Kurnai College
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Morwell Newsletter

Friday 22nd May, 2020

KEY DATES

25 May	STUDENT FREE DAY - NO CLASSES
26 May	YEAR 10 STUDENTS DOING A VCE SUBJECT TO ATTEND THEIR VCE CLASS
8 Jun	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
9 Jun	RETURN TO ON-SITE LEARNING
26 Jun	END OF TERM 2
13 Jul	TERM 3 BEGINS

Michelle Reid
Campus Principal

Message from our Campus Principal

CARE AND SUPERVISION PROGRAM

Just a reminder to parents and carers that until the official return to onsite learning on Tuesday 9th June (Years 7 – 10), students who CAN learn from home MUST learn from home. If your circumstances have changed, ie parent or carer has returned to work, families can apply for their child to be supervised at school. Please contact the general office for a form or check on Compass.

RETURN TO SCHOOL PROCESSES

As we know more, we will endeavour to keep parents and carers as informed as possible.

Meanwhile, we ask that adults continue to socially distance themselves. Please do not congregate outside the school when dropping off or picking up your students. Unless absolutely essential, do not come onto school grounds for any purpose. If you must come into the school, please respect others' personal space, and limit numbers in the foyer.

YEAR 10 VCE STUDENTS

All Morwell Campus students studying a VCE unit must return to their onsite classes for VCE ONLY.

Buses will run from the front of the campus on Monday and Thursday afternoons at approximately 1:00pm. Students will need to be checked onto the bus in the usual way. Students will then return to Morwell on their normal Town Bus.

On Friday mornings, students need to catch the usual Town Bus out to Churchill. They will then return to the front of Morwell Campus on the school-provided bus as normal.

Please note that these students MUST NOT enter the Morwell Campus school grounds unless it is to access the bike shed.

College Principal
Anthony Rodaughan

Campus Principal
Michelle Reid—Metcalf

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

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Attendance Hotline

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Message from our Principal continues.....

REMOTE LEARNING

Parents, carers and students are reminded that although we have a return to school date, off site learning will continue through until then. An abridged version of the regular Learning Behaviour Updates will be published this week, and Semester reports will be completed as usual.

The work that is being completed during this time "counts", and will be taken into consideration in the future, such as for program and course selection.

PBS POSTCARDS

We have continued to send out Pillars postcards for students who have demonstrated persistent engagement, relationships (a little difficult in these circumstances), work ethic, and excellence.

We have also introduced a temporary postcard for students who are completing work thoroughly and in a timely way. Teachers are reporting to me which students are doing this in their classes, and if this is happening in all classes, a post card is sent.

Students who have received these special postcards so far are:

Sebastian D
Sierra A
Sarah W
Shakayla D
Chukiat M
Tamsyn M
Sebastian P
Kerwin V
Ashleigh A
Jada F
Jesse F
Kade H
Jacob M
Maddison P
Jazmine T
Elizabeth S
Kade H
Joel G
Milla R
Kaitlyn C
Jada F (again)
Jacob M (again)
Jazmine T
Angel J
Noel M
Allira S
Kai S
Allira S (again)
Emily S

Year 7 & 8 News

Daniel Swallow
Assistant Principal - Junior Subschool
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YEAR 7 & 8

Some of our students are doing a spectacular job of engaging with their learning at Year 7 and 8. We know this is hard, particularly because it relies on so much independence in time management, but keep it up! This is a good time to remind students (and parents) that your teachers are here (at home) to answer all your questions. Message them or call them on Teams, email them, attend any class check ins that have been scheduled, and if you have trouble getting on to someone and have given a reasonable time for them to respond, you can call Mr Swallow, Mr Kimpton or Mr Johnson to help you follow up.

Ross Johnson
Year 7/8 Assistant Team Leader
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RETURN TO SCHOOL

Our return to the classroom is looming (following the Queen's Birthday long weekend) and we're excited to have our students returning to face-to-face instruction. This will be a tough transition though, with many students having been comfortable with being at home and potentially anxious about being out in the world. Life at school will have changed as well. We are currently working on the processes that might need to be put in place to support health and hygiene. Please take the time to talk with your children about how they might need to adapt in their return.

Ben Kimpton
Year 7 /8 Assistant Team Leader
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CAMPS

As previously mentioned, Year 7 Camp has been cancelled and refunds allocated to family accounts for any payments already made. At this stage, we will endeavour to put together an overnight activity of some description in Term 4 for Year 7 students, depending on what restrictions and permissions we have at the time. We are currently planning for the Year 8 camp early in Term 4 to go ahead, and will notify you if there are any changes to this.

Year 9 News

Kellie Asmussen
Year 9 Team Leader
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AROUND THE SCREENS...

We return to the Humanities classroom this week where students have been resourceful around the house and yard while trying to build their own biome. Lachlan Roberts made a Chaparral biome. Complete with Lego figures, it represents both the dry and sometimes wet climate well.

TECH SCHOOL VIRTUAL VISIT

All Year 9 students were invited to participate in an online tutorial delivered by the Gippsland Tech School recently. The session, 'Geography Rocks', helped students to understand how people interact with the landscape and how maps can be wrong when it comes to representing a countries correct size – did you know that Iceland is around the same size as Indonesia?

LEARNING BEHAVIOUR REPORTS

It has been over 5 weeks, which means that you will shortly be receiving your child's Learning Behaviour Report. These are a little different considering the alternate learning setting but still give you a good idea of how your child is going and how they are likely to reengage with the learning when they return to school.

VIRTUAL CAREERS EXPO

If you follow our Facebook page you would have read about the Virtual Careers Expo. Year 9 Students would normally travel to Lardner Park to see all the different career options available to them. Considering many are turning 15, the age where they are eligible to seek out TAFE courses and other career-based opportunities, it is a good time to go through the information that is available with your child. Write down any questions you may have and both myself and our careers team will happily help you out..

RETURNING TO SCHOOL

We are finally preparing for our return to school. Be aware that this transition back is going to be an exciting time for all, but it may also be difficult. Many of our routines have changed, particularly our sleeping habits. Encourage your child to gradually wake up earlier each day so they are more able to cope with returning to school. Begin to branch out and get accustomed to seeing people again if this has not been occurring. This may avoid any transition shock that may occur from everything happening all at once.

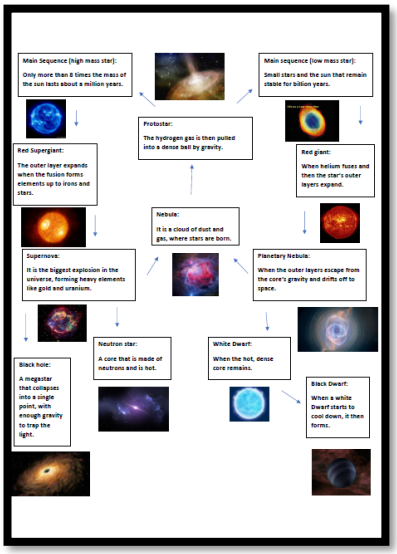
Year 10 News

We have survived five weeks of remote learning on-line. Thank you so much to all the students and parents who have taken up working on-line on Compass and on Microsoft Teams. Please try to read your e-mails as soon as possible. as teachers are contacting students and parents on a regular basis to keep them informed. Also, please have all students check the calendar in Teams to check for teacher meetings as some teachers are running some classes in these meeting times when the students would normally have that class on their timetable.

Thank you so much to all the parents for their support over the past weeks. A few more students have picked up dongles and sim cards from school and are now engaged in their learning. At this stage, we have two weeks to go as students return on Tuesday 9th June.

All teachers have completed five-week progress reports (modified GPA reports) and these will be available for viewing this Friday 22nd May.

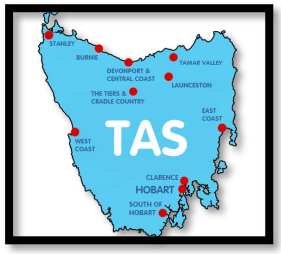
There have been a lot of fabulous tasks completed by our Year 10 students. An example of one of the tasks is The Life Cycle of a Star poster. Below is a poster from Emmersyn Smith. Great work!!



Here is a photo of Adam cooking up a storm as part of his Food Tech subject.

TASMANIA CAMP (7 – 11 September 2020)

This year our Year 10 students will have the opportunity to go to Tasmania in the second last week of Term 3. Please get your deposits into the general office to secure your place on camp. The trip includes travelling over by plane and coming back on the Spirit of Tasmania. We hope this will still go ahead!



REMINDERS

- Students will require a device and access to the Internet (please contact us if you need some support).
- Students need to be on-line at 8:35 am please.

CONTACT DETAILS

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Year 10 students please don't hesitate to e-mail us or phone on 51650600

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ATTENDANCE

With running school on-line, attendance will be covered by the engagement of the students in their on-line class-work i.e. having Learning Tasks completed and up-loaded for teachers to check their progress and engagement.

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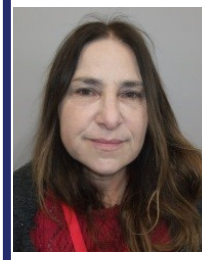
THE YEAR 10 TEAM

Froso Pizzi

Emma Hudson



Angela Thomas

Megan Schwarzenberg

Michelle Reid-Metcalf

CSEF

Due to COVID-19, you may now be eligible for Camps Sports Excursion Fund (CSEF). To be eligible you must be one of the following:

1. a parent/carer (of the relevant student) who is:

- on the first day of term one or the first day of term two an eligible beneficiary of either a Centrelink Health Care Card or a Pensioner Concession Card; or
- an eligible beneficiary of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card; or

2. a temporary foster carer; or

3. the parent/carer of a student who is 16 years or older and who holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card or Disability Support Pension Card).

The parent/carer must submit an application to the school prior to the end of Term 2.

Provided the above conditions are satisfied, the amount payable is:

- $225 for secondary school students.

If you have already applied for this earlier, you do not need to do anything as you have already received your CSEF; however for those that may now be eligible please contact the school to get your application form in or use the link below before the end of Term 2.

https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/health/CSEF-Application-Form-2020.pdf

Living WELL LATROBE

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.