**GPA DREAMTEAM 2011**

The GPA Dreamteam for 2012 will commence with the next progress report and entries are now being taken. Students enter a team of between 4-6 players and compete using their combined average GPA scores. There are prizes for the team that makes the most improvement between progress reports. The concept is designed to encourage students to work together to improve their GPA scores which should also enable them to improve their overall results. We have promoted the idea of synergy at assemblies and through the Motivational Days to remind students that the combined efforts of a group of students will result in better outcomes than by just relying on one’s own resources and efforts. The GPA Dreamteam is a fun and rewarding way of approaching study at the GEP. Every student participating will also earn points for their House. Students who would like to enter a team can see Lisa in Student Services for an entry form.

**GEP CAMPUS FOOTY TIPPING**

As the AFL season is about to kick off it is time to consider challenging your football knowledge and insight in a fun tipping competition. There is no cost for students to participate and you can possibly collect a prize or two along the way. Every student participating will also earn points for their House. Any student interested in participating in the Campus Footy Tipping competition can get an entry form from Lisa in Student Services.

"Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do."

*Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*
NEWSLETTERS
We will soon begin distributing the Campus Newsletter electronically and in preparation we ask all families to ensure they have supplied the school with a current email address. We have many addresses from the enrolment forms however it is not a complete list at this stage. There will still be some hardcopies of the newsletter available from the General Office for students to collect if emailing is not convenient.

KURNAI COLLEGE ANNUAL REPORT
All members of the College Community are invited to attend the presentation of the 2011 College Annual Report.
This will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th March, 2012 at the Churchill Campus - Language & Culture Centre at the conclusion of our College Council Meeting.
Please advise by email of your intention to attend to noblet.corine.j@edumail.vic.gov.au or call 51 323 800.

YEAR 12 LEGAL STUDIES EXCURSION TO CANBERRA
Year 12 Legal Studies and Year 12 History will be going to Canberra on Tuesday March 20 and returning Friday March 23. There are forms and payments still outstanding and these must be finalized before Tuesday March 20.

Students who are not attending the trip are still expected to attend school and their respective classes. Work will be left for them to complete. Students who are attending the camp will also be given an activity to complete.

COLLEGE MUSIC
There are a number of initiatives currently taking place in preparation for a number of student performances and recycling fundraising ventures.

Fundraising
Drink cans – being collected. Bag of cans can be placed in the Can Bin located at the front office at Churchill Campus OR taken to the Hexagon on a Tuesday morning OR Morwell campus on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

Vehicle Battery drive:
Churchill campus: 2nd last week of term 1 (Mon 19th, Tue 20th and Fri 23rd March);
Drop-off point at front of school – see Music Trailer.
Morwell campus: Last week of term 1 (Wed 28th and Thur 29th March)
Drop-off point at rear of school (Technology Side) – see Music Trailer.
Drop-off times are from 7:45am til 12 noon

Kurnai Idol Auditions: For all students!
Get those vocal cords warmed up because it is audition time. Auditions will occur in the Music/Theatre Studies area (Hexagon) during lunchtime, on Monday 19th and Monday 26th March. Part of song only required without accompaniment. If successful, competitors will participate in knockout heats in term two. You must be in it to win it.

Public Performances
Gippsland Multi Cultural Schools Concert @ Kernot Hall, Morwell
on Thursday 15th March – College Big Band performing;

Rhythm and Roses Festival @ Rose Garden, Morwell
On Sunday 25th March Starts 1:30pm
Featuring Latrobe City Brass Band (Morwell), South Gippsland Brass Band (Leongatha) and Kurnai College Big Band

Generations In Jazz Festival @ Mt Gambier, South Australia
Friday 4th May till Monday 7th May
College Big Band performing
MUNA is all about building bridges of goodwill for world peace and understanding in the minds of our youth.

MUNA is a reproduction of the United Nations itself. The nations are represented by delegations consisting of two Year 11 students. Delegations are allocated a member country to represent. Resolutions covering topics such as health, education, human rights and world peace are sent to students in advance. Students research their view of the country they will represent and to use their imagination. During the two days of meetings (held over a weekend camp) six resolutions are presented to the General Assembly for debate and vote.

MUNA challenges young people to respect and tolerate differences of race and religion, while retaining their individualism and the best of their national traditions.

Comments from the delegates at MUNA 2011:

“We were able to learn a lot while having fun! It was really well organised and made us feel like we were participating in a really good program”

“If it was really great being able to debate and speak building up more confidence as well as learning about our allocated country and world wide affairs”

“Was a fun weekend...Had a fantastic weekend solid friendships were made”

Email: traralgonrcmuna@gmail.com
If you are interested please see Sandra Flake or one of the advocates at Student
Welcome to the Churchill Baseball Club’s Junior Program

Dear Parents

The Churchill Baseball Club is a proud and traditional club that is focused on providing local people with safe and enjoyable sporting and social activities and pursuits.

The program will commence on the 8th of March at 5:00pm and will flow through till around the end of August.

The Churchill Baseball Club will be entering teams into Latrobe Valley Baseball Association’s at the under 13s 15s and 17s levels. Games for these competitions will be held on a Sunday morning, starting the last weekend in April. A squad will be selected to represent Churchill Baseball Club in these competitions.

The Churchill Baseball Club will also be competing in the TBall level. This competition will include the players from the age of 11 down. These sessions will also aim to provide every player an opportunity to participate and have fun, while learning and developing their skills for the future. Parent and teacher assistance is vital to ensure the club is successful in its endeavors.

This program is exciting for the Churchill Baseball Club because of your involvement. Thanks for your decision to join Churchill Baseball Club and we look forward to seeing around the club.

For more information please call Shane Gill on 0409564533. The Churchill Baseball Club is located at Andrews Park on the corner of Acacia Way & Birch Drive Churchill.

Shane Gill, Vice President & Senior Coach
Churchill Baseball Club

TRAFALGAR SKATE BOWL FESTIVAL

Young people who enjoy skating or tricks with BMX bikes or scooters are invited to a great afternoon of showcasing and competitions on Sunday 22nd April from 2-6pm. The Trafalgar Skate Park is located in Depot lane, behind the Baw Baw Technology Centre on Princes Highway. Registrations will take place from 1.40pm.

This festival has been made possible by a grant from Youth Foundations- a partnership between the Trafalgar Bendigo Community Bank and the State Government. Trafalgar Community Development Association applied for the grant after the success of last year’s event and is pleased to support the young people of our area. The YMCA Skate Services (YSS) will facilitate and manage a festival run the competitions.

The competition will include a Best Trick, Jam or Single Run sessions. There will be a great range of prizes.

YMCA Conditions of Entry

1. All competitors must have a completed and signed entry form by a parent or guardian
2. All competitors must be smoke, drug and alcohol free

All competitors must wear helmet whilst competing (helmets supplied)
There will be food and drinks available to purchase and useful info from a variety of youth organisations.

For more information check the website: www.skatepark.ymca.org.au or contact TCDA president Sue Jacka 0409 757 170, or Trafalgar High School Youth Worker, David Lyons 0409015662.