

Kurunjang Secondary College

Parent Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Semester One Reports

Enclosed with this newsletter is your child's semester one report. The report is a summary and reflection of the skills and achievements that your child has gained throughout the semester as well as future goals and advice from their teachers. Reading the report with your child and having a discussion about their efforts and achievements will help them reflect on their learning and give them confidence to go to the next step in their development. It is anticipated that students will set themselves further goals to be achieved in semester two. We encourage parents to contact the school and discuss their child's report with the teachers and **Student Management Team** at **Senior** or **Junior School**.

Commitment to completing all required work

Our learning programs at the college anticipate that students do some of the work at home to ensure that they keep up with the program that has been set. When there are students who do not complete their work requirements, it affects their full understanding of the work and the flow of subsequent lessons. As educators, we are mindful of the skills and values that our students will need when they eventually leave school and enter the workplace. The skills of organisation and time management will help them for their future. It also helps our young people develop their values in keeping commitments, being a team member and respecting their teachers and others in the classroom.

As I read numerous semester one reports, I can see that many of our students have these values and are working to achieve at their best. For others, work requirements were not always submitted, affecting their overall achievements and this needs to be the first thing that they work on in semester two.

IMPORTANT DATES

13 Jul	First day of Term 3
28 Jul	Year 9 Performance
3, 4 Aug	Year 9 City Project (9 A,E,F)
5, 6 Aug	Year 9 City Project (9 B,C,D)
26 Aug	Year 10 Performance
31 Aug – 2 Sep	Year 8 Camp
3 Sep	Parent Teacher Interviews

Acknowledging the achievements of our students and staff

On Thursday 18 June, we organised two events to acknowledge the achievements and positive attitude of many of our students.

The whole-school assembly demonstrated a commitment from the staff and the students to work together as we improve some of the processes and policies that we work by. It was a celebration of the successes that have occurred during the semester, including the Student Voice achievements in several areas, particularly their work in the **Go Green Team** and the **Anti-discrimination Working Party**. The **sporting teams** and **Debating Team** that represented the college and who performed outstandingly throughout the semester were also recognised. We celebrated what is important to us: working together and achieving at our best. Our awards ceremony invited each family of the students who received awards. This is a memorable time for families as they celebrate the achievements of their child.

Well done to all the students who received **Endeavour Awards**, **Achievement Awards**, **Academic Excellence Awards** and **Principal Awards**.

Many of our students have been nominated for **Western Chances** Scholarships. Congratulations to those students who have demonstrated a passion in a particular area of their studies and have been given a scholarship to achieve their dreams for the future. These scholarships can be renewed so that students are given support during their tertiary education.

The college has been awarded a grant for our **English Faculty** leader **Ms Margaret Duffy** for teacher professional leave. Ms Duffy will be working on improving her skills in coaching other staff in literacy. The grant will give Ms Duffy time release so that this can occur. Congratulations to Ms Duffy for achieving this grant which is highly sought by many teachers across Victoria.

Updating Student Information

To parents and guardians: please ensure that any new contact phone numbers, change of address and emergency contacts are always updated at the College. It is important that we can contact parents and guardians for a number of reasons, particularly if there has been an emergency. As we start our term break, we wish all families a safe two weeks.

Ms Sandra Eglezos

Principal

ART

SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS' EXHIBITION

Congratulations to the five students: **Matt, Teagan, Barry, Ellie, Tayla and Dylan**, who have their art work hanging at the **Gallery Sunshine Everywhere**.

Gallery Sunshine Everywhere
Granary Café, 2 Devonshire Road, Sunshine

The exhibition runs from 22 June -24 July 2009
8.00am - 5.00pm (Mon-Fri)
8.00am – 12pm (Sat-Sun)

The Pixel Prize Photography Competition

Open to all secondary school students

- \$1000 first prize (as well as runners up prizes)
- Gallery Exhibition and Awards Night for short listed entries

For more information or to enter visit
www.thepixelprize.com.au

If you have any questions or require further information please contact me on 07 3623 7498 or email: alex.brisbane@acu.edu.au

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Jessica Ramsden of Year 12 received the **Pierre De Coubertin** award at a ceremony at the **University of Ballarat** for her outstanding contribution to the **Physical Education & Sports** programs

of our College. Baron De Coubertin was the Frenchman who founded the modern Olympics in the early 1900's. He stood for fair play, sportsmanship, and the journey rather than the victory. Jessica was presented with her award by Jarryd Salter, who won a Bronze medal at Beijing in the 20km walk, and Silver in the 50km walk.

Jessica has been a role model in the PE department. She has represented the school in Athletics, and Netball since Year 7, and has also helped in and around the PE department without being asked, coaching and assisting junior students. She is a role-model to younger girls, and has on occasion this year attended my Year 7 Health, and Year 9 Advance classes to speak directly to the girls about girl's health & hygiene issues, and reasons for participation in a range of activities.

Mr Tony Milligan

SPORT REPORT

1 June

Year 8 Girls

Game 1 Gisborne Vs Kurunjang, Gisborne won 22-8
Game 2 Melton Vs Kurunjang, Kurunjang won 15-14

Year 7 Girls

Game 1 Melton Vs Kurunjang, Kurunjang won 27-26
Game 2 Bacchus Marsh Vs Kurunjang, Kurunjang won 27-18

The Year 7 girls put in a great effort and showed excellent sportsmanship but unfortunately lost the finals.

Junior Boys

Game 1 Sunbury Downs Vs Kurunjang, Kurunjang won 17-4
Game 2 Staughton Vs Kurunjang, Staughton won 13-12
Game 3 Sunbury Vs Kurunjang, Sunbury won 18-10

Thanks to Monique from Year 7 for her outstanding umpiring skills, and also to Ms Hulett for all her hard work and netball expertise.

BIRTH NOTICES

Staff and students at Kurunjang Secondary College would like to wish Ms Catherine Drimmel and her new baby girls all the best and hope they can arrive to the comfort of their own home soon!



On Thursday 4 June, 2009 at 5:15pm and 5:16pm, Ms Drimmel welcomed the safe arrival of two healthy daughters: Rowan Lorraine Drimmel (4lbs, 11oz) and Greta Louise Drimmel (3lbs, 4oz).

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

BACKDOOR YOUTH HEALTH SERVICE



is now on a **Wednesday** night from 4pm- 7pm.

Come and see a Youth-Friendly Doctor, Community Health Nurse or a Youth Counsellor. (Confidential and Bulk Billing Services)

Melton Community Health Centre
35 a Unitt St Melton

Any issues regarding Youth Health

Contact **Di**

Ph: 8746 1100 or Ph: 0408 224 342

The service is available Monday to Friday 9am-5pm for anyone aged 12-24. Transport from Bacchus Marsh can be arranged.

'PIT STOP FOR DADS'

Dads really matter to kids, but sometimes being a father is pretty challenging. Sometimes it's time to pull over for a Pit Stop and re-fuel for the journey ahead.

The 'Pit Stop' parenting program originated in the City of Casey, and is specifically designed for fathers and their needs. It helps them build on their communication and parenting skills and gives them the opportunity to connect with other men, talk about their kids, and get ideas and encouragement that will help them strengthen their relationship with their children.

Men who have done the Pit Stop program say,

I didn't like the idea of some one telling me how to parent, but I soon discovered Pit Stop is different.... I look forward to it every week!

The bond and affection I have with my wife and son since I started Pit Stop has been amazing. Fatherhood is now immensely enjoyable!!

The PitStop program for fathers begins on Thursday evenings in Melton on 16 July. If you think that it might be that time for you, please call Bruce Cameron at MacKillop Family Services on 8746-0500 or Karen Johnson at ParentsLink on 9680-8411.

DO YOU NEED A TUTOR?



I tutor years 7-12 in Maths, Sciences. and specialise in VCE Maths Methods, Specialist Maths, Physics, Chemistry and Biology.

Only \$35/hr at students' chosen location.

Please contact Christine on:

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Term Three Events

Date	Event	Details
13 Jul	First Day of Term 3	All students resume classes at 8:45 am.
28 Jul	Yr 9 Performance	All Year 9 students who have paid the performance pack levy will attend a performance, " The Hurting Game " during periods 1 & 2. The performance takes a look at the hurtful games students play to give themselves a false sense of power and belonging. The performance also highlights the issue of bullying, generating an awareness of the adverse affects on victims as well as providing solutions.
3, 4 Aug	Year 9 City Project	Students in 9A, 9E & 9F will be complete their independent research with the City of Melbourne and visit the Rialto Tower and Etihad Stadium.
5, 6 Aug	Year 9 City Project	Students in 9B, 9C & 9D will be complete their independent research with the City of Melbourne and visit the Rialto Tower and Etihad Stadium.
26 Aug	Yr 10 Performance	All Year 10 students who have paid the performance pack levy will attend a performance, " Cheap Thrills " during periods 5 & 6. The performance is about that split second when we reach a crossroad, make a choice, take a risk and possibly change the future. The performance seeks to make students think more about the consequences of poor decisions.
31 Aug – 2 Sep	Year 8 Camp	Year 8 students will participate in a camp in the Grampians.
3 Sep	PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS	
7 Sep	Year 7 Immunisations	Year 7 Girls have their third HPV (cervical cancer) immunisations, and Year 7 Girls and Boys have their second Hepatitis B immunisation on this day.
18 Sep	Last Day of Term 3	Students will be dismissed at 2pm.

