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Hello Everyone,

COMING EVENTS 2012

Friday 31 st August	Out of Uniform Day – gold coin donation to go to the BOR Orphanage in SUDAN
Tuesday 4 th September	Kurnai College Athletics Day
Wednesday 5 th September	State Wide Industrial Action
Friday 7 th September	Out of Uniform Day to support one of our school families who lost everything in fire
Tuesday 11 th September	Year 9/10 DINKUM ASSORTED Performance, 7pm, Churchill Drama Theatre
Wednesday 12 th September to Friday 21 st September	Year 10 Uluru Camp
Wednesday 19 th September	Parent Teacher Interviews, 3.30pm – 6pm, school gymnasium

Parent Teacher Interviews

Another very busy week has come and gone and we are very quickly getting towards the end of the term. Please remember that Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on **Wednesday 19th September** from 3.30 to 6.00. This is a very important time for all our students and parents to get feedback on how the student is progressing in all his/her classes. It is a time to sit and briefly get the teachers suggestions about particular areas of concern and how things can improve in them. Please make the time to come to Parent Teacher Interviews and discuss your child's progress. I'm sure they will appreciate it and will improve as a result of it.

Study Club

Readers of this bulletin will have noticed that Study Club has been operating every Wednesday from 5.00-7.00pm in the Churchill Campus Library. The Study Club operates so that any student who may be experiencing difficulties or is behind in their work can come to Study Club and get help from core unit teachers in English/ hums and maths/science. Any student who wishes to go along to just keep ahead is also welcome to attend either alone or with parents. Tea, coffee, Milo and biscuits are generally available and everyone is welcome. Parents, please encourage your child to attend Study Club so that they can be the best that they can be.

Year 9 Melbourne Camp

The Year 9 students returned from Melbourne last Friday very tired but full of excitement from their week in Melbourne. I'm sure that the Year 9 Team will have a more detailed write-up about the camp in the next bulletin. I will, however, make one comment on the camp that needs to be made. When I asked the Team Leader, Almuth Otten how the camp had gone, she was full of praise for how our students conducted themselves while on camp. She mentioned some very stressful times when the V-Line train was cancelled and buses had to be used and how well our students behaved in the situation. A number of people from places they visited commented to the teachers how proud we should be of our students and how they should be congratulated. Too often we tend to look at the negatives because they form the immediate problem and skim over the positives because we don't have to worry about them. Well, I think often our students make us proud and I'd like to acknowledge that.

PISA Testing

On Wednesday, a group of 25 randomly selected Churchill Campus students undertook Pisa Testing in the library for the whole day. These students test results will be compared to students from all over the world and this forms the basis for country rankings in mathematics and literacy. The Pisa Tester was extremely impressed with the way the day was organized and especially the manner in which our students undertook the tests. Again, it's great to hear from others about our students and how well behaved they can be.

Bullying

Bullying is a very serious problem in every school. Often there are instances where students bully one another without even knowing how their words or actions can affect another person. Once it is shown to them, most students alter their behaviour and all is well. However, there are times when a pattern of bullying behavior continues even after students have been spoken to several times about it. It is then that the school must take steps to stop the bullying through disciplinary avenues that include, as a last resort suspension from the school and parent meetings before returning. Most parents are surprised when told of their child's bullying behaviours and I accept that often these behaviours are not displayed at home. But if they are displayed at school, the school has a responsibility to act upon the reports made by bullied students and deal with the problem. Please discuss bullying at home and stress to your child that it is not acceptable at school as well as at work etc.

Nello Carbone
Campus Principal

PERMISSION FORM REPRINTS

Over the last two weeks the number of permission forms that have had to be reprinted has been ridiculous, so we have decided to follow Morwell Campus' lead and charge students 20c for any permission form reprints.

We would also like to reiterate that we DO NOT accept verbal permission for any excursions.

UPCOMING EXCURSIONS / CAMPS

To ensure the smooth organization and running of camps and excursions we request that permission forms and payments be returned to the school by the due date on the permission form. This enables the purchase of train tickets, food and venue tickets etc in a timely manner.

Year 9/10 Strength & Conditioning	Every Tuesday for the term commencing 31 st July	\$50.00	Permission forms & money are now overdue
Year 8 Mix it up – Swimming	Tuesday 11 th September	\$53.00 for term	Permission forms & money are now overdue
Kurnai College Athletics Day	Tuesday 4 th September		Permission forms are now overdue
Year 10 Outdoor Ed Bushwalking Camp – Tidal River	Wednesday 5 th to Friday 7 th September	\$40.00	Permission forms & money are now overdue
Year 9 The Edge – The Summit	Monday 10 th September	\$90.00	Permission forms & money due back 3 rd September
Year 7/8 Basketball & Year 7/8 Table Tennis	Tuesday 11 th September	\$7.00	Permission forms & money due back 4 th September
Year 9/10 Basketball & Year 9/10 Table Tennis	Wednesday 12 th September	\$7.00	Permission forms & money due back 5 th September
Year 7 Healesville Sanctuary	Thursday 20 th September	\$35.00	Permission forms & money due back 13 th September
Year 10/11 China Trip	Tuesday 11 th September to Friday 28 th September		Part payments can be made now
Year 10 Uluru Camp	Wednesday 12 th September to Friday 21 st September	\$800	Permission forms & deposits now overdue

BUSES

ANTICIPATED COUNTRY BUS LOADINGS FOR 2013- (BOOLARRA, WHITELAWS TRACK, JEERALANG, HAZELWOOD NORTH, HAZELWOOD SOUTH AND YINNAR BUS SERVICES)

Over the next month we are analysing student numbers on various bus routes to ascertain the best outcome for our families to get to school. This review will incorporate current students and new Year 7 and Prep students within the Morwell Bus Network. Students who are currently using our contracted school buses must maintain a minimum of 50% travel to be eligible to remain on our bus rolls for 2013.

Parents who have students who will be commencing Prep in 2013 and need to travel on a contracted school bus need to complete a TR701 "Application for Permission to Travel on a Contract School Bus" immediately. This form is available from your Primary School General Office. All current grade 6 students who wish to catch a bus in 2013 should have completed a TR701 "Application for Permission to Travel on a Contract School Bus" with their "Student Placement Form". If you have not done this please contact your school's General Office immediately.

Leonie Mackie
Morwell Bus Network Coordinator

YEAR 9/10 MULTI MEDIA

The Year 9/10 Multi Media class are making a short film on 'Belonging' and would like to interview anyone in our school community who has been adopted and the impact, if any, this has had on their life.

Please call Nicole Pryor on 51323 700.

ALPS

MATHS MADNESS

A team of Year 8 and Year 9 ALPS students attended a Math Madness day at Monash University. They competed against eleven other schools from around Gippsland on math problem solving, speed maths and challenge questions. Some of the questions were quite difficult but the team worked together to solve the problems. Our students were challenged in deep thinking and problem solving, were able to meet students from other schools, and had a delicious lunch. It was fun and provided a different way to participate in maths.

SCIENCE EXPERIENCE

Year 9 and 10 students are invited to attend 3 days of experiments and workshops in Science and Technology at Monash University 21st, 22nd and 23rd of January, 2013. The cost is \$110. Please see Mrs. Parker for an application form or further information.

2012 COLLEGE MAGAZINE

Each year Kurnai College produces a magazine to capture students' achievements, student class photographs and highlights of the school year. Students wishing to purchase a copy of the College magazine can order it at the General Office before the **31ST October, 2012**. Payment of **\$15.00** must be made at time of ordering.

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to purchase the 2012 Kurnai College Yearbook.

The book is now produced in full colour of approximately 90 pages and is a fantastic record for now and in the future of your child's time spent at Kurnai College.

The College magazine is only available to students at the end of Term 4 for those who have pre-paid their order.

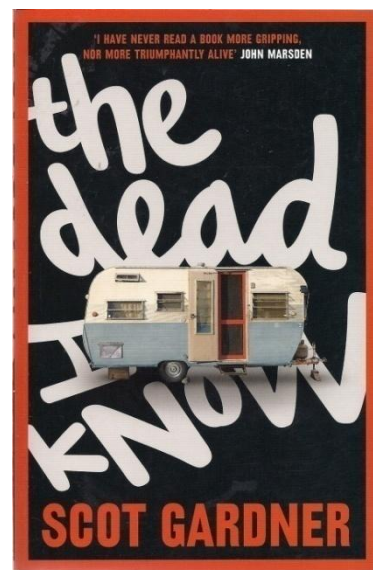
CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Scot Gardner who has won Children's Book of the Year from the Children's Book Council of Australia for his book "*the dead I know*". This book won in the category for older readers. Scot has written many books for teenage readers and "*the dead I know*" is about the teenager Aaron who leaves school to work at a funeral directors. Aaron Rowe is an enigma. Aaron Rowe walks in his sleep. He has dreams he can't explain, and memories he can't recover. Death doesn't scare him - his new job with a funeral director may even be his salvation. But if he doesn't discover the truth about his hidden past soon, he may fall asleep one night and never wake up.

Scot wasn't born reading and writing; in fact he left school in year eleven to undertake an apprenticeship in gardening with the local council. He has worked as a waiter, masseur, delivery truck driver, home dad, counsellor and musician. Scot is currently a teacher at Churchill Campus.

Other books written by Scot are studied in English classes at both the Churchill and GEP campuses.

Congratulations Scot.



YEAR 9 NEWS

ALL STARS

With the Progress Reports having been completed recently, we have a new list of All-Stars. They are: Kieran and Ryan Marriot (37) Riley Hogarth, Jack Findlay, Jaymee-Lee McIntosh (35) Rhys Hooimeyer, Tearna Schumann, Sophie Chambers, Brody Turner, Courtney Vella, (34) Zoey Hibbert, Joelly Firmin, Ashlee Mayer, Jaymi Wright, Daniel Blakeley, (33) Jade Stevenson, Teegan Marriott, Lani Murdoch, Bronwyn Slater, Caitlin Mareska, Jess Fossati (32) Stacey Webster, Ebonnie Shirreff, Rowan Flake-Farrell, Molly Hillenaar, Aaron Noblet, Zach Helyar (31) Jess Devlin, Kaitlin Nardino, Mitch Renwick, Namarra Walsh, Ben Lewis and Bevan Kemp (30). Congratulations to all those students. After the next Progress Reports we will list the most improved students.

CAMP

We had the Year 9 Melbourne Camp last week. We took 56 students and came back with the same 56 students which is an impressive feat under any circumstances. There will be a further report on the camp in the next newsletter.

LARDNER PARK CAREERS EXPO

Year 9's had a surprise visit from Ms. Prue Leighton from the Baw Baw Latrobe LEN group last Monday. This group is responsible for organising the regional careers day at Lardner Park that our students went to recently. Prue came to our year level assembly to present a prize to Joelly Firmin for completing a careers survey to a very high standard. Students were challenged to think about and answer questions about their future career options and study possibilities. Joelly was very pleased with her prize – a high quality digital camera.



SCIENCE POETRY

Whilst the majority of Year 9 students enjoyed the Melbourne Discovery camp last week, teachers at Kurnai College organised some interesting activities. One of the English classes held was "Science Poetry".

First, pairs of students sat in front of a shallow plate of milk. A few drops of food dye were added to the milk and then a few drops of detergent.

Then, the students wrote down their thought on what happened and the results are available in this poem:

http://www.wordle.net/show/wrdl/5603781/Food_dye_experiment



Almuth Otten
Year 9 Team Leader

YEAR 10 NEWS

OUTDOOR ED SNOW DAY

On Friday the 10th August, 19 Outdoor Education students went to Mt Baw Baw. Some students had fun with snow play, tobogganing and snow ball fights whilst others hit the slopes for the day snowboarding. Students snowboarding undertook a lesson to hone their skills as for most of them it was their first time. Of course there were a few classic stacks throughout the day, but by the end we had a few budding guns. Throughout the staff and students met at the café for lunch and to warm ourselves up. A great day was had by all.



COLLEGE MUSIC
Advocates for Music Making



Up & Coming Performances:

- **Monday 3rd September**, bands participating are **Guitar Ensemble, Mr H 1 and Mr H 2**, as well as some of the current VCE Music Performance students.
Venue: Kurnai - Churchill Campus **Music Room**.
Starting time: 6:30pm.
Finishing time: 7.30pm
Entry - coin donation only.
- Monday 10th September, bands involved include:
Mr G, Concert Band, College Big Band and yr 11/12 VCE Music Performance students

All music students at Churchill campus are involved in at least one of the performing bands. Forms have already been given out to students about performances. Students stay after school in the Music room with teachers.

Fundraising... Drink Cans

@ Churchill Campus – Bags can be left outside the Music Complex anytime in the bin provided.

Want to go interstate or overseas?

Any interested students wanting to experience local/regional/interstate/overseas opportunities can do so by joining the College Big Band.

Must be committed to attend weekly rehearsals on Thursdays from 3pm- 4pm;

Students must have some knowledge in reading music & can hire an instrument if you haven't got one.

Instrument players looking for include: **Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Piano**

If interested, fill in and return bottom slip to front office. Not for hire

Student Name: _____ Year level: _____

Parent Name: _____

Contact Tel Number/email: _____

Instrument: _____ Own Inst: Yes / No Hiring an Inst: Yes / No

Music instruments and classes are available for:

FLUTE, CLARINET, SAXOPHONE, TRUMPET, TROMBONE and TUBA

Never played an instrument before but interested? For rest of Term 3 ONLY, learn an instrument for FREE. That's right FREE! Take it home and practise it... and attend scheduled music classes. GET THE MUSIC EXPRESSION FORM FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE NOW. Offer is only available for instruments mentioned above. If students are interested in continuing on with the instruments for Term 4, then the fees for enrolment and hire must be finalised.

THE ARTS ARE ALIVE AT KURNAI CHURCHILL

YEAR 8 COMEDY NIGHT!

The Year 8 theatre class is working on hilarious comedy skits to present in the last week of term. More information is coming about where and when, but this show will be unlike anything that has come before it.

PETER PAN

Watch out for this thrilling adaptation of the classic story.

DINKUM ASSORTED - ONE NIGHT ONLY!

DINKUM ASSORTED is coming to the Kurnai Churchill theatre! It's a wonderful, iconic Australian play written by Linda Aronson, and the Year 9/10 theatre class is creating a wild version of its own.

It's a simple story about a mob of women who are working in a biscuit factory during World War 2. The language is peppered with real Australian lingo and the humour is infectious. At the same time, we feel the deep emotions of women living and working together in difficult times.

Due to various complications we are presenting DINKUM ASSORTED for **one night only** in the Kurnai Churchill theatre. The performance will be on Tuesday, September 11 at 7pm. We can only seat 70 people, so be sure and get a ticket from the office. Students are free, and adults are \$5.

This is a very strong group of girls who have now a fair bit of experience. They will no doubt bring to the stage an entertaining, poignant rendition of this Australian classic. Enjoy an excellent night in the theatre, a telling of the story of DINKUM ASSORTED.



COMMUNITY NEWS

JUNIOR PROGRAMS AVAILABLE



MLC Tennis Australia Hotshots for ages 5-12

FREE trial lessons available, **FREE** tennis racquet & t-shirt upon enrolment in term program

LET'S PLAY TENNIS – For ages 12 & above

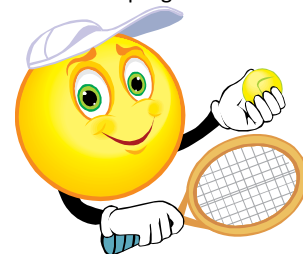
FREE trial lessons available

MUM' & DAD'S PROGRAM

Ladies & Men's groups (beginners or experienced)

CALL GLEN: 51762678 OR SALLY: 51749661

PHONE NOW TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE



BASKETBALL SKILLS CLINIC

We are holding a Basketball Skills Clinic on Monday 3rd and Monday 10th September 5.00-6.00pm at the Leisure Centre.

New and Existing players aged 7-14 years are welcome to attend.

Cost is entry to the Leisure Centre.

If you are interested in attending, please register your interest by contacting **Jody on 0439 748899** or **Angie on 0448 773 365**.

Also, Team Entries for the new season that starts on 8th of October are **due in by Friday 14th September**. Forms and Information are available from the Basketball Office at the Leisure Centre. Again, contact Jody or Angie for further information.

