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# Churchill Newsletter

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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

September Term 3, 2022



Hello everyone!

During the next couple of weeks students will complete their CATs in all classes. This is a time to for students to demonstrate the skills and knowledge they have learned during the term. Learning Behaviour Updates will be made available prior to the Parent/Teacher Conversations to be held in the final week of term.

Parent/Teacher Conversations are scheduled for Thursday, September 15th, 3.30pm to 7pm and Friday, September 16th, 10am to 1pm. Parents and carers will be able to book an appointment via Compass from 3pm on Monday 5th September.

We have many activities planned for the remainder of Term 3 including the Year 7 Thinking Championships, Medieval Day and a School Assembly. Our House Cup is up for grabs for the House earning the most points for participating in the Medieval Day activities. Students are encouraged to dress in Medieval costumes or in their House colours.

#### Uniform Reminder



Recently some students have been wearing grey/black track suit pants instead of the uniform colour of blue.

Blue pants are available in our uniform shop, Lowes, in Mid Valley Shopping
Centre. If you would like support with the uniform, please contact the relevant Team Leader. All students are required to be in full uniform.

#### Centre for Multicultural Youth Visit

The Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY) is working with our campus to provide fun activities at lunch times and to discuss ways they can support students of different cultural backgrounds. Culture Club will begin in term 4.







encourage everyone to participate in at least one of the sessions. It is a wonderful way to get to know students with whom you don't usually spend time and it is also a way to gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of people's differences.





On Friday, August 26th, CMY and Reclink treated our students to painting and spike ball in the courtyard.



# Year 7 News

### Music, Health and Daffodils!

We have numerous budding Year 7 musicians, many who have discovered their talent and confidence to perform at community events this year.





Students are receiving Health - Sex Education lessons every Friday this term from Nurse Sarah who is very experienced at delivering age-specific content and answering student questions.

Great to see so many 'yellow' students supporting our recent Daffodil Day, which was the Cancer Council's flagship fundraising event held last Friday.



### Chinese Cultural Day Primary School Visit

On Tuesday 23rd August, five Year 7 students visited Yinnar Primary School to assist Chinese Cultural Day. Our students were very helpful and received a lot of positive feedback. They participated in various Chinese culture workshops in the morning as well as a series of Chinese performances at Yinnar Hall. Here are some thoughts from our lovely helpers:

The Yinnar Chinese Cultural Day was an amazing day and experience to help the Primary School kids and teach them more about Chinese culture. It was a fantastic day as in the morning we did cultural workshops. I did a lantern-making workshop with the Grade 5 and 6s with Ms. Sun and we had lots of fun making the lanterns. After their snack, they put on amazing performances, including a fashion show, chicken and tiger dance, kung fu, and a dragon dance. I enjoyed helping and being there to participate.

- From Tiana Russell

My experience at Yinnar Primary School was fun to see how the school has evolved over the past 3 terms and see all the younger grades and other students who were in my grade last year. I did a cherry blossom blow painting with the preps with Ms. Li, and they did so well. They were creative in how they decorated their tree. It was fun to work with the preps because they were all so cute and fun to teach and help with their activity.

- By Alex Forbes

I went into Grade 2 and 3 with Mr. Yu, we taught them about the Chinese characters and had lots of fun. After that, we watched an amazing performance that all the parents watched. Then for lunch, we had some hot chips at the Yinnar café.

- From Willow Shields

I helped out in Grade 4/5 classroom and did wood printing with Ms. Wang. I learned about some Chinese art culture and the greatest inventions in ancient China. We then watched different Chinese cultural performances and went out for lunch.

- By Gracie Young

I helped out with Miss Han, and we got to do ink blossoms. The Grade 1/2s were very excited and all made some lovely-looking cherry blossoms. We also got to watch Yinnar Primary School do a performance, and most of them had traditional Chinese clothing. They did an amazing job, and I enjoyed the performance a lot.

- Aurelia Larner

At last, thank you, Monty and Michelle, for all your hard work preparing for all the activities and performances.

We would also like to thank Cleo for coming and participating in the Chinese show. Without you all, we would not be able to celebrate such a wonderful Chinese Cultural Day!





# Year 8 News

### Hi everyone

Our Year 8 cohort is working well in preparation for the current CAT weeks. We've had the highest number of students receiving LBU and Attendance Awards in the last cycles, for this year, to date. Well done to those students! They enjoyed a reward lunch last week.

#### Tech School Excursion

On 19th August, 45 Year 8 students attended a Tech School Excursion in Morwell. Throughout the day, students learned about various skills on how the world of work is changing and the skills that will be most important for them as they move into the workforce in near future. Students rotated into between different activities which exposed them to industry-changing technologies and new ways of problem-solving.



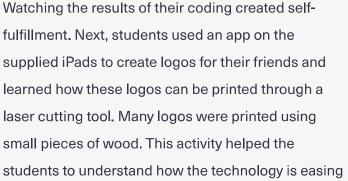
The sessions addressed how the world is evolving with new technologies and how they could be sometimes disruptive and why it matters. Students excitedly watched the video on the current new technologies available around the world. We were impressed with students asking critical questions about the impacts of developing technologies. Students were amazed by how drones took over agriculture and how the technology is helping to manage crops' growth. This short session allowed students to think about how different industries are being changed by technologies and why it will matter to their future careers.

Students were also taught how to use online software to code robots to make them security

guards for a factory. Students worked on this project by actively listening for instructions.



the work of manufacturing.





Finally,
students were
given an
amazing
experience
with a Virtual
Reality activity.



Students used a VR headset and worked in teams to perform tasks and enjoy experiences such as dancing, riding on a roller coaster, drawing and art in VR, a mission on a space station, defusing a bomb and more. When the activities were finished, it was evident on students' faces how enthusiastic they were and how well they enjoyed these activities. An enjoyable day was had by all, and our students represented our college well. Thank you to staff who supported our students on the day!

# Class Snapshot - Science



Students have studied Biology in Science this term. The last couple of groups have recently finished their chicken wing dissection to study the muscular skeletal system of the arm.









# Class Snapshot - Health



Students have studied First Aid this term. They've been able to apply the required response in an emergency situation. Well done to our Health team.

We're all feeling a little safer!



# Student Laptops

A reminder that students are expected to bring a charged laptop to all classes. Could parents and guardians please check that their child is taking their *charged* laptop to school with a charger. This would assist with trying to develop good organisational habits.



# Year 9 News

#### Welcome

Welcome again to the Year 9 News. I am sure you are all ready for warmer weather, as are we here at the Year 9 office. It has been a busy few weeks since the last edition with a number of extra-curricular activities happening, as well as loads of action in the classrooms.

### Year 9 Camp

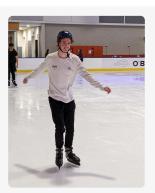


Many thanks to all the students who attended the Year 9 Camp. This event was a huge success and the behaviour of every student was outstanding throughout. The original plan was to travel by train, but this was changed to a coach with only a few days' notice. This worked in our favour, as we were able to travel



directly to the accommodation. Students enjoyed some sightseeing on a Yarra River Cruise followed by more sightseeing from the Eureka Skydeck. As the days went on, students enjoyed a tour of the Old Melbourne Gaol, trip to the Melbourne Zoo, ice-skating, and Artvo, to name a few.









## Learning Behaviour Updates

The August Learning Behaviour Updates are now available on Compass for parents to access. Congratulations to the 21 high achievers who received an Allstar Award for their performance during this round. For those students who didn't, support is available. Do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year 9 Team for specific strategies. Some things that all students need to remember are: Being on time to class, bringing appropriate equipment for classes, being respectful towards other people and making sure an attempt is made to complete all set class work.

#### Common Assessment Tasks

As we approach the end of the term, teachers are preparing to administer their Common Assessment Tasks (CATs). Students can prepare themselves to perform their very best in these assessments by revising notes from previous lessons, seeking assistance from the teacher when necessary, and seeking parent/guardian support at home. For any specific

Issue 8 PDF Export - iNewsletter assistance relating to CATs, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant classroom teacher.



# Year 10 News

### Course Counselling

Last week Year 10 students participated in their course counselling session for their 2023 pathway. The evening was greatly attended and there was a buzz in the room as students discussed their pathways and future career options. If you were unable to attend the evening and your Year 10 student is attending Kurnai University Campus in 2023, please contact the Careers Team at the University Campus on 5132 3800 to arrange an appointment to complete the counselling and course enrolment.

### Year 10 Melbourne Experience Camp

Electronic consent is now open on Compass for the Year 10 Melbourne Experience Camp, which runs from Monday 17th October until Thursday 20th October. Students will spend 4 days / 3 nights, staying at The Hotel Claremont South Yarra, exploring Melbourne and surrounds. Students will meet at the Morwell Train Station on Monday 17th October, ready to depart at 8am, and will return to Morwell Train Station on Thursday 20th October at 4.45pm. Activities will include the Eureka Skydeck, ArtVo, King Pin Bowling and Laser Tag, Old Melbourne Gaol, Ice Skating, Harry Potter & the Cursed Child theatre performance, Hardrock Climbing & I-Fly indoor skydiving. Breakfast and dinner will be supplied each day (excluding final day), students will be given money each day to purchase their own lunch and to buy breakfast on Thursday morning. Students may bring their own spending money. Myki cards with enough funds for travelling around the CBD to and from activities will be supplied, students will travel via train, tram, or bus whilst in the city.

Note: I-Fly indoor skydiving is a high-risk activity parents/guardians must watch a 4 minute video and fill in an electronic consent form prior to their student's participation.

This camp is limited to the first 30 students from each campus. Any questions, queries or concerns please contact the Year 10 Team Leader - Todd Miller 5132 3700.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Consent closes Friday 9th September, but our places are filling fast! Once capacity is reached a waiting list will be taken.

### Team Time - Sex Education and Respectful Relationships

Beginning next week all Year 10 students will commence our program on Sex Education and Respectful Relationships. All students are expected to participate in these programs in accordance with the Victorian Curriculum.

### August GPA All Stars

Learning Behaviours are an area we focus on and celebrate as a campus, and an area where many of our students are kicking goals! Congratulations to our students who achieved 3.5 and above in their August Learning behaviours reports: Lincoln Sturre, Gabrielle Bonnici, Kiara Pulis, Andrew Tyrrell, Victoria Cooper, Christopher Bolton, Bethany Mortlock, Gabrielle Marks, Lola Hill, Alyssa Jackel, Luke Marchionne, Jorja Hart, Daniel Bonica, Meg Renwick, Caleb Smit, Flynn Hanson, Holly Dawson, Reika Arbon, Tahlia Runge, Robert Steele, Daphne Appleby, Tyler Johnson, Harry Townsend, Kayla Schmidt, Brayden Bailie.



# Calendar Of Events

TERM 3	
Friday 2nd September	Victorian SRC Congress 2022
Friday 2nd September	Outdoor Ed Activities - Archery
Monday 5th	3pm: Bookings Open on Compass for
September	Parent/Teacher Conversations
Tuesday 6th	Year 9 Primary School Community Project 2
September	
Thursday 8th	Years 7 & 8 Boys Wellington Basketball
September	
Friday 9th September	East Gippsland Interschool Gymkhana
Friday 9th September	Outdoor Ed Activities - Bowling
Tuesday 13th	Kurnai's Got Talent Grand Final (families
September	welcome)
Tuesday 13th	Years 7 & 8 Girls Wellington Basketball
September	
Thursday 15th	Ye Medieval Faire
September	
Thursday 15th	Parent/Teacher Conversations 3.30pm to
September	7pm
Friday 16th September	Parent/Teacher Conversations 10am to 1pm
Friday 16th September	Last Day Term 3 - Students not required at school

TERM 4	
Monday 3rd October	Term 4 Commences
Tuesday 18th October	Year 7 Immunisations



# School News

#### Please Tell Us What You Think!

#### WE WANT OUR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS/GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. We encourage all families to participate in this survey. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. A random sample of approximately 30 per cent of parents/caregivers/guardians have been selected to participate in this year's survey.

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 15th August** to **Friday 16th September.** Those selected will receive an email and a letter in the post with instructions.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the dates period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Simplified Chinese, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek. Please contact the general office if you would like further information.

#### Music News

Our music students from across the College have joined forces to entertain and delight audiences over the past fortnight. Students performed at Morwell Central, Morwell Park,

Yinnar and Churchill Primary Schools, and the primary school students sang and danced along. Each performance was met with tremendous applause.





It is a fantastic opportunity to establish connections with the local community through music. The school visits are designed to provide students with the opportunity to see, try and hear a wide variety of musical instruments during engaging and fun-filled performances.





Our students performed at the 'Love Your Sister' Family Fun Day at the Traralgon Racecourse on Sunday 21st. We were very grateful to be invited to perform for such a worthy cause and collaborate with local secondary schools in the area. Once again, our music students provided entertainment which was well received by the audience. The highlight of the day for many was meeting Samuel Johnson, the founder of the event.





We would like to thank our fantastic musicians for their wonderful contributions to these various community events.

#### What's Next:

 Kurnai's Got Talent Grand Final Tuesday 13th September (Morwell Performing Arts Centre) 6-7:30 (families welcome with a gold coin donation upon arrival)



# Hands On Learning

Hands On Learning students have been busy working indoors, mostly due to the wintery weather, so small projects have been the focus. They have built 2 small picnic tables, one of which will be located at the Mathison Park playground in Churchill. Students have cut 21 Glider boxes (Sugar, Ringtail and Greater) for the Latrobe City Council and Landcare Gippsland for distribution to schools for assembly and then strategic location in trees in the local bush to help establish a healthier population.







We have been using recycled timber to make many timber projects, some for the students to take home as desks, timber boxes for Father's Day, (can't show photos as they are a suprise!) Students painted pots for Daffodil Day for the SRC to sell, and for them to take home.







Ye Medieval Faire Year 8s, 9s & 10s 15th September

#### Ye Medieval Faire

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of September, all Year 8-10 students are participating in the Medieval Faire!





On the day, students will be competing in different tasks to win the House Cup.

There will be multiple competitions on the day

Students will be competing in the following:

- Costume
- Archery
- Poetry
- Chess
- Stealth
- Art
- Plus, many more!



Students will be immersed in the Medieval times with traditional activity and medieval food provided at the Feast!

Students are encouraged to dress up, get involved and sign up to all that will be provided on the day.

# Community News

# Year 7 & 10 Catch-up Vaccinations



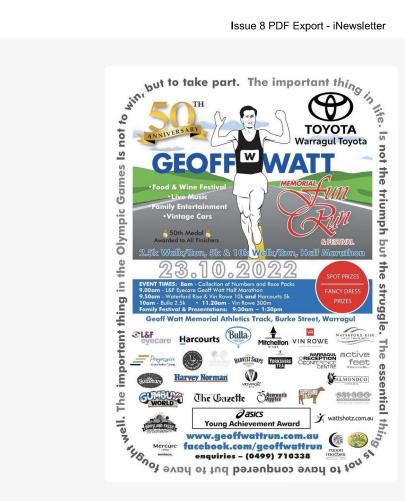
Churchill Cricket



#### Morwell Cricket



Geoff Watt Memorial Fun Run & Festival



# Smith Family

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**



Want to develop your leadership skills and help younger students? The Smith Family is inviting you to become a volunteer tutor for Learning Clubs.



#### What is a learning club?

Learning Clubs are free, safe and supportive learning environments where students are assisted with homework and supported with a range of skills.

Volunteer tutors provide support for students with their academic and personal development needs.

Learning Clubs run from 3:30pm – 4:30pm on various days and locations.

#### **Interested? Contact:**

- Carolyn Hunter Program Coordinator
- Carolyn.Hunter@thesmithfamily.com.au
- **Q** 0481 468 928

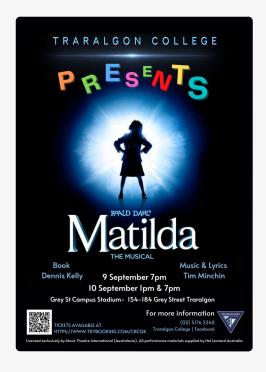
www.thesmithfamily.com.au

# VACCA (Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency)





# Matilda is coming to Traralgon!



If you wish to promote your sporting club, community group or non-for-profit organisation in our school newsletter please email kurnai.co@education.vic.gov.au