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Message from our Campus Principal

Cleo Lazaris



Hello everyone

There have been some changes to COVID restrictions since my last update. Masks are no longer compulsory in secondary schools. Some students have chosen to continue wearing their masks which is perfectly fine. Visitors to the school are also required to wear their masks and to show evidence of their vaccination status.

Skills Week

Our Headstart program in Week 10, from **December 6th**, focuses on teaching some of the subject specific 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.

Farewell

Some staff will be taking up other opportunities in 2022. We wish the following people all the best:

Lindy Gumpold – will be joining our University Campus

Jenny Horner- will be exploring other areas of Victoria as she takes on a sea change in Apollo Bay.

Mary Corponi – will welcome a new addition to her family in 2022 and is taking family leave.

Celeste Sanderco –she too will be on family leave as her family welcomes baby number two

Lori Rong -moving closer to home

Louise Kramme- moving closer to home

Mr Whippy will be visiting the Campus on December 10th so students and staff can enjoy an ice-cream on the last day of the Academic year. Unfortunately, Mr Whippy does not have dairy free ice-cream.

As 2021 ends, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the support and contribution you have made to our Learning Community. May you all get that well deserved break and enjoy time with family and friends during the holiday season.

Cleo



Year 7 News

A considerate Term 4

Year 7 students have moved on from virtually beginning their year again this semester. Our goals have been to revisit home learning, rebuild relationships, restore confidence, activate concentration and encourage respectful behavior towards others in the classroom and school grounds. Alas, this has been a steep climb for many students so we are looking forward to a new, more predictable year ahead. To parents who have struggled supporting their Year 7 children's return to school, we have been really impressed with the attitude of most students' motivation to get back into the routine, have a serious go at the Common Assessment Tasks (CATs) and keenly participate in the annual Thinking Olympics.

CATs and the Olympics

Teachers devoted 6 weeks this term to classroom instruction, making no assumptions about students' knowledge and skills following learning at home. Re-teaching, recognising progress and providing modelled practice tasks placed students well for **doing their best in subject CATs**. Congratulations to students who made the most of Week 6 and Week 7 to apply skills to a new challenge!

This effort was followed by the **Thinking Olympics**, a massive effort from Mr. White and the Year 7 Team in organising team activities where students re-charged themselves to take on peers who were grouped into *little known countries*. As you can imagine, our mixing of friends and student skills into unfamiliar peer teams was uncomfortable for some. An activity or 2 later, it was terrific to see students working well together to 'go for gold'. We hope the interest and happiness shown in the photos this edition flows into the final days of term and celebration of completing an extraordinary start to secondary school!









Year 8 News

The end of Year 8 is fast approaching. The Year 8 students have completed selecting their Year 9 electives. The Gumbuya World excursion, which will take place on **Friday the 3rd** of **December** is a fantastic opportunity for all the students to celebrate making it through another challenging year.

Skills Week will take place in Week 10, starting **Monday the 6th of December**. It is during this week that the students will focus on improving skills within each subject area. These skills have been identified by teachers after evaluation of the Common Assessment Tasks that the students have recently completed.

Congratulations to Year 8 2021

The Year 8 staff – Lindy Gumpold, Kara Thompson, Gabi
O'Bree, Julia Groves, Lisa Knowles, Lori Rong and Robin
Fitzpatrick would like to congratulate the Year 8 cohort for
such an amazing effort in 2021. The year was such a
challenging year with floods, earthquakes and COVID19,
yet the Year 8s showed their resilience and determination to
make the best of the year. All the best in Year 9 in 2022



Year 8 at Work













Year 9 News

Hello again everyone and seasons greetings as we head towards the end of another eventful and memorable school year. The year 9 cohort has been a hive of activity over the past few weeks with students working hard to demonstrate their learning and achievement in common assessment tasks, choosing their elective subjects for next year, and for some students, choosing and preparing to enter a different pathway altogether.

The transition to year 10 will officially take place from Monday 6th December. I thank you all for the support and hard work of each family and wish you all the best. With that, I welcome Todd Miller as the year 10 team leader and know that he will take good care of the cohort from here.

Electives

Students have chosen their electives through the online teams form and will receive their new timetables in the coming days. For any questions or queries regarding subject choices, please contact the school on 51323700.

Year 10 Pathways Program

A select group of students have been successful in applying to enter the year 10 pathways program for 2022. These students will commence their learning at the senior campus from **Monday 29th November**. We wish these students all the best as they embark on the next chapter of their learning story.

Early VCE

Students in year 9 were given the opportunity to select a VCE subject as part of their coursework for year 10. Those students that have taken up this opportunity will attend their first classes on **Monday 29th November**. Completing a VCE subject in year 10 eases the transition to senior education and allows students to have an extra subject up their sleeve as

they enter year 12. Good luck and well done to all the students who have chosen to take up this opportunity.

School for Student Leadership

Five lucky students from year 9 have been enjoying a once in a lifetime experience at the School for Student Leadership, Haining Farm Campus.

Gabby Marks, Gabrielle Bonnici, Victoria Cooper, Ethan McKinnell and Noah Pooley have been enjoying mountain bike riding and canoeing amongst other novel activities. These students are developing their leadership skills and will use these to undertake a community learning project when they return to our campus next year.









Art Project Mural

The year 9s have been diligently working on their mural on marine plywood that will be displayed next year on the Art slab wall behind the Advocate's Office.

All students have completed their individual artworks and are now working on painting the two background colours of blue and black.

Students are working hard to make sure they are carefully painting around their designs and the white lines.





The mural's theme is 'Things I like and that are important to me'. All of these things are pouring out of an old fashioned milkshake glass, with bubbles floating around.

An amazing effort for year 9 Art Project 2021.

Surf Camp

Year 9 students attended Wilsons Prom for a 3 day getaway. There were 9 students in attendance

The weather was excellent and the students had 3 surf lessons.

We all witnessed an amazing sunset (see attached picture) and all slept extremely well.

There was a visit from an uninvited wombat who didn't attend the surf lessons. A great time was had by all and many memories were made.

Thanks Andy Leeson & Rachel Dodd









Year 10 News

Celebration Day and Awards

To celebrate the end of the year, the Year 10 team took the cohort to Inverloch on Thursday 25th November.

This trip allowed students to celebrate in an informal and relaxed manner, the end of their journey at the junior campus!

I have to say, this celebration day to Inverloch was one of the most enjoyable and relaxed occasions that I have experienced while at Kurnai – and the students told me so too!

Given so many opportunities to gather and relax together as a crew were cancelled this year, including the Year 10 camp, this trip gave both students and staff the chance to hang out, explore, eat ice cream and just enjoy each other's company and banter.

There are so many amazing and inspiring young people in this cohort, and it was an honour to present both the campus and college awards to so many deserving recipients. Congratulations to all our award winners!





Campus Awards

Visual Arts = Chloe Toull

English = Chloe Toull

Performing Arts- Drama = Jazmine Sanders

Food Technology = Drew Ewald

Languages = Hayden Dent

Health and PE = Owen Towers

Humanities = William Bonnici

Maths = Andrew Hunt

Science = John Murray

Technology-Wood/Metal = Kade Alcock

Year Level Award = Andrew Hunt

Growth Awards = Gia Alkhoury

Peer Support = Joel Tactor

SRC Leadership = Blake Billing

College Awards

Excellence = Hayden Dent

Relationship = William Bonnici

Work Ethic = William Bonnici

Participation = Blake Billing

Sports Award = Gemma Whykes

Caltex All-rounder Award = Katelin Mansfield

Hazelwood Rotary Club Award = John Murray

Lions Club Churchill and District Award = Oakleigh Riley

Russell Northe Values Education Award = Beth Daddo

Harriet Shing Award = Hayden Dent

ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership Award = Jazmine Sanders

ADF Future Innovators Award = Alia Scarlett

Dux = Chloe Toull

Farewell from me too!

My time at the junior campus, and Kurnai College, has also come to an end and I just want to thank the staff, parents and students for their collaboration and support over the past four years! I am grateful for the opportunity that Kurnai has provided to me which has allowed me to explore my leadership skills at the Churchill Campus, and in turn has allowed me to step forward and explore new opportunities and landscapes in Apollo Bay.



Careers News

Suze Benson - Careers Advisor

Year 10 Goodbye and Good Luck

2021 YEAR 10 2022 VCE Students are reminded that if you believe a subject doesn't suit you, or wasn't what you expected, you should see the careers team at the Uni Campus (Kylie and Cherie) during the 2nd week of **Headstart**, to see what other subject maybe available. This being said though, many of the classes are now at capacity, therefore you may not have alot of flexibility.

This serves as a kind reminder for Yr 9's who will be going through the course counselling process early next year, how important it is to make informed decisions about your subject selections.

I just wanted to say to all Year 10's... I wish you the very best with your future endeavors as you transition to Year 11. Whether your path is to head to the Senior Campus, or you're off to TAFE or SEDA or you've gained an apprenticeship - you guys now have the world at your feet.

Good luck You've all made a huge effort in your pathway planning, and it has been an absolute pleasure working with each and every one of you at some point this year. The Senior Campus Careers team are a wealth of knowledge and will help you navigate your way through your senior years of school. The decisions you continue to make from here are about your future. Make sure you keep the communication lines open with them, don't leave things to the last minute.

Year 9 Career Development

We begin your Career Development Journey now!!!

Please use the time made available to take the first steps to prepare for work experience and course counselling.



Music News

Chris Gretton - College Music Co-Ordinator

The College Music Department presents 'An Evening on the Lawn' This is an opportunity for all campuses to come together and enjoy some live music provided by our amazing music students!

The event will take place on

Wednesday 8th December at the Morwell Kurnai Campus on Bridle Rd.

The show starts at **6pm and will conclude at around 7:30pm.** A BBQ
Dinner will be provided to our
guests and we encourage you all to
bring a picnic rug and enjoy the

WHEN: Wednesday 8th December
WHERE: Kurnai Morwell Campus,
Bridle Road
TIME: 6:00-7:30pm
BRING: A picnic rugl

FREE BRO PROVIDED.
ALL GUESTS MUST OR CODE
CHECC IN ON ARRIVAL

show. All visitors will need to QR Code check-in upon arrival we look forward to seeing you there!

Thankyou,

Chris Gretton College Music Coordinator



Calendar Of Events

Date	Event
29 November	Correction Day student free years 7-9
29 November	Year 10 Commence HEADSTART Uni Campus
30 Nov -2 Dec	Conversations for Success Years 7-9 Book on Compass
30 November	Year 9 Awards Ceremony 1.50 pm
1 December	Year 8 Awards Ceremony 1.50 pm
2 December	Year 7 Awards Ceremony 1.50 pm
3 December	Celebration Day Gumbuya World
6 December	Headstart Year 7-9
7-9 December	Orientations Days for year 6 students
7 December	Online parent information year 7 in 2022 goes live
8 December	College Music Concert - Morwell Campus 6-7.30 pm
9 December	Orange The World Day - wear orange against violence
10 December	Mr Whippy visits Icecream for all !!!!



School News

16 Days of Activism

The 16 Days of Activism against
Gender-Based Violence is a global
campaugn which takes place every
year from the 25th of November
(Internation Dat for the Elimination of
Violence against Women) to 10th
December (Human Rights Day). The



2021 global theme is "Orange the World: End Violence Against Women".

Orange the World Day

Kurnai College will be partaking in Orange the World Day at the Morwell Campus and Churchill Campus.

Morwell Campus - Thursday 2nd December

Churchill Campus - Thursday 9th December

Students are asked to wear something orange. Cut up oranges and orange ribbons will be available and given away during lunch time.

Kurnai Young Parents Program



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Community News









