake**



## Year 10 News



There are only THREE weeks left for our students here at the junior campus before they transition to the senior campus or to other adventures!



Again, I need to remind parents and students that the expectations on our Year 10 students have not eased, especially when we have many more things to remember and model to the younger students:

- \* wear masks correctly and socially distancing where possible
- \* wear the correct uniform
- \* behave and speak respectfully to each other and their teachers and
- \* leave their mobile devices in their lockers between 8.25am and 2.45pm.

Many students are keeping their mobile phones in their pockets and using them throughout the day which is against the departments mobile phone policy for all Victorian Government Schools.

At times this makes it very difficult for staff who are required to confiscate the device and hand it to the front office whereby parents are contacted and asked to collect the device.



### Important Dates to remember for Term 4!

Week 8 – Year 10 Exams (Maths and English) - **Wednesday 25th November** commencing at 8.30am. This day is dedicated to the Year 10 exams. ALL Year 10 students are required to complete their exams.

There are NO formal Year 10 classes on this day and students who have written permission will be able to leave school once their exams are completed and lockers cleared. Supervision will be available for students who are bus travellers.

For students who do not complete their exam on Wednesday will be required to attend school on Thursday (from 8.30am to 11am) to complete this task.

### Week 8 –Year 10 Celebration Lunch (The Last Lunch) - Thursday 26th November

Between 12pm – 2pm at Lake Hyland. An excursion note is available on Compass. Lunch will be supplied with students making a choice from a limited range of options as part of their excursion form.

We are not able to run a Year 10 Formal this year due to government restrictions and directive on this matter.

### Week 9 and Week 10

Students commence Headstart at senior campus. From this point onwards students are now part of the senior campus cohort and commence their fulltime VCE or VCAL studies.



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### THE YEAR 10 TEAM



**Clancy Bennett**



**Mary Corponi**



**Sandra Flake**



**Ian Hopkins**



**Andy Leeson**



**Rebecca Lynch**



Our dedicated music students have been working hard all year in preparation for the 'rockfest' music competition. Students have been busy filming and recording various pieces for the event. We wish our students the best of the luck for the competition.

Students involved in the ensembles:

**Kurnai Latina:** Patrick Mc Gown, Lucas Hobbs, Callum Hill, Dylan Dunstall, Cade Tatti, Amy Mc Cord, Bridie Byrne, Bonnie Sykes, Gia Alkhoury, Zoe Juricevich, Ashy Hamilton, Ruby Jellis Turner.

**The Fellowships of the strings:**

Patrick Mc Gown, Lucas Hobbs, Callum Hill, Dylan Dunstall, Bridie Byrne, Bonnie Sykes, Madilyn Bryce, Cayill Mawer.

**PLCD Limited:**

Patrick Mc Gown, Lucas Hobbs, Callum Hill, Dylan Dunstall



Suze Benson  
Careers Advisor  
Churchill



Alan Ferris  
Careers Advisor  
Morwell

“Your future  
depends on  
what you do  
today.”

~ Mahatma Gandhi ~

### **ARE YOU 15YRS OR OVER & LOOKING FOR CASUAL WORK?**

Make an appointment with your Careers Advisors: Suze Benson (Churchill) or Alan Ferris (Morwell) for assistance with your job application.

### **ONLINE CAREER INFORMATION EVENTS PLACES ARE LIMITED SO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TODAY!**

#### **APPRENTICESHIP/TRAINEESHIP INFORMATION SESSION**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

**Between 5pm – 6pm**

Industry Specialists will be presenting as part of an online webinar  
Presenters Include:

**AGA (Apprenticeship Group Australia) - Master Builders Association of Vic - Opal Paper - AGL Loy Yang - Australian Defence Force**

Parents/Students can register via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/apprenticeship-traineeship-information-session-tickets-119960602391>

#### **INSPIRING YOUNG PEOPLE IN HEALTH CAREERS WEBINARS**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020 & Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

**Between 5pm – 6pm**

***First In First Served – So register ASAP!***

These webinars provides Years 10-12 students the opportunity to hear from and interact with those working or studying in healthcare. Presentations will be given from Health professionals in the following areas:

**Podiatrist - Paramedic - Speech Pathologist - Occupational Therapist - Medical Practitioner - Palliative Care Nurse - Clinical Nurse Educator**

5<sup>th</sup> November - Parents/Students can register via Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/inspiring-young-people-in-health-careers-webinar-1-5-nov-tickets-124512338757>

11<sup>th</sup> November - Parents/Students can register via Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/inspiring-young-people-in-health-careers-webinar-2-11-nov-tickets-124645884195>

#### **YR 10 NOTICE: 2021 VET Orientation**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

All Year 10 students enrolled in a VET course will be required to attend the VET Orientation day. It is still being determined if this will be face to face or online. Details will be provided closer to the date.

#### **YR 9 / 10 NOTICE: Online workshop to HELP students find their path**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Free Online Coaching to examine your passions and uncover what real-world careers align with you. Places are limited to 15 per school

***(First In First Served – So register your interest with your Careers Advisor ASAP!)***

## PARENT OPINION SURVEY

### WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. Each year the school conducts an opinion survey amongst a sample of the school community. This year all parents are invited to participate.

The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Information on how to complete the survey has been posted on Compass. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from Monday 20th October to Friday 13th November 2020. All responses to the survey are anonymous.



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- Register on the Sustainable School Shop website  
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- A subscription to this service has been kindly provided by Kurnai College

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- Our unique Ad Matching Service shows you who to transact with, and will save you lots of time
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- Telephoning sellers provides a quicker response as many people do not regularly check their emails
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- Respect other browsers and remember to Delist your Ads promptly when no longer needed
- Meet somewhere convenient to transact, don't make special trips and just fit it in to your normal activities



## “Season is Open”

**First Meet - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 9:00am**

Harold Preston Reserve, Davidson Street, Traralgon

**Little Athletics is a fun sport for everyone.** You get to run, jump, hurdle and throw and the focus is on being your best.

**Come and have a go** at some of the different events, have a chat to athletes and committee members and find out more about our club.

All new members between the ages of 5 to 15 are welcome to **register online** for a two-week trial at no cost.  
*(TLAC requires all new athletes to provide Proof of Age at registration)*

To Register go to [lavic.com.au](http://lavic.com.au)



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**DON'T HAVE A CARD? APPLY IN-STORE OR ONLINE & START ENJOYING THE BENEFITS.**

\*Offer ends midnight (AEST) 13/11/2020. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount. Excludes gift cards, all suit packages & Schoolwear layby's. Cannot be combined with any other offer or discount. Floor stock only. Styles and colours may vary from store to store. No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing 5% discount. Savings off original prices.

**LATROBE VALLEY****'ALL-ABILITY' CRICKET, TERM 4, 2020****WE ARE BACK!**

'All-ability' sports are about fun and participation for EVERYONE! The local All-ability groups are parent-run and driven, so cater directly to the needs of kids with additional needs in the local area. During the sessions a variety of games and activities are played to learn and develop new skills, activities are modified so that everyone can 'have a go!' Participants can also benefit socially by making new friends and feeling part of a team.

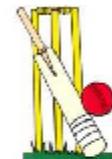
**All school aged children with additional needs are invited to join us for 'ALL Ability' Cricket, the sessions will run weekly during Term 4, 2020.**



*Sessions will be held at*

*Traralgon West Cricket Club 'West-end' – Jack Canavan Oval, Douglas Parade, Traralgon on*

**TUESDAYS from 5pm – 5.45pm, starting October 13<sup>th</sup>, then every Tuesday till end of Term 4 (except Melbourne Cup Public holiday)**



**A parent/carer must attend and be willing to participate with the child.**

*Cost is \$20 for the Term – siblings welcome to join in too!  
Registration needs to be completed on the first night with the \$20 payment please.*

**NEW COVID RULES: (Parents/Carers, please note!)**

- Key principle for being Covid-safe is 'Get in, Play (have fun), Get out!'
- Participants to arrive no earlier than 5 minutes before start time (if you are earlier, please wait in your car until 4.55pm)
- Participants to hand sanitize on arrival and place named drink bottle (everyone must have their own water bottle) on the sign in table.
- ALL adults present are to sign in for every session
- 1.5m physical distancing to be adhered to at all times.
- If children have their own bats please bring along. All equipment used will be disinfected after each session.
- Session goes till 5.45pm, with time for admin/pack up, all out by 6pm

*For more information or questions phone Sam (coach) 0414516295 or Louise Varsaci 0414540296 or find us on Facebook - All-ability Sports, Latrobe Valley*

Message from our Principal continues.....

