



Kurnai College
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Churchill Newsletter

Friday 19 February 2021

KEY DATES

23/24 Feb	YEAR 8 TECH SCHOOL EXCURSIONS
25 Feb	CHURCHILL CAMPUS MEET & GREET BBQ 5.00 PM
2 March	COLLEGE ATHLETICS
4 March	WELLINGTON SWIMMING
10-12 March	YEAR 9 SURF CAMP
16 March	IMMUNISATIONS YEAR 7 & 10



Cleo Lazaris
Campus Principal

Message from our Campus Principal

College Swimming Sports

It was a fantastic day at the pool last week. The weather was perfect for students to compete in both formal and fun events. As usual the sports were a huge success due to the great organisation by our Sports Coordinator, Rachel Dodd and to all staff for their supervision and encouragement. Students from across the college were able to spend a relaxing day participating in the various events or just catching up with their friends. Congratulations to Forsyth (Blue House), who once again were the overall winners. On a personal level, it was great for Siddle to move up a spot from the bottom of the ladder! Well done to all staff and students for making the day a successful one.

Learning Behaviour Updates

Kurnai College provides regular updates for students and their families to indicate how well students are displaying the important learning behaviours. Whilst the reports are not based on academic achievement, they do assess a student's disposition to learning and whether they have demonstrated the behaviours necessary to achieve growth and to be successful in the 21st Century. The first update for 2021 will be published on **Friday 26th February** on Compass.

If you are new to our college or if you have misplaced your log-in details, please contact our office on 5132 3700 for assistance. A printed copy of the learning behaviour update can also be provided by the office for families who are unable to access Compass.

Mobile Phones

A reminder that there is a Ministerial Order banning mobile phones at school. Students can have their phones on the way to school and then again as they leave the school grounds at the end of the day. During the day they are to be locked away in the student's locker or in the locker provided at each Year Level office.

If students use their phones during the day, they will be handed in to the General Office and families will be contacted to collect them at their earliest convenience.

College Principal
Anthony Rodaughan

Campus Principal
Cleo Lazaris

School Hours: 8:25am - 2:50pm

Churchill Campus

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**Attendance
Hotline**

5132 3711

Year 7 News

Year 7 Activities Welcome

The Year 7 Team have been really pleased to have time for a cheer and chat with the 80 Year 7 students who attended the Swimming Sports last week. Days like this and the approaching Athletics Sports are part of our welcome to Kurnai. A day later we were part of the state-wide lockdown. A small number of students contacted us through Teams and emails for passwords, further task explanation and reassurance. We encourage students to continue contacting teachers about school concerns, questions and learning online or in person now that we're back at school.

Welcome BBQ 25th February 2021

The Churchill Campus BBQ attracted many parents last year who took the opportunity to meet us and enjoy the social, comfortable atmosphere. This Year parents/guardians and students will move off to another space to discuss how Kurnai Churchill works to be the right place for your child's learning, respond to frequently asked questions and chat about your child's experiences so far.

Speaking up

Students have been encouraged several times to deal with anything that confuses or worries them. They have many options, but students often choose silence. Teachers and Year 10 mentors are constantly roaming around. A knock on the Year 7 office door can be followed by a quiet space and conversation and the advocates space is near the drama room. Our online Teams channel only takes a student or parent to type into Chat the teacher's name and we'll receive a message, just like email. I've insisted to students that we need to help each other. It is never OK for a student to go home at the end of the day feeling like someone is getting in the way of their happiness and learning.

Students leading students

Numerous students have been nominated to lead the year level by representing the feelings and opinions of others. We will look forward to announcing the successful students after presentations and voting has occurred.

Some important reminders:

1. Laptops need to be charged every night.
2. Students need to arrive at lockers, think, collect equipment and quickly move off to class.
3. The first few minutes of every class is listening time.
4. Diaries begin **Monday 22nd February**. Students and parents are welcome to make suggestions about how we can all have a role in their use.

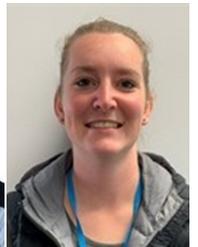


Darren Campbell
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THE YEAR 7 TEAM



Russell White



Rachel Dodd



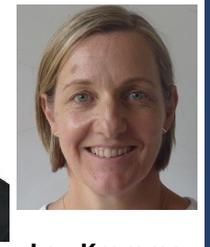
Steph Barfoot



Chris Gretton



Clancy Bennett



Lou Kramme

Year 8 News

This week the teachers have been writing the February Learning Behaviour Progress reports which will be available, electronically, to parents shortly.

A reminder to parents and guardians that if your child is not able to wear the correct school uniform that a note is required to explain why the uniform is not being worn. Students who are out of uniform, even with a note, will be required to change into school uniform at the start of the school day. If you require assistance with uniform, please contact a member of the Year 8 team.

Student Absences

A big thank you too all parents and guardians who are continuing to help us to keep track of student attendance. Please continue to make sure that you do let the school know, by contacting the school prior to 9am where possible if it is expected that your child will be away from school. You may leave a voice message on the absence voice mail, which can be accessed 24 hours a day.

[Absence phone number - Churchill - 5132 3711](tel:51323711)

Swimming Sports

It was great to see that 63 Year 8 students participated in the annual swimming sports held at the Moe Pool. This participation ranged from swimming, diving, novelty events and students dressing in house colours and actively supporting their house. Congratulations to Freeman House (Blue) for winning the swimming. Congratulations to **Sidney Townsend** for winning the Year 8 swimming medallion.



Student Laptops

A reminder that students are expected to have a laptop and that students need to bring their laptop, and charger if required, to all classes. Staff in the Year 8 team will be working to determine which students have their own laptop. If parents and guardians could support the school by checking that their child is taking their laptop to school that would assist with trying to develop good organisational habits.

Year 8 Camp

The Year 8 Camp to Karoonda Park, Gelantipy, is taking place from Monday **17th May** to Friday **21st May**. The camp will provide students with the opportunity to develop leadership skills, build new friendships, challenge themselves in numerous situations, see their peers in a different light and step outside their comfort zone. Permission forms will be shortly handed out to students. If you have any questions about this camp, please contact the school and speak to Robin Fitzpatrick.

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Camp, Sport and Excursion Fund provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like:

- school camps or trips
- swimming and school-organised sport programs
- outdoor education programs
- excursions and incursions

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. Payments are: \$225 per year for eligible secondary school students. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student. Most payments start from March onwards. Applications can be received over term one and two. If you would like to know more, please contact the General Office



Lindy Gumpold
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THE YEAR 8 TEAM



Year 9 News

Welcome again to the Year 9 news. I hope you are all doing well after Victoria's snap lock down. I would like to thank families for their support with student learning through this isolation 3.0 and to commend those students who made every effort to minimize the impact of this disruption on their learning. It was great to see kids adapting to online work at such short notice and still getting work completed in spite of the challenges.



The annual swimming sports carnival was held on the 11th February. A great day was had by all with warm weather, music, fun activities and some friendly competition for good measure. Well done to Year 9 students for their behavior on the day and the great way they supported and encouraged their peers.

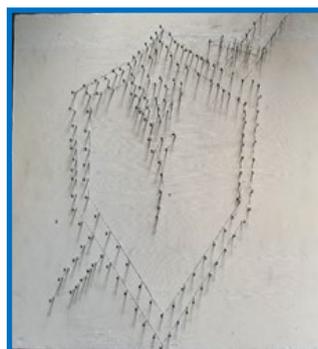
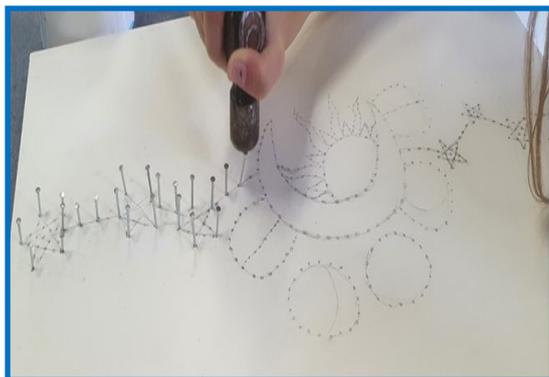
Athletics Day

The Annual athletics carnival is coming up on the **2nd March**. A friendly reminder to all parents and guardians to log on to compass and tick the online consent form if they wish their child to attend. The athletics day provides another great opportunity for students and staff to bond and build positive connections, not to mention all the fun and great atmosphere. Don't forget to dress in house colours, go team Yellow.



Around The Classrooms In each edition of the Year 9 news, a Year 9 team member will share some of what has been happening around the classrooms lately. This week, Year 9 students have been hard at work in Art Project designing and creating awesome string art. String art has many steps and uses critical thinking and spatial awareness to create.

Students this year have produced some amazing work using only nails and coloured wool. Students have created some very complex designs, thinking carefully about layout and how to make curved edges with nail placement.



Glen Stephenson
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THE YEAR 9 TEAM



Erin Gruis



Dave Frendo



Corryn Evans



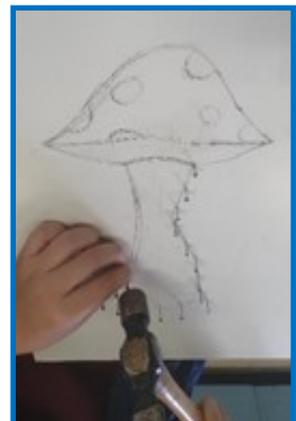
Paris Ladas



Elyse Derricot



Chris Flake



Year 10 News

Our Year 10 Leaders

Last year the Year 10s voted for their student leaders and I would like to congratulate our 2021 school captains – **Blake Billing** and **Lizzy Cassar**; and our vice captains - **Charlotte Bourke** and **Jaz Sanders**!

Throughout the year our leaders will represent the school at special events including Anzac Day and College Awards ceremony as well as be the voice of their cohort as representatives on the Student Representative Council (SRC). I also want to acknowledge **Travis Colston** and **Hayden Dent** who have taken the opportunity to be active members on the SRC throughout 2021. All our leaders are already demonstrating that they led by example (see attendance and Swimming Carnival write ups below).



Jenny Horner
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ATTENDANCE continues to be a strong focus at Kurnai and in the first three weeks the following students have been at school and in their classes **100%** of the time! Well done **Blake Billing, Charlotte Bourke, Travis Colson, Beth Daddo, Drew Ewald, Natty Foster, Alex Gore, Bailey Jones, Katie Mansfield, Trang Nguyen, Zoe Nickson, Jaz Sanders, MJ Steadman-McCarthy, Joel Tactor, Chloe Toull, Gemma Whykes, Shanae Brown, Tyra Abbott, Ethan Dale, Hayden Dent, Leah Hughes, Zoey Lenser, Darnell Hudson, John Murray, Lochlann Simpson, Janae Kemp** and **Owen Towers**.

THE YEAR 10 TEAM



Ali Khaki



Mary Corponi



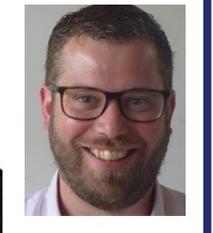
Sandra Flake



Ian Hopkins



Andy Leeson



Harry Owens



Swimming Carnival On what was the most perfect day for a swimming carnival, our Year 10 students participated in numerous events throughout the day. As a cohort, our Year 10s did an extremely good job of participating and dressing up as well as encouraging younger students to have a go in various events. A special mention to **Jenna McLaughlan** and **Travis Colson** who took out the year level medals! Congratulations to Forsyth for winning the day with the most points and a great effort by **Gemma Whykes** and **Lleyton Hecker** for being the Forsyth house team captains and getting students across every year level to participate all day long.



Suze Benson
Careers Advisor



CHURCHILL CAMPUS

“Your future
depends on
what you do
today.”

~ Mahatma Gandhi ~

CHURCHILL CAMPUS STUDENT CAREER DEVELOPMENT NEWS

YEAR 10

WORK EXPERIENCE (TERM 2)

Yr10 students should now be contacting business owners/managers within an industry of choice, asking if they are able to undertake a week of Work Experience with this employer. The allocated dates for the Churchill Campus are:

Week 1: Monday 10th May 2021 to Friday 14th May 2021

Week 2: Monday 17th May 2021 to Friday 21st May 2021

We encourage that students explore two different workplaces (one for each week) to gain the most from industry exposure. This will help develop career understanding and identify potential pathway/s beyond school.

COURSE COUNSELLING (TERM 2 – MAY / JUNE 2021)

Date of CC To be Confirmed

Very soon, students are required to decide what learning pathway they will undertake moving into Year 11 (will you do - VCAL/VET? VCE? or VCE/VET?). Suze (Careers Advisor) is arranging one on one interviews with the Year 10 cohort to aid students in making informed decisions. Students will be notified on teams of their appointment time, and this will appear on their timetable.

ADDITIONAL

PRIORITY - STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE:

Safe @ Work Certificates (General and Industry Specific)

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/students/beyond/pages/generalmodule.aspx>

PLEASE Use Capital Letters for First and Last Name

School: Kurnai College

Students will not be allowed to go out on Work Experience if they have not completed the Safe@Work Assessments.

PRIORITY - STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE:

Unique Student Identifier (USI) Application (all you need is a Medicare Card) <https://www.usi.gov.au/students/get-a-usi>

Please enter your name exactly as it appears on your card.

Extra Curricula Training Opportunities (example: Construction Induction Card or First Aid) cannot be accessed by any student and VET Applications for Year 11 will not be accepted if Students have not obtained a USI. For more information, refer to Year 10 (2021) channel on teams or contact Suze Benson.



CHURCHILL CAMPUS

MEET & GREET BBQ

New Date

**Thursday 25th February
5.00pm
Language Centre**

WORK ETHIC

We are committed to working hard

ENGAGEMENT

We actively participate in our own learning

RELATIONSHIPS

We value and respect each other

EXCELLENCE

We do the best that we can

We will be providing a FREE informal BBQ for you and your family to meet and talk with many of your child's teachers.

This is a great opportunity to ask any specific questions about classes your child has, put names to faces, and share with your child about their experiences of secondary schooling.

All students are encouraged to attend with their families - old and new!

Cleo Lazaris - Churchill Campus Principal

ANY QUESTIONS CALL US ON
51 323 700



<https://kurnai.co/>



www.facebook.com/kurnaicollege



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested **concession card**, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amount this year is \$225 for eligible secondary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

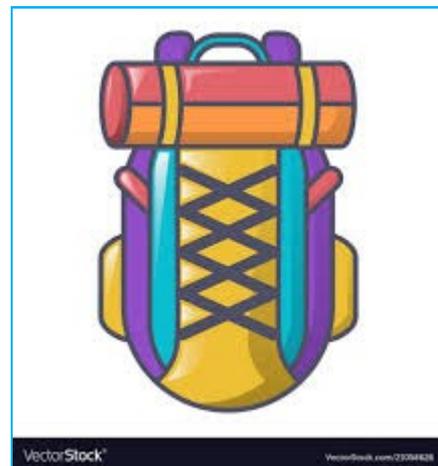
If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances **or you have enrolled a new student to the school.**

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 5165 0700 and ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

Applications close **18/6/2021**.



Music Expression of Interest Form

The following instruments can be taught at Kurnai College:



Woodwind

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Bass Clarinet
- Saxophone



Voice



Brass

- Trumpet/Cornet
- French Horn
- Tenor Horn
- Baritone
- Trombone
- Euphonium
- Tuba



Percussion

Drum Kit, Congas, Glockenspiel, Xylophone, Vibraphone, Timpani.



Strings

- Guitar
- Bass Guitar



Keyboards

Electric Keyboard / Piano

All of the above musical instruments can be hired from the school if the student does not already have an instrument. Students wanting to learn Percussion need to have their own drum sticks. Percussion, Guitar and Keyboard are not hired.

Contact the Music Director if you have any inquiries.

Please fill in and return bottom slip to Kurnai College

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Date: _____ - _____ Campus Attending: - _____

Student's Name: _____ Year Level: - _____

Instrument wanting to learn: 1. _____ - 2. _____ 3. _____

Parents/Guardians Names: _____

Home Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Phone No: _____ Phone No: _____

Email: -- _____

Have you learnt a musical instrument before? _____ If so, what was it? _____

Do you have your own instrument? _____ If so, which instrument? _____

GAME ON!

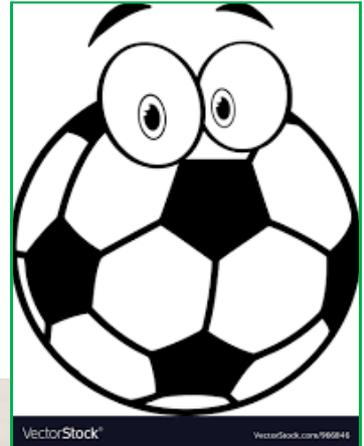
MIRBOO NORTH AUTUMN BASKETBALL SEASON

Monday- U12 Girls, U14 Girls &
U14 Boys
Tuesday- U10 Mixed & U12 Boys
Wednesday U16 Girls
Thursday U16 Boys

**BEGINNING
THE WEEK OF
22ND
FEBRUARY
2021**

**\$80 PLUS \$25 BVC
INSURANCE**

Go to <https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/5716a5t> to register!
Any questions please email mnthjba@gmail.com



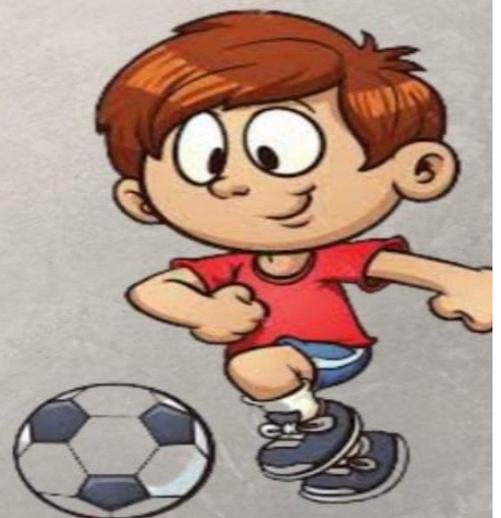
JUNIOR TRAINING RETURNS

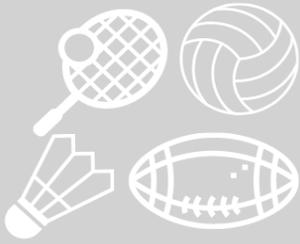
U6 | U8 | U10 | U12 | U14 | U16

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2021

5PM START

HAZELWOOD SOUTH RESERVE





KIDDO GIPPSLAND **TERM ONE**

KIDDO Gippsland is a program for improving your children's physical skills and building the knowledge and behaviours that give them the confidence and motivation to lead active lives.

- TOONGABBIE -

Date: Tuesdays, from 2nd February until 23rd March

Times: 9:30 am - 10:15 am

Location - Toongabbie Recreation Reserve Stadium

- CHURCHILL -

Date: Wednesdays, from 3rd February until 24th
March

Times: 9:30 am - 10:15 am

Location - Churchill Hall

- TYERS -

Date: Thursdays, from 4th February until 25th March

Times: 9:30 am - 10:15 am

Location - Tyers Public Hall

- TRARALGON SOUTH -

Date: Fridays, from 5th February until 26th March

Times: 9:30 am - 10:15 am

Location - Traralgon South Community Hall

- COST PER CHILD - - REGISTER HERE -

Full term (8 weeks) \$80

Half term (4 weeks) \$45

1 Week \$12



LATROBE STREETGAMES

1 - 28 Feb 2021



MON

3.-4
Stockland Traralgon

4.30-5.30
Traralgon East
Community Centre

5.-6
Skateclub Morwell

6-6.30
Women & Girls
(Check Facebook events for venue)



3.30-4.30
Mid Valley Shopping Centre

5.30-6.30
Street Soccer
Morwell Park, Vary Street

WED



THU

3
Tips & Tricks (virtual)

3.30-4.30
Moe South St Primary School

5.30-6.30
Yallourn North Skatepark



11-12
Callignee Hall
(2nd & 4th Sunday from 14 Jan)

SUN



Latrobe Youth Space will be attending the following events. Come along for some freebies and giveaways

- Stockland Traralgon
- Traralgon East
- Morwell Park, Vary Street
- Yallourn North Skatepark



Centre for Multicultural Youth will attend

- Morwell Park, Vary Street



