



Kurnai College
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Morwell Newsletter

Friday 19th March 2021

KEY DATES

23rd March	Awareness Day (no Year 7 & 8 Students)
31st March & 1st April	Parent Teacher Conversations Wednesday 3:30—7:00 Thursday 10:00-1:00
Wednesday 31st March	Last day Classes Term 1
2nd April	Good Friday Public Holiday
15th—18th June	Year 7 Camp



Daniel Swallow
Campus Principal

Message from our Campus Principal

Over the last week, classes have been moving into assessment modes as students demonstrate their learning progress over the term. Assessments have changed over the years, and certainly since we were all students, and they are no longer all tests done in silence. In the current era of education, we understand that students can demonstrate their learning whilst collaborating with others, exploring concepts and generally enjoying what they are doing.

Nonetheless, at times children do feel the pressure of “CAT Weeks” and for some this is difficult to manage. Please ensure you are communicating with us about the experiences of your child so that we can ensure they are fully supported in their learning.

Our teachers are beginning to complete the March Learning Behaviour Updates to have them ready prior to Parent Teacher Conversations on the 31st March and 1st April. These will open shortly on Compass for you to book in. Please also remember that Thursday, 1st April will be student free to enable our Parent Teacher Conversations to occur. I encourage you strongly to bring your child along to meet with their teachers though. At this age, students deserve to be involved in the conversations about their learning and own the positive feedback and constructive criticisms they are receiving. Please take the chance when you are on site to meet with teachers, to stop and talk with Daniel Murphy and I about your positive experiences and provide us with constructive criticism to try and improve on the experience of you and your child at the school.

Tuesday, 23rd March we welcome all Grade 5 and 6 students to Kurnai College for our annual Awareness Day. This is an important event to start the process of transition for younger students and one that most of our own Year 7s and 8s have benefited from along the way themselves. To enable this event, Year 7s and 8s will not be at school on the 23rd March. Year 9 and 10 will go ahead as normal.

This will be the last newsletter prior to Easter, so I encourage you to take the best advantage you can of the Easter break with your families. Term 1 has been a long term for parents, students and teachers and all need an opportunity to recharge ready to make the most of all opportunities in Term 2.

College Principal
Anthony Rodaughan

Campus Principal
Daniel Swallow

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

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**Attendance
Hotline**

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Year 7 & 8 News

Awareness Day

As many in the Learning Community know, each year we have an extensive transition program for students coming up from primary schools. This starts with our Awareness Day program on Tuesday the 23rd March where we will welcome Morwell Park and Morwell Central Primary Schools into the Kurnai Learning Community. These students will take the first step into experiencing high school life.

Due to the increased number of students in the school at that time, other Year Levels are released from school that day, so this means that Year 7 and Year 8 students will not be required for the day.

Year 7 Camp

Our Year 7 camp planning continues with permission forms being sent home last week and due back as soon as possible. From the Year 7/8 Team's point of view, we believe it is really important that we have all students participate in this camp. Camp Coolamatong works really well with us and we ask for you to please work with us to overcome any barriers to your child attending so that they can get the full benefit of the curriculum and opportunities that we offer to them in Year 7.

The students were certainly very excited about camp and the activities in store when I spoke with them all earlier in the week.

Feeling Safe At School

We have been talking with the students about the right to feel safe at school and the need for everybody to respect the safety of others. This has been an area that we have been particularly impressed with this year. Like all schools, from time to time issues arise and we work actively with families and students to resolve them. If you ever feel like your child is experiencing issues at school, encourage them to communicate with us and follow up with us yourself to make sure they have.

Year 7 and 8 Goals (Kurnai Positive Acknowledgments)

I would like to promote the continued fantastic start our students have made towards their learning. We understand that the importance of celebrating the positive success our students demonstrate every day. This can mean showing improvement in the learning or behaviour right the way through to our high-end academic achievers. As you can see below the numbers of our positives are extraordinary and I encourage you to continue the conversations you are having at home about the positive choices our learners are showing every day.



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Number of Positive Student

Chronical Entries:

07A	944
07B	780
07C	963
07D	808
08A	1088
08B	500
08C	417
08D	488

Year 9 News

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Learning continues and the Common Assessment Tasks (CATs) are well under way. I have been really pleased with the increased maturity shown by our students across Year 9. Focus in class has been improving and the timing is perfect for solid performances in CATs.

The next wave of Learning Behaviour Updates is being written by our teaching staff for each of the students. The regular cycle is two updates per term. The aim of this is to encourage reflection in students about their learning. A conversation with their teachers, parents and peers often results in new strategies to improve performance that leads to better learning in the classroom. Thank you to all parents that have been working with their children to improve their engagement at school.

We completed school photos this week and it was great to see smiling faces and a positive approach to the process to get these completed.

Year 9 Camp

The Year 9 Camp for Morwell Campus has been scheduled in Week 6 of Term 3 this year. The purpose of the Melbourne camp is to give students a real experience of cultural, educational and leisure activities in the Melbourne CBD. It is an important part of developing a wider understanding of the world around us. We remain extremely keen to get as many students involved as possible. The camp will cost approximately \$400 per student and I encourage all families to begin planning and putting money aside to cover this cost. More information will be made available closer to the date.



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Year 9 Team Leader

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Di Billingsley

Emma Hudson



Marg Tomnay

Sandra Treloar



Jillian Tymms

Year 10 News

Congratulations to all those students who have received great results on their first GPA reports for the year. Please continue the great work as the March round of GPA reports is due out on Friday 26th March. Parent--Teacher - Student conversations will take place following these reports. Please remind students to get all work tasks submitted to teachers A.S.A.P. We look forward to seeing parent and students at Parent-Teacher-Student conversations at the end of the term.

Team Members

This year the Year 10 team members are: Sheryl Tangi (Team Leader Maths / Science), Froso Pizzi (Maths and Tr@k), Megan Schwarzenberg (Food Tech, Textiles and an Advocate), Angela Thomas (Art and Photography), Mark Johnston (Technology and an Advocate) and Sarah Lewis (English, Humanities and Media).

Camp

This year we are working on a camp in Victoria as we are not allowed to travel inter-state due to Covid-19. Information should be out shortly.

Attendance

This year we will be trying to increase student attendance rates especially at Year 10. We would really appreciate a phone call to the 24-Hour attendance line if your child is absent from school. This helps our attendance officer track students and improve our % attendance for each student.

Work Experience

All Year 10 students will be attending two weeks of work experience Week 2 and Week 3 of Term 2, April 26th – May 7th. The students will be arranging a placement or two during their team-time classes this term. Please contact Sheryl Tangi if you have any issues. We will have limited spaces to place students due to Covid-19. Please also read the Careers information on Teams.

This year students will receive a KPA report for working well in class. This will automatically result in an SMS message being sent to a parent or guardian of the student stating which school pillar they were exhibiting in the classroom. Students are also receiving postcards for displaying consistent behaviours for the four school pillars of Excellence, Relationships, Work Ethic and Engagement. This year we will also be rewarding students with great attendance to school.

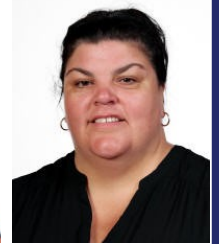


Sheryl Tangi
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THE YEAR 10 TEAM



Froso Pizzi



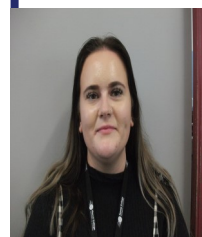
Megan Schwarzenberg



Angela Thomas



Mark Johnston



Sarah Lewis

Dates To Remember

Wednesday March 31 st	Parent-Teacher-Student conversations 3:30 – 7 pm.
Thursday April 1 st	Parent-Teacher-Student conversations 10:00 am – 1 pm.
April 26th – May 7th	Work Experience (2 weeks)
September 7 th – 11 th	Victoria Camp

Reminders

- Students will require a device (please contact us if you need some support).
- Students need to be at school by 8:35 am.
- Students need to be in complete school uniform (please contact us if you need some support).
- NO MOBILES during school hours

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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Youth Community Connections

Community Event
Thursday 1st April 2021
3.00pm to 5.00pm

1/29 George Street, Moe
(next door to the Moe Library)

- Therapy Dogs
- Street Games
- BBQ
- Free promotional packs

For more information call YSAS on 5133 3411





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ORIENTEERING DAY

If you love the outdoors and a challenge this is for you!

Place: Crinigan Bushland Reserve, Morwell 3840

Date: Thursday 8th of April

Time: Arrive 10:45am, (Start 11am - Finish 1pm) **Ages:** 10yrs -15yrs

Lunch Provided

Positive Outcomes:

- Teamwork
- Social Skills
- Decision Making Skills
- Health and Happiness
- Compass Skills

Contacts:

Vacca Office – Morwell – 03 5135 6055 – ask for Lionel Rose

Headspace Office - Morwell - 03 5136 8300 ask for Neal or Yumna

Morwell – Gippsland Office

21 Hazelwood Road Morwell VIC 3840

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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 College if the student does not already have an instrument. Students wanting to learn Percussion need to have their own drum sticks. Percussion, Guitars and Keyboards are not hired. Contact the Music Director if you have any queries.

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? _____

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 51 650600 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.



The annual 'Rockfest' Competition is on again!! If you're in a band or a solo artist, you're encourage to participate in this amazing event.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

Foster parent* **OR** Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.







Signature of applicant _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____



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|  sports fees & gear |  camps & excursions |

To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or starting next year, or attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner), have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*

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