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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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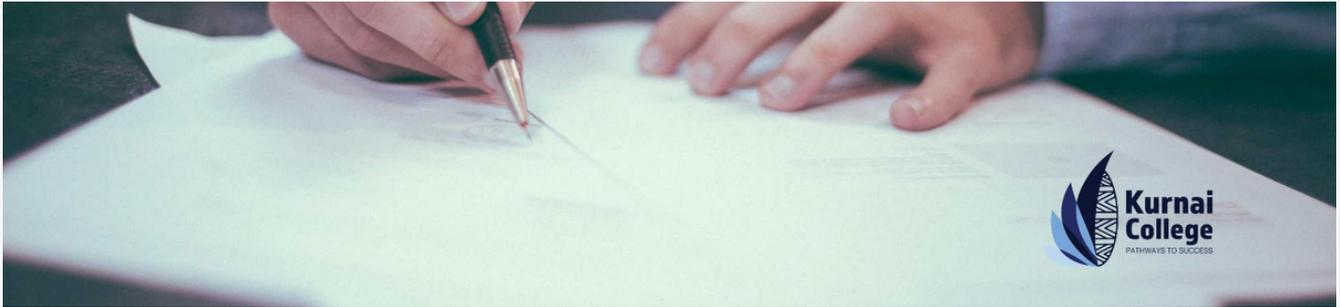
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Message from our Campus Principal

Cleo Lazaris



Welcome to Semester 2 and the Start of Term 3!

Mobile Phones at School

In line with the Department of Education policy, students are not to have their phones during the school day. If students bring their mobile phone to school, then they need to adhere to our policy. Phones should be in bags or lockers once they enter the school until they have left the school grounds at the end of the day.

NAIDOC Celebrations

During week two, the college celebrated NAIDOC with a number of events being held at each of the campuses. On Monday, July 16th, Churchill Campus had a lunch time BBQ for all students. There was a relaxed vibe while students heard from Kelvin, Bailey and Shanaya who explained the meaning of NAIDOC, this year's theme of 'Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!', and delivered the Acknowledgement of Country.

This year's theme is a "Call to action for people to trade their position as passive bystanders and become active campaigners. It is no longer good enough to deem yourself an 'ally' without putting in the work. This means supporting Indigenous-owned businesses,

educating yourself and spreading the message on media – all of which are simple ways to make an effort.”

Our music team entertained us all with songs from Indigenous artists and students saw artwork of Ryhia Dank from the Northern Territory, who won the 2022 National NAIDOC week design.

Thank you to all the staff who made this such a wonderful event.



Catch-up Class and Homework Club

I encourage all students to attend our Homework Club on a Wednesday after school in the library from 2.50 - 4.00 pm. This is a great way to get help from staff on any work not completed, work collaboratively with friends and to take advantage of the resources in the library.

Our previous after school class which was held on Mondays has now been moved to Tuesday and Thursday lunch times. This class is not optional and is for students who have not completed their work in class.

As I tell students, "Come to Homework Club to stay out of the Catch-up Class".

Staff Farewell and Good Luck

Sadly, we will have said farewell to Ali Khaki and Rob McGhee.

Ali has taken up a position with the Virtual School Victoria to be closer to Melbourne and to try something a little different from being in a physical school. Staff and students will certainly miss Ali's knowledge and gentle approach.

Rob is taking six months' leave from Kurnai College to work closer to home at Toongabbie Primary School. We look forward to Rob returning in 2023.

We wish them both all the best with their new endeavours.



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Year 7 News

Melbourne Museum Excursion

Forty Year 7 students recently visited the World War 2 Jewish Holocaust Museum and Melbourne Museum. Each location linked to our subject work: the novel Once, in English and Ancient Greek History in Humanities. Thanks to Ms Barfoot for organising the trip and students for their keen interest and responsibility while in public venues. A persuasive restaurant owner also encouraged students to join their teachers for a delicious pizza in Carlton.



Student Success on Compass and Achievement Postcards

Many students have been identified by teachers for their positive learning behaviour, their improved effort, organisation, participation and attitude in class. We encourage parents and guardians to celebrate this at home as we do at school. Teenagers are never too old to have an achievement postcard on the fridge.

Tuesday and Thursday Lunchtime Catch-ups

If students do not complete class work, the Campus Principal supervises a lunchtime catch-up visited by the teacher who has listed the student. Year 7 students are aware that this is compulsory and this message of high expectations is spreading across the year level.

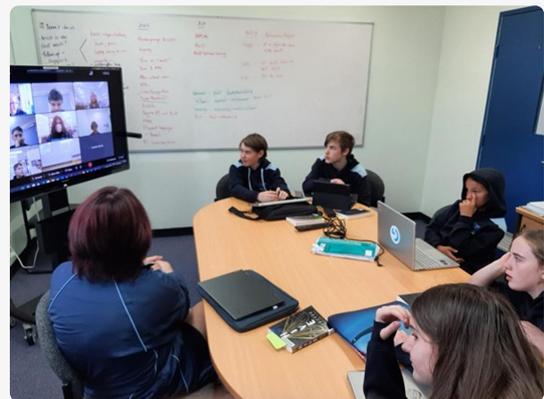
The Hurting Game

Year 7 experienced a performance from two talented young actors who alerted students to issues of friendship, peer pressure, bullying, 'fitting in', body image, social pressure, homophobia... to name a few. Homegroup teachers have followed up on some of these issues by discussing and completing activities about positive self-talk, bouncing back from disturbing or upsetting situations and resilience through sharing feelings, building connections around oneself and acknowledging personal strengths and who we are.



Victorian High Ability Program

Congratulations to the seven English students and 2 Mathematics students who were identified by the Education Department to participate in an enriching online learning experience. This is challenging and extending our high-ability students over a 10 week course. By offering them the opportunity to engage with like-minded peers, the program will also support their confidence and wellbeing.





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Year 8 News

Hi everyone!

We've been impressed with engagement of Year 8s in their classes and with extra-curricular activities over the past term. Most students have been settled and focused on their learning. We've had an incursion to help address issues around cyber-bullying and have had good Year 8 representation in sporting opportunities.

Incursion

We had an incursion from Brainstorm Productions on 15th July called "The Hurting Game". Actors performed different role plays with various scenarios. Our students observed the act and learned how to handle and stop online bullying and to protect themselves and others from online bullying.

Soccer

Interschool Soccer was played in Sale at the end of Term 2. Kurnai had two teams playing - a Year 8 boys' team with students from Morwell and Churchill campuses, and a Year 8 girls' team with Churchill students.

The boys won all four games and have progressed to Gippsland Region Soccer Finals. They displayed a seamless system of play and ensured all their teammates got a fair amount of time on and off the field.

The girls' team was short a few players but still displayed positive and encouraging teamwork. Their game against Lavalla was tough and yet everyone gave it their best shot!

Well done to all Year 8 soccer players!



More Soccer!

On the 2nd August, the Year 8 boys' team travelled to Traralgon to play in the Gippsland round. All students put in a great effort on the day. We won the first game 2-nil, the second game was a hard fought battle but we went down 2-3. Third game we then won 2-nil, coming up as Runners-Up for the day. Great job to all students involved!



Tech School - Industry Tech Taster

Year 8 students are scheduled to attend the Gippsland Tech School on Friday 19th August. Permission forms are available on Compass.

Students will learn about how technology is changing the world of work and discover why this matters to them. They will rotate through three activities which will expose them to industry, changing technologies, and new ways of problem-solving.

Class Snapshots

English

We are currently studying a film as text unit and are using the movie "Remember the Titans". As we finalise assessments towards the end of term, we'll be offering an excursion to ACMI, at Federation Square in Melbourne, where students will participate in a session about film. Students will then watch the new Spiderman movie. Details will be on Compass in a week or so.

Humanities

This term, students are learning the history of “Medieval Europe”. So far students are working amazingly to understand the feudal system and the lifestyle of that time. Students worked collaboratively and made a few posters of social groups of Medieval Europe. At the end of Term 3, we are going to celebrate a medieval day and will be participating in many activities. We are running costume making activities for students in the after-school class on Wednesday nights. We encourage students to dress up for our Medieval Day on the last day of Term 3!

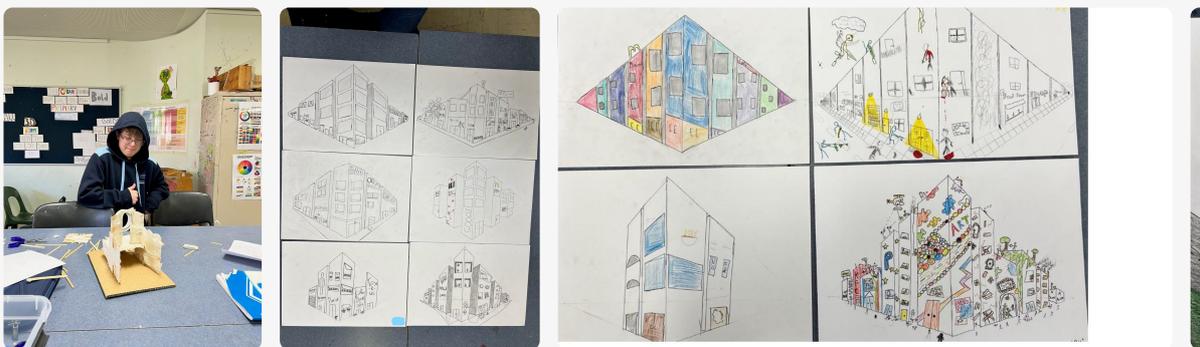
Science

Students are studying Biology this term. They’ve recently dissected a chicken wing to study the muscular skeletal system of the arm. They’re moving on to dissect sheep hearts and lungs over the next couple of weeks.

Art

The year 8s have been learning to draw objects in two-point perspective. This type of drawing can be difficult to get your head around and the 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 even city planning.

They have created a range of vastly different city streets of creative themes that make an engaging display all together.





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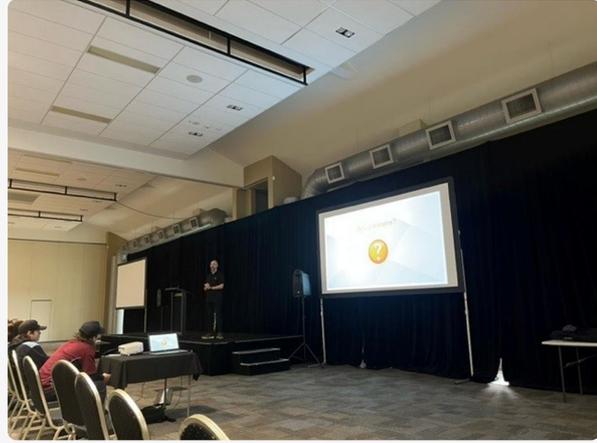
Year 9 News

Term 3 Welcome

Hello again everyone and welcome to this edition of the Year 9 News. Term 3 is well and truly under way, and it has been great to see the students settling back into some great learning. New electives have started and there is always a bit of shuffling of students as they find their feet in their new subjects. Class lists have now been finalised and students can concentrate on getting the most out of the subjects they are enrolled in for the semester. Along with the classroom activities, there are also quite a few extra-curricular events to look forward to. So make yourself a cuppa to go with the cool weather and read on to find out what is happening in Year 9 at the Churchill Campus.

Job Skills Expo

Year 9s attended Lardner Park on Tuesday the 26th July to engage with the Job Skills Expo hosted by the Baw Baw Latrobe LLEN. Despite the weather, a good time was had by all as students saw examples of a wide range of industries and vocations. There were also plenty of freebies. It was great to see lots of students attend the seminars with a particularly high turnout for the Defence Force and apprenticeships talks.



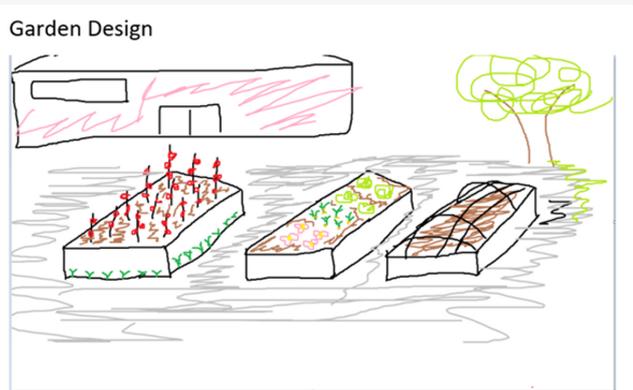
Melbourne City Exploration Camp

On Year 9 Camp, students are experiencing restaurant dining and continental breakfasts each day. Activities include a range of educational and recreational opportunities that are providing great opportunities for those attending to grow. Students not attending camp are being delivered an alternative program which aligns with the activities on camp. Students are returning this afternoon and will no doubt sleep well tonight.

Community Project

The Year 9 Team would like to congratulate the students who attended the Alpine School in Term 2. These students stayed on site for the entire term, no doubt missing their families and friends, and facing many challenges. A great outcome of this venture has been their community

learning project. The students' idea for this is to build a community garden in partnership with Lumen Christi Primary School. To ensure the project idea comes to fruition, an elective class will dedicate their time and learning to designing and constructing the garden. Watch this space as we bring you updates of the garden's progress. One of our students sketched this plan below.





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Year 10 News

Course Counselling and Pathway Options for 2023

Year 10 students are currently busily working on their course selections and pathways for next year. We recently had the VCE Team from the University Campus come and talk about options for next year. Students can choose between VCE (Victorian Certificate of Education) and the new VCEVM (Victorian Certificate of Education Vocational Major), which replaces the current VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning) program as of 2023. There are some differences between the two programs, and this was explained to students, and more recently to parents and the senior campus information night. We strongly encourage parents to be involved in this process and are always happy to answer any questions you might have. If you require further information about these options please contact Todd Miller, Year 10 Leader, or Suze Benson, Campus Careers Advisor, on 5132 3700. Alternatively, you can contact the University Campus directly on 5132 3800.

Course Counselling is the process students follow when they choose their pathway into Year 11/12.

Throughout this term, students are receiving information and advice about pathway options offered at Kurnai. Students will want to be as prepared as possible to make informed decisions when they attend a Course Counselling Interview, which will be happening on **Wednesday 24th August**. Students can now nominate a time that suits both them and you for these sessions. A sign-up sheet is located in the Year 10 and Careers areas. Students are encouraged to sign up early to ensure they get the time you require and to avoid disappointment.

On **Friday 12th August** students will attend the University Campus for a subject information day and tour of the campus, to familiarise themselves with the options available and the campus itself, as well as ask any questions they might have as they look to their future selections. This is compulsory and all students are expected to attend to ensure they are as prepared as possible for the Course Counselling sessions.

Job Skills Expo

Year 10 students recently attended the Job Skills Expo at Lardner Park in Warragul, where they got the opportunity to wander around a number of displays and speak to people in a variety of industries. There were also several seminars and panel discussions on offer for students to attend a gain more



knowledge and information about possible industries and jobs they might like to pursue. Despite being a cold and wet day, students had a great time and even managed to sample foods and collect merchandise from around the many displays and stall holders. Again, this was another important step in their decision-making process for future pathways and career opportunities.

Important Dates for Year 10s

Friday 12th August 2022: Subject Information Day @ Uni Campus: (Students Only): COMPULSORY FOR ALL YEAR 10s. Students will visit the University Campus and attend each Key Learning Domain (KLD) session, familiarising themselves with the subjects delivered.

Wednesday 24th August 2022: Course Counselling Interviews will take place.

All students are to be accompanied by a Parent/Carer/Responsible adult over 18yrs.

You will meet with a Uni Campus VCE/VCE-VM/VET Leadership team and Careers member and finalise subject & pathway preferences.

Interviews are 15 minutes long between 1.30 pm and 6.30 pm.



Calendar Of Events

TERM 3	
Tuesday 9th August	Year 9 Primary School Project 1
Wednesday 10th August	Year 9 & 10 Wellington Soccer
Friday 12th August	Year 10 Subject Information Day at University Campus
Friday 19th August	Year 8 Tech School Excursion
Wednesday 24th August	Year 10 Course Counselling Interviews
Friday 26th August	Wellington Athletics
Thursday 8th September	Year 7 & 8 Basketball
Thursday 15th September	Ye Medieval Faire
Friday 16th September	Last day Term 3
TERM 4	
Monday 3rd October	Term 4 Commences
Tuesday 18th October	Year 7 Immunisations



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



Kurnai's Got Talent

KURNAI'S GOT TALENT

MUSIC - DANCE - COMEDY
DO YOU HAVE TALENT?
THE STAGE IS WAITING FOR YOU.

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WEEK 6 AT LUNCHTIME
WEEK 7 AT LUNCHTIME
WEEK 8 AT LUNCHTIME

CONTACT MR GRETTON FOR FURTHER INFORMATION - 51 323 700

The poster features a central blue frame with a starburst effect. On the left, a young man in a plaid shirt and jeans is performing a unicycle trick. On the right, a ballerina in a white tutu is in a graceful pose. In the foreground, there is a collection of musical instruments: a gold trumpet, a red electric guitar, a black Marshall amplifier, and a Yamaha drum set.

Ye Medieval Faire - Year 8s, 9s & 10s

Ye Medieval Faire

On the 15th 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

Lowes - 20% off Schoolwear

Last day today

A promotional graphic for Lowes featuring a blue and pink background. At the top left, a pink circle contains the text '2 DAY VIP EVENT'. To its right, a black banner displays '4TH & 5TH AUGUST'. Below this, another black banner reads 'ZERO & REWARDS CARDS HOLDERS'. The central focus is a large yellow banner with '20% OFF' in white, bold, sans-serif font. Underneath, a black banner says 'SCHOOLWEAR*'. At the bottom, two cards are shown: a white 'LOWES zero' card and a red 'LOWES REWARDS CLUB' card. Below the cards, the text reads 'DON'T HAVE A CARD? APPLY INSTORE OR ONLINE & START ENJOYING THE BENEFITS'. At the very bottom, in small white text, it says '*T&C'S APPLY, SAVINGS OFF ORIGINAL PRICES.'.

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
-  0481 468 928

www.thesmithfamily.com.au

VACCA (Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency)



Every child deserves to smile
Become a foster carer with VACCA
www.vacca.org



Have you been thinking about becoming a foster carer? Kids in your area need care!

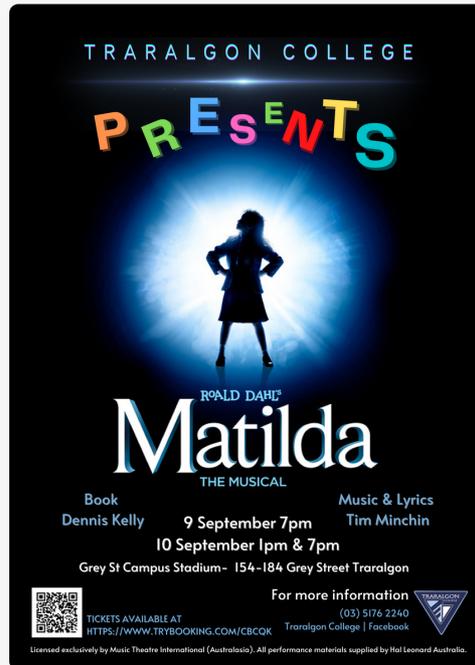
Are you able to provide Aboriginal children and young people with a positive and nurturing family life experience that will support their needs?

Will you be prepared to support a child's cultural and emotional needs?

At VACCA we are seeking carers who are open to a journey that is both challenging and rewarding; carers who believe that they can make a positive impact on a child's life.

Make this the year you make a difference, express your interest by visiting www.vacca.org or by calling one of our offices.

Matilda's 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