

Issue 22: 8th Dec 2017

Calendar

December

- 12 State Wide Orientation Day
- 15 VCE and ATAR results released
- 20 College Awards Night
- 22 Last Day of Term 1pm Finish
- January 2018**
- 30 Term 1 Starts

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A few words from the Principal *Zlatko Pear*

Philippa Cartwright

After 50 years of commitment to educating the children of Myrtleford, Philippa Cartwright has decided to retire. It has been a truly remarkable career. Philippa started at Myrtleford Primary School in 1968, the year before I started in Prep!

Earlier this week we held a special assembly to say goodbye to Philippa and to celebrate her career. This was an emotional occasion with a large number of students acknowledging Philippa's support and paying tribute to her dedication to several generations of students.

Philippa has become an educational icon in our community. She is loved and appreciated by the staff, her students, their families and the community in general. Philippa, we will miss you!



Year 7 – 12 Awards Evening

A reminder that the annual Year 7 – 12 Awards Evening will take place on Wednesday 20th December at EMPAC. This is a fantastic event showcasing and celebrating student academic achievement. A reminder that students in Years 7 to 11 must wear full school uniform. The evening starts at 7:00pm, we look forward to seeing you there.

Orientation Day

Next Tuesday 12th December will be the State-wide Orientation Day. Our 2018 Prep students will spend most of the day at school. All other students will 'step-up' to their 2018 classes. It is an exciting day because in most cases students will be with their 2018 teachers and classmates.

Canteen Closure

The canteen will be closed for the last week of school (Monday – Friday of the last week). This means that students will need to bring all their food from home for these days. The canteen will operate as normal when school resumes next year.

Last day of school

A reminder that the last day of school for 2017 will be Friday 22nd December. On that day students will be dismissed from school at 1:00pm. Buses will arrive at school at that time to take students home. Classes for 2018 will commence on Tuesday 30th January.

COLLEGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Myrtleford P-12 College 7-12 Awards Night

Come and celebrate the achievements of our students in years 7-12. The Awards Night will be held on Wednesday 20th December at 7pm, at EMPAC.

All students need to be in full school uniform.

Supper will be provided at the end of the night.



**PLEASE
RETURN
YOUR
LIBRARY
BOOKS!**

REMINDER to bring ALL library books, lexile books and take home readers back to school ASAP to allow staff to complete end of year processes and stocktake.
Thankyou!

SECOND HAND TEXT BOOKS FOR SALE in the library Year 7-12 Text books.

There are still a number of second hand text books for sale in the library. Cash sales only, and books cannot be held. Wander in any time the library is open and see what is here.

CANTEEN NOTICE:

The Canteen will be **CLOSED** the last week of term for cleaning and stocktake. Last open day is Friday 15th.

Breakfast on Tuesdays and Fridays have now finished for the year.

See you in 2018!

SCHOOL CROSSING

It is with regret that Bev will not be returning to the School Crossing next year.

A personal message from her....

*I would like to sincerely thank all STUDENTS and PARENTS who have passed through over the years I have worked, and will miss all of you. I have especially enjoyed watching you all grow and your bright faces have brought a lot of joy. Thank you all,
Bev Hecker (Crossing Lady)*



FAREWELL JUANITA HARDING

Juanita has decided to retire after 35 years at the College. Beginning in the library and classrooms of the then primary school, through the transition into Prep-12 College and finishing in much the same role, reading regularly with students and helping 'behind the scenes' with library duties and maintenance of literacy resources. She has been a valuable staff member and volunteer, and will be missed by staff and students alike. The staff celebrated her retirement with her on Wednesday with a morning tea. We wish her all the best.



STATE BASEBALL RESULTS



The year 7 Myrtleford P-12 Baseball team represented the College at the State Baseball Championships held on the 22nd of November in Melbourne. Leading up to the competition the boys had been practicing regularly and were able to successfully qualify for the State Championships, winning through Ovens and Mitta and the Hume Competition. The team travelled the night before, staying in cabins at Crystal Brook Caravan Park which was nice. Game day started at 9am Wednesday morning so the boys were up early and off to the Cheltenham Reserve Baseball Complex.

Our first game was up against Oberon High School, it was a good competitive game against a team that had numerous students that were representative Baseball players. In the end we lost that game 11 – 8 runs. It was a good lead up game for our second round game against Dromana Secondary College. Confidence was pretty good from the team and they were not afraid to put it to these big schools that had teams with many individual Baseball players in it. This match was particularly exciting as we were able to keep up with the same amount of runs each innings.

Liam Morgan was the pitcher for the second game and he was able to keep Dromana’s scoring to a minimum and once we were batting we were able to get on base and score with relative ease which caused some frustration to the Dromana team and coach. The game ended with a draw 8 – 8 however the umpire did indicate that scores will be counted from the previous innings which would have declared Myrtleford the winners as we ran out of time, but this decision was overturned by the convener and a draw was declared. The Myrtleford team played exceptionally well during the entire game and showed great skill ability throughout the match.

Our final game was against Blackburn High School and these guys were undefeated in our Pool A. We decided to try out some students in different positions and again we were able to play well but were outclassed by a more dominant Baseball team that had nearly a full team of representative Baseball players in there squad. The final score for this match was 11 – 4 runs.

Overall a fantastic experience for the Myrtleford Year 7 Baseball team, they were able to improve their skills and knowledge from the competition. The boys are keen to try again next year.

..... Clint Slotegraaf



Addison Bedendo, Kynan Borsi, Nathan Brown, Tom Crisp, Damon Harrington, Liam Macgowan, Kaiden McPherson, Liam Morgan, Ned Pascoe, Levi Young(injured for finals)





RDA CHRISTMAS BREAK UP

On the 27th November, RDA students enjoyed their Christmas break up party to finish off the year. Here are our amazing riders from Myrtleford P-12 College. (Absent: Tazman) A wonderful day was had by all. Big thanks to the RDA committee and the numerous volunteers who always ensure the students are learning in a fun and safe environment.

Dee and the Riders



PARENTS CLUB NEWS

INCURSION

Parents Club was thrilled to fund an incursion to our school by Polynesian performer, Bernard Mangakahia. He shared stories and cultural history, danced incredibly, and inspired the students to believe in themselves. Parents Club FUNdraising goes directly to subsidising FUN activities for students and Bernard's performance was another memorable event.



Humpty Dumpty Haka



Playing a conch shell



...Claire Stock (Parents Club)

ORIENTATION WELCOME

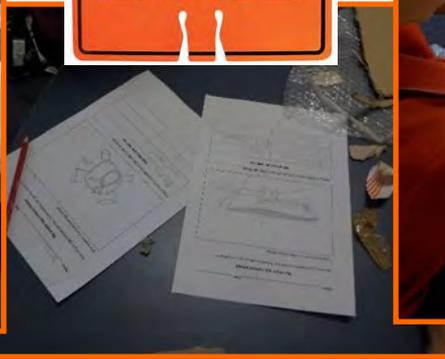
Reminder to bring a plate for morning tea to welcome new families to the school. Parents are welcome to come along to share their wise school advice! 10 am Tuesday 12th in the Prince Street staffroom.

INDIGENOUS GARDEN BBQ

Parents Club has been asked to help cook for the planting of the bush tucker garden by the new building. Please let me know if you can help between 11:30am-2:00pm on Friday 15th.

FINAL MEETING

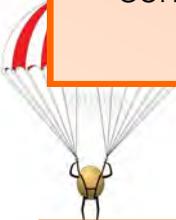
Join us tonight (Friday 8th) at Cafe Fez for the last meeting of the year, plus some pleasant socialising. 7pm for 7:30pm meeting. All welcome!



3/4 M Science Term 4

This term, in Science, students have been working on testing the properties of materials. The students have conducted absorbency tests, strength tests and whether something insulates or conducts. They then applied this to their own 'Carry Bag' experiment. Their final task was to design and test a container which could protect an egg from a 2 metre drop. Students could use cardboard, shredded paper, bubble wrap, balloons and sticky tape. We are currently making our containers and will test them next week. Whose egg will survive?

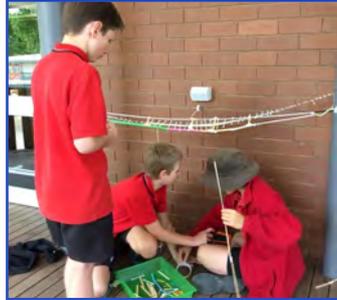
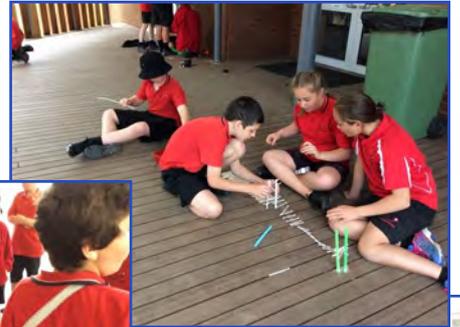
.....Mrs Connors



YEAR 5 STEM

How do you keep students engaged and working on Halloween eve while visions of trick or treating, lollies and costumes dance in their brains? You give them a STEM challenge! STEM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics and in this challenge, students needed to work in teams to design a bridge made of "bones".

The longest, freestanding bridge was the winner and the title went to Sharmane, Summer, Riley and Kade (pictured left).



Year 5/6 Canberra Trip



The Year 5/6 students travelled to Canberra last week. A trip to the nation's capital was exciting, educational and a journey into the home of the Australian story. The many and varied national attractions in the nation's capital provided stimulating educational programs relevant to all Australian curriculum subjects including civics and citizenship, history, science, art and culture.

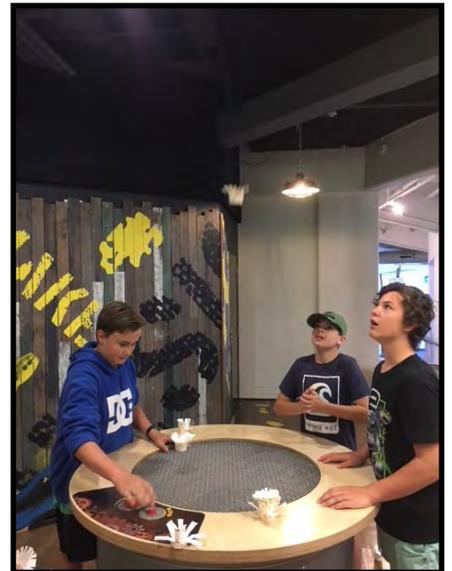
Over the course of the 3 days we visiting the following attractions:

- The National Capital Exhibit
- The Australian Institute of Sport
- Questacon
- The Australian War Memorial
- The Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House
- Zone 3 Laser Tag
- Parliament House



The students were outstanding during the camp and represented themselves and the school wonderfully. Thank you to Mrs Hawkes, Mrs Sanderson and Mrs McRae for giving up time from their families to attend the camp.





PACER Rebate

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Parents and Friends Support

The Parents and Friends Club of the school paid \$50 per student to help support students to attend the Canberra Trip. We wish to thank the Parents and Friends Club for their support and generous donation.

By combining the Parents and Friends donation and the PACER Rebate we were able to ensure that the cost of the Canberra Trip would be affordable for all parents.

Mr Lindsay

HEALTH CORNER...with Adolescent Health Nurse Rosemary Bunge

Breakfast program we held our last breakfast for the year on Friday December 1st. The students all signed a handmade card for all of our wonderful businesses who donate so generously to the program; Heiners Bakery, Myrtleford Bakehouse and Coles Myrtleford. I have delivered the cards to the businesses today. I'm looking forward to continuing the program in 2018.

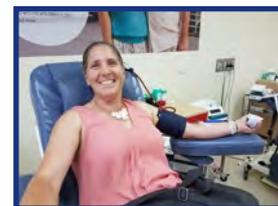
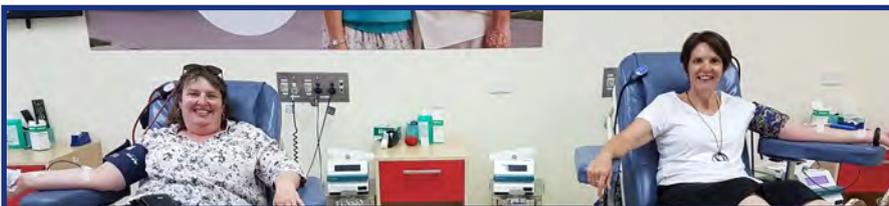


Myrtleford Lodge Year 9 visiting
Year nine visitors had their last formal visit for the year last Friday December 1st. Amy Rogers did an amazing dance performance and then we all joined residents singing and dancing. We were invited to share lunch at the Lodge and the girls really enjoyed sharing in fish and chip Friday and participating in conversation with the residents around the table.



Primary classes are continuing to visit until the end of the year, sharing songs and presenting handmade decorations. We can be satisfied as a school community that we are really making a positive difference to the lives of the aged in our community- well done Myrtleford P12 College students.

STAFF BLOOD DONATIONS on Thursday November 30th three staff members headed to Wangaratta to donate blood. All successfully donated, meaning we saved up to 9 lives. After donating we shared dinner before heading home. Just another way Myrtleford P12 College serves the community.



Quote of the week: The best feeling is when you're happy because you've made somebody else happy.



Smart Generation

On Tuesday November 28th, Year 9 held a parent information session regarding the Smart Generation and NHMRC guidelines as they relate to alcohol and young people.

The key messages from the evening were:

- Young people should not drink alcohol until 18 years of age. If they are currently drinking they should try and stop drinking or reduce the amount of alcohol they consume.
- Parents should not provide alcohol to anyone under the age of 18.
- Parents and young people should discuss guidelines about alcohol use, with the aim of setting a household standard to not drink alcohol before the age of 18.

The students presented this session via a number of quizzes and activities to involve those present. I presented information on behalf of Communities that Care Alpine and smart generation Deakin. Supper was also provided and those who attended said they learnt a lot and the information shared will create good discussion going forward.



...Rosemary Bunge and Jenni Gardner

7-12 NEWS with Jenni Gardner

See the following page for further information about this program

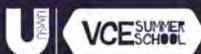


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- LOTE: French, Italian, Chinese, German, Arabic, Greek, and more
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- Global Politics, Australian Politics, Legal Studies and Sociology
- Software Development, Algorithms, Computing, Informatics

* Let us know if any of your subjects aren't in this list and we'll do our best to find a tutor for you!

RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

The Residential Program provides fully catered accommodation for rural and regional students for the duration of the program, in addition to the YCESS Day Program. Located at St. Hilda's College, it gives students a rare insight into college life at the University of Melbourne, with their own private room and study space. Students can be accommodated over the weekend for an additional cost with sufficient notice.

The residential students are supervised by a team of tutors with strong leadership and interpersonal skills, who, in addition to the training all tutors receive, undergo specialised training including mental health first aid. The Residential Program includes a number of activities in the evenings to explore various parts of Melbourne and introduce students to the experience of living away from home in a supportive and friendly environment.

"The residential program was perhaps one of the best experiences of my life! The incredible work demonstrated by the multitude of tutors was simply amazing. The program as a whole was simply wonderful."

YEAR 12 ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The YCE Summer School aims to run classes in every Unit 3&4 VCE subject and was able to accommodate every student's subject selection in 2017.

The YCE Summer School's broad aim is to help VCE students get into university. Our small class sizes (normally 6-12 students) and encouraging environment allow students to receive personalised attention. Students are supported by carefully selected tutors who motivate and inspire students to test the boundaries of their knowledge.

The tutorials give students the opportunity to strengthen their understanding of key concepts and offer an introduction to the course material. A key feature of the Summer School is teaching of study skills and techniques to allow students to pick up information over the year ahead. Subject tutors often use practical examples and common forms of assessment to help students broaden their understanding of the subject.

"The tutors are inspiring, passionate, highly knowledgeable & overall just great people."

"Brilliant, extremely patient tutors. Deep knowledge of subject matter, couldn't ask for more."

One-on-one focus tutoring can also be arranged during the program to further the student's knowledge.

The vast majority of our tutors are university students who are doing further study in their subject areas, while still having VCE fresh in their minds. VCE students have the opportunity to ask questions about tutors' experiences of VCE, as well as future study opportunities. Before the program, all of our tutors undergo tutoring training at the hands of experienced teaching professionals.

In addition to the educational component of the program, there is a varied extracurricular activity schedule, which includes a trivia competition, scavenger hunt and a broad selection of workshops. These break up the days and help create an enjoyable atmosphere at the Summer School.

YEAR 11 ACADEMIC PROGRAM

In the Year 11 program the VCE Summer School offers a wide array of common Unit 1&2 subjects, depending on student demand. Where a subject is not offered, a Year 11 student will be placed in the Year 12 equivalent class.



IN THE COMMUNITY...



www.summerreadingclub

The theme for the **2017 Summer Reading Club** is **GAME ON.**

Young readers will be encouraged to play, solve, participate and read in celebration of sports, games, technology and spirit.

At Bright, Mt. Beauty and Myrtleford Libraries, Summer Reading Club activities will run from 1 December until 31 January 2018.

Registration is FREE! When participants register at our library they will receive a small gift and reading record. Each time 5 books are completed they will receive entry into the major draw prize as well as an invitation to the party and prize draw at the end. 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 contact Sarah-Jane Harrington on 0413 455 565 or by email to sarah-jane@alpineshire.vic.gov.au.

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- provides free confidential appointments for eligible people to discuss legal problems with a child support lawyer.

To check eligibility and request an appointment, go to www.legalaid.vic.gov.au/request-child-support-appointment or call Legal Help on 1300 792 387.

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- getting or paying child support
- parentage testing
- changes of child support assessment
- spousal maintenance
- adult child "over 18" maintenance.

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OUTREACH SCHEDULE JANUARY TO APRIL 2018

January			February		
Mon	8	Melbourne - AM only	Fri	2	Dandenong
Wed	10	Sunshine	Mon	5	Wodonga
Thurs	11	Broadmeadows	Wed	7	Sunshine
Fri	12	Ringwood	Thurs	8	Epping
Mon	15	Telephone / VC	Fri	9	Ringwood
Wed	17	Frankston	Mon	12	Shepparton
Fri	19	Dandenong	Tues	13	Bendigo
Tues	23	Morwell / Bairnsdale	Wed	14	Frankston
Wed	24	Melbourne - AM only	Fri	16	Dandenong
Mon	29	Horsham	Tues	20	Melbourne
Tues	30	Ballarat	Wed	21	Sunshine
Wed	31	Telephone / VC	Thurs	22	Mildura
			Mon	26	Ringwood
			Tues	27	Geelong
			Wed	28	Telephone / VC
March			April		
Thurs	1	Broadmeadows	Fri	6	Dandenong
Fri	2	Warrnambool	Mon	9	Telephone / VC
Mon	5	Telephone / VC	Tues	10	Melbourne - AM only
Wed	7	Sunshine	Wed	11	Sunshine
Thurs	8	Melbourne - AM only	Fri	13	Ringwood
Fri	9	Dandenong	Mon	16	Shepparton
Wed	14	Frankston	Tues	17	Bendigo
Thurs	15	Telephone / VC	Wed	18	Frankston
Mon	19	Morwell / Bairnsdale	Thurs	19	Epping
Tues	20	Melbourne - AM only	Fri	20	Dandenong
Wed	21	Sunshine	Mon	23	Melbourne - AM only
Fri	23	Dandenong	Tues	24	Geelong
Mon	26	Horsham	Thurs	26	Telephone / VC
Tues	27	Ballarat	Fri	27	Ringwood
Fri	29	Ringwood	Mon	30	Wodonga

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