



Kurnai College
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Churchill Newsletter

Monday 8 February 2021

KEY DATES

11 Feb	COLLEGE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
16-17 Feb	YEAR 10 TECH SCHOOL EXCURSIONS
17 Feb	CHURCHILL CAMPUS MEET & GREET BBQ 5.00 PM
19 Feb	SCHOOL PHOTOS
23-24 Feb	YEAR 8 TECH SCHOOL EXCURSIONS
2 March	COLLEGE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



Cleo Lazaris
Campus Principal

Message from our Campus Principal

Welcome to all members of our learning community. In addition to our 96 new Year 7 students, we also have several new students joining us in Years 8 to 10. A warm welcome to you all! The start of a new year brings with it some nerves and uncertainty and not only from our students! Nevertheless, the year has kicked off with a positive start with everyone settling into their routine.

We have several new staff joining us at Churchill Campus:

Isaac Lynch-Berends Education Support (ES) in the classroom. Isaac is studying to be a teacher and is a great addition to our wonderful ES team.

Matthew Woodhouse transferred from University Campus. He joins our Year 8 and Advocate team. Matt will be teaching Science and Maths.

Louise Kramme joins the Year 7 team teaching English and Humanities.

Julia Groves joins the Year 8 team and will be teaching English and Humanities.

Harry Owens teaches English and Humanities and will be on the Year 10 team.

Ali Khaki will also join the Year 10 team and is teaching Science and Maths.

Paris Ladas will be teaching Drama and English and joins the Year 9 team.

YEAR LEVEL TEAMS

Churchill Campus has a team structure to support students with their academic and social growth. The team is led by a Team Leader who is supported by a team of staff who predominantly teach students in that year level. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the relevant team leader:

Year 7 – Darren Campbell

Year 8 – Lindy Gumpold

Year 9 – Glen Stephenson

Year 10 – Jenny Horner



College Principal
Anthony Rodaughan

Campus Principal
Cleo Lazaris

School Hours: 8:25am - 2:50pm

Churchill Campus

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**Attendance
Hotline**

5132 3711

Message from our Principal continues.....

WELLBEING and ADVOCATE

Our student welfare consisting of **Selena Gray** and **Erin Keogh** work together with our advocates; **Tom Kindellan**, **Paula Woodland**, **Robin Fitzpatrick**, **Matt Woodhouse** and **Tarna Flake**, and all support our Year level teams to support our students.

PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on the morning of **Friday 19th of February**. Students will receive their photo information pack and need to bring back the photo forms with correct payment on the day, to give to the photographer. More information will be provided soon.

CROSSING

Although there is a temptation to cross the road directly adjacent to the gate it is important for students to use the crossing on Switchback Road as they arrive and leave school. This is a **40-km** zone and vehicles are required to stop at the crossing. There is no guarantee that they will stop at other places along the road.

COLLEGE SWIMMING SPORTS

The College Swimming Sports is an important event on our College calendar. It is one of the few times that the entire College comes together to participate in an event. This year the sports will be on Thursday, February 11 and permission forms will need to be returned by the date stated on the form to ensure students can attend. I encourage all students to sign up for the many 'races', whether they are the more traditional and competitive or the ones that are for fun! Students will be provided with more details at their House Meetings

VISITING THE CAMPUS

It is important for us to know who is in the school at any given time so I ask that all visitors report to the General Office and not go directly to other buildings. Our office staff will assist you with your enquiry. If you need to collect your child early, our office staff will arrange for them to come to you in the General Office foyer. Please supply your student with a note to leave class early.

Annual privacy reminder

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website

<http://kurnai.co/schools-privacy-policy> .

For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents.

This information is also available in nine community languages: Amharic, Arabic, Dari, Mandarin, Somali, Sudanese, Turkish, Urdu & Vietnamese.



Year 7 News

Welcome, everybody! Students overall, are showing the right behaviours to get along with others and commence their learning. This means they are accepting others, willing to listen, have the necessary equipment, are curious learners and well-mannered, to name a few. It has been a giant leap! There are those students who are confident to ask questions, others rely on friends, some have mentioned confusion or needs at home, often resulting in a parent email or phone call. Your communication is appreciated and encouraged.

Workbooks have been set up to help all students organize their learning. There should be one workbook for each subject. This ensures students have easy access to their notes, can look back on content to practice skills and take pride in their effort and progress. Students are being rewarded for their workbooks as part of the Positive Behaviour Support Program.

The Year 7 team are trialling **diaries** to support student organization, awareness and communication between school and home. Some students may already be in the habit of using a diary or their laptops, however, we expect either the supplied diary or similar-sized diary to be used all year.

Kurnai is a **uniform** school and Year 7 is off to a great start. We will soon paste the policy into diaries. In response to some recent questions, shoes should be mostly black, hats or caps navy blue and hoods (attached to school hoodies) are not to be worn in buildings.

The supplied **combination lock** requires practice. Well done students, for being patient and not giving up. We are happy for some students to store their belongings at the Year 7 teacher office while they become more confident spinning the dial. Sorry, but alternative locks from home are not permitted.

The **targeted reading program, TR@K**, is underway with all students placed in a group according to their ability levels.

Year 7 Camp Coolamatong is a really important occasion for Year 7 with activities targeting this age group and skill building for the secondary school years. We are aiming for 100% attendance. If you would like to know more about the program or payment options, please contact the Churchill Campus office.



A notice regarding **immunisations** from Latrobe City was distributed last year with enrolment information. We gave students an extra copy this week as a reminder of the dates and the online registration steps. We have hard copy cards for parents who may be experiencing internet access issues.

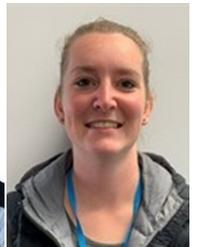


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THE YEAR 7 TEAM



Russell White



Rachel Dodd



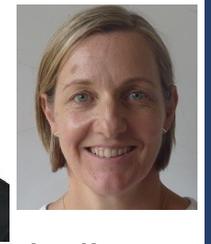
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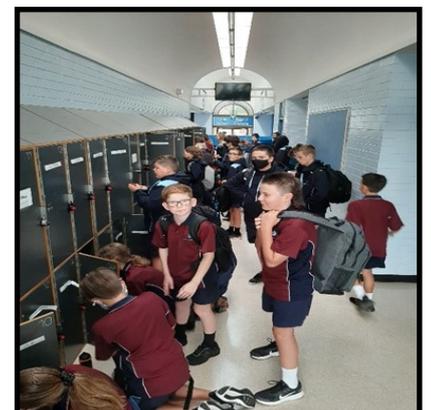
Chris Gretton



Clancy Bennett



Lou Kramme



Year 8 News

The staff of the Year 8 team would like to extend a warm welcome to all students, parents, and carers to the 2021 school year.

The Team Members

This year the Year 8 team members are: Lindy Gumpold (Team Leader); Robin Fitzpatrick (Science, PE and Health); Kara Thompson (Science and Art); Gabi O'Bree (Math); Cathy Tan (Chinese); Julia Gore (English and Humanities); Lisa Knowles (English); Matt Woodhouse (Science, Math and Health).

If you would like to discuss any issues concerning your child or would like to know more about the Year 8 program, please contact the Year 8 team.

Lockers

This year, the lockers are in the Art corridor. This area will be unlocked at 8.00am each morning, which gives students 25 minutes to collect their books for the first two periods before the morning bell goes at 8.25am.

Swimming Sports

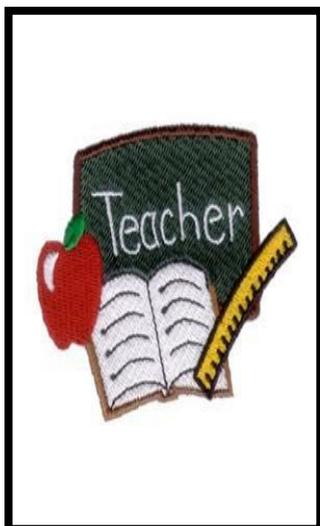
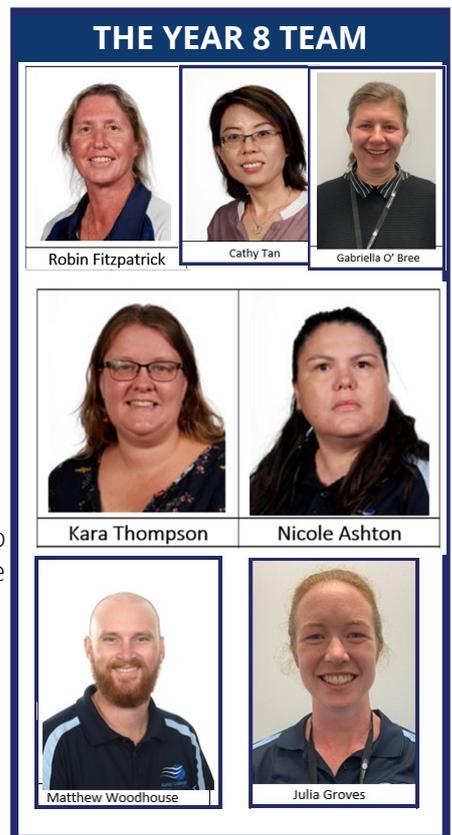
The school Swimming Sports will take place on Thursday the 11th of February. This day is a normal school day, except that it is held at the Moe swimming pool. It would be great if the students could wear their house colours so that they can provide a colourful and supportive environment for all competitors on the day.

Tech School Excursion

On the **23rd and 24th of February** Year 8 students will have the opportunity to participate in an excursion to the Tech School, in Morwell. This activity is made available, through Compass, and the excursion is limited to fifty students.

Student Laptops

A reminder that students are expected to have a laptop and that students need to bring their laptop to all classes. Staff in the Year 8 team will be working to determine which students have their own laptop. If parents and guardians could support the school by checking that their child is taking their laptop to school that would assist with trying to develop good organisational habits.



Uniform Expectations

If students arrive at school, out of uniform, without a note, they will be required to change into school supplied uniform for the day and complete a detention at recess. If your child is out of uniform, please provide a signed note, which explains why your child is not wearing uniform on a particular day. Your child will still be required to change into supplied school uniform but will not be required to complete a detention.

When students are at school or participating in school activities that take them out of the school grounds they are expected to be in full uniform. This does not include non-school uniform jackets, beanies, hoodies or tracksuit pants, however they can wear long sleeve navy or white tops (without hoods) underneath their polo tops. Students are also reminded that they are required to wear shoes that are predominately black. If you require any assistance with school uniform. Please don't hesitate to contact the school and speak to either a member of the Year 8 Team or the Advocate Team members.

Year 9 News

Hello everyone and welcome to Year 9. This year will see the return of lots of great activities, events and learning opportunities for students and term 1 will certainly have its share of the fun.

I would like to begin by introducing myself (Glen Stephenson) as the Year 9 Team Leader and extend an invitation to families and students alike to feel free to contact me with regard to any matters Year 9 related. I will be working with a strong team of teachers this year as introduced below. We are all dedicated to making sure students receive a rich and purposeful year of education in all aspects from academic to personal and social.



Swimming sports and Athletics days

The annual swimming sports carnival is coming up on the **11th February** and the Athletics day is on **19th February**. A friendly reminder to all parents and guardians to log on to compass and tick the online consent forms if they wish their child to attend these events. Both of these days provide great opportunities for students and staff to bond and build positive connections, not to mention all the fun and great atmosphere. Also, don't forget to dress in house colours on these days, go team Yellow.

School Photos

School photos will take place on 19th February. A reminder to all students comb the hair and shine those shoes on this day.



SRC Representatives

Congratulations to the following students for being elected as Student Leaders for year 9 this year.

- Harry Townsend
- Gabrielle Marks
- Lola Hill
- Chloe Bailey
- Zoe Long



We look forward to their contributions and leadership throughout the year.

Year 9 Camp Term 3

I would like to bring to your attention the year 9 camp that will take place in **term 3** this year. This camp will be a 4 night stay in Melbourne where students will have the opportunity to experience a range of cultural, educational and leisure activities in the Melbourne CBD. This camp will have a cost associated with it of approximately \$400. As I would like as many year 9s as possible to have this opportunity, I urge families to begin putting money aside to cover this cost so that it does not cause as large financial burden in term 3. More info will be provided closer to the date.



Glen Stephenson
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THE YEAR 9 TEAM



Erin Gruis



Dave Frendo



Corryn Evans



Paris Ladas



Elyse Derricot



Chris Flake

Year 10 News

Welcome to what will be a very busy year!

Year 10 is the year of endless opportunities.

Term 1 will focus on supporting your child to explore and prepare themselves for work experience (more details below).

It is in Term 2 where students will spend two weeks in their work placements and on their return to school, they will start exploring and choosing their preferred pathway in 2021 (Course Counselling). Students will also sit their first Year 10 exam (English and Math) only at the end of term.

While Term 4 students who nominated to enrol in a VET course for 2022 will complete an orientation day at the TAFE campus for their chosen VET course. Students will complete the second round of Year 10 exams before celebrating their last moments at the junior campus with the Year 10 formal.

In between there will be opportunities to participate in the Trade Pathway Program (to be confirmed) as well as spend time exploring university courses through the Fed Uni Experience Days.

Your child will be supported by a very experienced team of teachers and I am proud to share with you all the Year 10 team for 2021.

You are encouraged to contact any member of the team with regards to the progress of your child as well as any questions you have with regards to Work Experience, Course Counselling or any of the programs offered throughout the year.

Changes to how we teach Maths

In Year 10 we are taking a different approach to setting up our Year 10 Mathematics classes. Before students commence a new topic they will be screened for their prior knowledge of that topic, and be placed in with students who are at a similar level. This will enable the targeted teaching to be focused, allowing students to experience significant growth from their current level, rather than achieving some or no growth. All students, including those in ALPS, will be grouped according to their screener outcome. Groups will change from time to time according to future screeners.

If you have any questions, please contact **Sandra Flake** from the Year 10 team.

Expectations and Attendance

With such a busy program and students representing the school in local workplaces across our region, Kurnai College has high expectations of all students behaviour in ways which reflect our values.

The Year 10 team will continually communicate to the students on the expectations of attendance, behaviours and wearing correct uniform.

We appreciate your support on these matters and this week draw your attention to notifying the school if your child is absent and signing out your child from the front office if you collect your child early from school.

Jenny Horner	TEAM LEADER Humanities Team Time Skill Builder
Mary Corponi	Peer Support Personal Finance PE / SEPEP
Sandra Flake	Maths English Team Time
Ian Hopkins	Music Master
Ali Khaki	Maths Science
Andy Leeson	PE Outdoor Ed Math Team Time
Harry Owens	English Humanities Tr@k



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THE YEAR 10 TEAM



Ali Khaki



Mary Corponi



Sandra Flake



Ian Hopkins



Andy Leeson



Harry Owens



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amount this year is \$225 for eligible secondary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

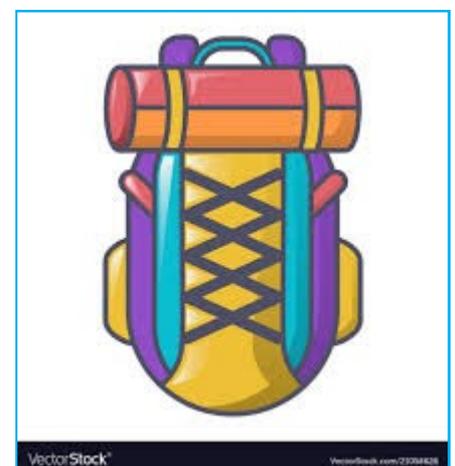
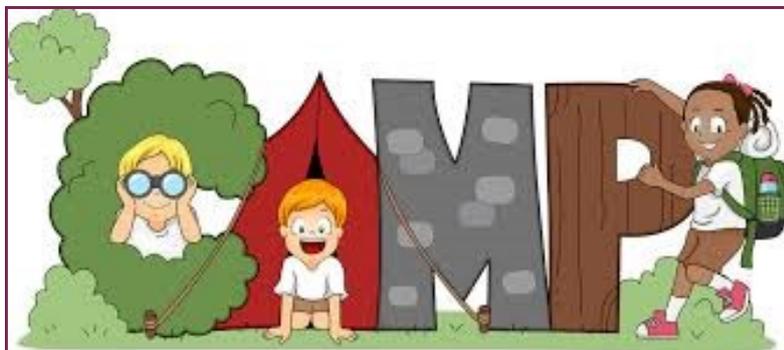
If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances **or you have enrolled a new student to the school.**

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 51 650600 and ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

Applications close **18/6/2021**.



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Music Expression of Interest Form

The following instruments can be taught at Kurnai College:



Woodwind

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Bass Clarinet
- Saxophone



Voice



Brass

- Trumpet/Cornet
- French Horn
- Tenor Horn
- Baritone
- Trombone
- Euphonium
- Tuba



Percussion

Drum Kit, Congas, Glockenspiel, Xylophone, Vibraphone, Timpani.



Strings

- Guitar
- Bass Guitar



Keyboards

Electric Keyboard / Piano

All of the above musical instruments can be hired from the school if the student does not already have an instrument. Students wanting to learn Percussion need to have their own drum sticks. Percussion, Guitar and Keyboard are not hired.

Contact the Music Director if you have any inquiries.

Please fill in and return bottom slip to Kurnai College

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Date: _____ - _____ Campus Attending: - _____

Student's Name: _____ Year Level: - _____

Instrument wanting to learn: 1. _____ - 2. - _____ 3. -- _____

Parents/Guardians Names: _____

Home Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Phone No: _____ Phone No: _____

Email: -- _____

Have you learnt a musical instrument before? _____ If so, what was it? _____

Do you have your own instrument? _____ If so, which instrument? _____



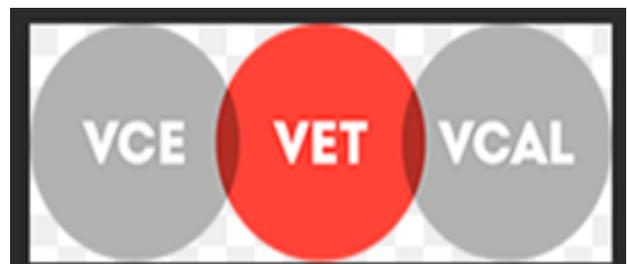
Term 2: Monday 10th to Friday 21st May

Year 10 Work Experience is a valuable opportunity for students to explore and prepare themselves to experience a range of workplaces. Students take a very proactive role in finding their preferred business for their two-week placement in early May.

Students can choose to complete two weeks at the same workplace OR choose two placements (one week each). Students can start to approach businesses now to see if they are willing to take on work experience students.

There are several items, including USI (Unique Student Identifier) and Safe @Work certificates that must be completed before any student will be allowed to commence their placement.

Those who are interested in completing their work experience within the construction or trade industry (any trade that requires one to work on a building site) will be required to attain their Construction Induction (White) card. More information will be shared with students shortly.



Victorian Chief Health Officer message to schools and their communities

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back the Victorian school community in 2021.

Following an incredible effort by students, staff, teachers, parents and carers last year, Victorian schools are well placed to safely commence the new school year. Schools will return to a largely normal program of activities, including welcoming parents and other vital members of the school community back into their grounds.

Throughout the pandemic, Victorian schools have rapidly adapted and successfully implemented measures to reduce the risk of coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission in school environments. By embedding COVIDSafe principles in all its operations and reinforcing good behaviours throughout 2020, schools have created safe spaces, and are in a strong position to quickly respond to any coronavirus (COVID-19) risks that may emerge.

Given the current very low risk of coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission in the community, continued high rates of testing, wastewater monitoring, and continued observance of health and safety measures in schools; those with medical vulnerabilities or their carers can feel reassured that they can safely return to working and learning on site.

While we have seen outbreaks emerge over the summer break, we have also witnessed our capacity to respond quickly to limit the impact of these outbreaks. Should community cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) increase again, I am confident that with COVIDSafe plans in place, alongside our ability to quickly identify and respond to cases – schools remain safe places for all staff and students. I also continue to be reassured by evidence that children are less impacted by the virus and are less likely to develop severe illness.

It is crucial, however, for everyone to remain vigilant – to stay home when unwell, get tested, perform regular hand hygiene, wear a mask when required and maintain physical distancing from others when practical. Schools should consider how they can continue to pursue strategies that contribute to reduced transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Schools and parents continue to have an important role to promote and ensure testing when a child or staff member has any symptoms, no matter how mild, and then stay home. Getting tested and staying home until results are known, remains critical to limiting community transmission.

Adj Clin Prof Brett Sutton

Victorian Chief Health Officer





CHURCHILL CAMPUS

MEET & GREET BBQ

WORK ETHIC

We are committed to working hard

ENGAGEMENT

We actively participate in our own learning

RELATIONSHIPS

We value and respect each other

EXCELLENCE

We do the best that we can

Wednesday 17th February
5.00pm
Language Centre

We will be providing a FREE informal BBQ for you and your family to meet and talk with many of your child's teachers.

This is a great opportunity to ask any specific questions about classes your child has, put names to faces, and share with your child about their experiences of secondary schooling.

All students are encouraged to attend with their families - old and new!

Cleo Lazaris - Churchill Campus Principal

ANY QUESTIONS CALL US ON
51 323 700



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GAME ON!

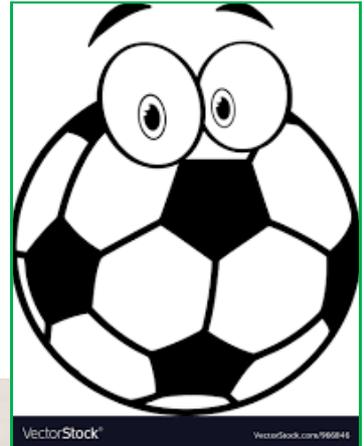
MIRBOO NORTH AUTUMN BASKETBALL SEASON

Monday- U12 Girls, U14 Girls &
U14 Boys
Tuesday- U10 Mixed & U12 Boys
Wednesday U16 Girls
Thursday U16 Boys

**BEGINNING
THE WEEK OF
22ND
FEBRUARY
2021**

**\$80 PLUS \$25 BVC
INSURANCE**

Go to <https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/5716a5t> to register!
Any questions please email mnthjba@gmail.com



JUNIOR TRAINING RETURNS

U6 | U8 | U10 | U12 | U14 | U16

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2021

5PM START

HAZELWOOD SOUTH RESERVE





KIDDO GIPPSLAND **TERM ONE**

KIDDO Gippsland is a program for improving your children's physical skills and building the knowledge and behaviours that give them the confidence and motivation to lead active lives.

- TOONGABBIE -

Date: Tuesdays, from 2nd February until 23rd March

Times: 9:30 am - 10:15 am

Location - Toongabbie Recreation Reserve Stadium

- CHURCHILL -

Date: Wednesdays, from 3rd February until 24th
March

Times: 9:30 am - 10:15 am

Location - Churchill Hall

- TYERS -

Date: Thursdays, from 4th February until 25th March

Times: 9:30 am - 10:15 am

Location - Tyers Public Hall

- TRARALGON SOUTH -

Date: Fridays, from 5th February until 26th March

Times: 9:30 am - 10:15 am

Location - Traralgon South Community Hall

- COST PER CHILD - - REGISTER HERE -

Full term (8 weeks) \$80

Half term (4 weeks) \$45

1 Week \$12



LATROBE STREETGAMES

1 - 28 Feb 2021



MON

3.-4
Stockland Traralgon

4.30-5.30
Traralgon East
Community Centre

5.-6
Skateclub Morwell

6-6.30
Women & Girls
(Check Facebook events for venue)



3.30-4.30
Mid Valley Shopping Centre

5.30-6.30
Street Soccer
Morwell Park, Vary Street

WED



THU

3
Tips & Tricks (virtual)

3.30-4.30
Moe South St Primary School

5.30-6.30
Yallourn North Skatepark



11-12
Callignee Hall
(2nd & 4th Sunday from 14 Jan)

SUN



Latrobe Youth Space will be attending the following events. Come along for some freebies and giveaways

- Stockland Traralgon
- Traralgon East
- Morwell Park, Vary Street
- Yallourn North Skatepark



Centre for Multicultural Youth will attend

- Morwell Park, Vary Street



#GippyGirlsCan

GippSport
Gippsland Regional Sports Assembly

LATROBE

STREETGAMES



Gippy Girls Can Skate

Monday's in Feb

4 weeks FREE series

6-6.30pm

Morwell Skatepark

Come along and learn to skate or scoot with our VSA qualified coaches!

Scooters, skateboards, and helmets provided, but feel free to bring your own too. All skill levels, beginners are welcome! Come and have a go!

*Learn to
skate / scoot*



