

Kurunjang Secondary College

Parents Newsletter

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PRINCIPALS REPORT

It has been an excellent semester for the College.

We were successful with our submission to the Commonwealth's Computers in Secondary School's Program and gained \$219,000 in funding to upgrade our computer facilities. The New Learning Centre will be ready for the start of term three. The Centre has three flexible learning spaces, gallery space, a small meeting room, office space and toilets. These resources are great additions for our students and our community.

Our students have the opportunity to build on their strengths and regularly display their talents. Aptitude and Achievement are two of the 4 As. Our students have demonstrated these in all aspects of school life. Our sporting teams have competed well, with many getting through to Regional and State finals. Our debating team has defeated a prestigious private school and we look forward to the next phase of their competition. Our arts faculty has mounted exhibitions, our dance and drama students have performed well and our choir performed on centre stage at Hamer Hall. It was a pleasure to present academic achievement awards to so many of our students. Congratulations to all.

I have been concerned about litter. We have a problem with the dump master at the rear of the College where members of the public have been dumping rubbish on weekends. I will be moving the dumper into school grounds and it will be caged. It is difficult enough to get adolescents to put papers in the bin but when members of the community illegally dump rubbish it makes it all the more difficult. I hope this action will discourage illegal rubbish dumping.

As a part of our student leadership program, we will be re-introducing a duty student system as a part of College citizenship and community service. The duty student program will have students from year 7 to year 9 on a rostered basis participating. Students will spend one or two afternoons a term on duty. The tasks will include, yard cleans, garden maintenance and office duties.

A number of our teachers and office staff have retired, have completed their time replacing teachers on leave or have taken a new step in their careers. I would like to thank and farewell Mrs Nicole Fraser, Mrs Frances Fraser, Mr Norton, Mr Costa, Ms Dempster and Ms Skopelitis. Thank you all for your service and dedication to the College.

I would also like to welcome new staff Ms Mann (Science), Ms Tracy (HAPE) Ms Gilmour (LOTE) and Ms Lucas our new Finance Manger.

I wish all of our staff and students a well-earned term break and look forward to bigger and better things next term.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 14 July:	First day of Third Term – Students return to school – please note new bell times
Tuesday 15 July:	Year 9 Performance – The Hurting Game
Tuesday 22 July:	Year 9 City Project Orientation Visit
Thursday 24 July:	Year 9 City Project Orientation Visit
Thursday 24 July:	Next payment due for Year 8 Camp
Monday 28 July:	Year 12 Tertiary Information Session
Friday 8 August:	Curriculum Day

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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.

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

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.

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.

The school would be very grateful to any families who would like to donate uniforms in good condition (that their children have outgrown) to the school.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

On the 18 June, we held a mid-year music concert to showcase the musical talents of students at our school and to raise funds for the music department. About 150 people turned up to watch the many bands, ensembles and solo performers. Around 60 students were involved in this concert and had a wonderful time performing. A highlight for me was performing with the Yr.10 rock band and the applause I received from the audience. I also really enjoyed the choir performance.

The night raised approximately \$250 and we would like to thank the instrumental music teachers, Mr. Harry, Ms. Morris, Mr. Zerafa, and Mr. Taliana for taking up their own time to be there and for their dedication to the music program. We also appreciate all of the support we received from our teachers, parents and friends who came to watch our performance.

Jacinta Rosewarne
Yr.10

STUDENT IN FOCUS



It has been a very busy year for Jacinta from Year 10D during the first term break she travelled to Italy with three other Kurunjang students for 15 days with the schools Italy trip. Jacinta is studying Italian by correspondence. She is also in the school woodwind band, senior band, rock band where she plays 3 instruments. She participates in *Joining The Chorus*, a government youth orchestra, playing Baritone Saxophone. She received an Academic Excellence Award at the end of term 2. She received As in English, SOSE, and Music. Jacinta also works part time.

Recently Jacinta undertook an Australian Music Examination Board (AMEB) exam, Grade 3 Saxophone. This is external to the school and she has been working extremely hard with instrumental teacher Ms. Morris in preparing for this. I would like to congratulate Jacinta on receiving honours for this exam, the highest mark you can get! Jacinta is a very dedicated saxophonist and is now currently preparing to take her grade 5 AMEB exam. All the best with your future studies.

Miss Curtain, Music Co-ordinator.

VET MULTIMEDIA



Victor Victorious!

Victor of 12D, along with Ms Christine Warke, Mr Gavin Clifford and Ms Irene Koltuniewicz, were invited by Terry Bracks and the Board of Western Chances to celebrate the 4th Anniversary of the Western Chances organisation on 12 June, at the Incinerator Arts

Complex, Ascot Vale.

Victor had two large pieces of vector graphics work on display at the art gallery, that he designed using Adobe Illustrator.

The attendees were greatly impressed by Victor's talent, and teachers, students and politicians alike approached him to discover where his inspiration comes from, and the techniques he employs in his art. Well done Victor.

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Cherie from 10C will be receiving mentoring and funding for \$5000 over 2 years to help her achieve her dreams after being awarded a scholarship through the *Father Chris Riley's Youth Program*. There were only 20 scholarships offered nationally. Cherie said, "This scholarship would be life changing and open many doors

for me, this is a privilege." Cherie is undertaking VCE psychology Unit 1 & 2. She would like to pursue a career in psychology, and in the field of community mental health. Cherie is a Youth Leader at *Out Look*, a youth program in Melton. She is doing work experience at Willowbrae Melton Aged Care this week.

The 2008 Scholarship recipients will be presented their awards at a gala awards dinner to be held on Saturday August 30th, 2008 at The Hilton Hotel, Sydney

HUMANITIES



On Monday June 16 the Humanities faculty held a sausage sizzle to raise money to be donated to the Burma and China disaster relief funds. Students and teachers would

like to thank everyone that supported them. They raised \$300 plus. The sausage sizzle not only raised money, but also raised awareness in our students of the need for humanitarian aid in places of dense population. Also, it informs them of the immense difficulties created by such natural disasters.

SPORT



GIRLS SOCCER 7/8

On Thursday, 12 June our soccer girls travelled to Langama Park, Sunbury. Our junior team played Melton and won 4-0. Goals were scored by Taylor, Laura, and two for Eva. Next they played Gisborne. It was tied 2-2 with goals from Ebony & Laura. The in the last minute Gisborne scored to win 3-2. Well played girls.



CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS DISTRICT CHAMPS

Our Intermediate Team beat Gisborne 1-0 with a thrilling shot from Taylor. The second contest was also evenly matched with our girls scoring late in the game to beat

Bacchus Marsh 1-0. Well done Cassie. In the finals we played strong to win 3-0 against Sunbury - all three goals coming from Christina.

RESULTS OF SENIOR BOYS BADMINTON

STAR PERFORMER: John Condeni

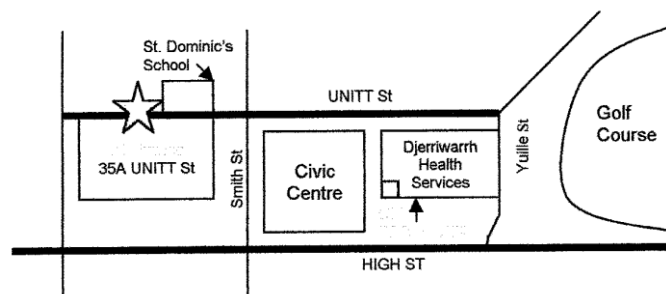
RISING STAR: Luke Galea 12C
Deacon Flint 12D

Considering that Sunbury has played in the last three State Finals of Badminton, our boys played really well to gain an overall 3rd place.

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



BULLDOGS' FRIENDLY SCHOOL

DOG'S LUNCH

As part of the Bulldogs' Friendly School eight students were invited to lunch hosted by Western Bulldogs player, Daniel Cross. This again is a true example of the Club's commitment to the community. It was held at Victoria University, Footscray.

The guest speaker was Jason McCartney, the former Kangaroo's footballer, who has overcome adversity both on and off the field. He shared his experiences to help provide inspiration for others.

Five Year 9 Students, three Year 11 students and Ms Beyer attended the luncheon, where there were 100 people in attendance. The girls and Ms Beyer said that they had a wonderful day and found it to be very inspirational.

Ms Beyer took the students on a tour of the University after the lunch. The students were very excited as they walked through the buildings. They all commented that they would like to attend the University after finishing at Kurunjang Secondary College.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework Club for Sudanese refugee students.

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

See Ms Phillips for more information