

## KEY DATES

Mon 12 March	Labour Day - Public Holiday
Wed 28 March	Student, Parent, Teacher Conversations 3.30p.m - 7.30p.m Bookings available on Compass at a later date
Thurs 29 March	Student, Parent, Teacher Conversations 10.00a.m - 1.30p.m Bookings available on Compass at a later date
Thurs 29 March	End of Term One



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## Message from Campus Principals

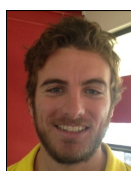
Hello Everyone.

Welcome back. The end of our first full week for the year and the holidays are already a distant memory. As we see at the start of every year there are new enrolments and students making final changes to their subject selections but things are starting to settle down very quickly.

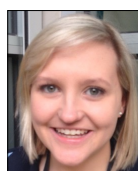
We would like to welcome the new staff to the campus. Russell Mitchell has been appointed the Leading Teacher responsible for Student Enhancement. Russell comes to us after teaching at Yarram High School and has extensive experience in industry and industry training. Russell will teach Technology and Maths. Bernie McLeod has come to the University Campus after taking a year's leave from Morwell Campus. He will be teaching in the P.E., Health and Human Development, VET Sport and Rec and Maths. Kellie Goebel is beginning her teaching career with us, focusing on English and a little Psychology. Finally a belated welcome to Kirrilee Enders. Kirrilee worked with us for most of 2017 as a casual relief teacher in the VCAL program and is now on a contract for 2018, teaching literacy and English.



Russell Mitchell



Bernie McLeod



Kellie Goebel



Kirrilee Enders

While I am mentioning English, a reminder to parents and students about changes to the requirements for passing the VCE Certificate. Beginning this year students enrolled in the

VCE must pass a 3/4 sequence in either English, English Language or Literature. If the student does not do this they will not be awarded their VCE certificate. With this in mind it is even more important that students prepare properly for these classes. Novels must be read, films must be watched before they are studied in class. If students find it hard to read a novel there are audiobooks available for all the English texts. Please contact your child's teacher to discuss this with them if there are problems.

### Young Australian Of The Year

Year 12 student Tayla Cheffers from Yinnar was named the Yinnar and District Young Person Of The Year at the Australia Day ceremony at Yinnar on January 26<sup>th</sup> this year. Tayla is an outstanding young student who has been involved in numerous community events in the area to help out different groups on a voluntary basis. When we nominated Tayla at the end last year we did a bit of research into her community involvement and were very impressed with how much she could fit into her schedule on top of working after school, sport and her school studies. Her referees spoke about her caring nature and care for those not as fortunate as herself. What a tremendous young Aussie. Congratulation Tayla.



### Cuppa With The Principals

Last year we started the Cuppa With The Principals again. This is a very informal get-together over a coffee to discuss concerns or just chat over how things are going from the unique perspective of parents of Kurnai students. The get-together is another way we are able to listen to what people in

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**5132 3711**

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respond to these public perceptions.

The first Cuppa with The Principals will be held later this term. If you would be interested in attending please contact the General Office to register your interest. Remember that this is not a formal meeting but a very informal chat over a coffee. We would love to see you there.

*Geoff & Nello*



## Collingwood Football Club Visits Kurnai College

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb, Kurnai College was visited by players from the Collingwood Football Club.

Brody Grundy, Tom Phillips and Jaidyn Stephenson took Year 11 PE for a relaxed skill session where we kicked the footy with them and played a small-sided game, before having a Q & A session where they told us about life as a professional athlete, including nutrition, performance requirements, their training schedule, and the demands of meeting testing requirements, as well as a little about their background. The players were quite happy to interact with the students, and the information gained will be able to be related into their PE studies across the year.

Steele Sidebottom, Taylor Adams and Brayden Maynard visited the Year 12 Accounting class where they spoke to the students about the importance of setting goals, achieving them and maintain motivation and focus. The players spoke about the process they go through to achieve the goals set for themselves both on and off the field, maintaining a life balance and also about their personal experiences when they were at school. The focus was on how the students can apply these skills to their own school and personal goals.

Steele, Taylor, and Brayden also visited the VET Health Services class and spoke with students about nutrition, recovery from training and matches, mental health, and effective communication skills as well as the role of positive feedback in improving performance.



## Information for Parents—Schools' Privacy Policy

The Department has developed a new Schools' Privacy Policy and related documents for all Victorian government schools. The new Schools' Privacy Policy will be implemented over term one of 2018 and will replace any existing privacy policies used by schools.

The Schools' Privacy Policy informs the school community that information about students can be shared to fulfil the schools' core functions of educating and supporting our students.

The Schools' Privacy Policy establishes a clarified 'need to know' framework, where school staff share information about students with other staff who need to know as part of their role. This is consistent with Victorian privacy law.

For the detailed information, please go to:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/Schools-Privacy-Policy-information-for-parents.aspx>

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## Positive Behaviour Support

The University Campus has experienced a wonderful wave of energy as students return to their studies after the holiday break. Students are engaged in classes and appear to be using their renewed determination to push forward in their learning. The PBS team are keen to support student enthusiasm throughout this term as workloads increase and the reality of senior schooling sets in. Students can maintain their efforts by attending all classes, being on time, completing all homework and using study periods effectively. Creating a study timetable is an effective way to get off to a great start.



*The mats have arrived! Looking sharp!*

*The PBS committee is focused on listening to student voices, understanding student needs, supporting positive learning behaviours and making informed decisions regarding ways to continue to build our learning community.*

**Are you interested in becoming part of the PBS team?  
Parent representatives are needed on the PBS committee.**

Please contact Kara Thompson via the school office for more information. Ph. 5132 3800

# Council Elections

Kurnai College School Council elections will open for nominations on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February until Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February, and we encourage parents/carers to consider being involved in this rewarding experience.

This year there will be two options for Parent Nominations.

2 – one year vacancies

3 – two year vacancies

Nomination forms are available from your Campus Reception.

Contact your Campus Principal for further information.

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**School Council Elections - Information for Parents**

**WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNCIL AND WHAT DOES IT DO?**  
All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

**WHO IS ON THE SCHOOL COUNCIL?**  
For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category – members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. Department employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

**WHY IS PARENT MEMBERSHIP SO IMPORTANT?**  
Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

**DO I NEED SPECIAL EXPERIENCE TO BE ON SCHOOL COUNCIL?**  
Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role. Councilors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

**HOW CAN YOU BECOME INVOLVED?**  
The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term one each year. However, ballots are only laid if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

**WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO STAND FOR ELECTION?**  
The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term one each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

Department employees whose child is not engaged in work at a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

**REMEMBER**

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information.

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2018 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS AND TIMETABLE		
Name of the School: Kurnai College		
a)	Notice of election and call for nominations	Monday, 12 February, 2018
b)	Closing date for nominations	Monday, 19 February, 2018
c)	Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Wednesday, 21 February, 2018
d)	Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	On or before Monday, 26 February, 2018
e)	Close of ballot	Monday, 5 March, 2018
f)	Vote count	Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> March, 2018
g)	Declaration of poll	Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> March, 2018
h)	Special council meeting to coopt Community members (the principal will preside)	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March, 2018
i)	First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)	Tuesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> March, 2018

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## SACs... Term 1

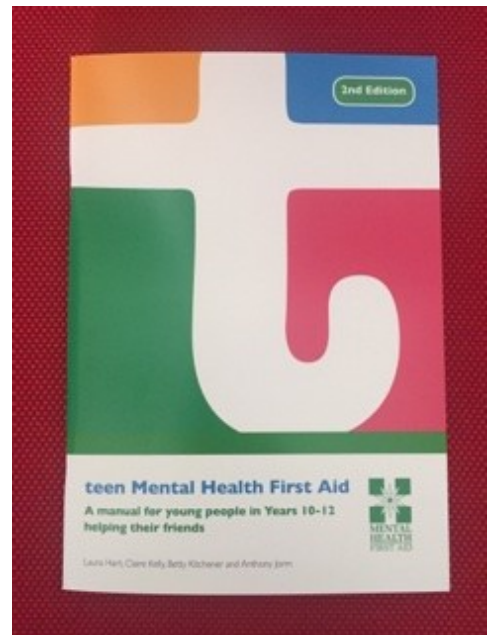
Subject Term 1	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9
<b>Year 11 Accounting</b>		SAC 22&26/2					
<b>Year 11 Biology</b>					SAC		
<b>Year 12 Biology</b>						SAC	
<b>Year 11 Business Management</b>	SAC- Feb 12						
<b>Year 12 Business Management</b>	SAC- Feb 15						
<b>Year 11 Chemistry</b>	SAC						SAC
<b>Year 12 Chemistry</b>			SAC	SAC			
<b>Year 11 English</b>		SAC					
<b>Year 12 English</b>		SAC					
<b>Year 11 English Language</b>			SAC				
<b>Year 12 English Language</b>			SAC				
<b>Year 11 English Literature</b>	SAC						
<b>Year 12 English Literature</b>			SAC				
<b>Year 11 Food Studies</b>			SAC	SAC		SAC	
<b>Year 12 Food Studies</b>				SAC	SAC		
<b>Year 12 Further Maths</b>	SAC						
<b>Year 11 Health &amp; Human Dev.</b>			SAC				
<b>Year 12 Health &amp; Human Dev.</b>				SAC	SAC		
<b>Year 12 Legal Studies</b>	SAC						
<b>Year 12 Math Methods</b>		SAC					
<b>Year 12 Outdoor Educational Studies</b>				SAC			SAC
<b>Year 11 Physics</b>				SAC			
<b>Year 11 Psychology</b>					SAC		
<b>Year 12 Psychology</b>					SAC		
<b>Year 11 Sociology</b>					SAC		

## Year 12 Teen Mental Health First Aid (TMHFA)

Early this term all Year 12 students will be taking part in the Teen Mental Health First Aid Course (TMHFA). The course is 3 single sessions in length and is being facilitated by staff from Latrobe Regional Hospital's Mental Health Services team.

The TMHFA course teaches high school students how to provide mental health first aid to their friends and to get the help of an adult quickly. The course does not focus on specific illnesses, but on the pattern of thoughts, feelings and behaviour that show there might be a problem. It does not teach or encourage students to offer each other counselling of any kind, or try to handle the problems alone. Diagnosis and treatment are the responsibility of properly trained mental health professionals. Rather, students are taught to seek help from a trusted adult who can get their friend this kind of help as soon as possible. This is an evidence based suicide prevention and mental health education course. It aims to increase the mental health knowledge of participants, reduce barriers to seeking help for emerging or current mental health issues in young people, increase awareness of local professionals, decrease stigma of mental health problems and promote early help seeking and treatment for mental health problems.

High school can be a very stressful time for young people, especially when the pressure increases at the senior levels. We acknowledge this by prioritising the mental health of our students and making the time for all our year 12 students to take part in this educational course that will hopefully help our students navigate their way through the pressures of school and life during these sometimes difficult periods.



## School Nurse Update

### Using technology responsibly

Technology is an integral part of life for all of us. As parents, it can sometimes be hard to keep up with the constantly evolving new developments in technology that attract children and teens. While we may not always be able to keep up with every latest thing, we can introduce a framework for our family so that the younger members can develop a healthy and safe relationship with technology.

Here you'll find our top tips and conversation starters to encourage your teenager to use technology responsibly.

- Technology is a part of life. Help your child recognise that it's a privilege to have this 'tool' and that they should use it responsibly. That means sticking to the rules you set up for its use.
- It's an important lesson to learn that online material is forever. How does your child want to be seen in the world – not just now, but when they're an adult looking for a job?
- Respect is key. Teach your child not to say or do anything online that could hurt or humiliate anyone, just as you would expect them to behave in real life.
- They must only make friends with people they know in real life and should not do anything that they know you would be unhappy with, such as forwarding material that would hurt or embarrass someone else.
- If they ever receive material that is private, such as personal or explicit photos or videos, they should delete them immediately. Failure to do this could have very real consequences.

This information is available at [Reachout.com](http://Reachout.com)

I work Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays across all the campuses of Kurnai. Students or families can organise to see me by talking to their teachers or the welfare team or email [pearse-clark.sarah.l@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:pearse-clark.sarah.l@edumail.vic.gov.au).

*Sarah – School Nurse*

## Congratulations to our Positive Behaviour Support Recipients

### Work Ethic

Allana Carrigy  
 Khrystal Cull  
 Bridgette PENNICUIK  
 Katelin JOHNSON  
 George HATZIDAKIS  
 George ERIC  
 Lucas HOPGOOD  
 Dustin RYAN  
 Rachel Stancl

### Excellence



### Relationships

### Engagement

Lachlan Berryman-Lambert  
 Sean Sun  
 Jaslin CLEATOR  
 Erin TUNNY  
 Jade LAIDLAW  
 Bailey LEWIS  
 Keely LONGMORE

## Calendar of Excursions / Camps

### All Years

Excursion Date	Excursion	Cost	Form & Payment Due
Feb 14 - June 6 Every Wednesday	Yallourn North Kinder Reno	\$0	Feb 12
Feb 14	VCE Theatre Studies	\$0	Feb 12
Feb 19	ESL Yarram Day	\$0	Feb 16
Feb 26	Supreme Court	\$0	Feb 23
Feb 26 - 28	Wilson's Prom Surf Camp	\$130	Feb 16
Feb 28	Pre-Cal Team Building Day	\$0	Feb 26
Mar 22	College Athletics Day	\$0	CLOSED
July 8 - 13	Mt Hotham Snow Camp	\$1450.00	\$200 Feb 27 \$300 Mar 20 \$300 Apr 17 \$300 May 15 \$350 June 12



## MORWELL JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

**2018 Open Day**  
**Sunday , March 4th 10:30am - 1:30pm**  
**Northern Reserve, Holmes Rd, Morwell**

**NEW DATE**

BOYS from Auskick to 14  
 GIRLS from Auskick to 17

- \* Player Signup
- \* Merchandise Sales
- \* Football Activities
- \* BBQ and Drinks

- Family Friendly and Inclusive Club
- AFL Accredited Coaching
- AFL Accredited Auskick Program
- Multicultural

For more information  
 email [morwell.jfc@gmail.com](mailto:morwell.jfc@gmail.com)  
 or visit [www.mjfc.tk](http://www.mjfc.tk)





Kurnai Pillars

**Work Ethic***'We are committed to working hard'***Excellence***'We do the best we can do'*

## Tuesday Night Competition

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**MORWELL  
NETBALL  
ASSOCIATION**



- Commencing March 6th
- Morwell Indoor Leisure Centre
- Ages u13's, u15's, u17's

**Interested Teams or Individual Players please contact**

**Jennie Bailey mobile 0427 671 864**

**Relationships***'We value and respect each other'***Engagement***'We actively participate in our own learning'*

## New Management Plan for Mathison Park

Community feedback is being sought for those doing the new management plan for Mathison Park.

Can you please take five minutes to complete the attached surveymonkey.

Thanks Mathison Park Committee

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CDDNW5Z>.