

Friday 26 March 2021

KEY DATES

31 March	PARENT TEACHER CONVERSATIONS—3.30 –7.00 PM
1 April	PARENT TEACHER CONVERSATIONS 10 AM—1PM NO FORMAL CLASSES
1 April	END OF TERM
19 April	START OF TERM 2



Cleo Lazaris
Campus Principal

Message from our Campus Principal

On Thursday, we held our first School Assembly for the year to announce and acknowledge our new student leaders for 2021. We were fortunate to have Harriet Shing MP come along and present our leaders with their badges. Whilst Russell Northe MP and Darren Chester MP were unable to attend, both provided students with letters of congratulations and good wishes.

Congratulations to:

School Captains: Blake Billing & Elizabeth Cassar

School Vice Captains: Jasmine Sandars & Charlotte Bourke

Year 10 SRC Members: Travis Colson & Hayden Dent

Year 9 SRC Members: Harry Townsend, Chloe Bailey, Gabrielle Marks, Lola Hill & Zoe Long

Year 8 SRC Members: Sidney Townsend, Luisa Cardillo, Jarrod Thomas, Lexis Sykes & Hallie Beam

Year 7 SRC Members: Arabella Altavas, Kaiden Gawley, Amelia Sullivan, Claire Lindsay & Lila Kerlake

Red (Thorpe) House Captains: Oakleigh Riley & Leah Hughes

Red Vice Captains: Billy Wheatley & Eliza Bonorchis

Green (Freeman) House Captains: Zoe Nickson & Travis Colson

Green House Captains: Zoe Long & Owen Towers

Blue (Forsyth) House Captains: Lleyton Hecker, Gemma Whykes

Blue Vice Captains: Bailey Jones & Jenna McLauchlan

Yellow (Siddle) House Captains: Sofia Valladares-Crivari & Lachlan Freeman

Yellow Vice Captains: Alex Gore & Drew Ewald

College Principal
Anthony Rodaughan

Campus Principal
Cleo Lazaris

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Message from our Principal continues.....

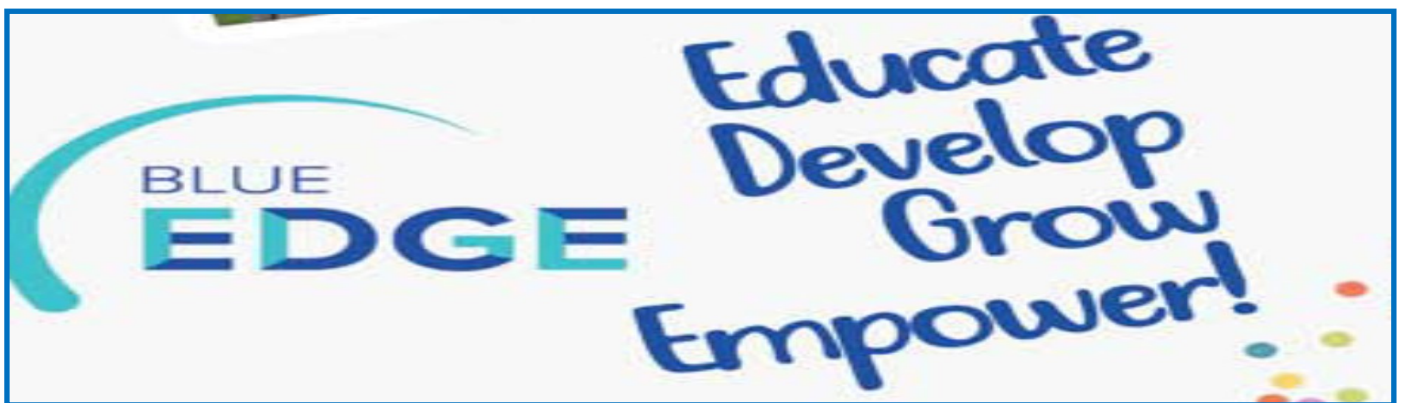
We also celebrated our first ever **BLUE EDGE** graduates. If you are as old as I am you might remember the Blue Light Discos. **Blue EDGE (Educate, Develop, Grow, Empower)** is a holistic program run by Blue Light in partnership with Victoria Police combining physical training, mentoring and life skills.

Students and representatives from Victoria Police attended sessions with a Personal Trainer, twice a week. At the end of the session all participants shared breakfast and a chat. The program has been a wonderful addition to our extra curricula program.

A huge thank you to Tom Kindellan for supervising the early morning get togethers, Tiago and Kate from the Proactive Police and Tamekia, our personal trainer.

Congratulations to:

Reika Arbon	Harry Townsend	Zoe Long	Matthew Dunstall	Holly Dawson
Jordan Dwyer	Leandra McLauchlan	Tahlia Runge	Cade Reyke	Jarrold Thomas
Eleanor McEwen	Livi Sellens	Mysen Pollard	Harley Scandrett	Lleyton Hecker



Parent Teacher Conversations

Will be held on **Wednesday 31st March, 3:30 to 7:00 pm** & **Thursday 1st April, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**. There will be no classes running on Thursday.

Please make sure you book appointments through **Compass** to see your student's teachers. Call our General Office staff if you need assistance with booking appointments. It is important for students to attend the appointments with their family as the information provided and shared will be invaluable to growth in the students' academic progress. Come along for a chat and enjoy a free sausage and cuppa.

Students in Year 10 who are studying a VCE subject will be able to book an appointment through the same booking system, however the teachers will be located at our University Campus.



Message from our Principal continues.....

Hi! Welcome to Stymie, it's really great to be part of the Kurnai College community!

So, what is Stymie? Stymie is an old fashioned word that means to stop, or thwart.

Stymie is a **webapp**, that delivers encrypted, anonymous and confidential notifications and where possible, uploaded evidence including screenshots to authorised recipients about issues of abuse, harm and unacceptable behaviour.

Stymie is an online, confidential messaging service for anyone who is needing help or concerned about someone else. Stymie provides a proactive opportunity for students to say something about harmful behaviours or anything they are concerned about for themselves, or someone else.

It works, because it is accessible 24/7, anonymous, easy to use and messages are typically delivered in a few seconds to approved notification recipients.

Today we launched Stymie in your school with a powerful launch day educational event. The launch day is for the entire community (year 5-12 and teachers) . The launch day describes the reason why Stymie is important, and introduces the caring, empathetic and appropriate use of the platform.

We highlight issues and behaviours in society that are concerning, and how easily we too can be bystanders.

What we do, complements the wellbeing framework that already exists in your school.

Our focus is on breaking the cycle of harm and abuse through education, intervention and prevention. We know that the first step (in breaking the cycle of harm) is to reduce the stigma associated with reaching out for help.

Our **CEO, Rachel Downie, 2020 QLD Australian of The Year** developed Stymie as a way to empathetically connect us with our courage, honesty and conscience, to enable us to speak out about issues we are concerned about for ourselves and others. In doing so Rachel's ambition is to help us all rewrite our culture to one of care in the communities we interact with everyday.



"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." - FREDERICK DOUGLASS

Year 7 News

Learning Behaviour Update (LBU) Reports - March

Some observations of these reports:

*The Advanced Learning Program students have a strong work ethic and maintained high scores

*39 students (96 in the year level) improved their score from the February LBU Reports

*74 students scored over 3.0 showing that they have valuable skills to advance their learning

*We will have greater certainty from the next LBU reports about areas to target, for who and strategies to support improved learning .

We will look forward to celebrating achievement awards in our next Year 7 newsletter.

Our partnership with parents

Parent contact and how we work together during phone contact and interviews has really supported how well students have adjusted to secondary school. We have been able to understand, improve and often solve a range of concerns such as friendship, health, rules, uniform, fears, emotions, behaviour, equipment, wearing glasses, absence, confidence...



Term 1 Learning Assessment Week

It has been a busy, hardworking, perhaps tiring Week 9 for students who demonstrated their learning by completing Common Assessment Tasks across the subjects. Well done, students, for using class time effectively to do your best! You've earned a relaxing holiday break!



Year 10 Student Mentors

Year 10 mentor students, guided by Mary Corponi, recently organised a successful activities rotation for Year 7. There was lots of enthusiastic student participation, competition and teamwork.

Camp Alert

Not too late to sign up. It's classes as normal for students not attending camp.

Looking ahead: Year 7 dates for student diaries

19/4 Term 2: First day back
10/5 Naplan Tests Week 4
18/5—21/5 Year 7 Camp



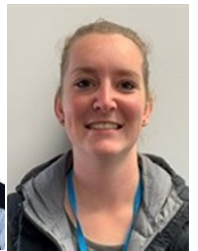
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THE YEAR 7 TEAM



Russell White



Rachel Dodd



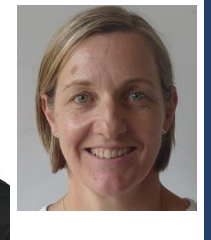
Steph Barfoot



Chris Gretton



Clancy Bennett



Lou Kramme

Year 8 News

As the end of the term approaches, teachers have just finished the March Learning Behaviour Updates and look forward to discussing these with parents, guardians and students at the Conferences taking place on :

Wednesday 31st March after school and **Thursday the 1st April** in the morning.

Please make sure that you book an appointment with your child's teacher. If you require assistance in making a booking, please contact the General Office.

On behalf of the Year 8 Team of teachers; Kara Thompson, Gabi O'Bree, Julia Groves, Robin Fitzpatrick, Cathy Tan, Matt Woodhouse, Lisa Knowles, and Lindy Gumpold we would like to wish all Year 8 students and their families an enjoyable Term 1 holiday break.



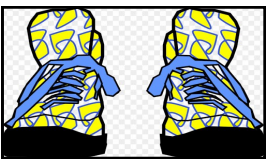
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Visual Communication

Year 8 students have been exploring different industries that artists can work in. Currently students are designing shoes for a specific audience they chose and painting their design onto white canvas shoes.

They are working in partners to work with a chosen theme that is shown in their designs on both shoes. Each shoe is slightly different from the other and cover a broad range of different themes.

Students have shown great creativity and skill in designing and painting their shoes. They have developed and shown skills in working with others and learning to combine ideas.



Food Technology - making Mini Quiches



Hands On Learning

Setting the table for lunch during Friday's Hands On Learning



Year 9 News

Hello again everyone, as we head toward the tail end of the first term, I would like to congratulate you all for what has truly been a team effort getting our Year 9's back in to their education and just generally into the swing of schooling again. This has taken a tremendous effort from our teachers, students and of course our parents and guardians after what was such a volatile year last year. I am sure everyone is looking forward to a break and will come back feeling refreshed and ready to go for another term of great learning.

Parent Teacher Conversations Will take place on
Wednesday 31st March 3:30PM - 7:00PM &
Thursday 1st April 10:00AM - 1:00PM.



Punctuality

Over the last the Year 9 cohort has been focusing on being on time to class. A reminder to all Year 9 students that punctuality is not only important for school, but also a well sought after trait as students enter the work force, develop their social lives and contribute to the community.

A number of students have developed the habit of loitering near the locker area to wait for friends, this is causing many of these students to be late to class, sometimes by up to 20 minutes and missing crucial explicit classroom instruction.

Year 9 Camp Term 3

I would like to bring to your attention the year 9 camp that will take place in **Term 3** this year. This camp will be a 4 night stay in Melbourne where students will have the opportunity to experience a range of cultural, educational and leisure activities of the Melbourne CBD.

This camp will have a cost associated with it of approximately \$400 dollars. As I would like as many Year 9's as possible to have this opportunity, I urge families to begin putting money aside to cover this cost so that it does not cause as large financial burden in Term 3. More info will be provided closer to the date.

Davinci Machines Excursion On Wednesday 24th March,

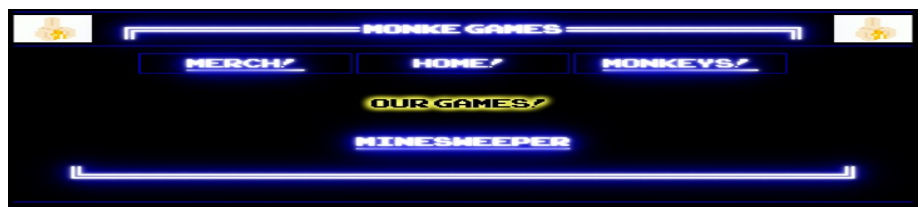
Year 9 students were able to participate in a guided tour of the Da Vinci Machines exhibit at the Latrobe Regional Gallery. Students were able to observe and discuss Da Vinci's different flight machine designs, paintings, his military machines and water safety devices. They were also able to engage with some of his moving machines. Students showed a fascination with how modern these designs and machines appeared and how successful they were, for the most part. They were also intrigued as to how Da Vinci had been able to fulfil his military designs while still preserving and protecting human life. Students were respectful, polite and asked questions throughout the experience and represented Kurnai positively. Well done to all that participated.

Around the classrooms

In each edition of the Year 9 news, a Year 9 team member will share some of what has been happening around the classrooms lately. This week, Glen Stephenson will share some of the work happening in the Digital Technologies Project class.

Student have been developing websites this term in Digttech. This has seen them engage with the Design Cycle to; Conceive, Plan for, Code and develop in HTML and CSS, test and evaluate their websites. The sites being developed range from social platforms, holiday bookings, Video Game sales and Interactive educational site on dinosaurs.

The students have added colours and a range of other features to make their websites appealing and to help meet their design criteria defined in the design process.



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THE YEAR 9 TEAM



Erin Gruis



Dave Frendo



Corryn Evans



Paris Ladas



Elyse Derricot



Chris Flake

Year 10 News

Respectful Relationships: Man Cave and Flourish Girl

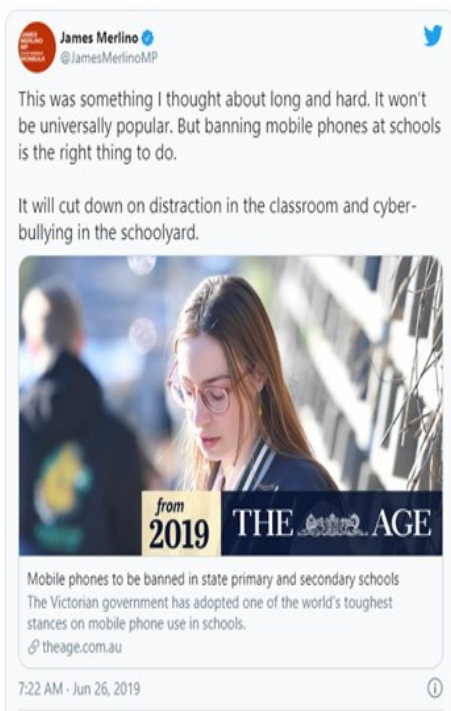
Our annual Year 10 Celebration Day (all day compulsory school activity) is happening on **Wednesday 31st March**. We have a whole day event for our Year 10 boys (Man Cave) and Year 10 girls (Flourish Girl).

- 'There is no handbook to becoming a man'. Man Cave is making a return visit to catch up and run a follow up session with our Year 10 boys. They first met and worked with our students two years ago when they were in Year 8!
- 'Girls are empowered to create a vision of the woman they want to become'. We have also arranged for Flourish Girls to support our female students on this day who will encourage our girls to dive deep and reflect on what it means to be their authentic self and create a vision for who they want to become.

Students must be in school uniform, bring recess snack, a water bottle. Lunch is provided (already selected and ordered by each student).

The mobile phone: do you control it or does it control you?

The ban of mobile phones in all Victorian Government Schools was announced **two years ago** by our Education Minister, James Merlino.



The reasons for this ban included the mounting evidence that demonstrated the mobile phone is a distractor in the classroom and does impact student learning. I am aware and have seen numerous Year 10 students have their mobile device with them in class and numerous students not doing the right thing and handing their device to a staff member when asked to do so.

This week I asked students to think about who is really in control – do they control their mobile phone or does their mobile phone control them? Most believe that they control their phone – why then is it necessary to have their mobile phone with them all the time?

Students have been reminded that if they are found with their mobile phone, they will be asked to surrender the phone to the staff member who will then take it to the front office. **Parents/guardians** will be notified and asked to **collect** the phone from school.



Churchill Peer Support Report

During the past 5 weeks or so we have had the pleasure of being able to get to know the Year 7's of 2021. We have been able to use our 5th period on each Friday to play games and activities based on getting to know our Year 7's as well as the Year 7's being able to get to know each other.

On Thursdays (periods 3 & 4) all the peer support leaders get together for two hours and plan our Friday lessons with our group. We discuss different games to play outside such as, 'dodge ball', 'octopus' and 'Simon Says', as well as games we can play inside such as 'silent ball', 'paper toss', and 'wink murderer'.

Friday sessions are really welcoming for our Year 7's, and ourselves, and gives the Year 7's an opportunity to make new friends, play games and invites them to get to know older students - as not just their role models but also as their friends that they can come to at any point. Over the past 5 weeks we have been able to get our new Year 7's out of their shells and make new friends.

Report by Joel Tactor, Shenae Brown and Charlotte Bourke.

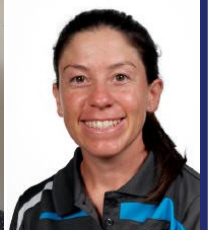


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THE YEAR 10 TEAM



Ali Khaki



Mary Corponi



Sandra Flake



Ian Hopkins



Andy Leeson



Harry Owens





Suze Benson
Careers Advisor



CHURCHILL CAMPUS

DAYS OF WORK
(9am-3pm)
TUESDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY

“STOP
THINKING
ABOUT WHAT
OTHERS
WANT FOR
YOU – WHAT
DO YOU
WANT FOR
YOU?”

CHURCHILL CAMPUS STUDENT CAREER DEVELOPMENT NEWS

YEAR 10

WORK EXPERIENCE (TERM 2)

The Churchill Work Experience Program is set for Weeks 4 and 5 of Term 2. **ALL** Students should be well on their way to have a placement secured for the following dates:

First Week: Monday 10th May 2021 to Friday 14th May 2021

Second Week: Monday 17th May 2021 to Friday 21st May 2021

Work Experience is compulsory – There is no opt-out unless discussed with the Year 10 Team Leader: Ms Jenny Horner.

Make an appointment with Careers if you are still without a placement.

WORK EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

Safe @ Work Certificates (General and Industry Specific)

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/students/beyond/pages/generalmodule.aspx>

Students cannot go out on Work Experience without having completed their general and industry specific Safe@Work Assessment/s. Students who are still to complete these, please do so and send certificate to Careers.

Construction Induction Card Training (WHITE CARD)

(MESSAGE FOR THOSE WHO EXPRESSED THEIR INTEREST)

WHEN: Wednesday 31st March 2021

TIME: 9am – 2.30pm

VENUE: CHURCHILL JUNIOR CAMPUS

CIC training is mandatory for Work Experience undertaken in the Construction Industry, students who have expressed an interest your forms were due Monday 22nd March 2021.

COURSE COUNSELLING

(WEDNESDAY, 23rd JUNE – 1.30pm to 6.00pm)

Course Counselling is supporting students to identify their pathways moving into their senior years of school. Careers will be meeting with students to discuss their options so they can make informed decisions about their future.

COURSE COUNSELLING REQUIREMENTS

Unique Student Identifier (USI) Application (Medicare Card needed)

<https://www.usi.gov.au/students/get-a-usi>

Follow this link & enter your name exactly as it appears on your card

A USI is required to enrol into VET courses up at the senior campus and any other extra-curricular activities delivered through an RTO. VET applications will not be processed by the senior campus without a USI.

YEAR 9

The first step we take to assist our learners to develop an understanding of pathway options, we conduct a careers screening session called Morrisby Profiling. Permission to participate in this is required. Permission slips have been sent home and are due back. Students will receive an introduction to Morrisby on Tuesday 30th March 2021. Parents can research:

<https://www.morrisby.com/morrisby-profile> for more information.

Hi All,

Our music students are busy with two community performances this weekend!

Despite the miserable weather, our dedicated students braved the conditions to perform at the *Show Me Some Art* Festival at the Moe Botanic gardens on Saturday 27 March

The students performed extremely well and represented our College to a high standard. At the end of the session we were invited to perform at next year's Australia Day festivities



Hi Everyone,

Ian and I were really proud of our students who performed at the **Easter in Yinnar** event on Sunday . There was a good turnout and our performance was well received by the local community.

It was great to able to perform live again, all in all was a successful and enjoyable weekend.

A big thank you to staff who came along!



Music Expression of Interest Form

The following instruments can be taught at Kurnai College:



Woodwind

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Bass Clarinet
- Saxophone



Voice



Brass

- Trumpet/Cornet
- French Horn
- Tenor Horn
- Baritone
- Trombone
- Euphonium
- Tuba



Percussion

Drum Kit, Congas, Glockenspiel, Xylophone, Vibraphone, Timpani.



Strings

- Guitar
- Bass Guitar



Keyboards

Electric Keyboard / Piano

All of the above musical instruments can be hired from the school if the student does not already have an instrument. Students wanting to learn percussion need to have their own drum sticks. Percussion, guitar and keyboard are not hired.

Contact the Music Director if you have any inquiries.

Please fill in and return bottom slip to Kurnai College

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Date: _____ - _____ Campus Attending: - _____

Student's Name: _____ Year Level: - _____

Instrument wanting to learn: 1. _____ - 2. - _____ 3. -- _____

Parents/Guardians Names: _____

Home Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Phone No: _____ Phone No: _____

Email: -- _____

Have you learnt a musical instrument before? _____ If so, what was it? _____

Do you have your own instrument? _____ If so, which instrument? _____



The annual 'Rockfest' Competition is on again!!
If you're in a band or a solo artist, you're encourage to participate in this amazing event.

Contact Mr Gretton College Music Coordinator for Further information



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested **concession card**, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amount this year is \$225 for eligible secondary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances **or you have enrolled a new student to the school.**

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 5165 0700 and ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

Applications close **18/6/2021**.



UNIFORM

Kurnai's uniform policy is as follows: Students are to wear the maroon college polo with navy shorts or trousers or the College dress. There is a choice of the spray jacket or Hoodie. Shoes must be predominately black and covered in, with white socks.

The PE uniform consists of the navy college polo with navy shorts or track pants and runners.

Please note that students who are in incorrect uniform will be asked to change into uniform provided by the College for the day. This includes black trousers, leggings and any jumpers which are not the Kurnai uniform.



With the school holidays upon us it is a good opportunity for you to ensure that your child is ready for the cooler months.

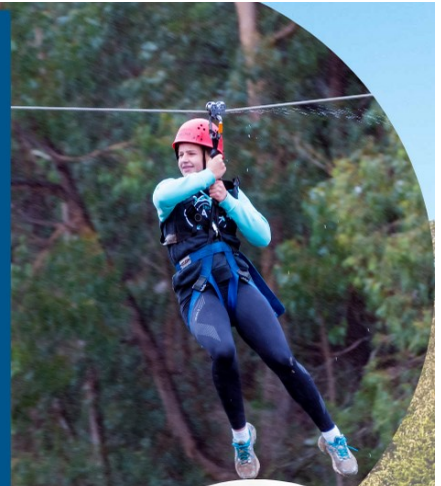
If any support is required in getting uniform please contact the Advocate team who can assist you. **The Advocate Team**



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9th – 11th April 2021

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ORIENTEERING DAY

If you love the outdoors and
a challenge this is for you!

Place: Crinigan Bushland Reserve, Morwell 3840

Date: Thursday 8th of April

Time: Arrive 10:45am, (Start 11am - Finish 1pm) **Ages:** 10yrs -15yrs

Lunch Provided

Positive Outcomes:

- Teamwork
- Social Skills
- Decision Making Skills
- Health and Happiness
- Compass Skills

Contacts:

Vacca Office – Morwell – 03 5135 6055 – ask for Lionel Rose
 Headspace Office - Morwell - 03 5136 8300 ask for Neal or Yumna

Morwell – Gippsland Office

21 Hazelwood Road Morwell VIC 3840

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Active Kids Voucher Program

The Minister for Community Sport recently announced the opening of the Get Active Kids Voucher Program.

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program will support the delivery of 100,000 vouchers to support children to get involved in organised sport and active recreation activities. Vouchers of up to \$200 can go towards the cost of membership, club fees, uniforms, and sports equipment.

Applicants will need to meet the following eligibility criteria, to apply you must be:

- the parent or legal guardian or temporary foster or kinship carer of an eligible child
- the holder of a valid Australian Government Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card with named dependants, and
- the holder of a valid Australian Government Medicare card with named dependants

Further information on eligibility, how to access the program and answers to other frequently asked questions are all available at: <https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/>





Homework Club

For parents and carers of school aged children

ParentZone Gippsland invites you to come along to our Homework Club.

The Homework Club can provide you with support to assist your children with their homework as well as having some fun reading and playing board games together.

DATES: Tuesdays throughout the school term

TIME: 3:30pm to 5:00pm

WHERE: Online via Zoom

COST: FREE. Bookings essential.

For bookings & enquiries contact Parentzone Gippsland on 03 5135 9555 or email parentzone.gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au

anglicarevic.org.au

PARENTZONE

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Youth Community Connections

Community Event
Thursday 1st April 2021
3.00pm to 5.00pm

1/29 George Street, Moe
(next door to the Moe Library)

- Therapy Dogs • Street Games • BBQ
- Free promotional packs

For more information call YSAS on 5133 3411





