



# Kurnai College

PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

## Churchill Newsletter

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*Work Ethic | Engagement | Relationships | Excellence*

*Kurnai College acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the Land on which we live and work, of the Braiakaulung people of the Gunaikurnai nation and pay my respects to their Elders past, present and future.*

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# Message from our Campus Principal

Cleo Lazaris

Welcome back to what we hope will be a school year that resembles something more 'normal.'

In addition to our 80 or so new Year 7 students, we also have several new students joining us in Years 8 to 10. A warm welcome to you all!

Although there were some nerves and uncertainty for some, the year has kicked off with a positive start and everyone has settled into the rhythm and routine of school.

We have several new staff joining us at Churchill Campus this year.

- **Chuning Li** joins the Year 9 team and is teaching Chinese Language and Maths.
- **Nathaniel Isacs** joins the Year 8 team teaching PE and Health.
- **Todd Miller** is leading the Year 10 Team and joins us from University Campus teaching Drama, Media and English.
- **Jordan Melhuish** is an English and Humanities teacher who joins us from Morwell Campus
- **Paul Zepackic** – an English and Humanities teacher who joins the Year 10 team and comes from Morwell Campus
- **Amala Ramasamy** – also from Morwell Campus, teaching English and Humanities and joins the Year 8 team

## YEAR LEVEL TEAMS

Churchill Campus has a team structure to support students with their academic and social growth. The team is led by a Team Leader who is supported by a team of staff who predominantly teach students in that year level. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the relevant team leader:

Year 7 – Darren Campbell

Year 8 – Karen Anders

Year 9 – Glen Stephenson

Year 10 – Todd Miller

## WELLBEING and ADVOCATE

Our student welfare consisting of Selena Gray working together with our advocates; Tom Kindellan, Paula Woodland, , Robin Fitzpatrick, Harry Owens and Tarna Flake, all support our Year level teams to support our students.

## PHOTOS

School photos were taken on the morning of **Wednesday 9th of February**. All families will be provided with an Access Key to place online orders.

## VISITING THE CAMPUS

It is important for us to know who is in the school at any given time so I ask that all visitors report to the General Office and not go directly to other buildings. Our office staff will assist you with your enquiry. If you need to collect your child early, our office staff will arrange for them to come to you in the General Office foyer.



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### Year 7 News

**Welcome, everybody!** Overall, students are happy, well mannered, getting along with others and interested in their learning. This edition's photos catch the mood of Week 1. There's always the challenge of remembering the necessary equipment, and carrying it! It has been a giant leap from a tub in the classroom to a combination lock in a busy corridor! We're also noticing that many students are confident to ask questions, others rely on friends. Thanks parents for keeping us informed about what you hear at home.

**Workbooks** have been set up to help all students organise their learning. There should be one workbook for each subject. This ensures students have easy access to their notes, can look back on content to practice skills and take pride in their effort and progress. Students are being rewarded for their workbooks as part of the Positive Behaviour Support Program.

The Year 7 team use **diaries** to support student organization, awareness and communication between school and home. Some students may already be in the habit of using a diary or their laptops, however, we expect either the supplied diary or similar-sized diary to be used all year.

The **targeted reading program, TR@K**, is underway with all students placed in a group according to their ability levels.

**Year 7 Camp** at Camp Coolamatong is a really important occasion for Year 7 with activities targeting this age group and skill building for the secondary school years. Students in Years 8 and above would no doubt agree that Camp Coolamatong is a must-do experience! We are aiming for 100% attendance. If you



would like to know more about the program or payment options, please contact the Churchill Campus office.





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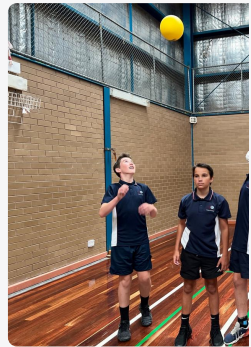
### Year 8 News

#### The Year 8 team

This year the Year 8 team members are: Karen Anders (Team Leader); Robin Fitzpatrick (Science, PE and Health); Kara Thompson (Science and Art); Gabi O'Bree (Maths); Julia Groves (English and Humanities); Nathaniel Isacs (Health and PE); Amala Ramasamy (English and Humanities).

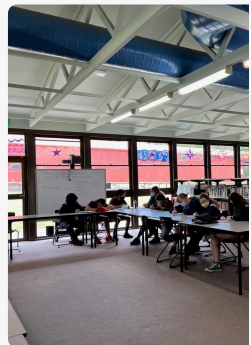
We are beginning the year with a strong focus on being on time, being in uniform, being in class and being on task. If you would like to discuss any issues concerning your child or would like to know more about the Year 8 program, please contact the Year 8 team.

#### The Team Members



#### Return to school for 2022

Students are settling into the school routine and have been highly engaged in their classes.



### **Uniform Expectations**

If students arrive at school, out of uniform, without a note, they will be required to change into school supplied uniform for the day and complete a detention at recess. If your child is out of uniform, please provide a signed note, which explains why your child is not wearing uniform on a particular day. Your child will still be required to change into supplied school uniform but will not be required to complete a detention.

### **Lockers**

This year, the lockers are along the drama/woodwork corridor. This area will be unlocked at 8.00am each morning, which gives students 25 minutes to collect their books for the first two periods before the morning bell goes at 8.25am.

### **Form group and TR@K**

Each Monday – Thursday, all students will begin period 3 with a 15-minute Form Group or Assembly. We have a Year level assembly on Tuesdays. This will take place in the Library and starts at 11.00am. Form Group takes place on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. It is during this time that the students are provided with any information about the school day and where permission forms are handed out. The students then move to their TR@K classes.

### **Student Laptops**

A reminder that students are expected to have a charged laptop and that students need to bring their laptop to all classes. Staff in the Year 8 team will be working to determine which students have their own laptop. If parents and guardians could support the school by checking that their child is taking their *charged* laptop to school with a charger that would assist with trying to develop good organisational habits.

### **Swimming Try outs**

The school Swimming TryOuts will take place on **Thursday, 17th of February** at the Moe swimming pool. This is an opt-in event. Students can sign up on the Year 8 noticeboard in the library foyer. This day is a normal school day for students who are not participating in the swimming events.

### **Year 8 Camp**

The Year 8 Camp will be at Karoonda Park for a week from May 23 to May 27. Details will be shared to students and families later this term.





### Student leaders- Year 8

Year 8 students have elected their student leaders this week. Congratulations to Armarni Matthews, Leah Webb, Rory Brown and Claire Lindsay. We look forward to working with you as members of Kurnai's SRC.



### Note from the Year 8 student leaders:

Hi, we are the student leaders at Year 8. Our goal is to work with students and staff to help make positive changes to our school community. We would like to see more reward systems in classes and new learning strategies to help us get the best education possible. We want more visible resources to address issues and want to ensure all students have a voice in what's happening at school. We want more fun days and fundraisers to support causes that are important to us.

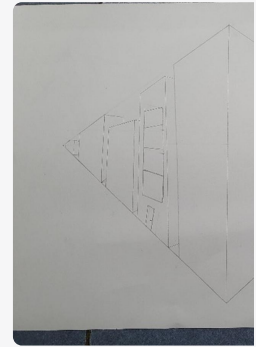
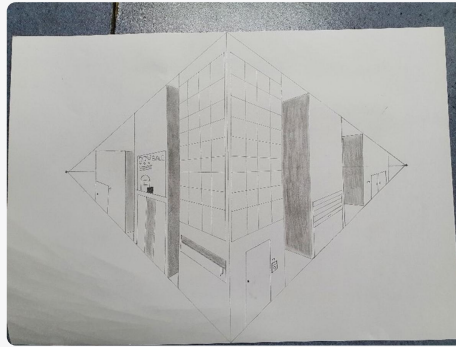
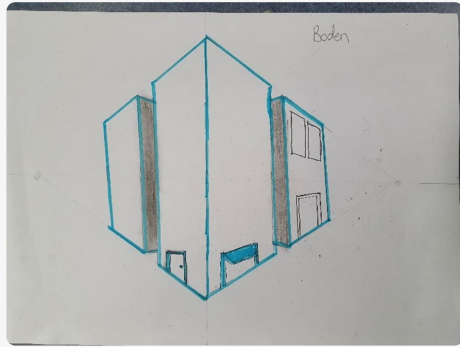
We will be available in class and in the yard and will value any ideas that you want to share with us. We will always listen and take everyone's ideas into account. We are here to represent you.

Leah, Claire, Armarni and Rory

### Year 8 Art

The year 8's have been learning to draw objects in two-point perspective. This type of drawing can be difficult to get your head around, but the year 8 students have done an

amazing job of creating a city street in two-point perspective. This type of drawing is important to know if students choose to go into careers around construction, architecture, game design or city planning.





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## Year 9 News

### **Welcome back**

Hello everyone and welcome back to the school year. I would like to begin by introducing myself, Glen Stephenson, as the Year 9 Team Leader. I am looking forward to working cooperatively with all the families of our year 9 students this year to support them to succeed. There will be lots of things for students to look forward to this year and although the Covid situation is by no means behind us, we can all be assured that there will be greater scope to allow extra-curricular activities than there has been over the last two years.

It's great to be back and I look forward to connecting with you all during the year ahead.

### **Student Leaders**

Year 9 recently held the elections for student leaders. Congratulations to the following students on their successful election campaigns.

#### **Year 9 Captains**

**Sidney Townsend**

**Marrissa Johnstone**

#### **SRC Leaders**

**Ethan Toull**

**Jarrold Thomas**

**Daniel Lawrie**

These students will be the voice of the student body as the year progresses and we welcome them all to their esteemed roles.

### **Term 1 focus – On Time to Class**

As the Year 9 Students steam towards the legal age to gain employment, teachers and staff maintain expectations that emulate the expectations of the workforce they will someday enter. This term, the focus will be on punctuality and being on time to class. Students that are arriving to class on time will be acknowledged via the College PBS system. Those that arrive late can expect to be held back each week after assembly to make up for the time they have missed. Parents and Guardians can support this initiative by ensuring students are leaving for school in the morning in a timely manner.

### **Victorian School for Student Leadership**

Six deserving year 9 Students from the Churchill Campus will be given the opportunity to attend the Victorian School for Student Leadership in term two this year. This school is a stay-in school that operates with groups of students from across Victoria each term. Applications for this will be open in week three. Students that have expressed an interest in this will go through an application process with the final six applicants being offered a place. Good luck to all those that apply.

### **Concerns or queries**

If you have any concerns or queries about any of the items mentioned above, Year 9 student matters, or just general inquiries, please do not hesitate to give the year 9 team a call on 51323700 or email Glen Stephenson.

[Glen.Stephenson@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Glen.Stephenson@education.vic.gov.au)







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## Year 10 News

Welcome to what will be a very busy year!

### **Year 10 is the year of endless opportunities.**

Term 1 will focus on supporting students to explore and prepare themselves for work experience (more details below).

Term 2 is when students will spend two weeks in their work placements. Work experience will run from **Monday 16th to Friday 27th May**. Term 2 will also be where students start exploring and choosing their preferred pathway for 2023 (Course Counselling).

Term 3 will see our '2022 Trip to Tassie' camp which is a highlight for many and great way to make memories of the year. Excursion forms and further information will come out shortly.

While in Term 4, students who nominated to enrol in a VET course for 2023 will complete an orientation day at the TAFE campus for their chosen VET course. All students will also celebrate their last moments at the junior campus with the Year 10 formal.

In between all of this there will be opportunities to participate in the Trade Pathway Program (to be confirmed) as well as spend time exploring university courses through the Fed Uni Experience Days.

Your child will be supported by a very experienced team of teachers. You are encouraged to contact any member of the team with regards to the progress of your child as well as any questions you have with regards to Work Experience, Course Counselling or any of the programs offered throughout the year.

### **School Captains**

Our School Captains for 2022 are **Brayden Young** and **Gabby Marks**, and our Vice Captains are **Archie Reilly** and **Vic Cooper**. Congratulations to you all.



## Changes to how we teach Maths

In Year 10 we take a different approach to setting up our Year 10 Mathematics classes. Before students commence a new topic they will be screened for their prior knowledge of that topic, and be placed in with students who are at a similar level. This will enable the targeted teaching to be focused, allowing students to experience significant growth from their current level, rather than achieving some or no growth. All students, including those in ALPS, will be grouped according to their screener outcome. Groups will change from time to time according to future screeners.

If you have any questions, please contact **Sandra Flake** from the Year 10 team.

## Expectations and Attendance

With such a busy program and students representing the school in local workplaces across our region, Kurnai College has high expectations of all students behaviour in ways which reflect our values.

The Year 10 team will continually communicate to the students on the expectations of attendance, behaviours and wearing correct uniform.

We appreciate your support on these matters and this week draw your attention to notifying the school if your child is absent and signing out your child from the front office if you collect your child early from school.

# Calendar Of Events

## Key Dates

<b>Term 1</b>	
Wed 9 Feb	School Photos (see flyer on School news page)
Thu 17 Feb	Swim Trials - due 15 Feb
Thu 24 Feb	Welcome BBQ - from 4.30 pm
Tue 1 Mar	College wide Athletics
Mon 14 Mar	Labour Day - Student Free Day
Thu 17 Mar	Immunisations Year 7 & 10
Wed 16 - Fri 19 Mar	Year 9 Outdoor Education Surf Camp
Fri 8 Apr	Term 1 Ends

<b>Term 2</b>	
Tue 26 Apr	Term 2 Commences
Mon 16 - Fri 27 May	Year 10 Work experience

## College Key Contacts

For a full list of College wide key contacts please go to:

# School News

## WELCOME BBQ



**THE CHURCHILL CAMPUS**  
invites you to our

**PARENT & TEACHER  
MEET & INFO  
BBQ**



**FEBRUARY 24, 2022  
THURSDAY AT 4:30PM**  
Churchill Campus - Language Centre

All students are encouraged to attend with their families.

4:30pm - 5:30pm  
A free, friendly BBQ for you and your family to meet and greet to have a chat with your child's teachers.

This is a great opportunity to hear about your child's classes, put names to faces, and tell us about your child's experiences of secondary schooling.

5:30pm - 6:00pm  
Year level information sessions.

Churchill Campus Principal <b>CLEO LAZARIS</b>	Year 7 Team Leader <b>DARREN CAMPBELL</b> darren.campbell@education.vic.gov.au	Year 8 Team Leader <b>KAREN ANDERS</b> Karen.anders@education.vic.gov.au
 (03) 5165 0600	Year 9 Team Leader <b>GLEN STEPHENSON</b> Glen.stephenson@education.vic.gov.au	Year 10 Team Leader <b>TODD MILLER</b> Todd.miller@education.vic.gov.au

 Please note that all attendees aged 16 years and over must be double vaccinated.

## HOMEWORK CLUB

- Each Wednesday students are welcome to meet in the library from 3pm-4pm.
- Proactive way to get out of Monday afternoon- work catch up classes!
- Ask for help (writing ideas, questions and answers, completing compass tasks)
- Practise skills (maths online)



Every Wednesday 3pm-4pm in Library  
(starting week 2)

Finish work before Monday night  
detentions!

Get help, ask questions, practice skills,  
get feedback

Free snacks (Often hot chips, or pizza)



## TUTOR LEARNING INITIATIVE

### Tutor Learning Initiative to continue at Kurnai College in 2022

Kurnai College is delighted to share the news that the Victorian Government is continuing the Tutor Learning Initiative (TLI) in 2022. This initiative is designed to address the continued impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on student learning and engagement in Victoria.

The extension of the initiative will allow Kurnai College to continue to provide our students who need it most with targeted TLI learning support in the 2022 school year.

Despite the continued challenges Kurnai College and schools across Victoria have faced the TLI has ensured that students who may have fallen behind or become disengaged, receive the help they need. In 2021, the TLI enabled Victorian Government schools, and qualifying non-government schools, to engage 6400 teachers as tutors.

Kurnai College would like to thank all the tutors, teachers and families who were involved in supporting Kurnai College's TLI program in 2022. We look forward to continuing Kurnai College's TLI program in 2022 to provide small group learning support that will enable our students to flourish now and in the future.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

### ONLINE BOOKING



Your school has decided that school photos will only be available to order online this year

#### THE BENEFITS OF BEING ONLINE

- No need for envelope to be returned to the school office.
- No cash on school grounds or children's bags.
- Easy order tracking and record keeping.

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#### INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS CAN BE ORDERED WITH THE SAME ACCESS KEY

To order your school photos you need to log onto  
<https://www.leadingimage.com.au>  
Click on Order Your School Photos  
and enter your school access key.

**Access Key: QGQT4HRA**

Packages are available to order with this access key.



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## Annual Privacy Reminder for 2022

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our website [Kurnai College Privacy Collection Notice](#).

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#).


This information is also available in ten community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese.



# Community News

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SOCCER IN WEST GIPPSLAND?  
JOIN US & LEARN MORE AS WE CELEBRATE**



**FOOTBALL VICTORIA**

## FEMALE FOOTBALL FEBRUARY

**A FUN-FILLED FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTING LOCAL CLUBS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN & GIRLS IN SOCCER**


★ **Sunday 20 February** ★ **10:00am - 1:00pm**  
★ **Baxter Park - 28 King St, Warragul**

 REGISTER

- MEET THE CLUBS
- ON PITCH SESSIONS
- FREE BARBECUE
- VIP PRESENTATIONS

- FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS OF ALL AGES
- EXPERIENCED 10AM-11AM
- BEGINNERS 11AM-1PM
- COACHES & REFEREES
- COMMITTEE MEMBERS
- INCLUDING FORMER MATILDA JANE OAKLEY!

REGISTER: [www.gofootball.com.au/play/pick-your-location/Warragul-United-SC](http://www.gofootball.com.au/play/pick-your-location/Warragul-United-SC)



As part of Football Victoria's Female Football February initiative, local soccer clubs in have joined together to deliver a FREE local festival to promote, support, educate and showcase women and girls soccer in Gippsland. This fun-filled festival will feature opportunities to meet local clubs, have a kick and learn more about where and how women and girls of all ages and abilities can participate as players, coaches, referees and volunteers.

WHEN: Sunday, 20 February, 10am-1pm

WHERE: Baxter Park – 28 King St, Warragul

REGISTRATIONS: [www.gofootball.com.au/play/pick-your-location/Warragul-United-SC](http://www.gofootball.com.au/play/pick-your-location/Warragul-United-SC)

COST: Free!

Anglicare





## Learning Through Play Supported Playgroups By ParentZone Gippsland

Learning Through Play will provide you and your child with the opportunity to:

- Connect through songs and stories.
- Try new and fun ways to learn.
- Get ideas and be encouraged
- Connect with other parents and children

Learning Through Play will include strategies from the smalltalk program which helps promote children's development and learning.

- WHO:** Parents and their children under-school-age
- WHERE:** There are five playgroups at different locations in Morwell and Churchill for you to choose from.
- COST:** FREE for families living in Latrobe City. Bookings essential.

**PARENTZONE**

BETTER  
TOMORROWS

[anglicarevic.org.au](http://anglicarevic.org.au)



## Learning Through Play Term 1 2022 Supported Playgroups By ParentZone Gippsland

WHEN:	WHERE:	TIME:
Monday	Anglicare Victoria 101 Buckley St MORWELL.	10:00am - 12:00pm
Monday	Outdoor Play - CHURCHILL. Meeting at Mathison Park	10:00am - 12:00pm
Tuesday	Outdoor Play - MORWELL. Meeting at Immigration Park	10:00am - 12:00pm
Wednesday	Anglicare Victoria 101 Buckley St MORWELL.	10:00am - 12:00pm
Friday	Churchill Neighbourhood Centre - Studio 9 Phillip Parade CHURCHILL.	10:00am - 12:00pm

To enrol or get more information please contact:  
Parentzone Gippsland on 03 5135 9555 or email  
[parentzone.gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:parentzone.gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au)

**PARENTZONE**

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# The Gippsland Youth Drama Workshop

*Established 1993*  
Over 2000 Students  
70 Original Productions  
20,000 Audience Members

**Come & Put on a Theatre Show, Learn About  
Performance, Have Fun, Gain Confidence &  
Make New Friends!!!**  
*2 Production Groups Per Year*

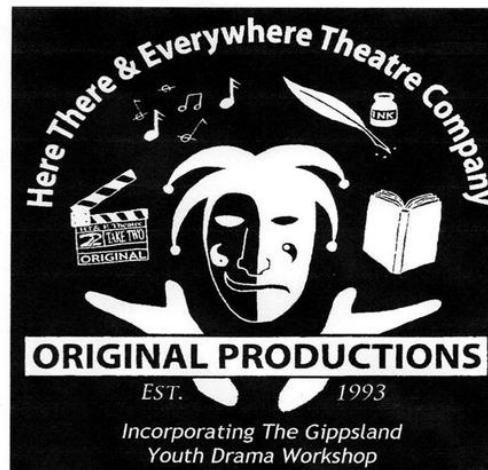
**Classes Designed for  
Solid Reading Age / Upper Primary School through to 17 Years Old**

***Incorporating:***

- **Drama Games & Theatre  
Sports Activities for  
Confidence & Team Building**
- **Improvisations of Characters  
& Stories**
- **Writer's Workshop to Build  
an Original Show**
- **Establishing Themes & Plots**
- **Original Music**
- **Rehearsal Technique**
- **Voice Projection**
- **Final Production for Family,  
Friends & the Community**

**WEDNESDAYS  
5:15 - 6:45 IN TRARAIGON**

***Cost \$20 Per Session***



**Bookings Essential / Places Limited**  
**Contact Director Phillip A Mayer**  
**on 0409 878 688**

The Director is assisted by a Dedicated & Experienced  
Crew including Technical Director, Musical Director,  
Stage Manager, Production Manager  
& other Key Supporting Production Personnel

*Gippsland's Longest Running Youth Theatre Program  
Helping Create Stars for Life*

The Gippsland Youth Drama Workshop is an uplifting and positive activity for our region's young people, giving them opportunities to express themselves, build life skills and develop new friendships from across the region.

We have had young stars involved in the GYDW from all your schools over the years. The GYDW is facilitated by the multi-award-winning Here There & Everywhere Theatre Co. and operates out of Council operated facilities. Of course, all our volunteers have many years of training, experience and WWCC.

There is nothing but positives. It's something wonderful that is going on in our community. And that's always worth talking about.



**AFL GIPPSLAND GIRLS FOOTY 4 FUN ROADSHOW**

Purpose -  
To give as many girls living in all areas of Gippsland an opportunity to experience Australian Rules Football.

- Introductory program targeted to girls aged 7-14.
- Engage and encourage relevant junior clubs and competitions to be involved and support the potential of girls participation (or mixed where applicable) at your club.

<p><b>Foster Footy 4 Fun</b> 12th of February at Foster Showgrounds</p>	<p><b>Traralgon Footy 4 Fun</b> 26th of March venue TBC</p>
<p><b>Korumburra Footy 4 Fun</b> 26th of February at Korumburra Showgrounds</p>	<p><b>Sale Footy 4 Fun</b> 2nd of April at Sale Main Oval</p>
<p><b>Nar Nar Goon Footy 4 Fun</b> 5th of March venue TBC</p>	<p><b>Boisdale Footy 4 Fun</b> 9th of April at Boisdale Recreation Reserve</p>
<p><b>Dalyston Footy 4Fun</b> 6th of March at Dalyston Recreation Reserve</p>	<p><b>Inverloch Footy 4 Fun</b> 16th of April at Thompson Reserve</p>
<p><b>Warragul Footy 4 Fun</b> 12th of March at Marist - Sion College</p>	<p><b>Bairnsdale Footy 4 Fun</b> 23rd of April at Nagle College Bairnsdale</p>
<p><b>Morwell Footy 4 Fun</b> 19th of March at Morwell Recreation Reserve</p>	

As we start look at an exciting year ahead for Gippsland Football, I'd like to introduce you to the first Footy 4 Fun program for 2022:

The Gippsland Girls Footy Roadshow.

To support the AFLW's future milestone of fielding teams for all 18 clubs by the end of 2022, we think it is more important now than ever that all aspiring junior-aged girls in Gippsland have access to a fun and engaging introduction to Australian Rules Football.

Starting in February and running through to April, AFL Victoria will be providing girls aged between 7-14 with the opportunity to experience female-only footy. With over 10 locations across Gippsland, girls will be able follow the roadshow and attend as many training sessions as they'd like. The events will go for roughly 1 and a half hours where they will learn the basic skills of AFL like kicking & handballing but more importantly, will walk away with a

great experience filled with fun! Girls of all abilities and levels of experience are welcome to these training sessions.



**17&U PLAYERS**  
**WANTED!**

BOOLARRA 17 & UNDER ARE  
LOOKING FOR PLAYERS!  
IF YOU ENJOY PLAYING  
NETBALL AND WOULD LIKE TO  
JOIN OUR CLUB, COME ALONG  
TO OUR TRY OUTS ON  
WEDNESDAY'S, 5:30PM AT THE  
COURTS.

BOOLARRA FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB  
PARK RD, BOOLARRA, VIC 3870

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