COMING EVENTS

Monday, 18th March – Thursday, 28th March ................................. Year 10 Work Experience
Friday, 22nd March – Sunday, 24th March........................................... Year 9 HPV Camp
Monday, 25th March............................................................. Pick up Hot Cross Bun Orders (2.30 – 3.30pm)
Tuesday, 26th March...................................................................... Year 7 & 9 Immunisations
Tuesday, 26th March...................................................................... Year 8 Volleyball
Wednesday, 27th March........................................................ Parent/Teacher Interviews 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Thursday, 28th March...................................................................... Last Day Term 1 (1.50 pm finish)
Monday, 15th April.......................................................................... Term 2 commences
Wednesday, 17th April................................................................. Year 9 Inverloch Beach
Thursday, 18th April...................................................................... Great Transport Race

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS: 8.00 am – 4.00 pm
SCHOOL HOURS: 8.25 am – 2.50 pm students are supervised between 8.10 am and 3.00 pm

CAMPUS PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Welcome

“The surest way not to fail is to determine to succeed.” - Richard Brinsley Sheridan

Parent Teacher Conversations
Parents are strongly encouraged to come along to the campus on Wednesday 27th March to discuss your child’s progress so far this Semester. Due to industrial action, no written progress reports are available; however teachers are very happy to talk to you about how your son or daughter is developing. Some families have been contacted by mail as teachers have especially requested to have a conversation with the parents, however all parents are very welcome.

Teachers will be available between 3:30pm and 6:00pm – please make your way to your child’s year level area and collect a list of their teachers. Free BBQ from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

Amy Shaves For a Cure
Morwell Campus School Captain Amy Radford has been busy raising funds for The World’s Greatest Shave. The Morwell Campus SRC recently held a Crazy Hair/Out of Uniform day to help Amy with her fundraising efforts. Through donations from students and staff, the SRC raised $460.00 for this great cause.

If you would like to help Amy with her fundraising efforts by making a donation, please contact reception at the Morwell Campus on 5165 0600.

While other students were not quite as brave as Amy, many staff and students came to school with some “interesting” colours and styles. Those with the best Crazy Hair from each year level took away a cinema pass which hopefully they will be able to use during the upcoming holidays!

Winners were:
Year 10 - Emily Martin and Brad Rogers
Year 9 - Emma Darling and Marnie Bunker
Year 8 - Damon Davonport and Chelsea Radford
Year 7 - Zac Brown and Taylor Hess
Koorie Dancers

Our Koorie dancers did themselves proud recently when they performed at the Multicultural Celebrations at Kernot Hall. Their efforts were all the more impressive given that they effectively learnt the dances on the day of the event. They are shown here practicing before going on stage.

We would like to thank our colleagues from the Koorie Studies unit at TAFE who worked with the students.

End of Term

As I am sure you are aware, Term 1 ends at 1:50pm on Thursday 28th March. All students are expected to attend the last day; periods 1–4 will run as usual. The canteen will be open, although a reduced range of food will be available, and students must order their lunch at recess.

Wayne and I would like to wish our Learning Community a very happy Easter, and a relaxing holiday break. We also hope that the Easter Bunny is kind!

Michelle Reid-Metcalf
CAMPUSS PRINCIPAL

UPCOMING EXCURSIONS/CAMPS

To ensure the smooth organisation 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.

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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.
YEAR 7 UPDATE
It’s hard to believe we’re already at the end of term. The standard the Year 7s have set in all aspects of their schooling this term has been fantastic. We’re looking forward to seeing them continue that into Term 2.

To finish up Term 1, we are having ‘Citizenship Day’ for Year 7 which carries on a part of their Humanities program. The students have considered what it means to be Australian, learned about the rights and responsibilities they have as citizens, and studied the parliamentary system of Australia. They have also been challenged to undertake a project that makes a difference to the local community. There will be a ceremony as a part of this study, to take place on the last day of term (Thursday 28th March) commencing at 11:30am in the Hexagon (former Year 7 Centre). Families are encouraged to come along to see this ceremony and be a part of their child’s learning. There will be a barbecue for students, staff and parents of Year 7 following the ceremony. This is an opportunity for parents to meet the teachers of their students in an informal setting and takes the place of the traditional Year 7 barbecue. We ask that you RSVP for this event to billingsley.diana.l@edumail.vic.gov.au or by contacting the school on 5165 0600 and leaving a message for Di Billingsley.

Twice a week our Year 7s have a class called ‘Team Time’. This is an opportunity for the Year 7 Team to work with the students on a variety of different skills and behaviours that need to be explicitly taught to all students. Over the past few weeks we have been teaching the students Resilience. This includes messages of ‘positive self-talk’ and ‘thinking the best of a situation’ as well as being very aware of whom they can go to for help if they need it. We have now started a unit on Bullying which will go into next term. The message for students this week is to consider whether their actions are bullying by thinking about how they would feel if it was them; that sometimes people who are bullied do try to laugh things off. You can reinforce this at home by repeating the same messages, particularly in situations with siblings.

It was great to be able to get out and see some of the Year 7s at the Super 8s cricket last week. All the students had a great time and gave their best. I would particularly like to mention the way that the boys’ team came back together and played as a team in their final game. It was great to see them regroup themselves without any assistance from staff.

The Year 7s and 8s had a great incursion this week with Tim from the Shrine of Remembrance Outreach Program. The session was really informative, focusing on the role of a citizen in the community, particularly with reference to World War I. The students really enjoyed it. Many thanks to Holly Campbell and Karen Anders for the organisation of this event.

Lastly, I would encourage you to attend parent/teacher interviews next week and take the opportunity to meet your child’s teachers and discuss their progress in a formal setting. The open discussions that take place at interviews between the parent, student and teacher help achieve the best outcomes for the student. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to phone your child’s teachers at the school.

If you have any queries about Year 7 programs or wish to talk about your child’s schooling, you can contact me on 5165 0600 or by email at swallow.daniel.d@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Dan Swallow – Year 7 Team Leader

YEAR 8
The Year 8 Design Technology class has had a fantastic first term. They have learned about being safe in a workshop environment along with developing skills using basic hand tools. The students have completed projects that included a container which they designed from start to finish by using techniques they have practiced during the term. Some students have moved on and finished a serving tray using power tools such as a jigsaw. The best part is seeing the students help each other to achieve the best result.

Safety has been upmost in Technology classes and using safe work practices at all times. Team work has also been a part of our classes when it comes to clean-up and maintaining a workshop that everybody can use.
Year 8 Cricket
On Tuesday we had an awesome win. We thumped Traralgon College who went out for 23 runs. Tanner had a great game taking 5 wickets. Nick’s batting performance had TC running. Will was out for a duck but had a brilliant keeping session. Matt had a solid 21 runs and backed this up with his gloves as a keeper. Brendan batted and bowled well and Damon had a great day fielding. The players from Churchill also played a great game. Overall we had a fantastic day and are looking forward to taking on the next college in inter-school cricket.
Matt, Damon, Will, Nick, Brendan and Tanner

Year 7 and 8 Shrine Presentation
Tim Whitford from the Shrine Outreach Program spoke to Year 7 and 8 students as a part of our citizenship study. Tim has served in the 1st Armoured Regiment of the Australian Army and with the Queen’s Dragoon Guard with the British Army. Tim used Australian WW1 uniform as props to get students thinking about the life and experiences of WW1 soldiers and linked their efforts to the current Humanities citizenship studies. He was a highly engaging speaker and provided students with an enjoyable and informative session.

By Amy Robertson and Chloe Flanigan
Tim from the Shrine spoke to the Year 8s about his experiences in the Army and the experiences that he had in Australia and overseas. He also spoke about Australia’s involvement in WW1 and how and why 389,000 Australians enlisted. We learned about the horrible conditions faced by our soldiers during the war and the sorts of things people did. Some of the students got to dress in the WW1 uniform. The presentation was very interesting. Thank you Tim, for taking the time to come to Morwell to talk to us.

By Will Kennedy and Reece Lewis
On Monday we had a presentation on citizenship by Tim from the Shrine. He taught us about WW1 and why people joined. He spoke about the requirements to get in and how these requirements changed as the war progressed and why people continued to enlist to fight for our country. Overall the presentation was informative, funny and interesting. Thanks Tim, for doing the presentation, it was great.

Pet Food Drive
As part of the Year 8 Humanities curriculum, students are currently completing an Active Citizenship Project. Students need to identify a local community issue and develop a strategy to improve it in some way.

A group of three girls, Emily, Amy and Isabelle, were concerned about animal welfare in the Latrobe Valley and have chosen to support ‘Forever Friends Animal Rescue, Latrobe’. Forever Friends is a non-profit organisation dedicated to the rescue and rehoming of homeless animals. Animals of good temperament are saved from death-row in pounds and shelters and taken care of until they can be found loving homes. Forever Friends is entirely staffed by volunteers and relies entirely on the support and donations from the local community.

Emily, Amy and Isabelle are holding a pet food drive to try and provide much needed support to the organisation. We are asking people to donate items of pet food which will be donated to Forever Friends to put to good use.

Items gratefully accepted include -

- Tinned cat or dog food (or sachets)
- Dry dog food
- Dry cat food

There is a collection box at the front office and at the Hex office. It would be very much appreciated if you could donate something and support the girls in supporting such a good cause.
YEAR 10
On 5th March all Year 10 students attended a Start Smart workshop. The workshop broke down a range of issues surrounding earning, saving and spending. From their first job to their first car, students were given the essentials of personal financial management in a learning experience that spoke directly to their needs and wants. The presenter, Zey, was extremely engaging and knowledgeable and our students found their recent study of financial Maths to be of much benefit.

Cleo Lazaris - Year 10 Team Leader

PBS Postcards
Every week staff at Kurnai College identify students who they feel are reflecting the four pillars of Kurnai College and send them a postcard. The pillars are Relationships, Work Ethic, Excellence and Engagement.

Congratulations to the following students who have recently received a postcard.

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NOTES FROM THE NURSE – WENDY RUDDELL

ADF LAUNCHES DRUG INFORMATION SMS SERVICE
Have you ever wondered how certain drugs affect the body?? Now you can find out some basic information via a simple SMS. The Australian Drug Foundation (ADF) has recently launched its ‘Get the effects by txt!’ drug SMS information service - a service that is a first of its kind in Australia.
Get the effects by txt! is an addition to the ADF's Drug Info phone line by providing credible drug information direct to your mobile, 24/7.
People can text any drug name to 0439 TELL ME (0439 835 563) and receive an instant health and safety message in return. The message lists a number of the drug's effects and provides links for further information on the Australian Drug Foundation's DrugInfo website as well as the phone number of a 24/7 free and confidential counselling service.
This confidential service will enable young people to look out for their mates, and will make it easy for parents to be informed. The Australian Drug Foundation firmly believes that better knowledge and understanding about drugs is a key way Australia can reduce risks to individuals and the community,” he added.

Standard rates apply to text 0439 835 563. Further information about Drug / Alcohol can be obtained but isn’t limited to local doctors, Headspace, Latrobe Community Health – Drug and Alcohol Service and the Australian Drug Foundation – [http://www.druginfo.adf.org.au](http://www.druginfo.adf.org.au) alternatively you can call 1800 888 236.
Kurnai College - 2013 China Trip

Again this year, Year 10 students will have the opportunity to travel and discover the delights of China. The school will be undertaking a study tour of China during September 2013. The three week tour will visit Kou’an (our sister school in China) where students will stay with a Chinese family and attend some classes at Kou’an Middle School. Some of the other places the tour plans to visit will include Beijing, the Great Wall, Shanghai, Xi’an and the Terracotta Warriors and Hong Kong. This is an excellent opportunity for students to discover the wonders of China.

During next term we will have a family information session to update families on the details of the trip and give parents and students an opportunity to find out more information.

Later this year there will be some classes run by the Language Centre to teach students and/or families the basics of the Chinese language. Knowing some basic Chinese will be greatly useful on the tour. All students in China learn English at school, but many older people in China don’t speak English.

The full cost of the tour will be around $2,500 and there will be some financial support available for some families. Costs will be confirmed later as itineraries are set. All students will need to have a passport, so there will also be this extra expense for some families. So if you are interested in travelling, start saving now.

If you need more information or have any queries you can contact Lisa Benn on 5165 0600 or email benn.lisa.1@edumail.vic.gov.au.

If you are interested in taking part of this study tour, please complete the expression of interest below:

I ___________________________________________________________ (student name)
are expressing an interest of being involved in the Kurnai Study Tour of China in September 2013 (10th-28th).

Signed: _______________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian name: ___________________________________________

Parent/Guardian signed: _________________________________________

Please return this form to your campus office by Monday 29th April
CONDITIONS OF BUS TRAVEL – SAFETY REQUIREMENTS
To ensure the safety of all passengers on school buses at all times the following conditions apply, to which students must abide to:
1. At the bus stop do not play on the road or try to get on the bus before it has stopped.
2. Make sure you and your belongings are inside the bus at all times.
3. Do not throw anything from a bus window or have anything hanging out a window.
4. Place bags and other belongings in the allocated storage areas.
5. Get on and off the bus quietly and in an orderly manner.
6. Stay in your seat while the bus is moving.
7. Do not distract drivers with screaming, shouting or unruly behaviour.
8. When you get off the bus only cross the road when the bus has left and it is safe to do so.
9. No dangerous or flammable goods are allowed on the bus, eg aerosol cans.
10. Seat belts must be worn where fitted.
11. In the morning, arrive at the bus-stop 10 minutes prior to departure.
12. Do not eat, drink or smoke while on the school bus.
13. In the morning, let the school and driver know if you will not be riding home on the bus that day.
14. Travel on the bus service allocated to you, to and from your approved bus stop only. Do not change to one that will take you to a sports or social event.
15. Use a standard conversational tone and do not call out to others on board or to passing traffic or people.
16. Listen to the bus driver and bus captain. They are responsible for maintaining school bus safety and also have the authority to report any misbehaviour or vandalism.
17. If you ride a bike to the bus-stop, please leave it in a safe and secure place. The Department of Transport and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development are unable to accept responsibility for the safety of your bike.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS
• Parents/guardians are responsible for transporting their children to and from authorised bus stops and their safety at the bus stop while waiting for the bus.
• It is most important that parents waiting for bus passengers at a roadside bus stop should wait on the same side of the road as the bus, to prevent accidents.
• School bus travel is a privilege and not a right and consequences will follow a breach of these conditions. It is understood that bus travel is provided and accepted on these conditions.
**MUSIC**

Ever considered learning a musical instrument?

At Kurnai College, students enrol in music classes learning the instrument of their choice.

Common questions asked are:

Q. How do I go about in getting an instrument if I don’t have one?

A. Kurnai College owns a number of instruments that are hired for the entire year, which students take home to practice.

Q. What are the costs?

A. $85 for the whole year is the enrolment fee. This covers all books and performance excursions for your child. $100 for the whole year is the cost for hiring the instrument. **Cost of classes – free!**

Vacancies still exist for the following instruments:

- flute
- clarinet
- saxophone
- trumpet
- trombone
- voice

So, if you wish to go places, then doing music may present you the window of many opportunities.

Return the bottom slip to the General Office if interested. Remember, once vacancies are filled, others will then be placed on a waiting list.

Date: _____________________________ Campus Attending : _____________________________

Student Name: _____________________________ Year Level: _______________

Instrument wanting to learn: 1 _________________ 2 _________________ 3 _________________

Parent/Guardian’s Names: __________________________________________________________

Home address: ______________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________ Postcode: _______________

Phone No: _____________________________ Phone No: _____________________________

Email Address: ________________________________________________________________

Return to General Office ASAP

**Community Performance Announcement:**

**Sunday 24th March @ Rose Garden in Morwell,** commencing at **1:30pm** is the **Rhythm and Roses community concert.** This performance is **free** to the community, featuring a number of local community ensembles including the organising group the **Latrobe City Brass Band.**
VIXENS NETBALL
The ANZ Championship is back, bringing with it a first class showcase of speed, skill and sensational on court rivalry from some of the world’s best netballers.
From March to July, five Australian and five New Zealand teams will battle it out over 14 home and away rounds followed by a hotly contested Final Series.
Do you believe in your Melbourne Vixens? Get behind your team, the Melbourne Vixens as they prepare to fight for the 2013 ANZ Championship title. Join today and purchase a Melbourne Vixens membership by contacting 1300 VIXENS (849 367) or visit melbournevixens.com.au.

BASEBALL COME AND TRY - MARCH 20th AND 27th
Everyone Welcome - Juniors between ages 6 – 17, Seniors: 18+
Week 1
Skills training - learning the rules.
Week 2
T- Ball game - possibly a scratch match. BBQ follows.
Andrews Park, Birch Drive, Churchill
For further information please telephone Shane Gill on 0409 564 533.

SAVER PLUS

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
Saver Plus is a matched savings and financial education program, developed by Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, with ANZ providing matched savings for participants.