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## Calendar

### October

**12-22** 15 Mile Creek  
Future Makers Camp  
Year 9

**23** Public Holiday– No  
school

**27** Year 7 and 10  
Immunisations

### November

**2** Student Free Day

**3** Melbourne Cup Day–  
No school

**4** Learning Conferences

**9** Unit 3/4 Exams begin

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## A few words from the Principal....Zlatko Pear

### Return to onsite learning

On Monday our secondary students returned to school, joining our primary students in onsite learning. There was an atmosphere of excitement as students were welcomed back to school. Our staff and students need to be recognised for their resilience and the manner they have transitioned back to onsite classes. We know that many of us found the second remote learning period difficult and would like to thank you for the effort and support you have given us during this period. We are hopeful that we have said goodbye to remote learning for ever!



### Barry Holden

As some of you may know, Barry Holden retired during the school holidays. Barry started at the school before the schools merged at the start of 2009. He was a key driver in improving student outcomes, the overall culture of the school and its standing in the community. Barry was also responsible for overseeing all the building works during the past decade. He leaves the school in a much better position than it was in when he started fourteen years ago. I worked very closely with Barry over the past eight years.

Like the broader community, I will miss Barry's humour, relaxed nature, care and his passion for doing 'what's best for the kids'. Hopefully we will soon have an opportunity to have a formal farewell. On behalf of the Myrtleford community, I would like to thank Barry for his hard work to improve the opportunities for the students in Myrtleford.

### Tutors for 2021

During the week the State Government announced \$250 million funding boost for the employment of tutors to support students who may have fallen behind or become disengaged during the remote learning period. Tutors will be employed in every government school to work with small groups of students. They will provide targeted teaching with a particular focus on numeracy and literacy. We look forward to learning more about this program and its implementation in 2021.

### Semester One reports/Learning Conferences

Parent/Teacher Learning Conferences will take place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Learning conferences will begin at 3:30pm and conclude at 6:30pm. As was the case in Semester One, we will again be conducting these conferences virtually using Webex. We will send you instructions on how to book a conference time and how to connect to teachers on Webex soon.

### 2020 Non School Days

We have two remaining student free days for this year. They will be on;

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – Staff Professional Development

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November** – Report Writing Day

This means that there will be no classes running on these days. Please let me know if you have any concerns or questions.

# Year 9 Future Makers Camp



The Year 9 students are half way through their camp at 15 Mile Creek. Here is a snapshot of the rock climbing activity. Full report to follow in the next newsletter.



## Farewell Macgowans

The Macgowan family have been in Myrtleford for over eight years and ever since their arrival from Canada have immersed themselves in the Myrtleford P12 community. We have planted a Canadian Maple in recognition of Liam, Lachlan and Hunter's time at our school. On their return to Canada, the boys will go straight back into school as Canada have just begun their new school year. We wish Marnie, Shawn and the boys all the very best for their return to Canada and hope that they will make it back one day to visit us and the tree.



Hunter's classmates from Year 4



# PREP-YEAR 6 ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Green Card Assembly on WebEx

It was so lovely to see all the Prep-6 students together for our Green Card Assembly this morning. While we couldn't gather together under the bus shelter, we were able to meet together on WebEx which proved to be a wonderful experience of connecting together.



We discussed our College Values and celebrated that we are all able to be back at school. We discussed uniform expectations and upcoming events to be aware of.

Each teacher then drew out the winning Green Card for the week and they came up to receive their Canteen Voucher.

We are hopeful that we will be able to meet together soon, however, it is great that we have this technology to help us in the meantime.

*Mr Lindsay*

Be Respectful – Be Responsible – Be a Responsible Community Member – Be Safe

### Green Card Winners

Term 4 Week 2

Prepared and ready to participate

Keeping my learning space tidy

Focussing on my own work

Arriving and leaving quietly and safely

Showing kindness to others

Archer Novak

Zali Morgan

Damon Bugg

Joshua Boi

Kobe Chisholm

Charlie Pugh

Noah Pearson

Bowie Cartwright

Charlotte Koers

Miah Brown

Savannah Durling

Nia Lewis

Congratulations!!

Following teacher directions

Wearing my uniform proudly

Using respectful language

Trying my hardest

**Myrtleford P12**  
**Great Student Behaviour**

Myrtleford P12 College  
Department

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

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Following teacher directions

Wearing my uniform proudly

Using respectful language

Trying my hardest

Other .....

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Myrtleford P12 College

*Inspirational.*

Uniform in P-6

## Summer Uniform

(Term 1 and 4)

There is a '**NO HAT – NO PLAY**' policy during Terms 1 and 4 as we want our students to be safe from the harmful rays of the sun. Students who do not have a hat will not be able to play out in the playground.

### Getting the Uniform Right...

Red or White College polo shirt with College logo

White or black socks with NO logos, writing, or markings



Black hat with College logo

Black shorts with College logo on the back pocket or the College sport shorts

Black leather school shoes  
NO canvas, Vans, sneakers

### Additional Notes

- **Girls have the option of wearing the College Summer Dress**
- On cold days students may wear the College jumper – other jumpers are not acceptable

### Sports uniform

Students in P-4 have the **OPTION** to purchase the MP12 College Sport Shirt if they would like an alternative for Sport and PE days (The Sport Shirt is **COMPULSORY** for Year 5-6). All Students come to school in their full school uniform on sport days and they can **CHANGE** into their sport shirt and runners before their lesson. They will then change back into their full school uniform before coming home. Students should not come to school wearing runners or wearing their sport shirt.

College uniform is available to purchase from Billy and Me, 67 Clyde Street, Myrtleford.



# When we all came back to school...2AH

When we all came back, some people were nervous. I had butterflies in my tummy. Some people were confident. In Maths, it has been tricky but I have tried my hardest. This week has been wonderful. Pippa

**I have had so much fun being back at school. I have had so much fun doing P.M.P. and seeing my friends and seeing my teachers too. It has been fantastic. We got to do Art again. I am enjoying being back at school. Maths was a bit hard but I worked through it. I am glad that I am back at school now. Lara**

I was nervous but excited!! When I got there I was quite happy to see everyone. My friend came to me. I haven't seen them for a loooooong time. I finally got to see my friend. Samson



**I missed my friends. I feel amazing. We had library and read books. Cierra**

I was excited when we came back to school. I was excited to see all of my friends and teachers. I have had a marvelous time back at school. I definitely had fun with my animals but I missed our amazing school. Goldie

**I am happy because I am back at school. How I felt when we all came back was excited. I was excited to play with all my friends. School was amazing that day!! I played with lots of amazing friends. It was marvellous. I loved it seeing my teachers. Olivia.**

When I walked in the gate, I felt excited to see all my friends. When we went to the library, Cierra and I were reading a book. Indi

**When I came back to school, I had butterflies in my tummy. It was hard at first and then I loved it. Havarna**

I feel happy to be back at school because I get to see my friends. The last couple of amazing days at school have been fun. Louise



**I missed beautiful Art, P.E and the teachers. I was very excited to go back to school.**

Kaitlyn

I was excited when I came back to school and the hardest thing was Maths but I tried to do my best. What is easy in school is P.M.P and Science and Art. It was fun. Gavin

**It was like a normal school day but it felt weird but now I'm OK with it. It's really cool seeing my friends In Term 4 and seeing my classroom. It was so much fun being back in school. George**

I am happy because I am back at school and I can see my friends and teachers. I love school. School is the best. The best thing is playing responsibly. Sushrishi

**I am happy because I am back at school. It is the best and I love my teachers and friends. I am happy to see my nice friends. Savannah**

We learned how to say some AWESOME colours in Italian. I met some great friends when I came to this school. Their names are Samson, Gavin, Olivia and George. Lincoln

**I loved home school but I like school better. I love school because I can see all my friends and teachers. It has been wonderful since I came back. School is such fun. I love my fabulous friends and my terrific teachers! I have loved the Mindfulness since we have been back. Tanishka**





**Black Dog  
Institute**

**One Foot  
Forward**

At the start of this month I have been walking for mental health. My goal was 100km, I completed the 100km within 10 days! That's 10km a day. So I have changed my goal for 300km for the whole month. I'm 2 weeks into my challenge and have 2 weeks to go. I've already walked 123km, and it's not been easy. But I'm not stopping yet. 😊

Because the money I raise, will fund support tools for people who need them most, as well as life-changing research into the prevention and treatment of mental illness.

Please support my challenge and help change the lives of people living with mental illness.

I have put my link down below so people can donate if they wish. Every donation counts no matter how big or small.

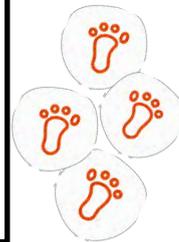
<https://www.onefootforward.org.au/fundraisers/nichollenolan/one-foot-forward>

Thank you, Niki Nolan

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Can you spare some change to support Year 11 student Niki Nolan?

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**HEALTH CORNER...with Adolescent Health Nurse Rosemary Bunge**

**BREAKFAST IS BACK**

Tuesdays out front of SLA - cheese toasties and milk  
Fridays in canteen - toast, cereal, fruit juice, milo etc.

Come along all you need is a



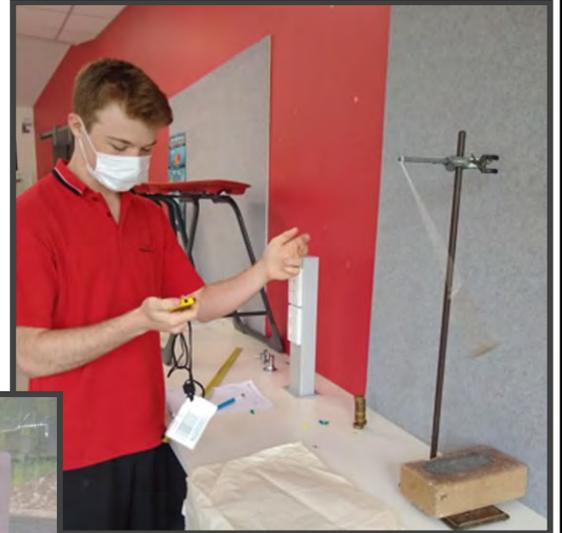
So lovely to see all the smiling faces back at breakfast this morning. Wishing everyone a great Term 4.

**Don't forget Term 4 is a Sun Smart term which means** hats must worn when outside. This is a very important part of Sun Smart and reducing the risk of sun damage and future risk of skin cancers. Slip on a shirt, slop on sunscreen, slap on a hat, seek shade and slide on sunglasses is still the message from the cancer council and worth remembering both at school and away from school.

**Thought of the week:** 'Learning isn't a way of reaching one's potential but rather a way of developing it.' Anders Ericsson

*.....Rosemary Bunge*

# Year 11 Physics



In Physics 11 students designed and conducted their own experiments investigating the factors that may affect the period of a pendulum. They changed either the angle, the mass of the bob or the length of the string.

*Ms Mitchell*

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Alpine Shire Youth have teamed with up with other Councils in North East Victoria to present Gratitude in Focus, a photography competition for our young people during school holidays and beyond!

With \$1000 in prizes, we can't wait to see what some of our young people come up with, particularly now as the weather's getting warmer and the sun is out.

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# LIBRARY NEWS

.....Mrs Morgan

I asked Mr Harbisan....

**What is your all time favourite book?**

Shantaram, by Gregory David Roberts

**Do you have a favourite author, and who is it?**

Bryce Courtenay

**What is your favourite genre to read?**

Crime and Comedy, not in combination!

**What are you reading at the moment?**

The Street Sweeper, by Elliot Perlman



## Book Week next week

We are getting ready for Book Week here in the library. This year's theme is **"Curious Creatures, Wild Minds"**

We have a new dragon residing on the ceiling, and we have a bunch of new 'Curious Creature' friends hanging out here too. We will be making book marks and sharing the Award books throughout the week.

On Thursday we will have fun dressing up as our favourite book characters.

Some students will be lucky enough to 'book out' a curious creature friend and share a new and wild experience with them. I look forward to seeing drawings or pictures from their adventures. Students can share them with me via email [Kathleen.Morgan@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Kathleen.Morgan@education.vic.gov.au), and I will display them in the library.



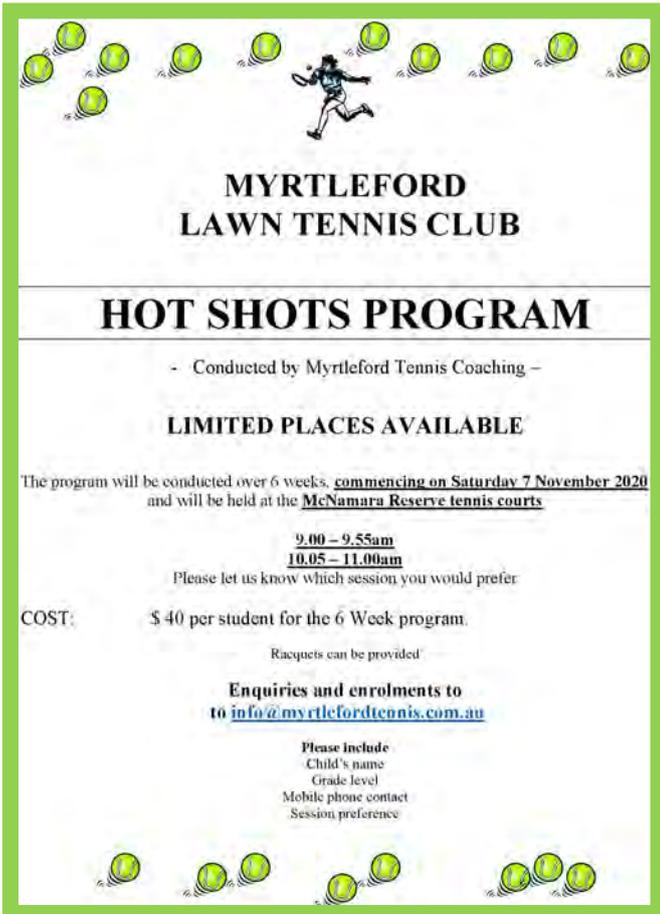
### NEW LIBRARY FRIENDS

You can check out one of these 'Curious creatures' with your books.

Draw a picture of where you took your new curious friend, and then return the picture and the creature to the library. Then they can go with someone else on a new adventure.

Let's see all the different places our new library friends can go.

You might also like to send me a picture.



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**HOT SHOTS PROGRAM**

- Conducted by Myrtleford Tennis Coaching -

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The program will be conducted over 6 weeks, commencing on Saturday 7 November 2020 and will be held at the McNamara Reserve tennis courts

9.00 – 9.55am  
10.05 – 11.00am

Please let us know which session you would prefer

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Child's name  
Grade level  
Mobile phone contact  
Session preference

**CANTEEN NEWS**

**OPEN MONDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY**

**CLOSED TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY**

Students will need to bring food from home on the days the canteen is closed.

**Unfortunately due to ongoing COVID 19 restrictions, school banking will not resume during Term 4 until further notice.**

**Students can however, continue their saving habits by visiting their local Commonwealth Bank.**



**AUSSIE BACKYARD BIRD COUNT**  
19-25 OCTOBER 2020

birdlife AUSTRALIA

**How to get involved**

The #AussieBirdCount is a great way to connect with the birds in your backyard no matter where your backyard happens to be – a suburban backyard, a local park, a patch of forest, down by the beach, or the main street of town.

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<https://aussiebirdcount.org.au/>

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**Save your ice cream containers!**

The Science department is in need of 2L and 4L ice cream containers. Please save them and bring them in for Term 4.



**Wellbeing Support during COVID 19 pandemic**

**FOR STUDENTS**

[Beyond Blue Surviving School before, during and after COVID 19.](#)  
[A guide to dealing with constant change due to COVID 19](#)  
[5 steps to study success at home](#)  
[7 tips to help with stress and anxiety](#)  
[Tips to keep good mental health](#)

**FOR PARENTS**

[How to have a great conversation](#)  
[Tips for supporting a teenager who is stressed](#)  
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