



PARENT BULLETIN

9th November 2012

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, 14 th November.....	Yr 7/8 Cricket Super 8's
Monday, 19 th - Friday, 23 rd November.....	Yr 8 Karoonda Park Camp
Wednesday, 21 st – Sunday, 25 th November.....	Yr 9 RACV HPV Camp
Monday, 26 th – Wednesday, 28 th November.....	Yr 10 Exams
Thursday, 29 th November.....	Yr 10 Formal
Tuesday, 11 th December.....	Orientation Day

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 (and Goodbye) Everyone,

This will be my last newsletter for this year. As you may be aware Michelle Reid-Metcalf will be returning to Morwell Campus in a week or two and I will be shifting to the Precinct Campus in preparation for 2013 and beyond. Since 2009 I have had two stints at Morwell Campus and I have enjoyed my time here very much. It has been exciting for me to see the changes that have been occurring both in the campus and with the links to our wider Learning Community. Staff, students and parents should be proud of what they are achieving.

I wish you all well for the future and look forward to seeing the familiar faces of Morwell students when they become students of the Precinct Campus.

Geoff Block -Campus Principal

“IT’S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY”

Morwell Campus Absence Hotline: 5165 0602

If your child is going to be absent for the day or a number of days please contact the Absence Hotline and leave details. This service has been set up for the convenience of both families and the College with voicemail access 24 hours a day 7 days a week. The voicemail is checked several times a day. Thank you to the many parents already utilising this system.



Please leave a recorded message stating

- Your name.
- The student's name.
- Year level or home group.
- The reason for the absence and the duration if known.

There is a growing number of students who are constantly late to school.

Home group commences at 8.30 am. It is important that students attend as valuable information is passed on to the students regarding school activities and daily school news. If the student misses home group they commence the day without the knowledge they need to set them up for the day on a positive note.

- If your child is late, they **must** bring a signed and dated note.
- Being **late or sleeping in** are **not** acceptable reasons.
- We also require a signed and dated note for students to leave the College early.

UPCOMING EXCURSIONS/CAMPS

To ensure the smooth organisation 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 RACV HPV	21 st – 25 th November	\$100-00	Payment due 14/11/12
Year 10 Formal	29 th November	\$30-00	Payment due 21/11/12

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT (PBS) Every week teachers are asked to consider which students have demonstrated standout 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.

RELATIONSHIPS	WORK ETHIC	EXCELLENCE	ENGAGEMENT
Hayley Mills	Emily Aitken	Brooklyn Bennett	Jake Heathcote
Ben French	Isabel Hines	Allison Newton	Nadine Brereton
Dannielle Dowe	Ben Ainsworth	Nicholas Smith (Yr 7)	Matthew Berend
Carl Matthews	Sarah Findlay	Peter Thomas	Josh Collyer
Garry Berger	Iden O'Sullivan	Jessica Tactor	Blake Taylor
	Blake Taylor		Taylah Kilpatrick
	Ari Hammer		
	Leam Campbell		

YEAR 8

Who were we Relaying for?



At 4.00pm on Saturday 27th October, 12 Year 8 Kurnai College (Morwell) students and 5 Year 8 Team staff set out to walk for 18 hours to raise funds for Relay for Life in Churchill. The event at Morwell Campus was coordinated by Kim Woods, a Year 8 staff member. Fundraisers included parent donations, morning teas, lunches and a 5 cent coin drop, where students raised in excess of \$130 – that's 2700 5 cent pieces in a line running for approximately 27 metres. "This has not only been a great event to build College Community spirit, but the good we are all doing for the whole community is invaluable", said Kim. Many thanks must go to the students Katie Stewart, Zack Wright, Shannon Whadcoat, Jaynai Caldwell, Megan Hurley, Jacinta Brown, Frances Simmons, Taya Kennedy

Matheson, Jessica Tactor, Lexie Wiseman-Gatt, Shona Marino, the Year 8 staff and the College staff as a whole who supported the fundraiser and cut some laps for us in the wee hours of the morning. The most uplifting thing for staff and students is that our students walked for their parents and their grandparents and truly appreciated that cancer is not selective in who it chooses – young and old we are all at risk. The event raised over \$100 000 for cancer sufferers and survivors. What an amazing community event – one that we will certainly be a part of in 2013.

Leanne Baxter – Year 8 Team Leader

YEAR 9

As part of the Year 9 program, students have participated in a Project study. The aim of the project is to work towards a finished product. This year students have participated in either: Community Spirit, Human Powered Vehicle, Game Maker, Cottage Crafts and Automotive/Electronics. On **15th November** all Year 9 students will be displaying their work for the school community and their families. The Project Expo will be held in the Common Room between 2.00 - 4.00 pm and all families are welcome at any time. We look forward to seeing you all.

Cleo Lazaris – Year 9 Team Leader

YEAR 10

On Friday 26th October in Food Technology, Outback Matty came to visit the **Year 10 PEP class**. Outback Matty travels around to schools and detention centres, he is trying to share his story to show that no matter what happens in your life, you can come out on top.



Matty shared his experiences that he had had throughout his whole life with us. He shared everything, he told us about how he had grown up moving around from school to school. He also told us about the good stuff in his life, but he was really honest about the bad things he had done and horrible experiences in his life, such as alcohol and drug abuse and crime.

We had the chance to ask him a whole range of questions and found out a lot more interesting things about him. He told us about when he started his career, and when he was in Jamie Oliver's Fifteen program in Melbourne. Jamie Oliver's program is for disadvantaged and underprivileged young people.

We got to learn about all of the opportunities he got after completing the program, like flying to Japan to open an Olympic restaurant for Australia's first Winter Gold Medalist, Steven Bradbury.

After Matty's presentation finished we got to make a dessert with him. We learned how to make Macerated Wild Berries with Cinnamon Cream and Lemon Zest, and we had to quenelle cream which was something a bit different! Matty has spent time helping out on the show Masterchef, he was working out the back in the kitchen and soon he will appear on screen on Masterchef so keep an eye out for him!

We'd like to thank Outback Matty and his assistant, Teigan, for taking the time to come and visit Kurnai and tell us about his life and show us how to prepare a quick meal. We had a great time and learnt a lot. And a big thanks to Ms Schwarzenberg for organising Outback Matty's visit.



Year 10 Coming Events

Year 10 students are currently working to complete work requirements and prepare for their exams. The exams will take place from **Monday 26th November until Wednesday 28th November**. **The Year 11 exam will be held at the Precinct Campus on the Tuesday morning.**

All Year 10 students have been provided with bus forms to organise their bus travel to the Precinct Campus for 2013. These forms are now due back to school.

The Year 10 Formal will be held on **Thursday 29th November**. It will begin at 6.30 pm and finish at 10.30 pm. All students must be signed out by a parent. Forms have been handed out to arrange the purchase of tickets.

Karen Anders – Yr 10 Team Leader

Outdoor Ed Excursion



On Wednesday 31st October, six students from Morwell Kurnai participated in the Year 11 Outdoor Environmental Studies class where they completed a three day bike ride on the East Gippsland Rail Trail. Completing approximately 30km each day, the rail trail began from Bairnsdale and ended in Orbost, stopping at Bruthen and Nowa Nowa overnight. Whilst at Nowa Nowa most of the students went to the Nowa Nowa MTB Park riding a range of the trails offered there. Over the course of the trip students experienced many challenges, as mountain biking was new to them, and saw a range of flora and fauna. Over the three days we endured a change in weather from extremely hot to pouring down rain, however that didn't take away the enjoyment from the trip. Everyone still rode through it and enjoyed the rail trail and by the end everyone had successfully completed approximately 94km of rail trail.

By Lachlan Tactor – Year 10

Community College Gippsland Horticulture Program

A group of Year 10 students have been participating in a Horticulture program over Semester 2. As a part of the program, students worked with Bruce King at Edward Hunter Reserve in Moe. This work has involved working teams clearing weeds and fallen trees, seed collection, concreting and some landscaping work. All students have enjoyed the hard work and learning new skills.

By **Mitch Correa and Zac Williams**



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Annstreetboxing, Morwell, phone 0402 352410, www.annstreetboxing.com - we are now offering cross training, which is awesome.