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Morwell Campus 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



This term has been jam-packed with lots of opportunities for our students to take advantage of. It is important that parents keep informed of what is going on by checking Compass messages, keeping track of excursions and communicating with the school when you are unsure of something.

Our first opportunity took place early in the term, with Grade 5 and 6 students coming from Morwell Park and Morwell Central Primary Schools to see what Kurnai is like. Most of your own children will have

taken advantage of this opportunity when they were in primary school and it is a great chance to try and reduce the anxiety of transition for students before they reach secondary school. The students that visited engaged in learning activities in a large variety of classrooms and really enjoyed themselves. It was a great take on what our school has to offer. Thanks so much to the Kurnai helpers that assisted the primary students to make the most of the day and to families who supported by having Year 7 and 8 students at home to make this opportunity possible.

Our Year 10 students participated in Work Experience and reports from employers are exceptionally favourable. I still remember my

work experience when I was in Year 10 and I'm sure that this had a similar impact on our students. For some, this might lead to part time or casual employment. For some, it opened their eyes to opportunities and career pathways they weren't aware of. For others, it closed off pathways they will have decided are not for them. All of these outcomes are helpful in the long term career goals of each child. Also adding to our careers program, the Year 9 students are undertaking Morrisby Testing. The Morrisby process provides career profiles and exit interviews to enhance students' understanding of their potential career pathways and again, open opportunities they may never have even

thought of according to their strengths and weaknesses.

NAPLAN ran for our Year 7s and 9s from the 10th – 20th May. This year is the first year we have engaged with an online NAPLAN testing platform. The students have had a number of opportunities to engage with the platform and prepare for it and they had no trouble engaging with the testing. The new testing platform comes with a number of advantages, including tailoring the testing to the

ability levels of the student taking the test, providing a facility to read the question to students and allowing students who struggle with handwriting to type responses. Having the process spread over two weeks means that students are less fatigued, engaging with a test every second day instead of four days jam-packed with testing. If you have any concerns about your child's NAPLAN, or would like to ask any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at the school or by email.

We look forward to multiple camps this term also, with our Year 7s going to Camp Coolamatong after the Queen's Birthday weekend, and our Year 9s and 10s having access to a week-long FREE camp at the Summit in Trafalgar in the last week of term. The school has been exceptionally lucky to be able to access a number of free camps with many of them happening next term also. We encourage all students to take advantage this amazing opportunity.



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Year 7 & 8 News



Camps

Our Year 7 camp planning continues with the final preparations now being put in place such as staffing, activity groups and cabins. From the Year 7/8 Team's point of view, we believe it is really important that we have all students participate in this camp. Camp Coolamatong works really well with us and we ask for you to please work with us to overcome any barriers to your child attending so that they can

get the full benefit of the curriculum and opportunities that we offer to them in Year 7. If your child needs any extra support whilst on camp, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the team, so we can incorporate special arrangements into our planning.

If you need any assistance overcoming barriers for your child to attend camp, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss how we can help.

Covid protocols whilst on camp:

Please note, we recommend all students take a rapid antigen test (these will be sent home on Thursday 9/6/22) before leaving for camp. Whilst on camp, if students are showing

any symptoms of illness, we will have extra rapid antigen tests at camp and will facilitate any students who would like to self-test. If a student is unwell, or tests positive to Covid 19 we will make contact with the family and ask they come and be picked up from camp.

We are also pleased to announce that we are able to offer a 100% free camp for all Year 7 and 8 students. The Year 7 camp will be on the 8th – 12th of August at Portsea. The Year 8 camp will be on the 18th – 22nd of July at Mill Valley Ranch Camp. **Permission forms will be up on Compass very soon, so keep an eye out for the notification.**

School camp is a fantastic opportunity for children to develop new skills, friendships and interests. However, for many kids (and their parents!) just the thought of sleeping away from home can provoke high anxiety.

Some of the common worries about camp include:

- Not being able to sleep properly
- Not liking the food camp will offer
- Who they will be sharing a cabin with
- Not enjoying the activities camp will offer
- Feeling homesick

Although these are understandable concerns, it is important to help kids feel more positive about camp and to overcome the fear of not enjoying camp.

The benefits of school camp are numerous, here are my top five:

1. Development of social skills

2. Development of independence skills

3. Development of decision-making skills

4. Increased environmental awareness

5. Learning new skills

What if your child is feeling anxious about camp?

1. Preparation is the key to feeling less anxious.

2. Pack together and make it fun.

3. Give your child a special journal to take with them on camp

4. Talk to your child's teacher and share the concerns you

have. The teacher will appreciate this extra information and most likely will keep a closer eye on your child.

Attendance

I would like to take this opportunity to promote attendance; going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day. Attending and participating in school will help your child develop:

- important skills and knowledge to help them learn
- social and emotional skills such as good communication, resilience and team work.

Children who attend school every day and complete Year 12 have:

- better health
- better job opportunities
- higher income across their lives.

There is no safe number of days for missing school. Each day a student misses puts them behind.

Across our college we have an attendance target of **95%**.

KPA (Kurnai Positive Acknowledgments)

Year 7 and 8 students continue to lead the way across our campus with their record setting achievements of **Positive Green Write ups**. I would like to recognise that across Year 7 and 8 they continue to set positive Chronical entry records and I ask that you continue to congratulate your learner every night when they receive a positive KPA from their teachers.



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Year 9 News



last week we have the free week long camp at the Summit. Then on the 23rd of July in week 3 of next term we are off for the City Camp for three days.

Morrisby Reports 2022

Most students also completed their Morrisby reports and, with parents signing and returning their permission sheets, they will have a one on one interview with a Morrisby representative to discuss their results.

This is a fantastic, free service for all of our students to help them find some future direction and goals for their working life.

There is just so much going on at the moment. We have just completed our NAPLAN testing for all Year 9 students and are now in the middle of the Attitudes to School Survey. In the middle of all this we have managed to squeeze in an animal petting zoo, World Youth Forum and Outdoor Education camp this week and the HPV excursion last week. At the end of this term, for the

Progress Reports

Progress reports were released this week with an overall improvement in the level of results across Year 9. We will hand out the awards for high attendance and high learning engagement next week.

Animal Petting Zoo Incursion

No student could resist the cute cuddly animals that visited our school on Tuesday this week. There were so many little friends to hold and nurse. Baby goats, guinea pigs, ducks, quail and much more were held in the Science classrooms under the supervision of Ms Tomnay. It was wonderful to see such gentle, respectful and

considerate interaction from our students and the animals.



Year 9/10 Summit Camp

Year 9 and 10 students who want to join us will be spending the last week of Term 2 to the Summit Camp. Places are almost all gone so make sure

you give permission for your child to attend as soon as possible. Students that do not attend will be participating in a learning program back at school.

Year 9 Melbourne Camp

Year 9 Melbourne Experience Camp planning continues. This camp will be a 3 night stay in Melbourne where students will have the opportunity to experience a range of cultural, educational and leisure

activities in the Melbourne CBD. It is an important part of developing a wider understanding of the world around us. We are extremely keen to get as many students involved as possible. The camp will cost approximately \$400 per student and I encourage all families to begin planning and putting money aside to cover this cost. Students have been informed of the camp and expressions of interest can still be made by students on Teams.



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Year 10 News



Congratulations to all Year 10 students who received a GPA of 3.51 and above.

Congratulations to the students who were awarded with attendance and growth certificates. Well done to the three students who achieved 4.0 GPA results for May.

Term 3 Course Counselling
Next term, all Year 10 students will be asked to choose which course they would like to participate in for Year 11. There will be a student information

session on the new VCE on July 13th Period 2 in Team-time.

There will be a Parent Information night at the University Campus August 3rd from 6 – 8 pm. If you would like to research the changes to choices in Year 11 2023 please use the site below.

<https://www.vic.gov.au/many-talents-one-vce>

Team Members

This year the Year 10 team members are: Sheryl Tangi (Team Leader Maths / Science and Numerack), Jessica Qu (Science, Life Skills and PBS Leader), Angela Thomas (Art and Photography), Mark Heiberg (Maths, Numerack and Humanities) and Cassie

Keever (English and Humanities) and Denise Cairnduff (English and Health/PE).

Camp

The Summit Camp at Trafalgar
At the end of this term, 65 students from Year 9 and 10 will get to participate in a **free** 5 day camp in Trafalgar. The camp will take place in week 9, June 20th – June 24th. At the camp, the students will get to participate in 12 activities such as Abseiling, Flying Fox, Giant Swing, Cave, Bush Challenge, High Wire, Inflatables, Leap of Faith, Snake and Nails, Summit Window, Snowy River Challenge, Laser Skirmish. More information can be found

on The Summit web-site. The camp is designed to build teamwork, self-esteem and confidence.

Tasmania

Due to the possibility of Covid, the Tasmania camp will not be going ahead. This camp will be replaced with something else soon. More information will follow soon.

Attendance

This year we will be trying to increase student attendance rates especially at Year 10. We would really appreciate a phone call to the 24-Hour attendance line if your child is absent from school. This helps our attendance officer track students and improve our % attendance for each student.

PBS

Students can receive a KPA SMS message to parents from teachers each lesson for positive behaviour. Students are also receiving postcards for displaying consistent behaviours for the four school pillars of Excellence, Relationships, Work Ethic and Engagement. This year we will be rewarding students with great attendance to school and for GPA reports at or above 3.5.

Dates to Remember

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| June 20th – June 24th | Summit Camp at Trafalgar (65 students) |
| August 3rd | Parent Information Night at University Campus |
| September 5th – 9th | A camp but not Tasmania |

Reminders

- Students will require a device (please contact us if you need some support).
- Students need to be at school by 8:35 am.
- Students need to be in complete school uniform (please contact us if you need some support).
- NO MOBILES during school hours

Contact Details

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Year 10 students please don't hesitate to e-mail us or phone on 51650600
tangi.sheryl.a@edumail.vic.gov.au



Calendar Of Events

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| TERM 2 | |
| Monday 13 June | QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - students not required at school |
| Tuesday 14 - Friday 17 June | Year 8 Karoonda Park Camp |
| Monday 20 - Friday 24 June | YR 9/10 Summit Camp |
| Monday 20 June | Assessment Day / report writing - students not required at school |
| Friday 24 June | Last day Term 2 |

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| TERM 3 | |
| Monday 11 July | Term 3 commences |
| Wednesday 3 August | Parent Information Night at University Campus |



School News

EVERY DAY COUNTS ATTENDANCE MATTERS

| When your child misses just ... | that equals ... | which is ... | and so, from Prep to Year 12, that is ... |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---|
| 1 day a fortnight (90% attendance) | 20 days a year | 4 weeks of school | Nearly 1 ½ years of school |
| 1 day a week (80% attendance) | 40 days a year | 8 weeks of school | Over 2 ½ years of school |
| 2 days a week (60% attendance) | 80 days a year | 16 weeks of school | Over 5 years of learning |
| 3 days a week (40% attendance) | 120 days a year | 24 weeks of school | Over 8 years of learning |

SSV Regional Cross Country

After competing in the Wellington Shire Cross Country recently, Troy McCann and Alyssa Cormack attended the SSV Regional Cross Country event at Lardner Park Thursday 2nd June. Alyssa ran with the 12-13 girls and completed her race in 22:01:180. While Troy competed against 15 year old boys and finished in 12:45:290.



Intermediate Girls Netball

On Wednesday Year 9/10 girls from Morwell Campus competed in the Wellington Shire Inter School Sports in Sale with five, 16-minute, games to be played. The girls were excited to discover the games were to be played indoors.

The first game against **Sale College (1)** resulted in a defeat, 12 to 6, but the highlights of the game was the effort of the defenders who ensured every contested ball was Kurnai's. Amelia at GA scored the first goal of the game and went on to score three of the six, with Ayla scoring from way out to score the other three goals of the game.

Maffra Secondary College (1) was Kurnai College's next challenge, and sadly it resulted in a defeat, 11 to 5. The teamwork was improving, with fabulous defence by Lizzy and Bridget in GK and GD. Sarah's midcourt work was beautiful. Bridget began to experience what it meant to be a goalkeeper and was called contact and obstruction anytime she went near the shooters but showed great perseverance all day long in this position.

Game three was against **Maffra Secondary College (2)** and a close game of 7 to 6 with Maffra taking the win. Communication was the highlight of the game. Milla and Amelia took charge and directed play beautifully. Sadly, we lost Isabella in this game to an ankle injury, and she was unable to return for the day. Keely shone in WD and the move of Milla to centre proved invaluable.

The next game was up against **Sale College (2)** and Kurnai College's first win, 8 to 1. Lizzie picked off every loose ball and was quick to move the ball back up the court. The attacking team improved out of sight and worked the ball into the ring with Ayla and Amelia put shots

up with great confidence. Bridget and Keely gave no space to their players and always made sure they knew where their players were.

Game five (our last game) and what a thriller it was. **Traralgon College** – who had gone undefeated all day – saw us tie at 14 all. Teamwork was amazing, with the defenders scrapping for every ball and our midcourt working to feed the ball to our attackers. Sarah and Milla worked the goal ring like professionals, giving each other space while waiting patiently for our shooters to position themselves within striking distance of the goal ring.



Stymie





Community News

Anglicare Parent Zone

ParentZone Gippsland is the Regional Parenting Service for Gippsland and supports families within the local government areas of Bass Coast, Baw Baw, East Gippsland, Latrobe, South Gippsland, and Wellington.

What does ParentZone offer?

For more information please contact ParentZoneGippsland on (03) 5135 9555 or emailparentzone.gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au

We have attached their latest information newsletter



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Model Train Exhibition

Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th June at Kernot Hall

Latrobe Valley Model Railway Assoc is holding a model train exhibition over the Queens birthday weekend Sat 11th 10am - 5pm and Sun 12th Jun 10am - 4pm at Kernot Hall 50-70 Princes Drive.

There will be a large selection featuring European, Australian desert and rural, Japanese-themed layouts and kids can drive their own train on our U-drive layout. Refreshments/food avail and trade/second-hand stalls for enthusiasts. Kernot Hall is a disability-accessible venue. Come along and marvel at the tiny worlds created.

Family \$20 Adults \$10 Children \$5. Info: Sec Vince/Alex Beer Ph 0447 882 593