

Kurunjang Secondary College

Parent Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As the Principal of Kurunjang Secondary College, I am excited by the direction the College is heading. We have just completed our review and are in the process of setting our Strategic Plan for the next four years. I would like to thank all the staff, parents and students for their input to the review. The partnership between parents, students and teachers will be strengthened over the next four years and take Kurunjang to even greater heights. I would also like to thank the College Council and our reviewer, Mike Rowland for their input and support.

Congratulations go to Mr Martin Attard, our ICT Co-ordinator whose submission to the Commonwealth Government was successful. The College will be receiving \$219,000 in the first round of the *National Computers in Schools* program. As our community is aware, Kurunjang already has one of the best ICT facilities anywhere in Victorian Government schools and this will enhance those facilities. Kurunjang also offers VET Multimedia and Information Technology to all government, independent and catholic schools in the Melton area (Western Edge Cluster).

Student reports for Semester 1 are being distributed on Friday 20th June. The reports will be handed to students at the end of the school day. Reports not collected will be available for collection from the Conference Room between 3.15 and 4.30pm on 20th June. This earlier distribution will allow parents to have discussions with teachers prior to the school holidays if required.

Peter Blunden
Principal

NATIONAL TUITION PROGRAM

An Even Start

A number of parents of Year 7 and Year 8 students recently received a letter via the school regarding a National Tuition Program, titled *An Even Start*. The letter indicated that since your child did not meet national reading, writing or numeracy benchmarks, they were eligible to receive at least 12 hours of tuition valued at \$700. The Tuition Participation Agreement form needs to be returned to the College as soon as possible if you wish to access this resource for your child.

Please note, this resource is funded federally, and is not available for all students. If you have any questions please contact Sue Binger, Assistant Principal, as soon as possible on 9743 9211.

IMPORTANT JUNE DATES

Wednesday 18th	Mid-Year Music Concert, 7:30 pm
Friday 20th	Report Distribution
Monday 23rd – Friday 27th	Year 10 Work Experience
Wednesday 25th	Year 8 Camp – Deposit Due
Friday 27th June	Last Day of term. Students dismissed at 2:30 pm
Monday 14th July	First day of Term 3

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If you prefer to receive your Newsletter by email, simply send an email to this address,

newsletter-request@kurunjangsc.vic.edu.au

The body of the message need only contain the word **subscribe**.

LITERACY PROGRAM

The College is currently investigating a program to enhance Literacy skills of our students to be implemented in 2009. To assist with the planning of this program, all students in Years 7 – 11 will undertake a reading assessment between Monday, 16th June and Wednesday, 18th June. We will keep you advised of the outcomes of the testing as well as the proposal for Literacy support in 2009,

Sue Binger, Assistant Principal

UNIFORM

Many students have been issued uniform passes because they claim they do not have a warm winter uniform. Some of these students are wearing non-uniform jackets. It is clear that students who are wearing items that are not part of the College-approved uniform are considered to be out of uniform.

SUITABLE WINTER GARMENTS

Most students find the woollen jumpers, polar fleece jumpers; the rugby tops and the spray jackets provide sufficient warmth when worn with undershirts, and shirts. Students who are wearing non-uniform jackets would receive similar comfort from a combination of uniform items. All visible garments must be part of the College uniform.

SHOES

We request that all students wear black leather shoes for health and safety reasons. Canvas shoes are not waterproof and provide less protection. When you are purchasing the next pair of school shoes, please buy black leather school shoes.

We hope to avoid disciplinary consequences for students.

LAY-BY UNIFORM ARRANGEMENTS

While the College understands that some parents experience financial difficulties, it is clearly understood that Kurunjang is a full-uniform school. The college has organised a lay-by system to assist parents in purchasing uniform items. The system allows for parents and students to make progressive payments to the General Office and once the full price of the uniform items has been paid the College will prepare a purchase order to be taken to the uniform shop to purchase the required uniform items and will make payment on your behalf. Please contact Ms Leonie Gray, Business Manager, for further details.

Gordon Harvey, Assistant Principal

40 YEARS OF SERVICE

Staff and students would like to congratulate Mr John Wall on 40 years service in the Education Department. Mr Wall joined Kurunjang Secondary College when the college opened in 1986.

Mr Wall spent time as Acting Principal, then many years as Assistant Principal. He now teaches chemistry, science, maths and the year 9 advanced programs, which he said he found particularly rewarding.

Mr Wall has always been a very popular and respected member of the college and held in high esteem by students and staff.

MELBOURNE LIBRARY

Students from 8B were given an opportunity to attend the Melbourne Library to view the Medieval Display. The day started with Stephanie Rose coming to the school to give a lesson on medieval studies including medieval manuscript. Then we travelled to the library, where they were given a tour of the Library. One of the high lights was seeing the original Ned Kelly armour.

We were very lucky to take part in the project where the library offered a free excursion to the library including a free bus. The Melbourne Library in a beautiful building and it free and I would recommend it for a great outing for the school holidays. The Ned Kelly display is also free.



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

HUMANITIES

On Monday 16th June the Humanities faculty is running a sausage sizzle to raise money to be donated to the Burma and China disaster relief funds. As well as raising money, the object is to raise awareness in our students for the need for humanitarian aid in places of dense population. Also, it informs them of the immense difficulties created by such natural disasters.

We ask your support by buying a Sausage and can drink for \$1.00 each.

HOMEWORK CLUB FOR SUDANESE

A Homework club is in the process of being established for the Sudanese refugee students attending any of the schools in Melton. It will take place at Mowbray on Mondays or Tuesdays between 4 00-5.30.

Contact Ms Phillips, our Literacy Coordinator for more information.

MELTON SUPPORT GROUP

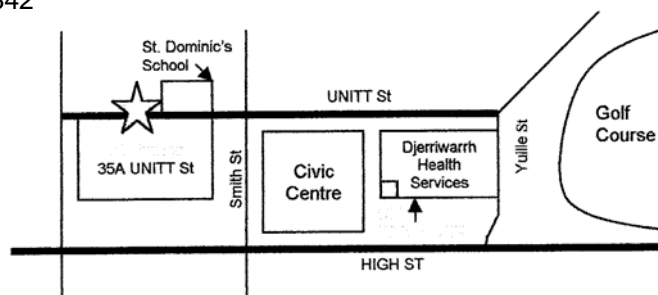
Melton Support Group for Parents with Teenagers is having a (FREE) meeting at the Melton Shire Council Function Room one Monday 23rd June 7-9 pm.

The focus of the meeting will be about relationships. How to deal with daily conflict, lack of communication and building more productive relationships with your teenager. Please book your seat with Mary on 9743 1516 or Lisa on 9746 7035 or Kimberley on 9746 9745 Refreshments will be provided.

BACKDOOR YOUTH HEALTH SERVICES

The Backdoor Youth Health Service has moved to 35A Unitt St in Melton, opposite St Dominic's Primary School. It is still on each Thursday evening from 4.00-7.00 pm with a GP, Community Health Nurse and Youth Counsellor in attendance.

Information and advice are available to young people on a range of topics, including general and sexual health, contraception, relationships, body image and much more. Our community Health Nurses, Di and Maree, can be contracted through Reception at Melton Community Health Centre, Monday to Friday from 9.00-5.00 pm on 8746 1100, and after hours on 0408 224 342



MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Mid Year Music Concert

When: Wednesday 18 June

Time: 7.30pm

Where: Kurunjang Secondary College Gym

Cost: \$2.00 entry fee (to help to buy new instruments)