



Friday 30 April 2021

KEY DATES

4 - 5 MAY	YEAR 9 TECH SCHOOL EXCURSIONS
4 MAY	KURNAIS GOT TALENT AUDITIONS
6 MAY	PARENT INFORMATION 2022 YEAR 7 STUDENTS 5.30 PM
10-21 MAY	YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE
11-13 MAY	NAPLAN YEAR 7 & YEAR 9
17-21 MAY	YEAR 8 CAMP - KAROONDA
18-21 MAY	YEAR 7 CAMP - COOLAMATONG



Cleo Lazaris
Campus Principal

Message from our Campus Principal

Welcome back to Term 2.

The holidays certainly provided some nice weather for relaxing and recharging our batteries before we tackle what is shaping up to be a very busy term ahead. Some of the events this term include: Work Experience at Year 10, Naplan for Years 7 and 9, Camps for both Years 7 and 8 and the Attitudes to School Survey for all year levels.

NAPLAN

During Week 4, all students in Years 7 and 9 will participate in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests.

The NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy.

NAPLAN is only one data set that our College uses to determine a student's progress and to inform programs we will put in place to meet students' needs. Other data sets used include teacher judgements and more individualised tests such as ACER reading and numeracy testing.

It is important for all students to do their best on these tests so that the information collected is accurate. Students can often be stressed by these sorts of tests however many measures will be put in place to reduce the pressure on students. These include: building literacy and numeracy skills, ensuring the test environment is comfortable, and developing test-taking skills.

How can you support your child through NAPLAN week?

Encourage your child to attend every day during NAPLAN week. Students absent on a given day will have to do the tests later anyway.

Encourage your child to give the NAPLAN tests their absolute best shot.

Help your child prepare for NAPLAN by reassuring them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

Withdrawal from NAPLAN

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the principal. If, after consultation, you decide to withdraw your child, you must sign a Student Withdrawal form. If you have a reason to consider withdrawing your child from NAPLAN, please make an appointment with me to discuss this matter, and to complete the formal notification form. Please note that withdrawals will not be accepted during NAPLAN week.

College Principal
Anthony Rodaughan

Campus Principal
Cleo Lazaris

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Message from our Principal continues.....

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Year 9 NAPLAN certificates of achievement

A new feature of the NAPLAN assessment is being launched this year, with the award of Year 9 Certificates of Achievement.

The new certificates aim to celebrate and recognise the importance of both excellence and learning growth.

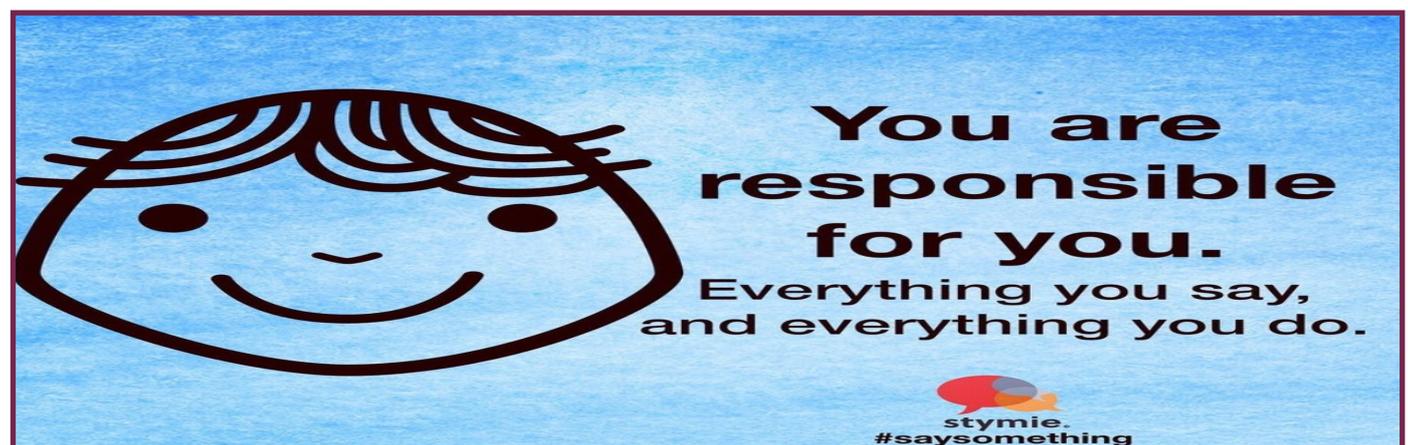
Beginning in 2021, Year 9 students who achieve outstanding results or who significantly improve their results in NAPLAN tests will receive a NAPLAN Certificate of Achievement.

The certificates will be awarded for two categories of achievement:

* Category one: the achievement of excellence through getting a result in the top band for reading or numeracy, or both.

* Category two: the achievement of outstanding learning growth through improve by two or more bands between the NAPLAN Year 7 and Year 9 tests for reading or numeracy, or both. For more information about the new certificate and measures for learning growth, refer to Year 9 NAPLAN certificates of achievement on the Department's website.

A reminder to families that all visitors to the school need to report to the General Office. Parents dropping off lunches for their children should also do this via the General Office and not at the gates.



Year 7 News

Lifting Classroom Learning Behaviours

The Year 7 Team has arranged seating plans for 7B, C and D students, first recognizing students who have consistently achieved strong learning behaviour scores then identifying students who will benefit from being seated away from distractions.

Kurnai Churchill expects students to be responsible for engaging in and improving their learning. Respecting others' right to a happy, supportive, uninterrupted learning environment is equally important to us.

Seating in English, Humanities, Maths and Science will be shown on a card and pasted into diaries.

Remembering the Classroom Essentials

Congratulations to students who have already received stamps on their reward card over the first few days of Term 2! Teachers have been really keen to reward students who;

- *arrive with their subject workbook and equipment
- *consider and support others
- *settle, look up and listen, especially at the beginning of lessons
- *respond positively and quickly to teacher instructions and
- *use their class time to make progress.

Student Leaders and Helpers

*We have invited a group of Year 7 students to attend our Grade 5 and 6 Awareness Day on Tuesday June 1. This is a student free day for most Year 7s so we'll make sure our responsible volunteers are well fed and appreciated.

*Several students represented our school by taking their sporting skills to inter-school competitions last term. Soccer, netball and badminton are offered this term.

*Year 7 SRC Representatives have been attending campus meetings and will report back to our regular year level assemblies.

*Leaders emerge in other ways at school. It's reassuring to see students look after peers who may not be travelling too well and report harmful behaviour using STYMIE, Teams chat or increasingly, in person.



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THE YEAR 7 TEAM



Russel White



Rachel Dodd



Steph Barfoot



Chris Gretton



Lou Kramme



Year 8 News

Welcome back to Term 2. At the end of Term 1 parent and teacher conversations took place as well as the release of the March Learning Behaviour Updates. If you were not able to access your child's Learning Behaviour Update, please contact the school, so that a paper copy of the report can be provided. These reports are important as they show how your child has been working in their classes over the last five weeks of term 1.

All-Star Award

Congratulations to the following students who achieved 3.5 or higher in their March Learning Behaviour report. The All-Star Award is to acknowledge the effort and diligence that the students are showing in their classes.



Lindy Gumpold
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Cianese Bannister Luisa Cardillo Jarrod Thomas Dean Xuereb Tayla Heslop Tamsin Schmidt Mia Taws	Nephi Doherty Robbie Gray Ashy Hamilton Tay Mansfield Lily McCord Ajay Perrott Orr Arabella Baker	Tahli Schmidt Lexi Sykes Sydney Townsend Annalyse Braun Precious Glade Declan Lazaris Ruby Turner Jellis
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March Attendance

Congratulations to the follow students for achieving 100% attendance.

Lucy Booth Luisa Cardillo Sky Consta Robbie Gray Ajay Perrott Orr Alex Zitta	James Hutchinson Bryleigh Matthews Hallie Beam Harley Scandrett Ethan Toull	Jett Macrae Tamsin Schmidt Desi Webb Sidney Townsend Mysen Pollard Ruby Turner Jellis
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Year 8 Camp

The Year 8 Camp to Karoonda Park, Gelantipy, is taking place from **Monday 17th May to Friday 21st May**, in week 5 of term 2. Fifty-two Year 8 students will be participating in the camp along with ten Peer Support Leaders from Year 10. A list of clothing and things to bring for camp will be provided to students in week 2 of term 2.

All students who are not going on camp will be participating in an alternative program during the week at school.

If you have any questions about this camp, please contact the school and speak to Robin Fitzpatrick.

Equipment

A reminder to students and parents that appropriate equipment needs to be brought to class. Students should have more than one pen, ideally a pencil case, as well as an exercise book on which to write on in class. Please make sure that your child has the necessary equipment for their classes. Students are reminded that they are not to bring bags to class.



THE YEAR 8 TEAM

 Robin Fitzpatrick	 Cathy Tan	 Gabriella O' Bree
 Kara Thompson	 Nicole Ashton	
 Matthew Woodhouse	 Julia Groves	

Homework Club
When: Wednesday afternoon
Where: Churchill Campus Library
Time: 3:00 to 4:15pm
Contact: Miss Derricott



Student Absences

At the end of term 1 letters were sent out to all families where a student had unexplained absences from school. A big thank you too all parents and guardians who are continuing to help us to keep track of student attendance. Please continue to make sure that you do let the school know, by contacting the school prior to 9am where possible if it is expected that your child will be away from school. You may leave a voice message on the absence voice mail, which can be accessed 24hours a day.

Year 9 News

Hello everyone and welcome back for Term 2 @ Year 9. This term is jam packed with a range of activities and excursions and many other great opportunities for learning.

Many thanks to the parents/guardians that were able to make it to the parent teacher conversations at the end of last term. There was lots of constructive feedback given and these conversations definitely add a lot of value for students and teachers moving forward. If you were unable to make it to the parent teacher conversations, please don't hesitate to contact teachers via phone or email to arrange a time for a conversation.

Upcoming Events

Tech school excursions and team building

4th May - 9A & 9B

5th May - 9C & 9D

NAPLAN

11th – 14th May

Careers Week and Morrisby Assessments

17th – 21st May

Punctuality and Equipment

Throughout Term 1 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. The cohort made significant improvements last term and we are eager to see these gains maintained in Term 2 and beyond. To build on this momentum, the Year 9 team will be focusing on ensuring student have all required equipment with them in class. Incentives will be provided for students in the form of weekly prizes and rewards for having all equipment including; laptop, work books, pens and pencils with them in class. It is also important students remember to bring a charger for their school device.



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, David Frendo will share some of the work happening in the woodwork technologies class.



This week in Knot just wood, students are finishing the birdhouse project. Following this, they will begin starting on the free choice design project which will be a mini town consisting of buildings, cars, service stations etc. Some of this work is being done independently but some student are opting to complete their projects with a partner.



Glen Stephenson
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THE YEAR 9 TEAM



Erin Gruis



Dave Frendo



Corryn Evans



Paris Ladas



Elyse Derricot



Chris Flake



Year 10 News

Anzac Day

Thank you to our school captains, Lizzy Cassar and Blake Billing, who represented our campus at the Churchill Anzac Day service. Below is their contribution to the service:

We gather to remember those who served to defend our country and commemorate the ultimate sacrifice the ANZACs made to protect us. The acronym ANZAC does not only stand for the "AUSTRALIAN NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORE" but brings on a spirit of loyalty, selflessness, courage, and determination.

This spirit is still shown today when Australians come together in times of hardship to make sure others know they are not alone. If the ANZACs had not put their lives on the line, Australia may not have been the place then what we call home today, but the heroic actions of the ANZACs gave us the liberty of not having worry about being drafted off to war or fighting for one's country, but we can appreciate the privilege of freedom, that is now taken for granted. Now is the time to think about those who have served in Australia's armed forces, those who continue to serve, and those who have lost their lives.



WORK EXPERIENCE: Final preparations (please refer to the Careers section of the newsletter for more detail)

Before our students start their work experience placements, we are making the students aware of the following:

BE ON TIME – students are to turn up 10-15mins before their start time and arrive back from their breaks 2-3mins before they end.

SHOWER EVERY DAY – personal hygiene has been an issue in the past (strong body odour) and so we encourage students to consider showering every day and applying an anti-perspirant deodorant (not body spray); make sure their clothes (no offensive logos), shoes and hair are also clean each day.

MAKE UP – excessive make-up on eyes, bold eyelashes and brows is unprofessional. We have encouraged students to opt for a more natural look.

STAY OFF YOUR PHONE! - Phones should ONLY be accessed during breaks - not a toilet break - a quick 3-5-minute trip to the loo could turn into 15-20 minute because of social media.

TIME TO LEAN = TIME TO CLEAN – we encourage students to look busy - sweep the floors, tidy a counter, straighten products on a shelf, pick up rubbish off the floor, clean some dishes, offer to put some tools away, offer to make some cuppas!
BE SEEN – students have been advised not hide behind shelving/racks/walls or doors – employers do notice their presence and absence.

JEWELLERY - take out your facial piercings or cover them up if/when you are asked. Facial piercings are a HAZARD particularly in the food services industry!

ALWAYS ASK - to use tools or equipment. Student safety is a priority!

BE POSITIVE - a positive attitude is the best thing students can take with them to their work placement. Employers will appreciate students who make a positive contribution to their workplace!

COMMUNICATION – is key! If students are sick and are not able to make it to their placement of any given day, they are to contact the employer AND school (either Suze Benson or myself) before they are expected at work. Likewise, if students have any concerns about their work placement then they must contact Suze or myself immediately

SMILE ... and HAVE FUN! Students will learn a lot about their work preferences over this two week period and will bring back this knowledge with them ready to commence COURSE COUNSELLING for their 2021 VCE / VCAL pathway preferences and subject in week 6!



Jenny Horner
 Year 10 Team Leader
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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
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY

“SOMETIMES
THE RIGHT
PATH IS NOT
THE EASIEST
ONE”

CHURCHILL CAMPUS CAREERS BULLETIN

YEAR 10

WORK EXPERIENCE

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

STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN HANDED PAPERWORK MUST COMPLETE THE TASKS THAT HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED BY CAREERS AND RETURN ASAP – WORK EXPERIENCE IS NOT SECURED UNTIL THE FORMS HAVE BEEN SIGNED OFF BY CAMPUS PRINCIPAL – CLEO LAZARIS.

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 – CAREERS WEEK

Monday 17th May 2021 to Friday 21st May 2021

We have dedicated a week to our Year 9 cohort to begin conversations around potential pathways. All students will have an opportunity to develop their career understandings as they lead into Year 10 and beyond.

The first step we take to assist our learners to develop an understanding of pathway options is to conduct a careers screening session called Morrisby Profiling, this will be integrated into their Careers Week.

Permission to participate in this is required. Permission slips have been sent home and are due back. Students received an introduction to Morrisby on Tuesday 30th March 2021. Parents can research: <https://www.morrisby.com/morrisby-profile> for more information.

Have YOU Got Talent ?

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PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

KURNAI'S GOT TALENT AUDITIONS

CHURCHILL CAMPUS	LUNCHTIME-4TH MAY	MUSIC ROOM
MORWELL CAMPUS	LUNCHTIME-5TH MAY	MUSIC ROOM
UNIVERSITY CAMPUS	LUNCHTIME 6TH MAY	HEXAGON

CONTACT MR GRETTON FOR FURTHER INFORMATION - 51 323 700



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2021

Enter now at
www.rockfest.net.au

CRANBOURNE Music D'Addario
Fender
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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.
Entries close end of August so still time to enter

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**



You can't *change*
the people around you,
but you can change
the people *around* you.



Smile Squad is on the way to our school!

All children deserve a healthy smile and the Smile Squad are coming to Kurnai College to help make sure this happens.

Smile Squad is a \$321.9 million Victorian Government program that provides free dental care to all Victorian public primary and secondary school students.

The friendly Smile Squad dental team will visit Kurnai College soon to conduct a free annual dental health examination for every student and provide free follow up treatment as needed.

What do parents need to do?

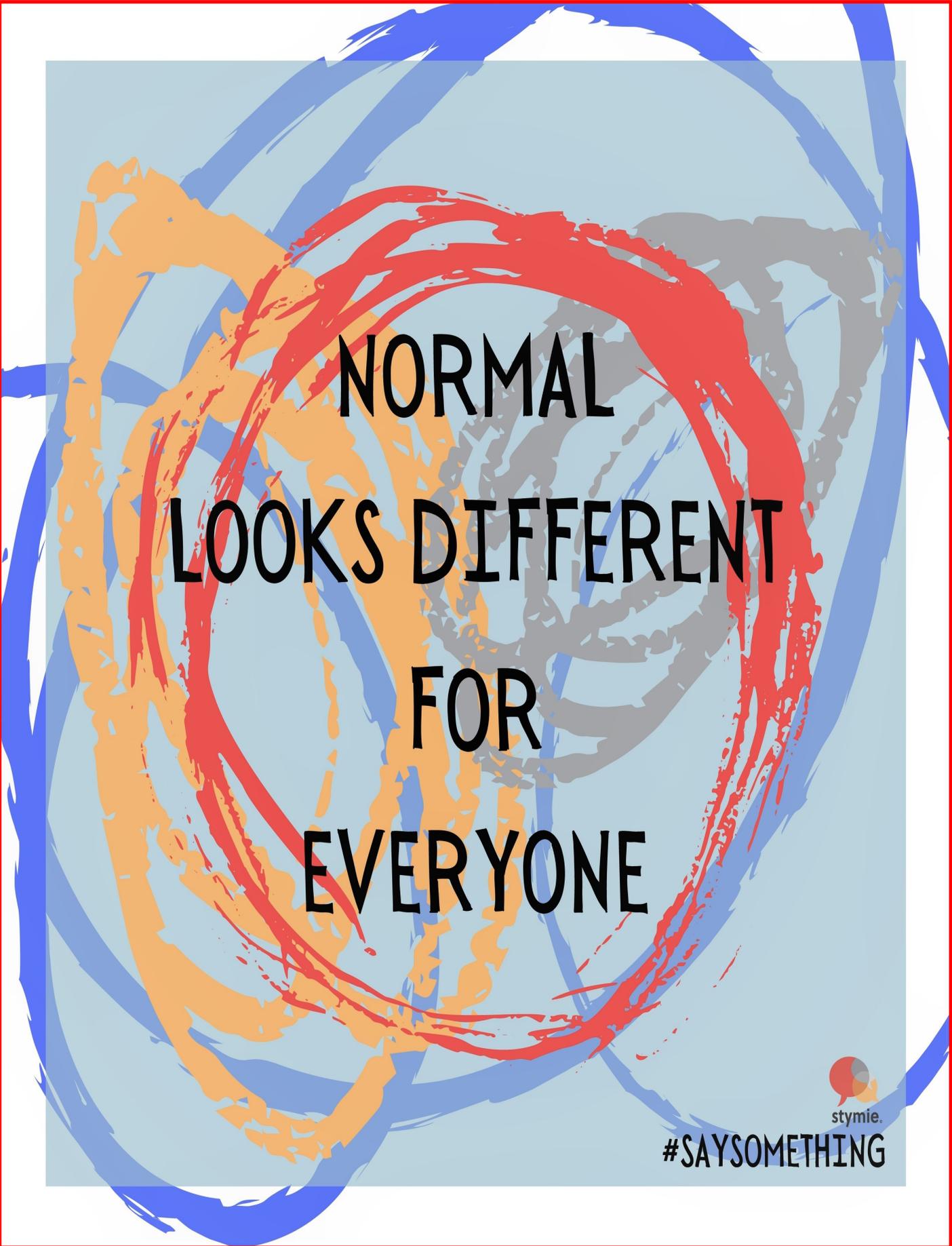
We just need you to provide consent. Please read and sign the consent forms that come home with your child and return them to the classroom teacher.

The Smile Squad team will then check your child's teeth and mouth and show them how to keep their teeth healthy and strong. They will also provide any preventive services you have consented for. If your child needs more treatment, the Smile Squad will contact you.

Who is Smile Squad?

The bright orange Smile Squad vans are staffed by experienced oral health therapists, dental therapists, dental assistants and dentists. They all have lots of experience treating children and a passion for improving their oral health – for life.

Learn more about the Smile Squad by visiting www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au or contact the team at smilesquad@dhsv.org.au.



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LOOKS DIFFERENT
FOR
EVERYONE**



#SAYSOMETHING



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

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*Offer available Instore & Online ends midnight (AEST) 7th May 2021. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount. Excludes Gift Cards and Schoolwear lay-bys. Savings of original prices. Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer, no rainchecks.

fab food marvellous mood



'AVO GREAT DAY!

There are loads of Aussie fruit and veg that can support mental wellbeing. Boost your mood with avocado, beetroot, apple and sweet potato.



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A-MAIZE-ING ALL DAY

There are loads of Aussie fruit, veg and nuts that can help you keep going. Fight fatigue with corn, broccoli, kale, capsicum, spinach and grapefruit.



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FEEL EGG-CEPTIONAL!

There are loads of Aussie fruit, veg and nuts that can help support brain health. Keep in peak performance with eggs, almonds, oranges and peas.



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COOL AS A CUCUMBER

There are loads of Aussie fruit, veg and nuts that can help protect your body from stress. Keep your cool with cucumber, mango, tomato and almonds.





St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

Every Friday night

Re-commencing **23 April 2021** at Churchill

***** NOTE these times are approximate

5.45pm - Churchill community HUB

6.15 pm - Glendonald Park

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? _____



**No is a complete
sentence.**

**No explanation
needed.**



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