

Kurunjang Secondary College

Parent Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL TEAM

We have finally taken possession of the new Learning Centre building. Staff and students are generally happy, indeed excited, to be in this beautiful, new facility and they have been pointing out some practical adjustments that still need to be made. We hope to have the opening on the same day as the parent-teacher interviews, on Wednesday, 3 September, commencing at 1.00 pm. I warmly invite all families to attend the opening or at least have a walk through it on parent teacher- day of this facility.

The College has just completed its three year review where we have evaluated our data; including parent, student, staff surveys and student learning data. We have also engaged an External Reviewer whose recommendations for improvements have been made and we will be writing a new Strategic Plan that will take us into the next phase of improvement and College development. We will be having a Curriculum Day on 8 August, to write our new Strategic Plan. We will be also running workshops for parents and students to have input into writing the Plan. The key aim is that we have highly effective teachers facilitating highly effective student learning.

Students from years 8 to 12 will be going through their elective and course selections this week. We will be hosting information sessions at the school for families and encourage everyone to get involved as well as taking the opportunity to attend the Careers Expo at Melton Shire Hall, on 27 August.

To be successful, we must plan together. The 4 A's can guide you in deciding what are the right electives and course of study for you. Ask yourself some questions...

What is my Aptitude? What am I good at? What do I like doing?

Do I have the right Attitude to succeed? What do I really want? I may not know what career I want now but I can decide on subjects that give me options! I am not afraid to ask questions and seek help! I will work hard and do my best! In short:

- Set Goals
- Develop a plan
- Seek advice
- Evaluate my plan,
- I can make adjustment, when I need to.

If I do all of this... **I will Achieve!**

I hope that you have a good term and good luck with your course selections.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 28 July:	Year 12 TIS Excursion
Wednesday 30 July:	Year 9 Beacon Excursion
Thursday 31 July:	Year 10 Healthy Living Conference
Friday 8 August:	Curriculum Day - No students
Monday 18 August:	Performance – Cheap Thrills
Tuesday 19 August:	Course, Confirmation Day
Friday 22 August:	Year 9 'Do The Crime Do The Time' Excursion
Friday 22 August:	Year 11 'Fit to Drive'
Wednesday 27 August:	Careers Expo at Melton Shire Hall

COURSE INFORMATION NIGHTS

Tuesday, 22 July
VCE Information Night for Year 10 Students

Tuesday, 5 August
Course Expo for all Year 8 and Year 9 students and parents.

Tuesday, 12 August
Elective choices for all Year 8 and 9 students are to be returned to Mr. Davies and Mr. Milligan

Tuesday, 19 August
Course Confirmation Day. No classes for Year 10 students. Students and their parents attend an interview with their child's Course counsellor to confirm course planning for 2009.

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

If you know that your child will be absent for the day please notify the College by ringing the Attendance Officer on **9747 5987**. If the phone is unattended, please leave a message on the voicemail. Please state the name of the student, their homegroup and the reason for the absence in a clear voice.

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FEELING IS THINKING PROGRAM

Kurunjang Secondary College was fortunate to be able to offer the *Feeling is Thinking* program, facilitated by Declan and Ros from the Travencore School. Eight Year 9 boys were chosen to participate in the program, which went for seven weeks. Themes covered in the program were based on exploring feelings, what makes people angry, strong emotions, practicing changes and how to manage anger. I am sure with the guidance and expertise offered by the Travencore staff the students who participated, will have learnt some valuable messages which they can use in the future.

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROCESS

Kurunjang Secondary College encourages students to take up leadership roles in different areas of college life. We want to develop students' skills so that they can be a little more proactive in initiating change and to act as leaders in a learning community. Last week nine, Year 10 and 11 students participated in a two day workshop which involved activities, group discussions and information gathering around well being issues. Some of the topics covered included: Dealing with Bullying and Harassment issues, Grief and Loss, Supporting Peers to access Professional Adult Support, Stress and Coping. I am sure that all of the participants, Taylor Barbara, Peter and Jacinta Rosewarne, Crystal Lacey, Nikita-Lee England, Jessica Petty, Fiona Melville and Christy Koppman, found the two days to be fun and useful and will be looking forward to sharing what they have learned with the wider school community.

Glenda Nielsen
Student Welfare Coordinator

40 HOUR FAMINE

Each year a number of students participate in the World Vision 40 Hour Famine. Last year over \$1,000 was raised by a small number of students. Officially the famine will take place from 8 pm Friday 15 Aug until noon Sunday 17 August. Going without food for the famine is not the only option. You may also turn off technology or everything electronic for the 40 hours or do household chores for no pay or pocket money. If you would like to participate in this worthwhile event, please see Mrs. Nielsen to collect a sponsorship booklet.

NEW HEALTH PROMOTION NURSE



My name is Wendy White and I have joined the school welfare team this term. Thank you for the very warm welcome. I am excited to begin working with the students, teachers and parents of Kurunjang

Secondary College. I am available on campus Mondays and Tuesdays, and am happy to be contacted by students or parents who wish to discuss any physical and mental health concerns, or assistance in locating and accessing community

health resources. I am located in the School Welfare Office with Miss Neilson. Everyone is welcome to come in and have a chat.

Wendy White
Health Promotion Nurse

FOOTBALL TEAM PICKS UP BIG SPONSOR

Kurunjang Secondary College football teams, now runs out on the field looking like winners. Thanks to Melton South Junior Football Club, we are now the proud owners of twenty-two new football jumpers worth over \$1000.

Players and coaching staff would like to thank Melton South Junior Football Club for this very generous donation.

THE SCORES ARE ON THE BOARD

On the 16th July, The year 10 boy's football team travelled out to Mac Pherson Park to play in the round two block buster against Sunbury Secondary College. After a very hard game Kurunjang, won by one point!

Well done for a team effort. Congratulations!

Wednesday 24th Kurunjang Secondary College again travelled out to Mac Pherson Park. This time to play Galvin Park of Werribee and Keilor Downs.

Galvin Park v Kurunjang When the siren sounded. Kurunjang won by 14 points.

Kurunjang def Keilor Park 8.8.56- 2.2.14 Kurunjang won by 42 point win

I would like to thank all the year 9 and 10 boys who participated in the game and showed maturity beyond their years. I am proud of you boys.

I would like to thank Andrew Sinclair for his expertise in the coaching box... Super Coach

I would also like to thank my support staff, Wendy Morse (first aid helper extravaganza), Dwayne Connell (assistant coach), Mr B Junior (ME) Assistant Coach, David Edwards (Boundary Umpire) Matt McKay (Boundary Umpire), David Edwards Snr (Goal Umpire). I would also like to thank the countless parents who came out to show support for the school.

The next round is on Wednesday the 30th July, at Burbank Oval in Williamstown (Williamstown Seagulls VFL home ground next to the beach) against the winner out of Gladstone Park, Footscray City and Strathmore. I welcome any parents along to come and support the team.

Well done boys and thankyou. We are all proud of you.

UNIFORM SHOP

NEW TIMES

Dobson's Uniform Shop 9746 0062

Trading Hours as at 12/6/2008

Tuesday: 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Thursday: 3.00 pm - 5.30 pm