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Kurnai College acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the Land on which we live and work, of the Braiakaulung people of the Gunaikurnai nation and pay my respects to their Elders past, present and future.

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Message from our Campus Principal

Cleo Lazaris

End of term arrangements

The end of term is a great time for our students and staff to reflect on all the activities and achievements of the term. There has been a lot of activity this term; camps, work experience, Blue Edge, NAPLAN, Attitudes to School Surveys and all of this notwithstanding the impact and interruptions due to COVID.

At our end of term assembly, we hear from our Student Representative Council who report the highlights from each year level.

It can be a little nerve wracking to talk in front of the whole school, but our SRC representatives have been building their skills in public speaking, and each time the assemblies seem less daunting for them.

This term we will also recognise the students who participated in the first Blue Edge program.

As a campus we like to end the term with a whole school, fun activity; you will remember we held the Colour Run last term. This term a rotation of activities has been organised where students will participate in their houses, earn points for their house, and hopefully win the first Campus House trophy!

Students are encouraged to dress in their house colours to earn extra points.

The last day of term, Friday June 24th will finish slightly earlier than a normal school day.

Classes will finish at 1.00 pm.

Buses will leave Churchill Campus at 1.15 pm.

Finally, I wish you all a safe and restful holiday. Be sure to recharge and make sure you have all the materials you need for learning in each of your classes.



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Year 7 News

Camp Coolamatong Memories

About three quarters of our year level, or nearly 60 students, boarded buses in Week 5. Photos show how wonderful it is to see student teams encouraging each other on the survival and ropes courses, lakeside search, with bush cooking and night activities to name a few. Several students braved the rock wall climb, some making it to the top, others rightfully proud of a couple of meters. Among other things, students will certainly remember the creepy fog, scrumptious food, Noelene, friendly activity leaders, blue-green algae, cool mornings and covid departures.



NAPLAN, Attitude to School Survey (AtoSS) and Common Assessment Tasks (CAT)

Well done, Year 7 students, for your positive attitude, having a serious go at national and school subject assessment. Students also had an opportunity to voice their Kurnai Churchill

Campus experience in the AtoSS. The SRC, advocates, homegroup teachers, Stymie, Teams and email are other means of speaking up and taking a step to begin support or change.

Our **Learning Behavior Update (LBU) Reports** have again shown the strengths of Year 7 learners with **45** students scoring over 3.5 out of 4, for how well they organise themselves, complete tasks and become involved in class! A Hot Chip (sauce & drink) Lunch rewarded these students, with others were recognised by having their name on the **Awards Wheel** or stamps on their **Rewards Card**.



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Year 8 News

Karoonda Park Camp

Year 8 camp ran for the week from May 23rd. We went to Karoonda Park, near Gelantipy and went on a cave tour at Buchan on the way. Looking at the cave formations was interesting, particularly as we studied them as a part of our Humanities classes last term.



Everyone enjoyed the setting and activities at Karoonda Park. We had koalas in the trees around camp.



The zip line, abseiling, waterfall walks were highlights of the camp activities. Staff were impressed with the way students attempted the activities even when they felt challenged by them. We had a great day out at the Snowy River. We drove there above the clouds so didn't really get to see the mountains until the cloud cover had lifted for the return trip. All students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the white water rafting down the river and warming up with lunch at the campfire afterwards. We also enjoyed a big bonfire on our last night at camp. We all got to know each other better over the week and overall, we had a great camp!



The students who remained at school completed a range of engaging tasks based around the themes of Disney Pixar's film *The Incredibles*. Highlights of the week included a persuasive writing escape room, maths games and minute to win it activities. Students practised great teamwork skills and also worked independently to earn a hot chip lunch reward.

Elevate Study Skills

Year 8 students recently participated in an Elevate study skills session. This was the second part of the program. The focus was on time management and organisation. The learning will be followed up in Form Group and other classes.



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Year 9 News

Hello again everyone and welcome to this edition of the year 9 news. As the term draws to a close and we all start looking forward to the mid-year break, the Year 9 Team encourages all students to keep pushing for excellence in these last couple of weeks. Teachers are assessing another great, yet challenging, term of learning and it would be a shame for the outstanding work that has been done this term not to be reflected in final assessments. As with all school terms, this one has been busy and next term will present another plethora of exciting opportunities. We wish you all a great and safe break and look forward to seeing all the students back in term 3 refreshed and ready to go again.

Careers Week

In week 5 of this term the year 9s participated in the inaugural careers week. Students completed careers related activities such as resumes and job searches. They also had the opportunity to have a chat in a small groups with professionals from a range of different industries from emergency services, food production, and mental health services amongst others. They received a few treats from the local dairy industry and some of the naughtier students had to be restrained since the yoghurt was so tasty. Many thanks to all the professionals that were able to come and provide the cohort with advice and tips to get into their chosen profession.

Year 9 Camp

The year 9 Melbourne Exploration camp is now live on Compass for you to provide your consent. The cost of the camp is just under \$500 and CSEF funds can be used for those that

are eligible. Students will experience restaurant dining each night of the camp and continental breakfasts. There will be options available for all tastes at lunchtime. Activities include a range of educational and recreational opportunities that will provide great opportunities for those attending to grow. Numbers are capped at approx. 50 so please get your consent in as early as possible. Students not attending camp will be delivered an alternative program that aligns to with the activities on camp. If you have any questions regarding camp, please do not hesitate to call Glen Stephenson on 513233700.

Form Group Semester 2

A number of changes to form groups will be made in semester 2. These changes are necessary for several reasons; including new enrolments and exits from year 9 creating an imbalance in student numbers, changing needs of students and the efficient management of support resources, and qualification of some student into the ALPs program. These changes are due to take place at the commencement of semester 2. All efforts will be made to bring changes to the attention of families and student prior to the end of this term but this is not always possible. Please be aware that changes are not made as a consequence for student behaviour, but to best ensure the needs of the entire cohort are being met.

Electives

Elective selections are now open for students to enter their preferences. This is being done using the Edval program this semester for which students have received their login details. The program does not require parent/guardian approval for selections to be made. If you would like discuss your child's selections before they are finalised please contact Glen Stephenson on 51 323700.

China Town Excursion

On May 31st, Churchill and Morwell Year 9 and 10 Chinese classes had a day tour in China town together. Our students arrived at Flinders Street Station in the morning and then walked to China Town with Ms. Sun and Ms. Li. While walking along Little Bourke Street, we discovered a lot of Chinese characters written in different ways and diverse dining customs, then we talked about Chinese cuisines in different regions as well as the immigration history of Chinese people.

We also went shopping in one of the biggest Asian grocers in China Town. During lunchtime, some students had noodle soups at Bowtiful Noodle with Ms Sun. The rest of the students had a set of Chinese dishes at Dahu Peking Duck Restaurant with Ms Li. After lunch, we had one hour guided tour in the Chinese Museum. Students were presented with different Chinese traditions and Chinese communities in Australia.



Victorian Young Leaders Global Youth Forum

In Term 2, Ruby Turner Jellis, Daniel Lawrie, Ethan Toull, Jesse Stevens, and Alannah Harkess started to participate in the Victorian Young Leaders Program global youth forum via zoom call. The forum is a three-part learning program designed to deepen their understanding of what it means to be a global citizen and provide opportunities to develop students' leadership skills. They interacted with different global perspectives and applied knowledge and skills to solve problems in real-world situations.



During the event, our students listened to the guest speakers, took notes, and discussed global issues with other Victorian schools from Asia Pacific and Australia. On the 1st of June,

students were joined by other guest speakers from High Resolve to talk about identity. They discussed some major school issues globally and how to tackle them. Our students were also invited to do the opening and closing remarks by Melbourne University. On the last day of the event, our students were joined by another guest speaker. They split into many different break-out rooms with different schools to present their prototype and gave feedback on the other schools' presentations.



When asked about the feedback of this program, Ruby commented 'This experience was a great opportunity to learn and understand about globalisation, what it is to be able global citizen and identity. I learned about these topics and ways to discuss these topics with my peers. It was a really great experience and gave me the opportunity to talk to and get to know about these different schools from all over the Asia Pacific. On the behalf of Kurnai, I would like to thank Chris Higgins (Organisor of VYLC) for guiding us through these forums and for the great opportunity to learn about the topics above, and to give us this exciting opportunity.' We should acknowledge our students' great commitment and their amazing efforts in doing this program! From Ms Li



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Year 10 News

Work Experience

All Year 10 students participated in work experience this term. To all our students who completed their work experience placements, well done! It was rewarding and heart-warming to see the smiles on faces and enthusiasm to share stories when staff visited students in their workplace. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive with a few lucky students gaining employment because of the work ethic and attitude in the workplace! Work experience is a vital part of our Year 10 curriculum as it allows students the opportunity to experience work life and try different industries and jobs before having to make decisions about future pathways. It gives our students a better understanding of workplace expectations and future career options.

We would like to thank all of our local employers who made this possible and provided opportunities for our students, without their support a program like this would not be possible.

Thanks also needs to be given to Suze Benson (Careers) for all her work in supporting our students throughout the entire process, your work is truly appreciated. Also thanks to the teachers who supported our students and went out to visit them in the workplace. Again, without your support a program like this would not be possible. Our focus now shifts to future pathway opportunities and students will be considering and selecting their preferred pathway for 2023.



Course Counselling

Now that work experience is complete, our focus shifts and students start their preparations for Course Counselling (CC). CC is when students start to explore their preferred pathway and subject options for 2023. CC will formally take place in Term 3, however, the conversations with students are starting now! Student's future aspirations will direct them to do the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) or the new Victorian Certificate of Education Vocational Major, formerly known as VCAL. Once students have indicated which pathway they prefer (at this stage) they are given instructions in "Becoming Familiar with the Kurnai VCE/VCEVM Handbook" which outlines subject descriptors. If you have any questions please email Suze: suzanne.benson@education.vic.gov.au (Careers) or Todd Todd.Miller@education.vic.gov.au (Year 10 Team Leader).

May GPA All Stars

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Gabrielle Bonnici, Gabrielle Marks, Lincoln Sturre, Daniel Bonica, Andrew Tyrrell, Lola Hill, Tahlia Runge, Meg Renwick, Christopher Bolton, Holly Dawson, Jorja Hart, Flynn Hanson, Caleb Smit, Brayden Baillie, Hayden Stockdale, Luke Marchionne, Chloe Bailey, Bethany Mortlock, Victoria Cooper, Kiara Pulis, Rieka Arbon.

Gippsland Regional Cross Country

Congratulations to Robert Steele who recently represented his Year Level/age group at the Gippsland Regional Cross Country held at Lardner Park. Well done Robert.



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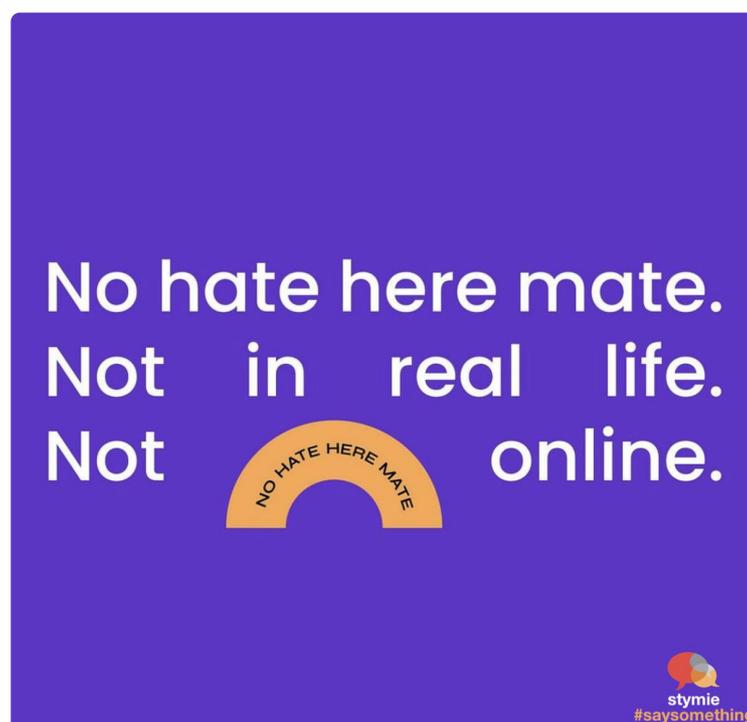
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Friday 17 June	Blue Edge excursion
Monday 20 June	Assessment Day / report writing - students not required at school
Tuesday 21 June	Professional Practice Day - students NOT required at school
Friday 24 June	last day Term 2
Monday 11 July	Term 3 commences
Friday 16 September	Last day Term 3

School News

EVERY DAY COUNTS ATTENDANCE MATTERS

When your child misses just ...	that equals ...	which is ...	and so, from Prep to Year 12, that is ...
1 day a fortnight (90% attendance)	20 days a year	4 weeks of school	Nearly 1 ½ years of school
1 day a week (80% attendance)	40 days a year	8 weeks of school	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days a week (60% attendance)	80 days a year	16 weeks of school	Over 5 years of learning
3 days a week (40% attendance)	120 days a year	24 weeks of school	Over 8 years of learning



Music News

Our dedicated music students have been working hard in preparation for various performances to be held in Semester 2.

Students featured below are rehearsing as part of the guitar ensemble & concert band. These students are preparing for the 'Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod' & the 'Primary Schools Tour'



Our year 7 students learning about notes placement on the music staff.

Kurnai's Got Talent

Auditions have taken place at all three campuses. The quality of the performances has been outstanding and I'm looking forward to more auditions in Term 3. Students that would still like to audition are able too during week 2 & 3 in Term 3. Contact Mr Gretton for more details.



Surrealism Paintings

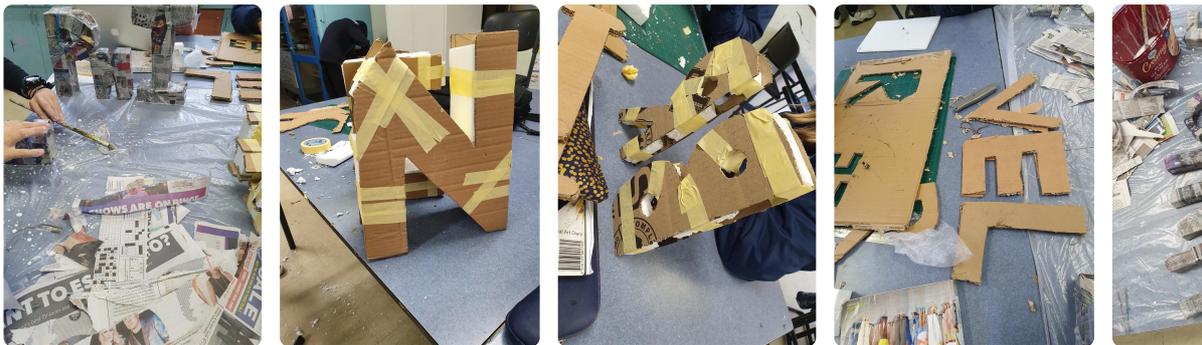
Year 9s and 10s have been learning about the Surrealist Art Movement. Surrealism is about dreams, the subconscious and a twist on reality. Students chose whether to focus on dreams, a comment on a social issue, or a mental condition to represent through surrealism.

They have created some amazing painted works about their chosen focus, using different painting techniques to represent their ideas and comments. They have brainstormed, researched and planned extensively, as well as spending weeks perfecting their final pieces. They are currently on display.



3D Sculpture Art

Students have been working on 3D letters to form words of encouragement to be displayed around the school. Students have employed critical thinking skills to cut out two of each letter and make them self-standing. Students have cut their letters out of cardboard in partners. They have explored different font styles in their designs and then have paper mached their letters to make them solid. Each word will be decorated in the theme of their word of encouragement.



Blue Edge Program

We had one of our last sessions today for the term and it's safe to say that a solid bond has been formed with this group!!



Community News

Parent zone information from Anglicare

ParentZone Gippsland is the Regional Parenting Service for Gippsland and supports families within the local government areas of Bass Coast, Baw Baw, East Gippsland, Latrobe, South Gippsland, and Wellington. What does Parent Zone offer?

For more information please contact Parent Zone Gippsland on (03) 5135 9555 or emailparentzone.gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au

We have attached their latest information newsletter



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COVID-19 vaccinations for children are available

Your local community has upcoming COVID-19 vaccination clinics at:

Drouin Primary School

Where: 153-161 Princes Way, Drouin

When: 1pm – 5pm on **Wednesday 15 June 2022**

Warragul North Primary School

Where: O'Dowds Rd, Warragul

When: 1pm – 5pm on **Monday 20 June 2022**

Trafalgar Primary School

Where: 85 School Rd, Trafalgar

When: 1pm – 5pm on **Tuesday 21 June 2022**

Flu shots now available at all clinics!

Vaccinations are also available for adults at all clinics.

Just walk in, no booking required.

