COMING EVENTS 2013

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 13th February</td>
<td>School Photos</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 19th February</td>
<td>Parents and Friends Meeting – 7.30 pm Staff Room</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 20th February</td>
<td>Year 10 Fun Swim Day – Mirboo North Pool</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 13th to Friday 15th March</td>
<td>Year 9/10 Outdoor Ed Surf Camp</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 27th March</td>
<td>Year 7 &amp; Year 10 Immunisations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 27th February to Friday 1st March</td>
<td>Year 9 Edge Base Camp</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

“The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand.”  Vince Lombardi

WELCOME BACK
Classes are back in action and both staff and students are already busy delving into the learning for the year. We hope everyone has had a restful and enjoyable break and are excited and ready for the challenges of the year ahead.
We would especially like to welcome all new students and their families joining the Kurnai Learning Community for the first time. We hope you enjoy the learning environment at Churchill Campus and have a productive and rewarding year of learning. We are confident that the combination of effort from the students and the support from the staff this year will help us be successful in addressing our four pillars of Relationships, Engagement, Work Ethic, and Excellence.

STAFF UPDATE
Steve Cahill was successful in obtaining a position at Drouin Secondary College late last year and we congratulate him on his appointment and wish him all the best. Steve was reluctant to leave our College however the opportunity to be closer to his home meant he could spend more time with his young family.
We have been fortunate to find a replacement for Steve in Chris Flake who joins us from the Precinct Campus. Chris has been considering a move to Churchill Campus for the past couple of years and when the opportunity arose was keen to move across. Chris is a former Churchill Campus student and brings a depth of experience in his trade and technology teaching and we welcome him to the team at Churchill.

STUDENT WELL-BEING TEAM
Our Student Wellbeing team for 2013 led by Assistant Principal Nicole Pryor comprises Julie Haarburger, Sally Sandy, Clifton Kline, Josh Garth and Selena Gray. The team has a range of expertise and will be providing support with any behavioural and well-being issues at the campus this year. If any student would like to speak to a team member, their office is located next to the staffroom and can be accessed from the external door near GP10.

YEAR LEVEL LEADERS
Our Year Level Leaders for this year are Adam Hogan at Year 7, Julie Garden and Reece Malcolmson at Year 8, Almuth Otten at Year 9 and Sandra Flake at Year 10. Each of these Leading Teachers will oversee the learning programs and the progress of student learning for their relevant year level. They will also lead a team of teachers who have a significant portion of their teaching load at that year level. This structure has been developed to focus on further improving the teaching and learning at our campus and will link in with a whole College approach to achieve a vibrant learning community striving for excellence.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Photos will be taken on the morning of Wednesday 13th February. Students will have already received their photo information pack via their form group and need to bring it back with correct payment to give to the photographer on the day.

YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENING
On Wednesday over eighty students and family members attended an information evening lead by Adam Hogan who outlined the program for Year 7 this year. An informative presentation was followed by a question session and then a BBQ where informal discussions could occur with
staff and other parents and students. The evening went extremely well with plenty of interaction and the Year 7 team valued the opportunity to establish relationships with the families of our new Year 7 students.

NEWSLETTERS
A reminder that our normal distribution method is by email and any family that has not yet provided an email address can do so by calling our general office on 51323700. There will still be some hardcopies of the newsletter available from the General Office for students to collect if emailing is not convenient.

POSSIBLE STRIKE ACTION
As the industrial action continues in the protracted agreement negotiations between the Teacher Union and the State Government there is a possibility our Campus will be affected by a proposed strike on Thursday 14th February. We will send out a notice on Wednesday 13th detailing what arrangements will be made for the day. If families have provided a mobile phone number we will also be able to send a text message reminder.

Matt Jobling
Principal Churchill Campus

SWIM SPORTS
A couple of photos, hot off the press from yesterday’s Kurnai College Swim Sports. Look out for more photos and an article in the next newsletter.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos will be taken at this Campus on Wednesday 13th February and order forms were sent home with students on Monday. Completed forms and money, placed in the permanent seal plastic bag, need to be handed to the photographer on the day. Photos will be delivered to the student via the school when they arrive. No change given at the office.

EMA APPLICATIONS
EMA applications close on Thursday 28th February and forms can be filled out at the General Office. A 2013 form must be filled out by all eligible parents/guardians.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

CORDIAL CLUB
Cordial Club will resume on Monday 11th February in the library between 3.00 and 4.00 pm Monday to Thursday. Students are supervised by staff and given assistance to complete any homework or assignments they may have and are able to use the library resources. Students are given light refreshments and all students are welcome.

BUSES
Any families having trouble with their buses can contact Mrs Leonie Mackie on 51323 700.

SCHOOL BAGS
Just a reminder that bags are not to be taken to classes. All bags must be placed in lockers during class time. Please remember this as you will be asked to place your bag in your locker by all your teachers.

PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL AT OWNER’S RISK
Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

2013 ALPS CO-ORDINATOR
Celeste Hardy is the ALPS coordinator for 2013 and can be contacted by telephone on 51323 700 or by email on hardy.celeste.n@edumail.vic.gov.au.
NOTE FROM THE NURSE – BEING SUNSMART!

There is huge variability in ultraviolet (UV) radiation levels across Australia. In Victoria from September to April, when average UV levels are 3 and above sun protection is required. At this level, the UV radiation is strong enough to damage the skin and eyes.

When the UV Index reaches 3 and above, using a combination of five steps to protect against sun damage is recommended:

1. **Slip on some sun-protective clothing** that covers as much skin as possible.
2. **Slap on SPF30+ sunscreen** – make sure it is broad spectrum and water resistant. Apply 20 minutes before you go outdoors and reapply every two hours.
3. **Slap on a hat** that protects your face, head, neck and ears.
4. **Seek shade**.
5. **Slide on some sunglasses** – make sure they meet Australian Standards.

People with naturally very dark skin (usually skin type 5 or 6) still need to take care in the sun even though they rarely, if ever, get sun burnt. The larger amount of melanin in very dark skin provides natural protection from ultraviolet (UV) radiation. This means the risk of skin cancer is lower; however skin cancers that do occur are often detected at a later, more dangerous, stage.

**How much sun is enough?**

UV radiation in sunlight is the best form of vitamin D for your body. We all need vitamin D to develop strong healthy bones. Fair skinned people can get enough vitamin D in summer from a few minutes of sunlight on their face, arms and hands before 10 am or after 3 pm on most days of the week. People with *naturally very dark skin* require up to three times more UV exposure as the melanin in their skin affects UV penetration to make vitamin D. More information can be found at [http://www.sunsmart.com.au/sun_protection/](http://www.sunsmart.com.au/sun_protection/)

**“IT’S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY”**

**HOTLINE NUMBER TO CALL 51323703**

- Parents and students welcome back for 2013.
- As our students head back to the classrooms the college is encouraging all parents to ring the absence hotline if your child is away. This hotline has been set up for the convenience of both families and the college with voicemail access 24 hours a day 7 days a week. This voicemail is checked several times a day. So please make use of this service. The number to ring is **51 323 703**.
- We have a number of fridge magnets available with the hotline number. You can call into the administration office and pick one up.
- If you are experiencing any difficulties ensuring your child attends school each day please call the college year level Team leaders to arrange a meeting. They can offer support and strategies to help keep your child on track.

Colleen Swift  
Education Support – Attendance

**YEAR 7 NEWS**

The Year 7’s have now experienced their first week of high school and after a nervous first few days, the students are starting to feel a bit more comfortable. Over the course of this week students have done a range of activities to get them set up, including sorting the books and folders, learning to read the timetable and being allocated their locker. Students have all been rotated through an introductory session for IT (computer), the library and our music program. In addition, students have done some activities around getting to know other students, particularly those from outside their Primary School.

From the Year 7 Team’s perspective, we’re excited about the year ahead and impressed by the attitudes and qualities we are seeing in many of the students already. It was also pleasing to see so many parents and families at our information evening and welcome BBQ on Wednesday night. For those parents who have listed their email with the school, a copy of the presentation slides from the information night will be emailed out. It was also great to note that we received 98% of Year 7 swimming sports forms back and on time, a fantastic effort for the students’ first outing and something which helped make yesterday an excellent day.

I’ve listed a few specific information items below, but I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions or general feedback about anything at Year 7. I can be reached via email at hogan.adam.d@edumail.vic.gov.au or on 5132 3700.

**YEAR 7 CAMP**

Year 7 Camp at this stage is scheduled for the 30th April 2013, which is week 3 of term 2. The exact cost and details of the camp will be sent out shortly however, the cost of the camp in 2012 was $250 and while there may be some small increase this should be fairly indicative of the price. Payments are staggered across Term 1 and the start of Term 2. The camp is at Coolamatong on the Gippsland Lakes, just out of Paynesville.

**IMMUNISATIONS**

Immunisations will occur in late Term 1. Forms went home last Friday, please fill in the form and return to front office as soon as possible. New forms are available from the office if needed.
Welcome back to a new school year and once again the year promises to be busy. The students have settled in well to their new classes, routines and working with new teachers. The Year 8 team this year is Julie Garden and Reece Malcolmson (Team Leaders), Kline, Amy Kihl-Larssen, Robin Fitzpatrick, Sarah Cohen, Celeste Hardy and Ian Hopkins.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT (PBS) and ASSESSMENT FOR LEARNING (AFL)

One of our focuses for Year 8 this year will be Positive Behaviour Support and in particular improving student relationships, connectedness to school, their peers and teachers. The team will also be concentrating on student engagement with Assessment for Learning tools and strategies to enhance their learning and enable them to take more responsibility for their own learning.

PROJECT ONE WILL START WEEK 5 – MEDIEVAL HISTORY – MORE INFORMATION SOON

EMAILS

If you have not already given the office your email address and you would like to receive notices or discuss any issues please email Julie Garden and Reece Malcolmson with your details.

If you would like further information on any of the Year 8 curriculum and programs please contact us on 5132 3700 or garden.julie.j@edumail.vic.gov.au and malcolmson.reece.r@edumail.vic.gov.au,

Looking forward to working with your family in 2013

Julie Garden & Reece Malcolmson
Year 8 Team Leaders

WELCOME BACK

The Year 9 Team would like to extend an enthusiastic welcome to all of our Year 9 students and their parents. The team this year consists of Almuth Otten (Team Leader), Rose Tanti, Karen Parker, Deb Sheppard, Dean Gowing, Kelly Davey, York Yu, Dave Frendo, Chris Blake and also Luke Harrison who is on Long Service Leave for Term 1. Please feel free to contact any one of us if you have any queries or issues regarding your child’s time at school this year.

MELBOURNE CAMP

The Year 9 camp is traditionally held over four days in Melbourne in late August. This camp will cost between $350 and $380. Next week I will be asking for some students to assist in the initial planning of this camp.

COASTAL AMBASSADORS CAMP

Another camp which may interest some students is the Coastal Ambassadors camp at Phillip Island. This camp is designed for students who have a keen interest in marine and environmental education. During the camp students participate in:

- Hands on environmental work
- Lessons about the Australian Fur Seal and Little Penguins
- Surf lessons
- Bike Challenge
- Seal Rocks boat cruise
- A visit to the Penguin Parade.

Students are also required to develop and implement a conservation action plan at school or in the community after the camp. This camp is run by an education team at Phillip Island Nature Parks in conjunction with the DEECD. There are four camps available from March until May and places are limited. Interested students should see me for more information and they can also check out past students’ activities at www.penguins.org.au.

Almuth Otten
Year 9 Team Leader

YEARS 10 NEWS

Welcome back to school, your last year at this campus. Our team members, Cathy Tan, Andy Leeson, Roslyn Porter, Dave Egan, Robyn Horvath, Julie Haarburger, Andrea Blake, Josh Garth and I hope that this year will be successful and enjoyable for you all.

Year 10 is a time when students begin to focus on their future pathways. This work has already begun with students working out where they would like to undertake 2 weeks work experience this year. This work experience will take place in the first two weeks of term 2. Students should discuss this with their parents and teachers to begin to help them make important decisions. Student might need to make lots of phone calls next week to try to secure a place. Your teachers are there to support you with this.
On the 20th the year 10s will be attending a team-building day at the Mirboo North pool. Hopefully we will have good weather again as this is an important day to build relationships to better support each student in their final year at this campus.

To help keep you informed of the many important dates, deadlines, activities and events we have established a parent email list. Please provide this information to the general office if you have not already done so and wish to be included.

I encourage you to contact me by email flake.sandra.s@edumail.vic.gov.au or phone 51323700 if you would like to discuss any concerns or have any questions about Year 10.

Sandra Flake
Year 10 Team Leader

COMMUNITY NEWS

MORWELL EAST FOOTBALL/NETBALL CLUB
U16 & U18 footballers wanted
WHEN: Training Monday & Wednesday night’s from 5-6pm
WHERE: Ronald Reserve, Vary St Morwell.
BBQ following training on Monday 11th February, Round 1 – 6th April.
Contact Wayne Arnold (U16 & U18) 0400 902577, or Gavin Blair (President) 0408142095.
All past and new players welcome.

COUGARS JUNIOR NETBALL REGISTRATION DAY 2013
WHEN: Tuesday 19th February, 2013 between 4 & 5pm
WHERE: Churchill Netball/Football Club netball courts.
Any enquiries please contact Donna Turpin on 0408221012 or 51221011.

YINNAR FNC- NETBALL REGISTRATION DAY (CINA COMPETITION)
Wednesday 20th February 2013 at Yinnar Rec Reserve Netball courts 5pm-6pm
Registrations will be open for;
11 & Under-Beginner Development
11 & Under-Competition
13 & Under-Competition
15/17 & Under-Competition
We would also like any interested coaches, umpires and parent helpers to register their interest on this day. Without our many wonderful volunteers our players would not be able to have such a great competition! Feel free to come along and discuss any area you can offer assistance with. We would really appreciate it. If anyone is unable to attend on this day please email or phone me to register your interest.
Payment of fees on day of registration would be appreciated. EFTPOS facilities are available for those wanting to use this service.
For further information contact Alicia Barwick on 0407 371 061 or aguce@bigpond.com
School Council 2013 Elections

School Council notice of Election and call for Nominations will begin on Monday 11th February. 3 Parent member positions (2 years), and 2 DEECD employee member positions (2 years) will be vacant. Nomination forms can be obtained from the office of each campus and must be lodged back at the school by 4.00pm on Monday 18th February. If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school. Further reading and timeline dates are available within this newsletter.

Information for Parents

School Council Elections 2013

What is a school council and what does it do?
All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state-wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?
For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:
• A mandated elected Parent category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
• A mandated elected DEECD employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
• An optional Community member category – members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?
Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?
The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.
In view of this, you might seriously consider
• standing for election as a member of the school council.
• encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?
No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?
The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.
If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.
DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.
Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.
Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember
• Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.
• Consider standing for election to council this year.
• Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information
Could you do with some help to find a job?

**FREE BBQ**

The Youth Connections team from Berry Street will be running some FREE BBQ's in your Shire over the next couple of months. You're invited to come along for a bite to eat.

**WHEN**
Mon 25th Feb, 3.30pm
Mon 25th Mar, 3.30pm
Mon 22nd Apr, 3.30pm

**WHERE**
Churchill Skate Park
Moe Skate Park
Traralgon Skate Park

Do you know someone aged between 12-19yrs who could benefit from extra support to stay in education?

Remember, it's your future, it's your choice...

**COMMUNITY YOUTH EVENT**
SUPPORTED BY
BERRY STREET VICTORIA
(03) 5134 5971
37 Elgin St, Morwell

R u aged 12-19yrs?
Do you know what support is available to you?
Sandwiches

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Price</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Cheese</td>
<td>$2.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cheese &amp; Tomato</td>
<td>$2.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Egg</td>
<td>$2.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Leg Ham, Tomato, Cheese</td>
<td>$3.70</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Meat/Salad</td>
<td>$4.70</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Please note prices are subject to change throughout the year due to price increases.*

*To avoid disappointment it is best to order your lunch at recess.*
Would $500 assist you with education costs?

You could receive up to $500 to help pay for educational costs including:

- school uniforms
- text books
- excursions
- laptops
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire
- TAFE, traineeship and apprenticeship costs!

Berry Street delivers Saver Plus in your local area and is looking for new participants.

You may be eligible if you or your partner:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- are at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work
- have a child at school, or attend accredited vocational training yourself.

To find out more contact Meryl Watson, Saver Plus Worker at Berry Street
5120 2506 / 0478 398 695 or mwatson@berrystreet.org.au