

Issue 4: 13th March 2020

Calendar

March

- 16 OE Windsurfing
- 18 Maths Pathways Information Night
- 20 Halogen Conference for Year 6 leaders
- 24 Parent/Teacher Learning Conferences
- 24 O&M Sport Yr 7&8
- 26 OM Sport Yr 9-12
- 27 Last day Term 1
2.30pm Finish

April

- 14 Term 2 Starts

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

Advice on Coronavirus

Our first priority is always the wellbeing of our children and the school community. While our students are less likely to be affected by the virus, we need to be mindful of the possibility of the spread of the virus to families and the elderly. We are being provided the latest advice from the Australian and Victorian Chief Medical Officers through the Department of Education to ensure that our school is best prepared as possible to respond to the current situation.

We will respond to any incidents that arise by following advice and directives from Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Department of Education at all times and will have access to their resources and support. The Andrews Government has indicated that there may be a need for 'social distancing measures to control the spread of the virus at some point.' This may include possible school closures. The College will be following DHHS and Department advice in relation to individual school or state wide school closures. We will keep you informed of any developments as they arise.

Myrtleford Festival – College Float

I am confident that everyone enjoyed the festival parade on Sunday. It was another fantastic community event! I was very proud of the large number of happy and excited students who represented our college. I would also like to acknowledge the many staff who attended. Their willingness to attend school events during the weekend demonstrates their commitment to our children and our community. We were excited on Wednesday to be told that our school was awarded the 'Best use of Parade Theme' prize. Thank you to all involved, particularly Kit Cartwright for coordinating the production of our wonderful props.



College Council Vacancies

As you would be aware elections for parent representatives on college council concluded this week. There are still parent representative vacancies on the council. We have extended the timeline for nominations until 4:00pm on Tuesday 17th March. If you are interested in becoming a parent representative please contact the office to complete a nomination form.

Myrtleford P12 College is a Child Safe School.

All our Child Safe policies can be accessed on the College website.
<http://www.myrtlefordp12.vic.edu.au>

Primary Swimming Sports

OVENS WINS!

Ovens 1341
Buffalo 1109
Barwidgee 926



INDIVIDUAL AGE CHAMPIONS

9 Year F Maya Emanuelli

9 Year M Louis Sanderson

10 Year F Paige Kiss

10 Year M Tex Cartwright

11 Year F Olive Fullwood

11 Year M Riley Howell

12 Year F Molly Knobel

12 Year M Geordie McEwan

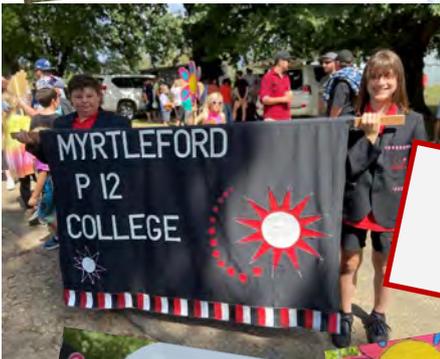
13 Year F Ashlee Cousins



The Myrtleford Festival Parade



Didn't we look fantastic! A great job by all the students and staff involved in the Festival Parade last weekend. Special thanks and congratulations to Mrs Kit Cartwright, who pulled it all together and coordinated the making of all the props.



Our entry was the winner of the "Best Use of the Parade Theme"!



Our girls are off to Hume!



Five students hit the pool last this week at the Ovens and Mitta Swimming Carnival. They all swam exceptionally well. These four girls have qualified to attend the Hume Region Competition later in the year. Their individual swimming results can be seen here. Both Amy Gunson and Lani Cousins were awarded Age Champion for their respective age groups. A fabulous achievement! All 1st and 2nd placings

Matilda Knobel
 3rd 100m Breaststroke 1:53.09
 4th 50m Breaststroke 53.10
 3rd 100m Freestyle 1:25.15
 2nd (equal) 50m Freestyle 37.41
 6th 50m Backstroke

Lani Cousins
 1st 100m Freestyle 1:13.43
 1st 200m Freestyle 2:47.19
 1st 50m Freestyle 33.40
 2nd 100m Backstroke 1:29.50
 1st 50m Backstroke 41.11
 Age Champion

Amy Gunson
 2nd 50m Freestyle 33.67
 1st 50m Breaststroke 47.30
 1st 50m Butterfly 36.57
 2nd 50m Backstroke 39.87
 1st 200m Individual Medley 3:11.17
 Age Champion

Cody Howell
 6th 50m Freestyle

The relay team of Amy, Lani, Matilda and Darcy
 1st 200m Freestyle Relay 2:23.52
 1st 200m Medley Relay 2:50.88

qualify to swim at Hume. Well done to the whole P12 College team! We are proud of all of your efforts.

Mrs Sanderson

Active Travel Workshop

On Thursday 5th of March the Prep-6 Captains and Vice-Captains went to Bright for an Active Travel Workshop to help the school get some ideas for promoting active travel to and from school. We sat down in groups and discussed different ideas for posters, safe zones etc. It was a great day and we had a good time working with students from other schools in our area.

By Scarlett and Archer



A few words from Isaac Whittingham.....

CFA CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Sunday March 28th, I competed with the Gapsted CFA team in the CFA Championships against Springhurst, Chiltern and others. The team members were Riley, Taylah, Frankie, Isaac, Zali, Jordan, Blake and fill in 'Mack'. We won the Bronze Medal.



My favourite part was when I competed, because I thought I did really well. I really like sitting in the bucket of water after training because training makes you hot. My favourite event on the day was squirting the hose at the target to make the light flash. I had a good day with the team!

One day I went to school, it was Wednesday. The night before I got some blue baling twine from the hay shed. Then I put it in my bag to take to school. I asked Mrs Watson if I could make crackers at recess time, she said, "Yes." At play time I made seven or eight of them.

Before lunch Mrs Watson, Mr Sharp the Grade Four and Five classes went to the big oval.

I gave the kids a whip cracking demonstration. The grass was wet so the leather got wet and soggy then SNAPPED!!!

One of my goals is to go in a whip cracking competition.

Whip cracking is my second passion.



By Isaac Whittingham

VCAL practice Job Interviews

The School Community is very grateful to four local Myrtleford business members who spent two hours last Friday at the school. The four business members, Tim Cossor, Craig McPherson, Shantelle Triffit and Marnie Broz, came and gave job interviews to the VCAL class.

Students had the opportunity to complete interviews with two different members of our interview panel. For many students it was the first time they had completed an interview with someone outside of the classroom. Teachers and students interviewing you is not quite the same as the real thing!

The panel members gave written feedback to each student and to the staff at the school so we can identify skills or responses that need to be improved. We are so very grateful to the panel members for their time. It takes a community to

raise a child and we really acknowledge the time and effort given to be a part of educating our youth. It might give a student the opportunity to impress at an upcoming real job interview and set the student up for life.

Myrtleford P-12 College have been very fortunate to have Danielle Caponecchia join the staff as our careers specialist. Danielle was instrumental in setting up this leaning activity and the students are very grateful to have her about helping with their future pathways.

Again the biggest of thanks to all involved - our VCAL students really appreciated the experience.

Mr. Victor Selway



Big History Project 9/10 Elective



This is **13.8 billion** years in the making! And it's **BIG**!

This is Big History, where we are asking the **BIG** questions. How did we get to where we are now? Where do humans fit in and where are we headed? In Year 9/10 we are canvassing the entire history of the universe, our planet and the very meaning of being human. From Copernicus and Galileo, Newton and the big bang; we delve into physics, biology, chemistry and astrophysics while exploring anthropology and sociology. We look at everything leading to the formation of life and us. We,

humans, are remarkable yet fragile and through collective learning from one generation to the next, we have developed agriculture and a modern revolution. But only through understanding all that has come before, can we speculate, where to now?

<https://www.bighistoryproject.com/chapters/1#intro>

Julie Maine

HEALTH CORNER...with Adolescent Health Nurse Rosemary Bunge

Year 12 Wellbeing Day was held last week in the Year 12 room. Students were able to de-stress a little with some simple shoulder massages or hand scrub and massage. They were also treated to some morning tea. I'm looking forward to offering these days 1 or 2 times a term to help them cope with their studies.

Year 2 visit to Myrtleford Lodge

Year 2 enjoyed walking down to the Lodge and sharing their readers and a song with their friends down there. Some students even got to take part in a game of Bingo, even having the chance of calling the numbers.

Breakfast

Breakfast continues to run each Tuesday and Friday thanks to other staff members who are making sure it still runs on a Friday, even with me having the day off. On Tuesday mornings find us in the SLA with cheese toasties, fruit cups, Cheerios and water and milk to drink. Friday is toast and spreads day. Also cereal, fruit cups, milo, milk and juice to drink. Don't forget to get your day off to a great start. It is free, all you need is a smile.

Immunisations

Year 7 and 10 immunisations happened on Tuesday March 10th. Year 7 did a great job with most students returning their signed cards. Year 10 return rate was not so good. This was disappointing. I will be talking to Year 10 students about immunisation next term and the Shire nurses will return later in April to catch up those who have been missed. Some students were on camp, others off from school and others not consented. Catch up will be also for any Year 7 who missed out because they were sick or absent on Tuesday.



Quote of the Week: Give your stress wings and let it fly away. Terri Guillemets

.....Rosemary Bunge



Minus18 Visit

Myrtleford P-12 College is committed to creating a safe and inclusive environment for all its students, staff and families, regardless of their sexuality, gender, cultural background, disability or other circumstances.

As in all Victorian Government Schools, Myrtleford P-12 College supports inclusivity for all students and families within the school community:

On Wednesday 11th March students in Years 9-12 had the opportunity to participate in a session run by Seb and Tessa from Minus18. Minus18 is an organization that works to build understanding of LGBTIQ identities.

Ms Macrae



Talking about Maths.... with Ms Macrae

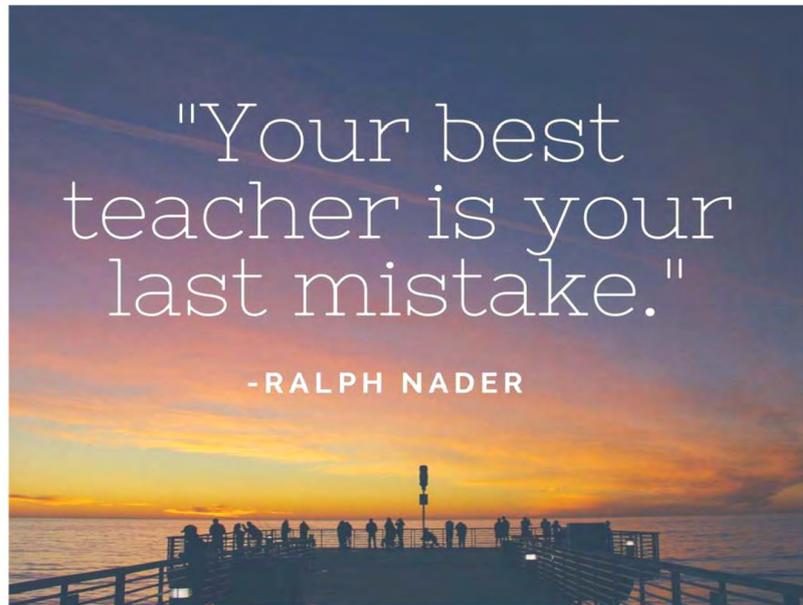
MATHS NEWS: Mistakes are Good

Recent research on our brains has showed that, when we make a mistake, synapses fire. A synapse is an electrical signal that moves between parts of the brain when learning occurs. This research on mistakes is hugely important for math teachers and parents, as it tells us that making a mistake is a very good thing.

Mistakes are not only opportunities for learning, as students consider and fix their mistakes, but also times when our brains grow.

Understanding the power of mistakes is critical, as children and adults everywhere often feel terrible when they make a mistake in math. However, it is actually really important to value our mistakes in Maths, as they are signs of progress and challenge!

For more information about mistakes and the brain, visit the Stanford University website youcubed.com and search 'Mistakes are Good'.



MATHS PATHWAYS INFORMATION NIGHT: *FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS IN YEARS 7-9*

This year, students in Years 7-9 have started work on the Maths Pathway program. This enables us to tailor your child's learning in mathematics to a far greater extent than ever before.

We will be holding a Parent Information Night at the school on Wednesday 18th March at 6pm, where we will discuss your child's maths learning in further detail and answer any questions. We will also show you how to use the data in the Parent Portal to check in on your child's progress and discuss how you can support your child in their maths learning.

Details for this event are as follows:

Date: Wednesday 18th March

Time: 6pm – 7pm

Location: Classroom SLC4 (found next to the Mummy Rd car park)

Recommended: Please bring your child's device with you so that you can log into the Parent Portal on our school network during the event.

A parent letter has been sent home with students in Years 7-9 to invite all families to attend this night.

If you have questions about this evening, or if you can't attend the info night, please contact your child's mathematics teacher, or maths coordinator Jess Macrae (macrae.jessica.j@edumail.vic.gov.au).

**SAVE
THIS
DATE!**

18th
March
6-7pm

SLC4

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

Green Card Winners

Term 1 Week 5



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

Connor Dyball
Shae Dyball
Lakota Curran
Krysta Livermore
Isabella Norris
Olivia Brown
Vishva Maheshwari
Harlow Mitchell
Indiana Hickey
Ayla McIntyre
Allie Wilson
Seth Martin

Following teacher directions

Wearing my uniform proudly

Using respectful language

Trying my hardest

Congratulations!!

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

Green Card Winners

Term 1 Week 7



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

Blake Fuller
Sienna Alam
Matilda Gabler
Hayden Watson
Liliana Turner-Spessot
Jia Maheshwari
Jamee Batt
Tayla Walters
Sein Pai Ling
Ava Kneebone
Indiana Westley
Deagan Ramia-Majors (absent)

Following teacher directions

Wearing my uniform proudly

Using respectful language

Trying my hardest

Congratulations!!

HOMEWORK AND ASSIGNMENTS DUE DATES

DUE DATE	SUBJECT	ASSIGNMENT	TEACHER
PREP H			
		Read Jolly Phonics Sound Book and practice M100W words - Record in diary	CHO
PREP L			
		Practise Jolly Phonic sounds each night	KLO
YEAR 1W and YEAR 1S			
		Practise M100 Words, nightly reading and counting on 100s chart	EWA/DSG
YEAR 2AH and YEAR 2O'D			
		Nightly reading of home reader and a chat about the text to develop comprehension. Reading and or spelling of high frequency words from M100W lists.	NAN/BHO/ KOD
YEAR 3L			
		Complete homework sheets, WTW activities and home reading.	LLI
YEAR 4MA			
		Homework this term for 4M will consist of Spelling practise, Math Mates sheets and a literacy sheet, as well as reading for 20 minutes each night.	SMA
YEAR 4MS			
		Weekly Maths Mate and Literacy Sheet combining comprehension and grammar activities. Words Their Way Sheet with nightly activities to complete.	PMC/JSH
YEAR 5W			
		“Stamina” read for 15-20mins each night	WWA
YEAR 6			
		The homework cycle is Monday through Friday. Students are complete a double-sided Math Mates page, practise their spelling words and read nightly (a minimum of 3 reading entries in their diary to qualify for “Free Time Friday”).	KHA/ALI/ LCR

EGGCELENT EASTER RAFFLE



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Banking as it should be.

Easter is fast approaching, that means it's time for our **EGGCELLENT EASTER RAFFLE !!!**

We are, again asking for donations from families to contribute please, (can be eggs or other easterly items)

Your generosity is always very appreciated.

*Last year we had over **40** prizes to giveaway*

Each family will be given a raffle book to sell tickets.

All sold and unsold tickets need to be returned to the office by Monday 23rd March. Tickets are \$2 each or \$5 for 3.

Thank you,
Parents Club.

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