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COMING EVENTS 2012

Monday 5 th to Wednesday 7 th March	Year 9 Edge Base Camp
Monday 12 th March	Labour Day Public Holiday – School closed
Thursday 15 th March	Year 7 & Year 10 Immunisations
Wednesday 14 th to Friday 16 th March	Year 10 Outdoor Education Surf Camp
Monday 16 th April to Friday 27 th April	Year 10 Work Experience
Tuesday 20 th March	Parents & Friends Meeting – 7.30pm Campus Staffroom

Hello Everyone,

Last week the College Swimming Carnival was held at the Newborough swimming pool. The day was perfect for the carnival. Hot but not scorching throughout the day. Students from all 3 Kurnai College campuses attended the swimming carnival and had a fantastic day. The fun events, as usual were the most popular with all participants. The new House system meant that all students came in their House colours and cheered for their House not their different campus. Overall the day was hugely successful and everyone had fun.

School Sores

A small number of students at Churchill Campus have had school sores this week. Please be vigilant with this very infectious issue. If your child has school sores that are open they must stay away from contact with other students until they heal up. This usually happens quite quickly. When the child returns to school the sores must be covered over with a bandage etc. Washing of hands that may come into contact with the sore is very important. Please contact the school if you need any further information about school sores.

Interim Reports

By now all households would have received the first Interim Report. If you have not received yours please contact the General Office. Please read these reports very carefully and discuss them with your child. The Interim Reports have all subjects listed with a scale from Unsatisfactory to Excellent in the 5 different criteria of Progress, Attitude, Conduct, Work Completion, and Work Ethic. If the report shows Concerns or Unsatisfactory in any subject there should be a discussion about the reasons for this. Please feel free to contact the relevant classroom teacher to discuss the Interim Reports or if you have any questions about your child's progress.

SWPBS Postcards

Churchill Campus has started sending congratulatory postcards to the parents of students who have displayed behaviour that exemplifies the 4 Pillars of Kurnai College. If you receive a postcard, it means that your child has been chosen by a teacher as having behaved in the way the College wants all our students to behave in a variety of different settings both inside the classroom and in the yard.

By focusing on the positives the College believes that students will try to follow the expected behaviours in the way they interact with other students and staff and this will lead to less behaviour issues in the campus.

Nello Carbone

Campus Principal

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. These costs may be recoverable where an injury is caused by the negligence (carelessness) of the Department, a school council or their employees or volunteers.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance.

BUS SAFETY

Many of our students are fortunate enough to have a Country and Public Bus Service to bring them to and from school. It is important that parents/guardians discuss with their children the need to be aware of vehicles at all times whilst waiting for buses when they are picked up or dropped off from their stop or when they are picked up or dropped off at the school.

It has become apparent that some students are continuing to play games around areas where vehicles are moving, creating potentially an accident. Whilst the school has staff on duty within the school, it is not always possible for them to see everything that occurs around our bus bay. Accidents can occur so quickly and sometimes people cannot react quickly enough to avoid these situations.

Please make sure that your child is fully aware that they need to make correct decisions when in the vicinity of moving vehicles. In the event of the school being informed of unsafe practices students may have the privilege of these services being withdrawn.

STAY SAFE!

Leonie Mackie
Bus Co-ordinator



COLLEGE MUSIC



Music on campus...

Students wanting to enrol in the Music Program at Kurnai College can still do so. Vacancies still exist for the following Wind instruments: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, French horn, Trombone and Tuba.

This is a wise investment for your child's mental and physical development.

Expression of Interest forms can be attained from the General Office.

Common questions I often get are...

- Haven't got your own instrument? You can hire one from the school and take it home.
- How much are lessons? Lessons are free.
- What are the costs? Enrolment fee is \$85 for the whole year. This includes all books, folder, other texts your child requires – we get it for your child. Excursion/travel costs are taken from this as well.

Musical instruments cost several hundred, if not thousands of dollars. I encourage for all to try and use what we have available at Kurnai College before buying your own.

If you have any further enquiries, please don't hesitate to contact the school and ask for the Head of Music.

Joseph Bonnici
College Music Co-ordinator

2012 China Trip

Again this year, Year 10 students will have the opportunity to travel and discover the delights of China. The school will be undertaking a study tour of China during September 2012. The three week tour will visit Kou'an (our sister school in China) where students will stay with a Chinese family and attend some classes at Kou'an Middle School. Some of the other places the tour plans to visit will include Beijing, the Great Wall, Shanghai and Hong Kong. This is an excellent opportunity for students to discover the wonders of China.

During next term we will have a family information session to update families on the details of the trip and give parents and students an opportunity to find out more information.

Later this year there will be some classes run by the Language Centre to teach students and/or families the basics of the Chinese language. Knowing some basic Chinese will be greatly useful on the tour. All students in China learn English at school, but many older people in China don't speak English.

The full cost of the tour will be around \$3,000, and there will be some financial support available for some families. Costs will be confirmed later as itineraries are set. All students will need to have a passport, so there will also be this extra expense for some families. So if you are interested in travelling, start saving now.

If you need more information or have any queries you can contact Darren Hodgson on 51323836 or on hodgson.darren.d@edumail.vic.gov.au.



If you are interested in taking part of this study tour please complete the expression of interest below:

I _____ (Student name) are expressing an interest of being involved in the Kurnai Study Tour of China in September 2012.

Signed: _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signed: _____

Please return this form to your campus office by 30th March (last day of term 1)

Over the last week Year 7 students have nominated and elected their peers to take part in the school Student Representative Council (SRC), where they can have the opportunity to raise their ideas and discuss any issues that may present. In addition to the campus wide meetings, both Sally Sandy (Assistant Team Leader) and I will be periodically meeting specifically with the Year 7 representatives to discuss issues pertinent to Year 7. We look forward to gaining some input from the students and working together to make this a very positive year for all students.

Science students last week received a homework booklet which contains a series of short tasks to be completed throughout the semester (one per week). There is a schedule in the front of the booklet with due dates and a place for parents to check and sign as tasks are completed. If you haven't already seen it, please ask your child about their Science homework booklet.

Finally, lockers have become a bit of an issue this week with a number of students forgetting their key. In addition, some students have not provided a second key to the library, meaning their books have not been accessible for the school day. Please ask your child if they have provided a second key to the library.

SCHOOL CAMP

The dates for Year 7 school camp have been confirmed as Tuesday May 8th to Friday May 11th. Please place the dates in your diary. Information letters will be sent home shortly.

UNIFORM

Could all parents please ensure students have their name written on the tag of their uniform clothing items. We have already had a few lost items brought into the office.

PARENT EMAIL LIST

If you would like to receive general updates on Year 7 information including weekly highlights, reminders, upcoming events and students achievements, please email me and I will add you to the Year 7 distribution list: hogan.adam.d@edumail.vic.gov.au

REWARDS

This week's raffle winners were Ryan Carlson, Breanna Langhans and David Perkins. Well done to these students, along with all the other students who obtained a ticket this week!

IMMUNISATIONS

Thank-you to all the families who have returned their immunisation forms already. Immunisations will occur on Thursday 15th March, 2012.

ABSENCE HOTLINE

A reminder to call our absence hotline **51323703 preferably before 9.00am**, if your child is not going to be at school. This will ensure your child's absence is recorded correctly and you don't receive a phone call from our office.

Adam Hogan

Year 7 Team Leader

YEAR 8 NEWS

KAROONDA PARK CAMP

Thank you to all those students who have brought back their forms for the camp. The places are filling up fast. There are eighteen places left so make sure you get those forms in soon and get your name on the list.

TERM ONE

In the next couple of weeks the year 8s will be doing work next with a medieval theme in all their cores classes and P.E. Further information on this can be obtained from Dave Egan and Amy Kihl-larssen.

PROGRESS REPORTS

You should have received your child's progress report by now. If you have any questions about your child's progress please contact the relevant teacher or contact the Year 8 Team Leader.

PBS

We are continuing to promote Positive Behaviour Supports (PBS) by sending out postcards to students who have demonstrated good relationships with either their peers or classroom teachers. Also, we have a PBS book in each formgroup where students write something positive about each one of their classroom members. Each student gets to receive a positive affirmation from one of their peers which often brings a smile to their face.

Bernie Cropper

Year 8 Team Leader

YEAR 10 NEWS

YOU CANNOT KICK GOALS IF YOU CAN'T SEE THE POSTS.... (Graeme Alford)

MOTIVATION & GOAL SETTING –

Motivation causes action to achieve your goals. Motivation is a mixture of beliefs, desires and values. If you place great importance and value on something, you are more likely to be motivated to attain your goal.

NOW is the time to make the necessary adjustments so that you get it right – if you keep doing the same things, you'll keep getting the same results.

To ACHIEVE what you're aiming for wont just happen... Opportunity won't chase YOU...You must be self-motivated & set guidelines / goals.



Teachers have just completed the "5 Week" reports. It is important that we (family and school) look at these reports and put a plan into action. The plan may be that the student continues doing what they are doing as the report was a positive one. Or it may be that goals or a learning plan may need to be put into place in order to achieve set goals.

The year 10 team have highlighted those students that may need to set goals and they will be meeting with these students to discuss their reports and to talk about a learning plan that may encourage the student to achieve better outcomes.

There are some students that may need further discussions and these discussions will involve parents to ensure the student, family and school are all working together to achieve the best outcomes for said student.

REMEMBER – tomorrow becomes yesterday too quickly – YOU need to act TODAY

COMMUNITY NEWS

JEERALANG NORTH HALL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

WHEN: Saturday 3rd March, 2012

TIME: 8.00am to 3.00pm

WHERE: Jeeralang North Hall

Car boot - \$10, outside space - \$15, inside hall - \$20, marquee - \$15/\$30

Sausage sizzle, tea, coffee & soft drinks/ children's playground

Enquiries or donation of goods contact Robyn 51661 306 or Judy 51661 682.

CHURCHILL JUNIOR INDOOR NETBALL ASSOCIATION

***** Squad Team Try-Outs *****

When - To be held Saturday 17th of March & Saturday 24th of March

Where - Churchill Leisure Centre

Times - 9am - 10am for U/15 10-11am for U/13 and 11-12 for U/11

Contact - Sue Hutchinson 0428 631 270 to register/enquire or Kay Hill (Secretary) 0419 118 510 email dkhill@aanet.com.au

CHURCHILL UNITED SOCCER CLUB

Junior Training has begun!

Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:30pm-5:30pm at the club.

Age groups from Under 7's to Under 16 boys and Under 18 girls.

New Players Welcome!

REGISTRATION DAY is Saturday 17th March from 10-12pm. We will also be selling cheap soccer apparel.

Any questions, please contact Secretary Ben Kimpton at Churchillrams@live.com.au

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

If you wish to receive your Newsletter, student information/work via email, please complete and return the form below.

Please ensure you write clearly.

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STUDENT NAME:**YEAR LEVEL**

PARENT NAME:

EMAIL ADDRESS: