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Principal ● Zlatko Pear

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A few words from the Principal...



2016 - A YEAR OF CONSOLIDATION AND CONTINUED GROWTH.

We should all feel privileged to be a part of a wonderful community such as Myrtleford P12 College. We are proud of all our students' achievements in the classroom, in extra-curricular activities and in the local community. Our school continues to grow and data shows that our families feel connected to the school and students enjoy learning in a friendly, well organised environment.

The ongoing maintenance and improvements to College facilities continued this year. The new building works have started and we look forward to moving into the 'state of the art' buildings in the second half of next year. We recently took delivery of two new portables, the junior play area has been rejuvenated and the Prince Street basketball court has been resurfaced.

A diverse and busy College like ours relies on lots of support and goodwill from our community.

I would like to thank all the community groups for generously donating their time and expertise to enhance the learning experiences of our students.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

A reminder that Tuesday 20th December, is the last day of school for the year. Students will be dismissed from school at 1:00pm. Buses will arrive at school at that time to take students home.

START OF SCHOOL FOR 2017

Classes for 2017 will commence on Tuesday 31st January. In order to support our students, parents are asked to make sure their children are prepared for the new school year by making sure all students have the required materials and full school uniform (including black leather school shoes) for the start of next year.

On behalf of Myrtleford P12 College I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas holiday period.

....Zlatko Pear

Calendar

December

16 Yr 3-6 Pool Fun Day

20 Last day of Term 1pm Finish

January

31 First Day Term 1 P-10

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Year 7 to Year 12 Awards Night



YEAR 12

DUX of Year 12- **Cody Poulton**
 Caltex All-Rounder- **Dillon Stiff**
 Effort and Academic Achievement- **Jessica Martin**

YEAR 11

Lions Cub Geoff Green Memorial Scholarship- **Lara Selzer**
 Citizenship Award- **Tom Scott**
 Frank French Maths and Science Award- **Molly McKibbin**
 English Award- **Brooke Sinnett**
 Applied Learning Award- **Tim Zanin**
 Engineering Endeavour- **Jack Mostyn**
 Friends of the College School Scholarship- **Lucy Anderson**

YEAR 10

Academic and Leadership Award- **Georgia Milford**
 Significant Improvement- **Fletcher Caponecchia**
 Outstanding Effort- **Darcy Hulsbosch**
 Friends of the College School Scholarship- **Chloe Pear**

YEAR 9

Academic Excellence- **Abby Evans**
 The Spirit of Anzac Award- **Zoe Lyons**
 Outstanding Effort- **Elina Iaria**
 Friends of the College School Scholarship- **Danica McKinnon**

YEAR 8

Academic Excellence- **Briana Hines**
 Significant Improvement- **Declan Bren**
 Outstanding Effort- **Tara Brown**
 Friends of the College School Scholarship- **Cherie Selzer**

YEAR 7

Academic Excellence- **Jemmima Wales**
 Significant Improvement- **Simon Zanin**
 Outstanding Effort- **Soraya Richardson**
 Friends of the College School Scholarship- **Silas Greatorix**

SPECIAL AWARDS

Goodman Family- A student who is "Public Spirited"
Amy Rogers
 Myrtleford Theatre Troupe Performing Arts Award
Lydia Rendek
 Defence Force Long Tan Award Leadership at Year 12
Chloe Sinnett
 Defence Force Long Tan Award Leadership at Year 10-
Georgia Milford
 MFNC Sporting Excellence- **Ryan Crisp**
 NE Media Essie Brown Junior Literacy Award- **Briana Hines**
 Coles Junior Numeracy Award- **Zali Young**
 Visual Arts Award- **Tara Menz**
 Rotary Perseverance and Effort Award- **Amber Kerridge**



2017 DUX
Cody Poulton



Essie Brown Junior
 Literacy Award
Briana Hines



Best All-Rounder
Dillon Stiff



2017 School Captains
Rochelle Jupp, Tom Scott and Lucy Anderson

COLLEGE ANOUNCEMENTS



DO YOU HAVE RHYTHM? Ever wanted to learn the drums? ARE YOU A PARENT?- A drummer in the house? NO WAY! You might say. BUT.....

If the student quietly works out all their patterns and beats on a rubber practice pad (which is a cheap and important accessory), when they take the patterns to the drums, they immediately sound good.

Judicious choice of practice times on the drums helps too.

THERE ARE VACANCIES FOR SCHOOL-SUBSIDISED DRUM LESSONS

These lessons are on Wednesday mornings for all year levels, with rotating time slots.

The price for students is an amazing \$25/Term!

A drum kit is not an immediate requirement but would normally become necessary after about six months.

Assistance and advice regarding this is available to locate a good second hand instrument.

Prospective participants need to be genuinely interested and prepared to do the work!

Contact Lorne Campbell A.H: 57273569

Mobile: 0427 161240



SCHOOL CANTEEN CLOSED TERM 1 FOR RENOVATIONS

Due to building plans and renovations to be made to the current multipurpose building, the canteen will remain closed. The new library and eatery area is scheduled to be completed by the end of Term 1, and thus the canteen will remain CLOSED until Term 2 2017.

Please ensure your children bring adequate food to school during Term 1.

DO YOU LOVE CHRISTMAS CAROLS?



The Carols Singing Group are performing at these venues:

- The Myrtleford Carols
Sunday 18th December



Compass is coming Semester Reports

Year 9 and 10 end of semester reports are now available online on our Compass system.

To access reports, parents of year 9 or 10 students should go to

<http://myrtlefordp12.vic.jdlf.com.au>

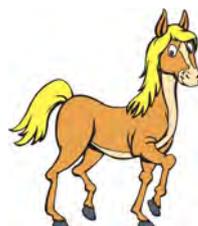
Under the profile of each student you can select the reports tab to access current and past reports. (a PDF reader will be required) (a paper copy will be available on request from our front office).



RDA NEWS

RDA students attended their Christmas party at Cundy Park recently where they received their horse riding certificates for 2016.

Well done to Jordan Furlong, Natasha Crowe, Dylan Vescio, Tyson Aldridge-Campbell, Liam Hynes and Hudson Thomas. Also Trish Bardoe for accompanying them each week.



PREP-YEAR 6 CHRISTMAS CRAFT



The Prep to Year 6 students rotated through a number of Christmas Craft Activities this week. Pictured here are some of the creations they made.



BRON'S BRUNCH WITH THE 4HS BUNCH

Today, after a little convincing, our office extraordinaire Bron gathered up some hot food and lollies and put on an amazing brunch for 4HS .

Ava had previously complained about the smell of the teachers' morning tea being cooked in Art every Wednesday morning. Our class had to smell it, but never got to eat it!

Finally our time came!... And can we say, our spread smelt ten times more delicious. We even got to enjoy the food in the staff room. What a great day! We don't know what we would do if Bron wasn't here at our school.



Thank you Bron, you're the best.

Written by *Matilda Knobel*

THE CUBBY



MYCAL students Luke Woodbury, Marcus McRae, Blake McPherson and Rikki Arnol have helped to complete the cubby project.



All walls are up and together, ready for roofing. The windows and doors have been fixed and made ready for attachment. Plans to permanently locate the cubby house over the holidays at the client's house are underway, and photos will follow.

Great job done by these students to finish it off.

PARENTS CLUB NEWS

I'm really proud of Parents Club activities throughout 2016 and grateful to the dedicated individuals who volunteer their time for our activities. Their names have appeared repeatedly in newsletters this year - thank you again. Staff, families, local businesses and the greater community also willingly support our fundraising initiatives, which is truly appreciated.

Highlights for the year were resurrecting the school fair, the Big Walk up Mount Buffalo at Easter and providing free pop-up food stalls at school. Year-end figures of monies raised are still being finalised; pleasingly, there is money in the bank to continue offering \$50 for every student for their annual camp or excursion plus our other donations and expenditures (approximately \$20,000 each year).

Here is a summary of what we achieved:

- \$50/student subsidy attending a camp/excursion
- \$50/VCE jumper subsidy for Year 12 students
- \$11/shirt subsidy for Year 6 students
- \$150 subsidy for 1 student to attend Riding Develops Abilities
- Academic and excellence awards Years 7-9 (\$200)
- Fresh Fruit Friday every week for Years P-6 (preparing platters of fruit donated by Coles Myrtleford)
- Free icy pole sticks for all students & staff (Term 1)
- Free sausage sizzle for all students & staff (Term 3)
- Popcorn at swimming carnivals
- Bingo & weekly raffle
- School banking
- The Big Walk up Mount Buffalo
- Trivia Night
- Twilight Fair
- Mother's Day stall
- Father's Day stall
- Pie Drive
- Bulbs order
- Buffalo Hotel raffle
- Second hand uniform
- Wood raffle
- Walk to School Month Big Breakfast
- Jeans 4 Genes matching donation (\$328.90)
- Pink Stumps Day BBQ
- Election Day BBQ
- Juice boxes for students and staff participating in the Myrtleford Festival Parade
- Orientation Day morning tea for new families
- ...and more!

Look forward to creating more memorable experiences at Myrtleford P-12 College next year and hope you will be involved!

Claire Stock



School Banking– Belinda and Jo



Fresh Fruit Friday– Minette Ramia and Emma Notarianni

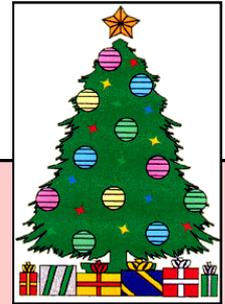


BINGO at the Railway Hotel Tuesdays at 1pm

Come along and join the fun at our regular Parents Club fundraiser. Donations for raffle prizes, no matter how small are always appreciated and can be left at the front office.

HEALTH CORNER...with Adolescent Health Nurse Rosemary Bunge

I can't take credit for the following but I thought at this time of mad rushing around to buy the biggest and best gifts it was a timely reminder about what really can make a difference to our children- Merry Christmas
from Rosemary



35 Gifts Your Children Will Never Forget by Joshua Becker

1. **Affirmation.** Make sure your children know how much you appreciate them.
2. **Art.** With the advent of the Internet, everyone who wants to create... can. The world just needs more people who want to...
3. **Challenge.** Encourage your child to dream big dreams. In turn, they will accomplish more than they thought possible... and probably even more than you thought possible.
4. **Compassion/Justice.** Life isn't fair. It never will be – there are just too many variables. But when a wrong has been committed or a playing field can be leveled, help your child to be active in helping to level it.
5. **Contentment.** The need for more is contagious. Therefore, one of the greatest gifts you can give your children is an appreciation for being content with what they have.
6. **Curiosity.** Teach your children to ask questions about who, what, where, how, why, and why not.
7. **Determination.** One of the greatest determining factors in one's success is the size of their will. How can you help grow your child's today?
8. **Discipline.** Children need to learn everything from the ground-up including appropriate behaviors, how to get along with others, how to get results, and how to achieve their dreams. Discipline should not be avoided or withheld. Instead, it should be consistent and positive.
9. **Encouragement.** Words are powerful. The simple words that you choose to speak today can offer encouragement and positive thoughts.
10. **Faithfulness in your relationships.** Be faithful and trustworthy in all relationships and in so doing be a good role model to your children.
11. **Finding Beauty.** Help your children find beauty in everything they see... and in everyone they meet.
12. **Generosity.** Teach your children to be generous.
13. **Honesty/Integrity.** Children who learn the value and importance of **honesty** at a young age have a far greater opportunity to become honest adults.
14. **Hope.** Hope is knowing and believing that things will get better and improve. It creates strength, endurance, and resolve.
15. **Hugs and Kisses.** Know that your children are never too old to receive physical affirmation of your love for them.
16. **Imagination.** If we've learned anything over the past 20 years, it's that life is changing faster and faster with every passing day. The world tomorrow looks nothing like the world today. And the people with imagination are the ones not just living it, they are creating it.
17. **Intentionality.** Slow down, consider who you are, where you are going, and how to get there. And do the same for each of your children.
18. **Your Lap.** It's the best place in the entire world for a book, story, or conversation. And it's been right in front of you the whole time.
19. **Lifelong Learning.** A passion for learning is different from just studying to earn a grade or please teachers. It begins in the home. So read, ask questions, analyze, and expose.
20. **Love.** ...be happy to show and express love.
21. **Meals Together.** Meals provide unparalleled opportunity for relationship, the likes of which cannot be found anywhere else.
22. **Nature.** Children who learn to appreciate the world around them take care of the world around them.
23. **Opportunity.** Kids need opportunities to experience new things so they can find out what they enjoy and what they are good at.
24. **Optimism.** Pessimists don't change the world. Optimists do.
25. **Peace.** On a worldwide scale, you may think this is out of our hands. But in relation to the people around you, this is completely within your hands... and that's a darn good place to start.
26. **Pride. Celebrate the little things in life.** After all, it is the little accomplishments in life that become the big accomplishments.

HEALTH CORNER CONT...with Rosemary Bunge

- 27. Room to Make mistakes.** Kids are kids. That's what makes them so much fun... and so desperately in need of your patience. Give them room to experiment, explore, and make mistakes.
- 28. Self-Esteem.** People who learn to value themselves are more likely to have **self-confidence**, self-esteem, and self-worth.
- 29. Sense of Humor.** Laugh with your children everyday... for your sake and theirs.
- 30. Spirituality.** Whatever they may be for you be aware of your mind, heart, soul, and will.
- 31. Stability.** A stable home becomes the foundation on which children build the rest of their lives. They need to know their place in the family, who they can trust, and who is going to be there for them. Don't keep changing those things.
- 32. Time.** The gift of time is the one gift you can never get back or take back. So think carefully about who (or what) is getting yours.
- 33. Undivided Attention.** Maybe this imagery will be helpful: Disconnect to Connect.
- 34. Uniqueness.** What makes us different is what makes us special. **Uniqueness** should not be hidden. It should be proudly displayed for all the world to see, appreciate, and enjoy.
- 35. A Welcoming Home.** To know that you can always come home is among the sweetest and most life-giving assurances in all the world.

Quote for the week: *"You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give."* —Kahlil Gibran

Is French toast really French?



For answers, start a conversation over tea with your high school exchange student next February! Introduce a dynamic new culture to your family. Enjoy the fun that you and your family can share.

Volunteer host families are invited to help young overseas students realise their dream of coming to Australia to learn more about Australian culture. Choose your friendly and sporty student from amongst nationalities such as French, German, Italian, Scandinavian or Japanese. Why not try something different, exciting and worthwhile in 2017 and make future friends from around the world?

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**Myrtleford Outside School Hours Care
Summer 2017 School Holiday
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 Tuesday Jan 3 - Monday Jan 30, 8:00 am -
 6:30 pm (Excluding weekends)
 Located at the Nagle Centre at St Mary's Primary
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Summer Reading Club is taking place at your
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 holidays.

**The theme for the 2016 Summer Reading
 Club is
 Heroes and Villains**

Young readers will be encouraged to engage
 with a variety of traditional and non-traditional
 heroes and heroines as they explore the themes
 and conventions associated with super and
 everyday heroes, and their villainous
 counterparts.

**At Myrtleford library Summer Reading Club
 activities will run from
 12 December until 31 January 2017**

Registration is FREE! When participants register at
 our library they will receive a Summer Reading
 Club pack.
 Alternatively, they can also register through the
 Summer Reading Club website at
www.summerreadingclub.org.au

National prizes are also up for grabs for those who
 participate in the online activities.

For more information on this year's Summer
 Reading Club, please call the Myrtleford Library on
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Mount Buffalo National Park 29 December 2016 – 28 January 2017

DATE	TIME	DETAILS
Thursdays 29 th Dec 5 th Jan 12 th Jan 19 th Jan 26 th Jan	3:00-4:30pm	Flora Explorer Join a ranger in exploring the plants unique to the alpine environment. Make and decorate your own flower species endemic to Mount Buffalo from recycled materials. Meeting Point: The stone hut at Lake Catani Campground Booking essential.
Thursdays 29 th Dec 5 th Jan 12 th Jan 19 th Jan 26 th Jan	7:00-8:30pm	Campfire Caper Join the rangers for an evening of campfire activities including making damper and sharing your own Mount Buffalo stories. Be sure to bring your musical talent to the campfire as the rangers can't sing! Meeting Point: Lakeside Point – adjacent to Lake Catani Campground Booking not required
Saturdays 31 st Dec 7 th Jan 14 th Jan 21 st Jan 28 th Jan	1:00-2:00pm	Mini Beasts Lake Catani is the home to many mini beasts. Help the ranger to find these amazing little creatures, discover what macro-invertebrates are present and how they are an indicator of water quality. Great hands-on interactive fun for the whole family. Meeting Point: the stone hut at Lake Catani Campground Booking essential
Sundays 1 st Jan 8 th Jan 15 th Jan 22 nd Jan	3:00-4:30pm	Mountain Climber Explore the natural amphitheatre that is Dingo Dell. Join a ranger for a walk up the old ski slopes for spectacular views of Lake Catani and surrounding area. The pace will be gentle with lots of opportunity for rest and activities. A wet weather alternative will be available. Meeting Point: Dingo Dell – on the grass in front of the café Booking essential
Sundays 1 st Jan 8 th Jan 15 th Jan 22 nd Jan	8:00-9:00pm	Starry Starry Film Night Starry Starry Night brings the park and its history to life on the big screen (okay maybe not the big screen...lets go with biggish screen!). Bring a picnic, blanket and camp chairs and join us on the grass for a selection of historical and Parks Victoria short films. An activity suitable for the whole family. If it's raining the movies will be shown in the building at Dingo Dell. Meeting Point: Dingo Dell – in front of the café Booking not required
Any day	Any time	Self-guided Junior Ranger Activities Visit the Mount Buffalo Park Office for a range of free Junior Ranger activities. These are activities that you can complete with your family and friends as you explore the Mt Buffalo National Park.

Please note: Junior Ranger activities are free and are suitable for children aged 6-12 years who must be accompanied by an adult on all activities. If weather conditions are unfavourable activities may be cancelled. Cancellation notices will be posted at the campground, ranger station and activity venue and a phone message will be sent to participants.

Please bring a sunhat, sunscreen, warm and waterproof clothing, sturdy shoes and a drink bottle.

Bookings are essential, unless stated, as places are limited. Please visit www.juniorrangers.com.au or call the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963 to make a booking. If you are no longer able to attend please cancel your booking to enable others to attend. More details about location and directions to the activity are available on line.

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Located at the **Nagle Centre at St Mary's Primary School**

For more information, enrolments or to make a booking, please contact
Arlene on 0478 920 638 or oshcm@alpinechildrensservices.asn.au

Monday Jan 2	Tuesday Jan 3	Wednesday Jan 4	Thursday Jan 5	Friday Jan 6
NEW YEARS DAY HOLIDAY	HAPPY 2017 NEW YEAR, NEW FRIENDS, NEW BEGINNINGS	TOYS ARE US BARBIES, LEGO, CARS OR BYO YOUR FAVORITES	WANGARATTA EXCURSION - BOWLING BYO Lunch * Excursion B	POPCORN OLYMPICS Who will win the Popcorn Crown?
Monday Jan 9	Tuesday Jan 10	Wednesday Jan 11	Thursday Jan 12	Friday Jan 13
THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS We have secrets, pets, and of course the movie!	A DAY OF SPECIAL VISITORS Sausage Sizzle	BUTTON BUTTON, WHO'S GOT THE BUTTON? YES, it's all about buttons today - Curious??? got you thinking....	BEECHWORTH EXCURSION History, Fun and Food! BYO Lunch * Excursion B	Friday the 13 th Anything can happen and it usually does - be prepared!
Monday Jan 16	Tuesday Jan 17	Wednesday Jan 18	Thursday Jan 19	Friday Jan 20
SUNSHINE, ICY POPS AND RAINBOWS Special visit by BRIGHT POPS * Incursion A	MANSFIELD ZOO EXCURSION BYO Lunch * Excursion C	MYRTLEFORD LIBRARY VISIT to see Author Ian Trevaskis	I'VE GOT THE MUSIC IN ME We've got the music - have you got the moves?	WET AND WILD Bring a towel and a change of clothes
Monday Jan 23	Tuesday Jan 24	Wednesday Jan 25	Thursday Jan 26	Friday Jan 27
MY KITCHEN RULES We will provide the lunch, you provide the creativity!	TEDDYBEAR'S PICNIC We'll find some grass and we'll find a tree and on a picnic we will be!	WANGARATTA EXCURSION - MINI GOLF BYO Lunch * Excursion B	AUSTRALIA DAY	PARTY, PIZZA And Pete's Dragon

Program may be altered due to unavailability of supplies/venue/volunteers etc. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause if this occurs.

PLEASE NOTE:

For your convenience, we are also running full day activity sessions on:

**Monday Dec 19, Tuesday Dec 20 and Wednesday Dec 21 before
Christmas, and Monday Jan 30, 2017 - from 8:00am to 6:30 pm**

ACTIVITY STATIONS:

The featured activities are just part of the program. We also have self-guided (but supervised) activity stations ie. **colouring/craftwork, puzzles, games, dress-ups, quiet corner, and free play**. These stations are available throughout the day and allow children to have choices in what activities they would like to participate in. Outdoor play is also available daily, so please ensure children have appropriate clothing.

WHAT TO BRING EACH DAY (including excursions)

- **DRINK BOTTLES** – water is available for refilling
- Lunch each day unless specified that it will be provided
- **Sunscreen and a Hat (Summer & Spring)**
- Sensible shoes (**no thongs or backless shoes**)
- **Tops which cover shoulders** (no singlets, or tube tops)
- Bag for belongings and crafts completed during the day.
- Clothing appropriate for weather variations ie rain, sunny, chilly etc.

PLEASE NOTE - LUNCHES AND SNACKS: We will be providing morning and afternoon tea daily and lunches where listed on the program. Children will be required to bring their own lunch on other days. We ask that, in accordance with our nutritional policy, lunches contain NO form of packet food (chips, shapes, cereal/Muesli bars etc) and NO lollies or sweetened drinks (water only) and that sandwiches do not contain honey, jam or nutella.

Some examples of what will be offered for morning and afternoon tea are: Fruit platters, Dip and crudité, sorbet, icy poles, muffins, smoothies, sandwiches, soup etc.

A selection of fruit from a fruit bowl will be available throughout the day.

If you have any queries, or require any suggestions for lunch options, do not hesitate to ask Arlene.

AND LASTLY....

- **SIGNING IN:** All children must be signed into care when dropped off. When you sign **your child in you are giving permission for them to partake in the day's activities, and** agreeing to the terms and conditions of using Outside School Hours Care. If there are any **activities listed that you would prefer your child didn't partake in, please let the staff on duty know** (ie if your child is sensitive to face paints).
- **EXCURSION/INCURSIONS:** Where noted on the program (*excursion/incursion) the incursion/excursion fee schedule applies. Please contact Arlene for the current fee schedule.
- **CLEAN UP:** From 5:45pm each day, we cease activities and clean up for the day. If your child is still in care at this time, they will be asked to participate.

Thank you and hope you enjoy the holidays!

Arlene 0478 920 638

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