Hello Everyone,

This week has certainly been a very disrupted one. Firstly, the extreme weather conditions on Monday afternoon and Tuesday severely affected the running of most of the buses bringing students in from the surrounding areas. While we still had about 75% of the student population at school, some classes were affected more than others, due to the large number of students missing the class. Many students were also picked up early by parents fearing that the conditions would get worse. This also affected the smooth running of many afternoon classes.

**Strike Action**
The teacher strike today practically closed the campus down due the very high number of teachers taking strike action. I know that this action has affected many families and I apologize for the situation. However, there is not much that can be done if there is no staff at the school to take classes.

**Awareness Day**
Our Awareness Day on Wednesday 30th May was a fantastic success. All students in Grades 5 & 6 from all our feeder schools attended a day packed full of fun learning to help our prospective students get used to the campus layout, get to know the staff and make new friends from other schools. The planning by Mr. Garth, Mr. Hogan and the Year 7 Team was impeccable and the reports back from the different schools were very positive about the whole day. Well done to all those involved. The Information Evening was also very well planned with many key staff in attendance. The number of parents who came was a bit lower than past years.

**Report Writing Day**
A Report Writing Day will be held on Friday 15th June. This will be the last day of Semester One with Semester 2 classes starting the following Monday 18th June. This Report Writing Day is a Student Free Day.

*Nello Carbone*
Churchill Campus Principal

**Woolworths Earn & Learn – 9th May to 1st July**
By shopping at Woolworths & collecting stickers for your school, you will be helping your school earn points to go towards receiving valuable resources eg: books, art & craft, music, sports equipment and lots lots more.
You can begin collecting stickers every time you shop at any Woolworths store. For every $10 spent, you get 1 sticker.
There is a Woolworths sticker box located in the foyer at the office for all your completed sticker cards.

**Technology**
If anyone is clearing out their shed or storerooms at home and has any form of scrap metal or nuts and bolts and the like, could you kindly donate them to Kurnai College instead of throwing them away? Donations can be given to me in preparation for a metalwork class next semester.

*Ben Swift*
Technology Teacher

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**COMING EVENTS 2012**

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### UPCOMING EXCURSIONS / CAMPS

To ensure the smooth organization 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 The Edge – CFA Training | Wednesday 20th June | $90 for the term to do The Edge Program | Permission form and Payment are now overdue |
| Year 8 Mix It Up - Lawn Bowls & Gymnastics | Tuesday 12th June & Tuesday 19th June | $62 | Permission form and Payment are now overdue |
| Year 10 iTRACK – Melbourne Zoo | Friday 15th June | $14.00 | Permission form & payment by 14th June |
| Year 9 Melbourne Discovery | Tuesday 21st August to Friday 24th August | $345 | Permission form & deposit are now overdue |
| Year 10 Uluru Camp | Wednesday 12th September to Friday 21st September | $800.00 | Permission forms & deposits due now |

### KURNAI COLLEGE SPRAY JACKETS

We have introduced the Kurnai College spray jackets to the uniform this year. These jackets are available at the General Office if you wish to purchase one. There are a variety of sizes available at present from Small to Extra Large. The jackets have been introduced to the overall uniform so that all students can keep warm and dry during the winter months. To purchase one of these jackets costs $55.00.

The College values its positive image in the community and this is another way to do this. It also promotes a sense of identity with the College. So please support the College in their endeavours to ensure that all students wear the Kurnai College uniform with pride.

### YEAR 9, 10 & 11 CHINESE

On Friday the 11th the Year 9, 10 and 11 Chinese classes went to Melbourne’s RMIT University along with a few other schools taking part in the same course. The day consisted of a guided tour of the campus, martial arts lesson, tour of the Chinese museum, and a lovely lunch.

During the tour of the campus, it’s no surprise that we ended up in the cafeteria eating! After that we went to the martial arts lesson which proved to be a great laugh. At the Chinese museum we were taught about the Chinese dragons and traditions regarding the Chinese New Year celebrations.

Throughout the whole day, there were many times that we had to try to speak Chinese, which wasn’t too bad, but when it came to order our lunch we could only use Chinese, this proved to be a challenge. Luckily no one went hungry!

We all had a great day and can’t wait for our next adventure! I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Tan for all her help and support she has given us all throughout the year.

Abby Collinson

### YEAR 10 OUTDOOR ED CAMP

For our Year 10 Outdoor Ed hiking camp we went to Mitchell River. We had to walk about 7km on the first day and 13kms the next day. We set up tents and cooked dinner on Trangias before it got dark. We were all ready for bed and were shocked to learn that it was only about six o’clock. The ground was hard and the air was cold, so we snuggled up and tried to get some sleep. On the first night we were all woken by animals roaming the campsites. First, there was a possum then moments later a wombat raged through our community of tents, crashing into everything in its path. Things seemed to be calming down, until there was a vicious growl and it seemed to be getting louder. Scott came out and told us to relax, it was just a deer, but to this day I am convinced that it was in fact a wild bush pig! The second night wasn’t much better; let’s just say that better waterproof tents would have been a good idea.

Rosie Twomey
As the new Term has begun, so have the Fun ‘n’ Fit classes. These classes are run by qualified trainers and everyone is welcome. These classes are aimed at increasing cardiovascular fitness to improve health and wellbeing in Kurnai students. The classes are $5 per session and commence from 3.15pm - 4.15pm.

The dates are as follows:

**SESSION 1**
- Tuesday 12th June
- Tuesday 19th June
- Monday 25th June

**SESSION 2**
- Friday 15th June
- Friday 22nd June
- Friday 29th June

**ALPS SCIENCE COMPETITION**
All ALPS students completed the University of New South Wales Science competition this week.

**YEAR 8 ENGLISH**
The Year 8 English class are currently completing a unit on ‘The Power of Persuasion’. The unit aims to develop students’ ability to identify an increasing range of persuasive techniques in others’ writing and how they influence an audience. Students have researched a chosen issue and are writing two persuasive pieces in different styles: one a creative response in first person and the other an essay. They will sequence and develop their ideas and arguments and use persuasive techniques throughout their responses to convince others of their opinion.

Next term we will be studying the novel ‘Parvana’. Students will need to have read this novel at least once by the beginning of Term 3.

**YEAR 8 HUMANITIES**
This week students were allocated jobs in ‘The Be Real Game’. The next phase of the game is to create a lifestyle based on their income. They will need to decide on needs and wants, budgeting for personal expenses and for some, supporting a family.

In between this, all students in Year 8 will complete their ‘Enterprise Project’. This gives them the opportunity to market an idea, product or service to the school at lunch time next week. Money raised through their business ventures is donated to a charity of their choice.

**YEAR 9 HUMANITIES**
Over the past few weeks, Year 9 students researched a current, local or global economic issue. They identified factors such as policies, stakeholders and implications of the issue identified through a cost-benefit analysis. They formulated and justified their opinion on the issue and presented their response as an essay or report.

**MATH MADNESS DAY**
We are sending teams consisting of 3 Year 8 students and 3 Year 9 students to the problem solving challenge at Monash University on the 28th of June. Any students, who may be interested, please contact your math teacher.

**SCIENCE EXPERIENCE**
Year 9 and 10 students are invited to attend 3 days of experiments and workshops in Science and Technology at Monash University 21st, 22nd and 23rd of January, 2013. The cost is $110. Please see Mrs. Parker for an application form or further information.

**YEAR 7 NEWS**
To all the parents and students of Year 7 ALPs, I would like to extend a HUGE thank you for the surprising delivery of flowers to the school for me. I am touched by the thoughtfulness. Holly Campbell

**MOST IMPROVED**
Students recently received the last Progress Report for this semester. We have begun listing our most improved students as well as our All-Stars. The most improved students for this Progress Report were: Maddy Lewis, Ben Lewis, Tearna Schumann, Jaymee-Lee McIntosh, Zach Mudge, Tony Foster, Murdo McKay, Daniel Blakeley, Teegan Marriott, Max Renwick and Mitch Renwick. Congratulations to those students. They were all invited to have lunch with some of their teachers in the Language Centre last week.

**EXAMS**
Year 9 students will be sitting an English exam and a Maths exam on the 13th June. Being able to gain the most benefit from an exam style assessment is a very important skill to learn as part of senior schooling. These exams are primarily to give students experience in this type of assessment. As such, English and Maths teachers have already begun preparing students for their exams. It is expected that all students attend school on this day and focus fully on their exams. Students will be allowed to go home at lunchtime to continue their studies provided they have a note from their parents. Bus travellers will be catered for in a private study class at school.

**PERMACULTURE**
In the Permaculture elective we work equally outside and inside the classroom, generally on the computer to advance our skills. Outside the classroom we are currently placing in fence posts and star pickets to possibly be the habitat of a quail and a sheep, removing trees and maintaining the vegetable garden. We have already picked beans, corn, and onions. In the classroom we improve our general knowledge about Permaculture (permanence in agriculture) around us in suburban areas and the best area to place objects and plant organisms. For the past few weeks we have been working our way through different assignments involving the sun’s path and the miniature climates around the school and our homes, etc. By Ryan and Kieran Marriott.

Almuth Otten
Year 9 Team Leader

**YEAR 10 NEWS**
Year 10 students will commence their exams next week. This is a very important part of their academic year. The schedule for next week is as follows:

- **Tuesday 12 June** Churchhill campus – Maths & English exams
- **Wednesday 13 June** ALL students to GEP campus – VCE exams in the morning.
  
  GEP Foundation students will have an “introductory session”
- **Thursday 14th** Churchill campus – Humanities & Science exams
- **Friday 15th** Report Writing Day – students NOT required at school.

### Tuesday 12th & Thursday 14th Churchill exam sessions

Students should arrive with plenty of time to spare and in FULL school uniform.

Students will be allowed to go home after Tuesday and Thursday’s campus exams to continue their exam revision providing they have a note from parent or guardian. However, students are encouraged to remain at school and use their study time wisely.

### Wednesday 13th – GEP Day

**8.30 – 10.45am**

- Students studying a VCE subject will sit their exam in the morning.
- GEP foundation students will participate in a “Introductory Session” at the GEP

**11.00am**

ALL year 10 students will participate in the 1st Step Program

This comprises 4 X 30 minute sessions. Teachers from the precinct will explain various Year 11 subjects and programs, including VET, VCE and VCAL.

This is the first stage of student’s formal transition program designed to assist them to make important decisions regarding their education and pathways beyond Year 10.

- Full school uniform is required for all sessions.
- Lunch will be provided for students

If your child is unable to attend any of the following exams please contact Laurel Kane or Julie Garden (Year 10 Team) on 51 323 700 to arrange alternate times.

Laurel Kane
Year 10 Team Leader

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**Kurnai Idol Update...**

A number of heats have occurred on campus over the past few weeks, with 11 students singing to their hearts content in trying to please the judges.

Each week, participants perform to a capacity full venue, where nominated Kurnai College staff have the daunting task of assessing the performances heard and then to agree on a student that must be eliminated. To date, the journey of the following students has concluded. They include Maddie Batrich, Courtney Jenkins, Blake Hunter and Tanisha Kistler.

The final four from each campus will be featured in the semi final, held in the Language Centre at Churchill Campus, on Monday 25th June, commencing at 6:30. From then, the final 9 will then perform again in the Language Centre at 6:30pm for the Grand Final on Monday 23rd July.

Entry costs for both performances are: $5 adult and $2 for child/student (school ID required).

**Music Assessment...**

Due to the floods, Music assessments for Churchill campus will occur on Monday 25th June over periods 1 – 4. All students that do music at Churchill campus must attend.

**Student Music Logbooks...**

As part of encouraging and enhancing student practise on their chosen instrument, College Music is rewarding music students with a $5 school canteen voucher once they have 20 entries noted in their Practise logbooks.

**Fundraising...**

Drink Cans are being collected. Bin is located outside Music Complex building.

**Music Instrument classes available on:**

Any interested students wanting to experience local/regional/interstate/overseas opportunities should enrol in the Music Program now in order to prepare themselves for future performances.

Learning a wind instrument definitely assists in controlling asthma, as well as enhances fine motor skills, coordination and improves reading and literacy skills. Vacancies exist for the following instruments. You have to learn now, so what’s stopping you?

Can commence classes on the below instruments asap.

**In a nut shell:**

Classes are once a week – 30 minutes in length;

Band is for one period – once a week.

If interested, please fill in and return the following slip to the front office.
I’m interested in learning a Wind Instrument

Please circle order of preference (eg 1, 2, 3 etc) and hand to the General Office.

Flute  Clarinet  Saxophone  Trumpet  French Horn  Trombone  Tuba

Student Name: ______________________  Year level: ____________

Parent Name: ____________________________

Contact Tel Number/email: ________________________________

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**THE ARTS ARE ALIVE AT KURNAI CHURCHILL**

**YEAR 7 SHOWTIME!**

Is happening in the second week of next term! On Wednesday 25th July and Thursday 26th July, the entire Year 7 cohort will perform a wild collection of original plays. The theme is generally about ‘bullying’, and the work comes out of a process of role-playing and discussion about how bullying happens and its impact on society. We originally scheduled this for next week, but we are changing the date to make sure we get enough time for it.

It’s a very wild night and in the past has been completely packed, so make your reservations for one of the nights to make sure you get a good seat. The performances start at 7 pm, and you can get tickets from the office in the week before the show.

**SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION**

Our advanced theatre class has chosen to do an adaptation of the great film, *Shawshank Redemption*, and it promises to be a thrilling night of theatre. It’s an ambitious project by a very dedicated, focused class of students.

We are presenting the play over three nights due to the growing popularity of these productions. The show opens on Wednesday 20th June and continues on Friday 22nd June. Tickets are $5 (students are free) and the shows start at 7pm. Tickets will be available in the office in the weeks before the show.

This very powerful script has some violent themes and rough language, and the cast is working hard to do justice onstage to a wonderful film.

**YEAR 8 COMEDY NIGHT!**

The Year 8 theatre class is working on hilarious comedy skits to present in the last week of term. More information is coming about where and when, but this show will be unlike anything that has come before it.

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**NATIONAL YEAR OF READING 2012**

The National Year of Reading 2012 is about children learning to read and keen readers finding new sources of inspiration. It’s about supporting reading initiatives while respecting the oral tradition of storytelling. It’s about helping people discover and rediscover the magic of books. And most of all, it’s about Australians becoming a nation of readers.

Nearly half the population struggles without the literacy skills to meet the most basic demands of everyday life and work. There are 46% of Australians who can’t read newspapers; follow a recipe; make sense of timetables, or understand the instructions on a medicine bottle. The National Year of Reading 2012 will help Australians increase their reading confidence, literacy, IT literacy, vocabulary and general knowledge.

There is a massive amount of evidence – scientific, evidence-based and anecdotal – to show that reading for pleasure is good for us. Beyond literacy, it contributes to our personal well-being, health, social and economic outcomes. It even helps with our vocabulary and attention span. Reading builds relationships in families, with others, and increases our understanding of ourselves and who we are in relation to others.

Family literacy is a key target for the National Year of Reading. By giving parents and caregivers the confidence and skills to share books with their children – whether or not they are readers – we can help to break the cycle of disadvantage.

We need your help to encourage a reading culture for students at home as well as at school. Reading can be fun, enjoyable, relaxing, informative, absorbing, gripping, and exciting as well as a powerful tool to observe other peoples’ lives and experiences. We advocate 20 – 30 minutes reading per night. Encourage your child to visit and borrow from the library on a regular basis. They need to choose a book, novella, magazine article, audio book, e-zine or a short story that looks interesting to them then find a quiet, warm, comfy spot where they can snuggle up and relax while reading their book.

Happy reading

Ms Rosalind Porter
English Coordinator

[www.love2read.org.au](http://www.love2read.org.au)  
CREATIVE READING PRIZE

So what’s your Book pitch?

Read this (http://readthis2012.com/bookpitch/)

So you want to pitch a book to a friend to encourage them to read it? How?

Simply submit a creative idea in any format you choose, but here are some ideas to get you started:

- Write a short story using the characters/setting
- Make a video trailer
- Write a poem or song
- Illustrate your favourite scene/character
- Sew a costume
- Make a model
- Create an art piece

Enter your creation in our competition and you could win one of our amazing prizes. $40,000 worth of prizes including Kobo e-readers, Manga graphic novels and DC Marvel posters!

We’ll be posting our favourite on the website as they come in. Submit your entries online. (http://readthis2012.com/register/)

We’ve partnered with insideadog.com.au, spineout.com.au and Madman Entertainment to create this fantastic competition. Entries close 31 May

www.love2read.org.au
www.insideadog.com.au
www.goodreadingmagazine.com.au
www.spineout.com.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

JUNIOR PROGRAMS AVAILABLE
MLC Tennis Australia Hotshots for ages 5-12
FREE trial lessons available, FREE tennis racquet & t-shirt upon enrolment in term program
LET’S PLAY TENNIS – For ages 12 & above
FREE trial lessons available
MUM & DAD’S PROGRAM
Ladies & Men’s groups (beginners or experienced)

CALL GLEN: 51762678 OR SALLY: 51749661

PHONE NOW TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE

ARCHERY
Archery is a sport for all seasons and ages.
Beginners night, Mondays 6.00 – 9.00pm at Toner’s Lane Morwell.
Contact Peter Bennett 0429 429 240 or Merv Grinstead 0427 346 375.
Theatre in Education – Performance English

Poetry in Action, which is a curriculum based theatre in education program will perform to all year 9 and 10 students on the first day of Head Start.

Head Start begins on Monday, June 18th

This performance will encourage an appreciation of different styles of poetry/verse/rhyme and demonstrate its entertainment value.

It is about fun, engagement, theatre and word play.

Poems are performed as comic scenes, dramatic monologues, character studies, classical recitations and contemporary interpretations, including blank verse and free verse.

The cost of the performance is $5.00 (usually $8.00) which needs to be handed in at the office as soon as possible. June 12th deadline.

This is a compulsory part of the English curriculum for year 9 & 10.

Theatre in Education – Performance Poetry

Name: ___________________________ Form Group ________________

Enclosed: $5.00 ___________Parent/Guardian Signature: _________________________
# EXAM TIMETABLE YEAR 10 CHURCHILL CAMPUS

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Churchill Campus | 8.45 – 10.45 | ENGLISH |
| | 11.15 – 12.45 | MATHS |
| **WEDNESDAY 13TH**  
All year 10 students attend the GEP campus | 8.30 – 10.15 | GEP YEAR 11 EXAMS  
GEP FOUNDATION PROGRAM |
| | 11.00 – 2.50 | 1ST STEP- all students |
| **THURSDAY 14TH**  
Churchill Campus | 8.45 – 10.15 | HUMANITIES |
| | 11.00 – 12.30 | SCIENCE |

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