



**PARENT BULLETIN**

**23<sup>rd</sup> March 2012**

**COMING EVENTS**

Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> March – 30<sup>th</sup> March..... Yr 10 Work Experience  
Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March – 25<sup>th</sup> March ..... Yr 9 HPV Camp  
Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March..... Parent Teacher Meetings (**3.30pm -6.00pm**)  
Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> March .....Last Day Term 1 (**finish at 2.00pm**)  
Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> April.....Term 2 commences

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:	8.00 am – 4.00 pm
SCHOOL HOURS:	8.25 am – 2.50 pm students are supervised between 8.10 am and 3.00 pm

**CAMPUS PRINCIPAL’S NEWS**



Hello Morwell Learning Community,

Where has this term gone; as we are in the final weeks of Term 1 there are many things still happening at Morwell Campus. Parent teacher meetings are on the **28<sup>th</sup> March from 3.30pm – 6.00pm**. The teaching staff at Kurnai College Morwell strongly recommends all parents/guardians take the time and attend these meetings to discuss the progress of their son/daughter during Term 1. As I write this newsletter the Year 9 HPV (Human Powered Vehicle) team are preparing to leave for Wonthaggi to take part in a 24-hour endurance race held over Saturday and Sunday. Good luck to all those involved in this activity and look forward to great photos and stories of the event.

Recently Kurnai College Australian Air Force Cadets attended a bivouac at Karingal Scout Camp where it rained all weekend but this did not dampen the spirits of the cadets. This was also a great opportunity for cadets and nine new recruits from our squadron to mix with fellow cadets from 409 RAAF Base Sale and 426 Latrobe Valley on a joint exercise. Cadets are also practicing drill work for the up and coming ANZAC Day parade in Morwell.

At the end of this term we say farewell to Brennan White who will be leaving us to travel overseas and also Norma Evans who has decided to retire. We thank both staff members for their contributions to Morwell Campus and both will be missed. We look forward in welcoming back Geoff Block who has been in China representing Kurnai College at different educational forums.

***PBS Kurnai College Morwell Update***

Kurnai College Morwell Campus continues to roll out the Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) program. PBS is about, as with many other things, providing a positive, nurturing, learning environment. The program aims to foster both academic and behavioural support for all our students. The PBS program is about rewarding students doing the right thing and helping them value good behaviour through self-discipline and making right choices. Together, the home, school and the community share the responsibility for developing good citizens.

***Positive Behaviour Support is not about abandoning the “rules!”  
The promotion of safe, considerate, cooperative behaviour must continue as one of the most valued agendas of schooling.  
The issue is about the methods used by systems, communities, schools, families and teachers to prevent and respond to problem behaviours.***

Many parents have been recently surprised by receiving postcards from the school through the mail in recognition of the positive behaviour demonstrated by their child whilst at school. In all cases students are not even aware that these postcards have been sent. Through this term, staff from Kurnai College Morwell Campus has been rewarding positive behaviours by identifying students who have demonstrated these attributes. PBS program is all about rewarding students that make the right decisions whilst being engaged in their learning. Our Postcards identify the four pillars (*Work Ethic, Excellence, Relationships and Engagement*) that underpin the success of our learning community.

**Wayne Bass**  
**Assistant Campus Principal**

**COLLEGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Congratulations to the following parents on their successful election to the College Council. We hope your time as councillor will be enjoyable and productive.

- \* Stephen Van Rooy
- \* Meredith Downes-Smith
- \* Penny Solomon
- \* Michael Radford

We are also delighted to be able to announce that Karen Anders from the Morwell Campus and Adam Hogan from the Churchill Campus have been declared the DEECD Representatives.

A big thank you to all elected councillors for being prepared to take on this important role.

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT ((PBS)**

Every week teachers are asked to consider which students have demonstrated stand-out behaviour in the area of our school pillars – Relationships, Engagement, Work Ethic and Excellence. A postcard is sent home to let families know about their student’s positive behaviour.

Congratulations to the following students for receiving a postcard recognising their achievements and demonstrating one of our four pillars:

<b>Relationships</b>	<b>Work Ethic</b>	<b>Excellence</b>	<b>Engagement</b>
Michael McAlister	Brodie Bennett	Damon Davenport	Casper Cartwright
Kiowa Scott-Hurley	Casey Matthews	Katie Foster	Joanna Trinidad
	Jordyn Presley	Eric Andreazzi	Zack Wright
	Dannielle Dowe	Brandon Welsh	Emily Ayre
	Rebecca McDonald	Luke Cassidy	Michael McAlister
		Jayden Hall	
		Leigh Lethaby	

**ART BLOG**



"An art blog has been established to showcase some of the excellent art work produced by Kurnai students. It can be found on the web by googling "kurnaiartblogwordpress"

## **YEAR 10**

### **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 5132 3836 or email

hodgson.darren.d@edumail.vic.gov.au.



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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 30<sup>th</sup> March (last day of Term 1)

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Trafalgar Skate Bowl Festival**

Young people who enjoy skating or tricks with BMX bikes or scooters are invited to a great afternoon of showcasing and competitions on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April from 2-6pm. The Trafalgar Skate Park is located in Depot Lane, behind the Baw Baw Technology Centre on the Princes Highway. Registrations will take place from 1.40pm.

This festival has been made possible by a grant from Youth Foundations - a partnership between the Trafalgar Bendigo Community Bank and the State Government. Trafalgar Community Development Association applied for the grant after the success of last year's event and is pleased to support the young people of our area.

The YMCA Skate Services (YSS) will facilitate and manage the festival and run the competitions.

The competition will include a Best Trick, Jam or Single Run sessions. There will be a great range of prizes.

### **YMCA Conditions of Entry**

1. All competitors must have a completed and signed *entry form* by a parent or guardian.
2. All competitors must be smoke, drug and alcohol-free.
3. All competitors must wear a helmet whilst competing (helmets supplied).

There will be food and drinks available to purchase, and useful information from a variety of youth organisations.

For more information check the website: [www.skatepark.ymca.org.au](http://www.skatepark.ymca.org.au) or contact TCDA president Sue Jacka 0409 757 170, or Trafalgar High School Youth Worker, David Lyons 0409 015 662.

### **Morwell East Football/Netball Club**

U16 & U18 footballers wanted.

Training changes to Monday and Thursday from 19<sup>th</sup> March. 5-6pm at Morwell East, Vary Street, Morwell.

BBQ / Registration Night following training on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

Practice Match at Cowwarr Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March, first game Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April.

Contact Jacob Blair (U16) 0403 640 580, Jay Crofts (U18) 0431 469 252 or Gavin Blair (President) 0408 142 095.

All past and new players welcome.

### **Karate (Shin Bu Kai)**

Mondays and Wednesdays 5.30pm -7pm at KODE Hall, Harold Street, Morwell. The first two training sessions are free. Enquiries to Jason Hunter 0429 918 191 or Christian Hughes 0402 352 286.

### **Morwell Netball Association**

New season commences 21<sup>st</sup> April. Ages required Under 11, 13, 16 for netball teams. Contact Deb 0402 846 411 for further information.

### **PARENTZONE**

Parentzone's newsletter is full of parenting programs, professional programs and support services within the Gippsland region and beyond. The newsletter will be available from the Anglicare Victoria website each term. You will find the current newsletter at: <http://www.anglicarevic.org.au/>

Parentzone Gippsland's **Confident Parent, Confident Children** program is based around the needs and interests of participants and may include any of the following topics ~

- Role of parents
- Parenting styles
- Child development
- Developing a positive relationship with your children
- Self esteem – theirs and yours
- Feelings
- Discipline
- Managing Difficult Behaviour and any other topics that are important to the participants.