Hi Everyone,

WELCOME TO OUR EXCHANGE STUDENTS
A very warm welcome is extended to our German Exchange students who have joined our Year 10 cohort recently. They all appear to have settled in well and are actively participating in classes. The German connection is continuing to strengthen with regular exchanges of students both to and from Germany. The benefits for the exchange students and our learning community as a whole continue to grow our understanding of different cultures and encourage a global perspective. Thank you to the host families for caring for these students and also the teachers for accommodating the extra numbers in their classes for the duration of the exchange.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Our first Parent/Teacher interviews for 2013 will be held in the last week of term on Wednesday 27th March from 3.30pm till 6.00pm. The interviews provide a valuable opportunity to discuss progress and strategies for improvement and we encourage all parents to attend with the students.

END OF TERM
Reminder that school finishes on Thursday 28th March this year due to the Good Friday Holiday, the day will end an hour earlier and buses will leave from 2pm.

UNIFORM REMINDER
Included in this newsletter is a page outlining the uniform options available. Our students look great in the uniform and so we want to ensure the standard is maintained. The page is provided as a reference for anyone unsure of the range of uniform options.

CAMPS & EXCURSIONS
Please be reminded that to attend an excursion or camp the student permission form and payment need to be submitted by 11am on the return date stated on the permission form. The date is set to enable the Campus to meet the organisational and financial obligations in relation to the camp or excursions and we are working at giving as much advance notice as possible to support families in budgeting for these trips.

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.

Matt Jobling
Campus Principal – Churchill

COLLEGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS
Congratulations to the following parents on their successful election to the college council. We hope your time as councillor will be enjoyable and productive.
  * Sandra Stevenson
  * Joanne Britt
  * Anne-Marie Stever

We are also delighted to be able to announce that Kara Thompson from the Precinct Campus and Melissa Ross from the Morwell Campus have been declared the DEECD Representatives.

A big Thank You to all elected councillors for being prepared to take on this important role.
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 11am on the return date on the permission form. This enables the purchase of train tickets, food and venue tickets etc in a timely manner.

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HOT CROSS BUNS

Kurnai College is holding a hot cross bun fundraiser. Students will have already bought home the Hot Cross Bun order forms, which are to be returned with the form and money by Friday 15th March. The money raised will be used to improve the College’s grounds and facilities.

COUNTRY SCHOOL BUS TRAVEL – ELIGIBLE STUDENTS ONLY

Over the last couple of weeks there has been a number of parents telephone, requesting their child or their friend be permitted to travel on a bus home. The only students who can access our country buses are those students who have submitted bus forms and their home address is closest to a country school bus. No other students are permitted to access these services under any circumstances.

In 2010/11 our College was audited by the DEECD and the Public Transport Department. At that time it was made clear to the College that past practices would not be acceptable and that our buses must comply with policy.

All eligible students have been issued with appropriate bus passes.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Personal property is often brought to school by students and parents. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, musical instruments, sporting equipment, and cars parked on school premises.

The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. Students should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL FUNDRAISER

On Tuesday 26th March (last week of term), the Student Voice team are holding an out of uniform day and a sausage sizzle to raise money for the Good Friday appeal. Students will need to bring a gold coin donation in order to wear casual clothes and sausages and/or cans of drink will be sold for $1.50 each. 50% of our profit will be donated to the Good Friday Appeal, which is a unique fundraising activity that brings together people from all parts of the community in a very special way. The common goal is to raise money for The Royal Children’s Hospital in Melbourne.

The other 50% will go towards the Student Voice and will be put back into the school.

YEAR 7 NEWS

It’s hard to believe it was some six weeks ago now that our new Year 7’s were arriving for their first day of high school. We have been incredibly pleased to see that while our students are becoming more comfortable and relaxed in their new environment, they continue to be supportive and considerate of each other, and very much focused on learning.

Over the last fortnight Year 7 students have nominated their peers to take part in the school Student Representative Council (SRC), where they can have the opportunity to raise their ideas and discuss any issues that may present. I would like to congratulate Tayla Cheffers and Sam Findlay on being selected to represent our year level. In addition to the campus wide meetings, I look forward to regularly meeting with Tayla and Sam to discuss issues pertinent to Year 7. We have already had some preliminary discussions and they have both provided some great feedback and suggestions of new ideas to develop our learning community.

There were many students nominated for these two leadership positions at Year 7. While only two representatives can attend campus wide SRC meetings, I intend to involve a broad range of students in year level specific discussion and decisions. We look forward to gaining some input from the students and working together to make this a very positive year for all students.
School Camp – Permission forms Due
Permission forms were sent home for Year 7 camp last week and are due back tomorrow, Friday 8th March along with an initial $100 deposit. The total cost of the camp ($260) is spread over three partial payments. If the payment timeline is difficult for you, please contact me to discuss alternative arrangements. We would love to have all students attend the camp where possible. Regardless of where payments may be at, permission forms need to be returned by Friday to enable us to confirm places.

Families who receive EMA payments and have already signed over their EMA credit to the school, these funds are often enough to cover the cost of the camp. We simply require that you contact the office to give instruction that you wish your EMA credit to be used for the camp. Families who receive Centrelink benefits may be able to set up a “Centre-pay” arrangement where a small portion of your fortnightly payment is allocated directly to your child’s school account. This credit can be used to cover a range of school fees and certainly can be put towards Year 7 camp.

In any such case I urge you to contact myself or the office for information specific to your needs.

Integrated Project – Ancient Civilisations
Late next week students will be introduced to their first integrated project. This project, themed around Ancient Civilisations, includes curriculum from English, Maths, Humanities and IT (Computers). Students are encouraged to start thinking about things like planning, reflection, time management and organisation. Further information will be sent home specifically relating to the project.

Uniform
It is an important part of maintaining positive school culture that students are equally dressed in appropriate uniform. In just the last week we have seen an increased number of students out of uniform, or without sports uniform, and have been required to change into a borrowed school item for the day. If obtaining sufficient uniform has been an issue please contact us.

Positive Behaviour and Rewards
As you may well know students have been receiving “stamps” on a reward card since the year started. It’s great to see a number of students are onto their second card, having collected 10 or more stamps. Stamps can be easily exchanged for prizes from our display cabinet, or saved over time for larger prizes.

Immunisations
Thank-you to all the families who have returned their immunisation forms already.

Lockers
The locker system is working very well. While some students occasionally forget their key, the vast majority have provided us with a spare key so the issue is quickly resolved. If your child has not provided a spare key to the Library we encourage them to do so asap. It makes the morning a lot less stressful in the event they one day forget to bring their primary key.

Absence Hotline
A reminder to call our absence hotline 51323703 preferably before 9.00am if your child is not going to be at school. This will ensure your child’s absence is recorded correctly and you don’t receive a phone call from our office.

Adam Hogan
Year 7 Team Leader

Year 8 News
Students are well and truly into their Medieval Project and are starting to produce some really good work. Students were introduced to the Project in the drama room and this was recorded. Should you wish to look at this presentation and / or the project itself you can do so at http://www.kurnaicollege.vic.edu.au/campuses/churchill/student-showcase.html    A huge thank you to Trevor our IT / Website guy for his work here.

Your child was given a Medieval Booklet and a black display folder to keep all their work together. We envisage this Medieval Project to be finished in the week beginning 18 March. Students and parents will receive assessment of the Project by end of term 1. Please ensure you ask your child about the work they are completing at school.

Medieval Feast
This will take place on Friday 22 March from period 4 on. Students will be fed a feast of meat, spuds & gravy. They will then take part in activities that may have taken place in medieval times.

We are encouraging students to dress-up on this day in the medieval theme – so please allow your child to ‘go all out’. Prizes for the best dressed will be given.

Mini – Research Projects
These have been completed and to a very good standard. Students were required to “Peer Assess each other in a group of 5. For many students this was the first time they evaluated another student’s work – it was our opinion (the teachers) that it was done very well. Students provided two pieces of positive feedback and one improvement (two stars & a wish). We will be using this form of feedback in more projects as we go along.

Lockers
There have been some students who are trying to “crack” codes of lockers that have combination locks on them. This will not be tolerated. Lockers need to be a place where students can keep personal belongings safely. Any breach of this will be dealt with seriously.

Homework
A reminder to parents –
Maths has a minimum of one homework requirement per week.
ALPS students the “D day” (i.e. submission and distribution) is Monday for non-ALPS it is Tuesday. The submission has been fantastic. Students mark each other’s homework (under supervision) and the teacher then gives feedback if required. Should students not submit on the Tuesday they have a date with Ms Garden on Friday afternoons?

Julie Garden & Reece Malcolmson
Year 8 Team Leaders
TERM 1 ENGLISH - YEAR 9
All Year 9 English students are currently studying ‘Issues’. Each week, we have set lessons on vocabulary and content, the class is presented with a topic and an argument ‘for’ and ‘against’ the topic and then there is a class of “extended writing”, where the class is given a writing prompt and students have to write and improve their writing on their argument towards the topic. In the past few weeks, topics that have been studied have included “Family or Friends are more important”, “Computer Games are a waste of time”, “Drugs in Sport” and “Everybody should learn to cook”. The netbooks are being used to access dictionaries and articles from newspapers online to help support the arguments in the issue being studied.

Individual teachers are also setting different weekly homework tasks that are aimed to improve vocabulary and spelling.

YEAR 9 MATHS
Students have been working on consumer math topics which are very relevant to everyday life, including calculation of discounts, comparison of home-made and takeaway food, tax calculations and comparison of income types such as wages and commission.

Students are about to start the unit on Pythagoras which is useful for anyone considering a career in trade such as building or carpentry, engineers and surveyors.

Generally, students are expected to complete one homework sheet per week, which may include consolidation of class work, a problem solver, math puzzle or revision. Sometimes there may be work that needs to be finished off, and some study or revision before tests.

Mint Sauce Puzzle

Six wolves catch six lambs in six minutes.

How many wolves will be needed to catch sixty lambs in sixty minutes?

No, the answer is not sixty. Try again!

Almuth Otten
Year 9 Team Leader

YEAR 10 NEWS
If only I knew this years ago! On Tuesday, Year 10 students took part in a financial literacy workshop at which students learned about spending choices, from their first phone to their first car. They considered the process of saving money and setting personal financial goals and were encouraged to be responsible and discerning in their personal financial management decisions. The energetic presenter managed to keep 100 students engaged for 2 hours in warm conditions. Take the opportunity to discuss good spending habits whenever the chance arises. Hopefully in the future these students will be able to say “I learnt about this years ago!”

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.

FALCONS 2000 SOCCER CLUB
Junior Training has begun!
Training from 5pm -6pm Tuesday and Thursdays.
U7, U9, U11 Small Sided and we also have spots available in U12 to U16.
Falcons 2000 is a family friendly orientated Club and highly focuses on Junior Development.
Contact Melinda Smith Junior Co-ordinator on 0412 927 397
PUSH OVER 21st BIRTHDAY PARTY
Push Over 2013 is presented by The Push and triple j and supported by FReeZA, Victorian Government, Plakkit and Shout Out Loud. There are still opportunities for young MCs, hip hop producers and dancers and hardcore/metal acts to perform on the day! For more info and full line-up details head to The Push website (www.thepush.com.au)!
Presented by The Push, triple j & supported by FReeZA, Victorian Government, Plakkit, & Shout Out Loud
When: Labour Day Public Holiday – Monday March 11th 2013
Time: Midday – 8.00pm
Venue: Sidney Myer Music Bowl, Melbourne
Tickets: $40 +bf pre-sale via Ticketmaster www.ticketmaster.com.au
Because Kurnai College values its identity, student dress standards should promote a positive image of the school within the community. Wearing the school uniform expresses a sense of belonging for students and is a valuable factor in achieving good tone around the campus.

Select items from those pictured below:

College Summer Dress

College Kilt Style Skirt.

Navy Pants (NOT tracksuit pants)

Plain white T-shirt only to be worn under uniform shirt.

Woven navy shorts

Maroon knitted woollen jumper

Woven long or short sleeved shirt with College logo on pocket

A blazer and school tie are also available.

For PE only:

College sport polo shirt (mainly blue)

Navy shorts

Clean mostly white runners
TEEN GYM CONDITIONS

- Participants must be a minimum of 13 years of age to take part in this specialist program.
- Teen Gym is not a full membership and as such does not entitle the patron to the same privileges.
- The participant Health Profile and Parental Consent Form must be completed and signed prior to commencing.
- The participant must adhere to the Latrobe Leisure code of conduct and conditions of entry.
- The participant may only attend during the set times of Teen Gym and must exit fitness facilities once the Teen Gym session is completed.
- The participant is under the supervision of a qualified instructor and must follow their instructions at all times. This includes only using the equipment set by the instructor for their program.
- Teen Gym program not available during school holidays.
- The multi pass card is not transferable nor is it refundable.
- Latrobe Leisure reserves the right to cancel participation in this program at any time if any of these conditions are breached.

LATROBE LEISURE FACILITIES

CHURCHILL
Cnr Northways Rd & Macdonald Way
Churchill
Ph: (03) 5120 3888

MORWELL
Macdonald Road
Morwell
Ph: (03) 5128 5570

Moe Newborough
Cnr Old Sale Rd & Southwell Ave
Newborough
Ph: (03) 5135 8330

www.latrobe.vic.gov.au
WHAT IS TEEN GYM?
The Latrobe Leisure Teen Gym program provides teenagers between the ages of 13-15 years the opportunity to participate in exercise and fitness training in a safe and fun environment. Each session is supervised by one of our friendly qualified instructors. Use of gym is restricted to set times & a maximum of 20 participants per session.

TIME & DAYS
Please refer to group fitness timetable for session days and times.
Not available on Public/School Holidays.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?
Casual Session: $7.40
10 Pass Card: $66.60
The 10 visit pass is only to be used for one person. All visits need to be used within 12 months from date of purchase.

WHAT DOES IT INCLUDE?
Each session is planned & delivered to ensure a well balanced routine & assist the improvement of aerobic fitness, strength, core control as well as flexibility.

Aerobic Exercise - activity that increases heart rate & improves oxygen consumption by the body. Regular aerobic exercise benefits the body by increasing the strength and efficiency of the heart in its delivery of oxygen to the body.

Strength Training - Through regular use and exercise the body’s muscles grow stronger which over time allows you to be physically active for greater periods of time without feeling worn out. Stronger muscles also act as a protective measure during exercise by supporting joints and assisting to prevent injuries.

Flexibility Training - Regular exercise assists the body to stay flexible allowing muscles and joints to bend easily which lowers the risk of injury though strained muscles and sprains.

ARE THERE BENEFITS?
Exercise is an important element to living a healthy lifestyle. By starting at a young age exercise becomes part of a daily routine instead of being seen as a chore making it easier to continue with later in life.

In addition, regular exercise:
- Helps build and maintain healthy bones, muscles, and joints.
- Helps control weight, build lean muscle, and reduce fat and maintain a healthy lifestyle.
- Causes the body to release endorphins - a chemical in the body that causes people to feel more happy and peaceful.
- Assists in the prevention and delayed development of certain diseases including high blood pressure, and type 2 diabetes. Whilst these conditions are more prevalent in adults they are becoming more common in teenagers.

WHERE TO AFTER TEEN GYM?
Once participants turn 16 years of age they are no longer restricted to Teen Gym but are eligible to purchase a full membership. This allows the individual to continue exercises and commence using gym equipment at any time during centre hours. This gives individuals the ability to structure their exercise times around work and study, assisting them to maintain a healthy lifestyle.