



Kurnai College
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Churchill Newsletter

Tuesday 24 November 2020

KEY DATES

25 Nov	YEAR 10 EXAMS (MATHS & ENGLISH)
26 Nov	YEAR 10 LUNCHEON—LAKE HYLAND
26 Nov—4 Dec	YEAR 7 THINKING CHAMPIONSHIPS
27 Nov	REPORT WRITING DAY (STUDENTS NOT REQUIRED AT SCHOOL)
4 Dec	YEAR 9—OUTDOOR SPORTS DAY
4 Dec	YEAR 8—MOVIE DAY



Cleo Lazaris
Campus Principal

Message from our Campus Principal

Hi everyone, it was great to hear some of the eased restrictions announced by the Premier as we head into the festive season. A reminder that masks are still compulsory indoors and when social distancing is not possible outdoors. This means if students are gathering together then they are required to wear their masks outdoors.

Awards Ceremonies

Like most things in 2020, our awards ceremonies will be different this year. Unfortunately, we are unable to have our Campus awards in the lecture theatre, as we have done in the past. Instead, each year level will have an assembly in Week 10, to acknowledge the award recipients. In keeping with the COVID safe rules parents and families will be unable to attend. We will take photos of the recipients and make those available for families.

Mobile Phones

Just a reminder that the Ministerial Order banning mobile phones during the school day is still in place. Students may use their phone before entering the school gates and then once they have left for the day. Any phone use during the school day will result in the phone being taken and left at the general office for a parent or guardian to collect.

Skills Week

Our Headstart program in Week 10 focuses on teaching some of the skills necessary for students to be successful. During this week we will also conduct our Numeracy and Reading tests to gather data on students' levels which will inform future programs and targeted teaching.

College Principal
Anthony Rodaughan

Campus Principal
Cleo Lazaris

School Hours: 8:25am - 2:50pm
Students are supervised from 8:10am - 3:00pm

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Year 7 News

Year 7 Common Assessment Tasks (CATs)

All Year 7 students have had a busy week or 2 completing their subject assessment tasks. Teachers have caught up with students who have either required more time, have been absent or were unable to sufficiently show their skills during Remote Learning. Congratulations to our students for doing their best.

Well done champs!!

Thinking Championships Fun Learning Week

Students and teachers are looking forward to the annual Thinking Championships which will begin Thursday 26 November and conclude on Activity Day, Friday 4 December, with **lunch provided**. Mr. White has allocated students to groups which have been displayed at school. We expect all students to participate as this is a great opportunity to develop interpersonal, problem solving and teamwork skills. Having missed out on camp, this event is legendary at Churchill.



2020 Grade 6 Orientation Visits?

Visits to primary schools have occurred since our return to school this term and we would like to send out a thank-you to those current parents and students who have helped put Grade 6 students (and parents') minds at ease through telling each other about why Kurnai Churchill is a great place to settle into and learn. Visits will be by primary school with a discovery tour, meeting teachers and a reflection activity while following Covid 19 rules.



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THE YEAR 7 TEAM



Russell White



Andrea Flake



Steph Barfoot



Chris Gretton



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Year 8 News

Year 9 Electives 2021

Thank you to all the students who completed and submitted their Year 9 elective choices by the 20th November. Year 8 students showed their learning growth and increased confidence in asking questions about their learning by asking teachers for clarification about the electives and process before submitting their choices. Well done, Year 8. Students will need to continue to monitor the Year 8 Form Group Team to check on the progress of their selections for 2021.



Academy of Enterprising Girls

On **Thursday 26th November** all the Year 8 girls will be participating in the Young Change Agents program called the Academy of Enterprising Girls. The Young Change Agents is a not for profit social enterprise focused on developing the mindset, skillset and toolset of youth aged 10 - 21. The Young Change Agents are equipping young people for their future careers and empowering them to create their own pathways.

The program is being delivered through online pre-recorded videos and live facilitation via video calls and online engagement platform.

The program focuses on identifying a problem within the local community and developing a prototype which is pitched to an audience at the end of the day.

The girls will go through the process of working through design thinking stages, problem solving, working with hypothetical customers and creating a prototype product which is uploaded for appraisal at the end of the day.



Movie Day

As the Year 8 school year comes to an end the traditional Celebration Day has had to be restructured due to the COVID19 restrictions. This year the Movie Day, which is on **Friday 4th December** for year 8 students will be held at the school. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a movie marathon, with individual snacks and drinks being provided for the movies and hotdogs for lunch.



Congratulations to Year 8 2020 The Year 8 staff – Lindy Gumpold, Nic Ashton, Kara Thompson, Gabi O'Bree, Whitney Butson, Paris Ladas, Kline, Cathy Tan and Robin Fitzpatrick would like to congratulate the Year 8 cohort for such an amazing effort in 2020. The year was such a challenging year with bush fires and COVID19, yet the Year 8's showed their resilience and determination to make the best of the year. All the best in Year 9 in 2021.

Year 9 News

Hello again everyone. Over the last few weeks I have witnessed a large proportion of our Year 9 cohort making some hugely positive and proactive choices around their learning and future pathways. A group of students have selected the Foundation VCAL pathway and will commence in this program in the coming weeks. Other students have made the decision to tackle a VCE subject in 2021. Kurnai College is proud to be able to offer these options to students. At the same time, it is important for student who have not chosen one of the variations in Year 10 to know this is ok too! We have seen a great deal of growth from our Year 9's this year and that growth will continue, no matter the path they have chosen to pursue in 2021.

Masks are a Must

A friendly reminder to all families and students that masks must be worn at school for prevention of Covid transmission. These need to be worn covering the mouth and nose. A number of students have needed to be reminded of this on multiple occasions. We appreciate parent support on this matter as it is sometimes leading to unnecessary conflict between staff and students. I also remind students and families that offensive language and/or graphics should not be visible on any item of clothing including face masks.



Outdoor Sports Day

Tennis/fun day is due to take place on **Friday 4th December**. Students and staff will be transported by bus to the Traralgon Tennis Club where they will have the opportunity to participate in a light-hearted tennis clinic and other fun activities. Lunch will be provided on the day. Students are asked to bring their own drink bottle and to wear white, or light colour, soled shoes. Tennis racquets and other equipment will be provided but If students have their own, I encourage them to bring it along for the day. The permission forms for this event are now live on Compass. For any question or queries, don't hesitate to call Glen Stephenson on 5132 3700



Proactive Police

Kurnai College has had strong connections with the Latrobe Valley Proactive Policing Unit for some time. Recently, officers from the unit were kind enough to pay the school yard a social visit during the recess break time. Students were able to ask the officers questions like "What is it like to drive a police car?", "What kind of equipment do they carry with them?" & "How much training do you need to do to be a police officer?".

Mobile Phones

Most students have shown incredible restraint this year against the temptation to carry their phones with them during the school day. I remind all families that the Department of Education has mandated that students are not permitted to use, or have on them, mobile phones during the school day. If students do bring phones to school, they are to be locked away in their lockers, or in the space provided by the school. Students who are found with their phones will have them confiscated and these will need to be collected from the front office by a parent or guardian.



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THE YEAR 9 TEAM



Lisa Knowles



Dave Frendo



Corryn Evans



Rachel Dodd



Elyse Derricot



Chris Flake



Year 10 News



As we enter the last week for our Year 10 students at the junior campus - before they transition to the open vistas and plains of the senior campus (or on to other adventures!) there is much to acknowledge and celebrate.



Firstly, congratulations to **Bonnie Skyes** for taking out the 2020 Rockfest Futures Award for her solo performance of her original song 'CEO of the Universe'. What an outstanding effort from one of our many great music students who just make Kurnai College so proud to claim her as one of ours!

We also need to mention our time with Gippsland Tafe earlier in the Term. Throughout the day many of our Year 10's explored elements of physics and physical education through a series of practical experiences. A special well done to our Lego car challenge winners: **Jaz Perrott Orr** and **Amy McCord** (Tuesday) and **Monia Porykali** and **Lea Chahoud** (Wednesday and pictured).



Important Dates to remember for Term 4!

Week 8 – Year 10 Exams (Maths and English) - Wednesday 25th November commencing at 8.30am. ALL Year 10 students are required to complete their exams.

Week 8 – The Last Lunch - Thursday 26th November between 12pm – 2pm at Lake Hyland. Students are to meet the Year 10 Team of teachers in the Language Centre at 12 noon and walk down to the Lake.

Week 9 and Week 10 – ALL students commence Headstart at Senior Campus. From this point onwards students are now part of the senior campus cohort and commence their fulltime VCE or VCAL studies.

ARE YOU ABLE TO DONATE YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM TO THE SCHOOL?

With the end of era of wearing uniforms at the Junior Campus, we are asking families to consider donating unwanted uniform items to the school for other students to access if and when needed.

If this is possible, can you please bring any Kurnai College uniform items to the front office OR students can bring them to The Last Lunch and hand to a Year 10 team member.



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THE YEAR 10 TEAM



Clancy Bennett



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Sandra Flake



Ian Hopkins

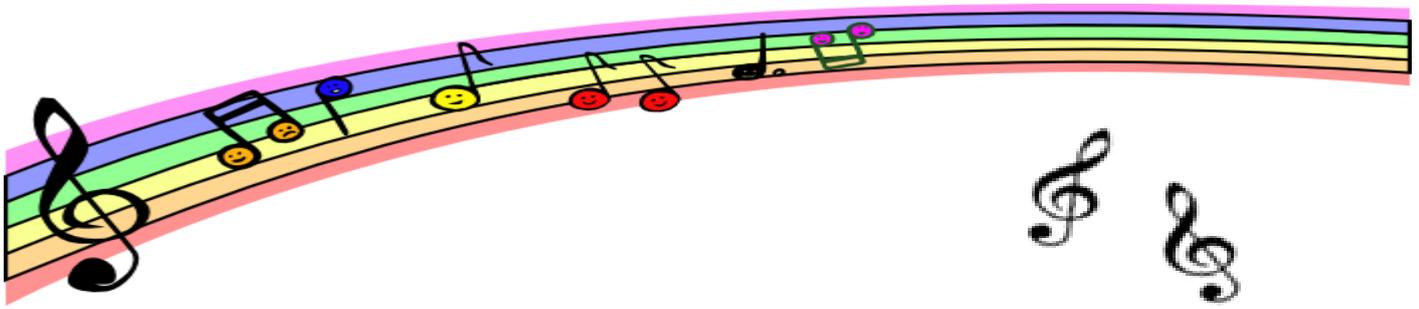


Andy Leeson



Rebecca Lynch





Students from Kurnai College have had the opportunity to participate in the 'Rockfest Music Competition'. The competition is a national event that gives students the opportunity to develop networks with music students from across Australia. The competition is adjudicated by professional musicians and industry leaders who provide feedback to the participants to grow and develop their musical potential. Kurnai College entered in the 'Best Bands' & 'Best Solo Artist' Categories.

I'm thrilled to announce Bonnie Sykes as the winner of the 'Rockfest Futures Award'. This has been awarded to Bonnie for her original composition 'CEO of the Universe' https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t_jPKNONjsQ



The 'Rockfest Futures Award' is awarded to young and emerging artists that show potential, creativity and dedication to music.

I'm equally delighted to announce that Sienna Wood came runners up in the 'Best Solo Artist' and 'Best Vocal Performance' Categories. Sienna received these nominations for her original composition 'Dance to the rhythm of gold' https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6e_AOn4uLzU



I'm extremely proud of these students for their resilience and dedication to the arts in what has been a difficult year. I would like to congratulate Bonnie, Sienna and all of our music students that have participated in the competition.

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2021 Book lists

To success at school it is important to have the equipment you need for each of the different classes.

The Kurnai College Book list has the resources required for each class. The book list for each year level is now out and can be accessed on the Kurnai College website or on the Kurnai College Facebook page.

The book lists are also on the Morwell Newspower Website

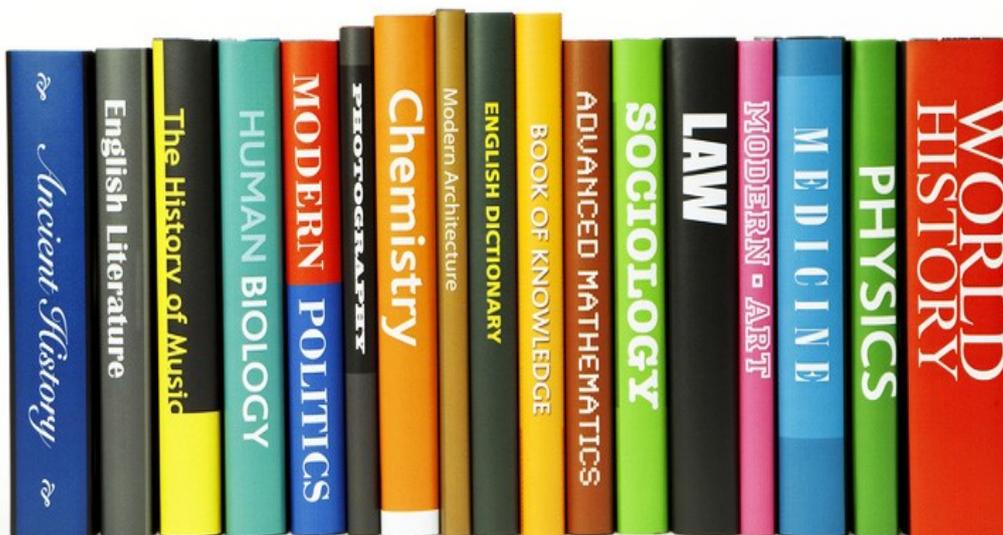
<https://www.booklists.com.au/morwellnewspower/> and you can order from there too.

If you want to hand in a book list at any of the Kurnai campuses, the book lists need to be submitted by 11/12/2020.

Book listed items can be collected from :

Morwell Newsagency

(174-176 Commercial Road, Morwell) on Thursday 21st January 2021 between 9.00am-4.45pm.





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