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Principal Clatko Pear

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Calendar

March

11 Labour Day Public Holiday-no school

13 Parents Club Meeting

13-22 NAPLAN

18 Year 7 Immunisations

21 Prep/Year 1 *Room on a Broom* Excursion

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

College Council - notice of election and call for nominations

The 2024 College Council elections for members of the Myrtleford P12 College community will take place over the next few weeks. Detailed information regarding College Council representation is included on page 8 of this newsletter. The College would like to thank Di Durling, Sean Hynes and Romina McEwan for their input and commitment as your parent representatives on College Council. All outgoing representatives are eligible to nominate for another term.

There are four (4) parent vacancies for this term. Nomination forms will be available at the general office at the school from this Tuesday 12th March and must be lodged by 4 pm on Wednesday 20th March 2024. If there are more nominations than vacancies an election will be held. We will advise of the timing of the next meeting of College Council once the election process is complete.

Professional Leaning Day

All our primary school teachers and support staff spent today working with Reid Smith. Reid is an experienced teacher and expert in developing curriculum across a range of year levels and bridging the gap between educational research and practice. The day followed on from the curriculum audit staff completed last year to further establish a coherent curriculum that builds background knowledge. This will initially focus on science and humanities.



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FINAL RESULTS

1st - Buffalo - 1278 2nd - Barwidgee - 1043 3rd - Ovens - 962



Primary Swimming Sports



Age Champions 9 Years - Liz Simpson and Beau Sanderson 10 Years - Lola Michelini and Lennox Procter 11 Years- Charlie Pugh and Nate Michelini 12 Years - Olivia Brown and Nash Durling

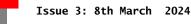
Recognition of Effort Aesha-Jade O'Brien and Jaxsen Menz



New Records Set

Corrado Salvemini (9 Year 25m Freestyle) 22.99 (Old record: 2020 Blake Parolin 24.32) Emerson Salvemini (10 Year 25m Freestyle) 19.74 (Old record: 2020 Leon Gabler 22.85) Lennox Procter (10 Year 25m Backstroke) 28.92 (Old record: 2020 Easton Fullwood 30.86) Nate Michelini (13 Year 25m Butterfly) 23.62 (Old record: 2023 Louis Sanderson 24.83)





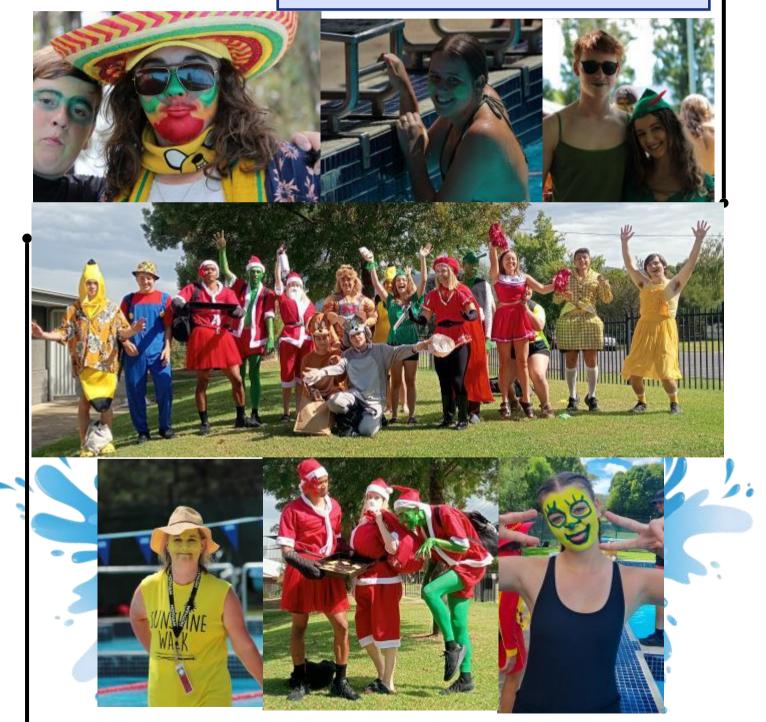
Secondary Swimming Sports

FINAL RESULTS

1st - Buffalo - 1659 2nd - Barwidgee - 1201 3rd - Ovens - 1046

Age Champions

13 Years - Eden Magyar and Louis Sanderson
14 Years - Madilyn Ramia and Connor McEwan
15 Years - Sienna Schell and Jake Hodgkin
16 Years- Molly Knobel and Dane Magyar
17 Years- Ashlee Cousins and Jac Lewis
20 years- Jemimah Jordan and Jaydon Clarke





HEALTH CORNER...with School Nurse Rosemary Dax

I'm at Myrtleford P12 College on Mondays and Tuesdays I can be contacted by email <u>Rosemary.Dax@education.vic.gov.au</u> or on 0438 710 584.

Intergenerational Playgroup

A new group of Year 8 students are off and running, helping me to organise our Intergenerational Playgroup 0-101 for 2024. Welcome Connor McEwan, Emma Pitman, Cooper Boyer, Blake Fuller, Isabelle Morrison, Meyah Cunnington and Aliza Kneebone to the team. What a marvellous job they are doing already.

We've had more amazing mornings at

Intergenerational Playgroup, watching the faces of the elderly light up and watching young people taking great initiative in caring for others. I am getting goosebumps when even the most frail residents join in with the singing and actions to *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star* and *Incy Wincy Spider*, and when our young people see an older person playing pool alone and join them. The toddlers and babies are loving the connection with everyone. We are all winning!

I'm so proud of the Myrtleford P12 College Year 8 students who are assisting with this program.





HEALTH CORNER...with School Nurse Rosemary Dax

We welcome all young families to join us. Please contact me for more details.

This playgroup is held between 10.30 -11.30 at Myrtleford Lodge Aged Care each Monday morning in school term (excluding public holidays).

Adults (including Year 8 students) are required to have a negative RATS to attend.



2024 School Council Elections - Information for Parents

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students. *Who is on the school council?*

There are three possible categories of membership:

• A Mandated Elected Parent Category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school.

• A Mandated Elected DEECD Employee Category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

• An Optional Community Member Category. Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council or encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The Principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent Category.

DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the Principal within the time stated on the notice of election. If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.
- Contact the Principal for further information.



Parents Club News Next Parents Club meeting is Wed 13th March

9am in meeting room of Admin building. All welcome.

Tesselaar Bulb catalogues have been sent home with primary students. You can order directly from their website at https://www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/MYRTCOLL

With 40% of sales takings coming back to Parents' Club, this is a great fundraiser to support. The bulbs will be delivered directly to your home. Closes 11th April or until sold out.

Easter Raffle is happening again. Please bring donations of Easter chocolate or Easter related items to the office by 18th March. Raffle tickets will be sent home on Tuesday with students and are to be returned with monies and unsold tickets to the office by Thursday 21st March. Raffle to be drawn Monday 25th March, starting with 1st, 2nd, 3rd at Green Card Assembly and the remainder immediately after.

There will be a sausage sizzle on Wednesday 27th March. Further details to follow. Lots of other activities and fundraising events are coming up for the rest of the year, so stay tuned.

Myrtleford P12 College is committed to the implementation of Child Safe Standards to promote the safety and wellbeing of all young people.

Myrtleford P12 College acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we stand and pay our respect to the Elders both past, present and future.



Primary School Leadership



School Captains Tanishka Sharma George Milligan Vice Captains Kiro Fantonalgo Amelia Heatley

SRC MEMBERS

Emerson Salvemini, George Milligan, Ameliya Heatley, Tanishka Sharma, Kiro Fantonalgo, Lara Menz, Cooper Lee Billie Mull, Daisy Ives, Harlow Mitchell, Lola Michelini, Ruby DeLaRue, Holly Dwyer





COLLEGE NEWS



AUSTRALIAN MATHS TRUST

Expressions of interest: Are you in Years 3-12? Do you want to be a part of an online maths competition??

Inspired by the AMT's Australian Mathematics Competition, Kangourou Sans Frontières (KSF) is now the largest maths competitions in the

world, with more than 6 million participants each year. Held in March, the KSF is a great opportunity for students to experience maths in a competition environment!

Later this month, students will spend 60-75 minutes (Primary = 60, Secondary =75) completing a number of maths problems and submitting answers online.

Please email Mrs Mitchell by Friday 15th March to express your interest <u>lia.mitchell@education.vic.gov.au</u>

Real Care Infant Simulator for Health and Human Development classes

Myrtleford P-12 College is very excited to announce the arrival of our newly-manufactured baby girl! After the success of the program in 2023, we have made a significant investment and purchased our very own RealCare Infant Simulator. Its main purpose will be for use in the Unit 1&2 Health and Human Development class, but it will likely be used in some junior health classes as well.

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I am excited to run the program again in 2024 and provide the students with an unforgettable experience.

Miss Schaefer

Daniela Findlay



Teaching subjects/working area: Year 7 & 8 Italian LOTE

About me: Ciao! I grew up in Melbourne and always wanted to live and work in the country and have been living in Beechworth with my three beautiful children since 2008. I enjoy working in the fields of education and health and love the great outdoors and the ocean. I am passionate about self-development and encouraging others to be their personal best and sharing and teaching about Italian culture in my classes.

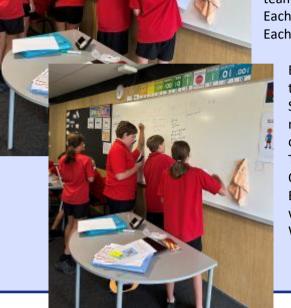
Something I enjoy doing out of school : farming , cooking , camping, colouring in and fishing.

Personal message: Myrtleford P12 College is a warm and friendly school that is supportive to students and staff and a great place to work. I look forward to getting to know everyone at school and in the community and seeing you at La Fiera Festival and enriching the school with creative, enjoyable Italian experiences.

7B Arithmetic Games Challenge

On 29th February, Year 7B participated in the Arithmetic Game Challenge. The class was divided into teams of three students. Each team was given a set of 10 cards. Each card had 4 numbers.





Each team had to try and make the number 60 using each of the four numbers on the card **exactly** once.

Students could use any operation of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. The use of brackets and the rules of BODMAS was encouraged to make each equation correct. Teams were asked to record their equations on the board. One point was awarded to each correct equation. Each team was totally engaged in this activity and students worked positively together.

Well done 7B – I am very proud of your efforts.

Ms Jane Thorn

Year 9/10 Elective- Curious Minds

Curious Minds is a 9/10 elective subject where students use logic and reasoning to solve problems and puzzles. During this lesson student pairs raced against each other in transferring a glass marble 10m across the oval into the finishing bucket using only short lengths of PVC pipe. Students were not allowed to touch the marble with their hands and created a dynamic bridge of pipe in their efforts to win. Ashlee Cousins and Molly Knobel demonstrated a cool, calm, and collected approach to the task to become victorious in the challenge.

Mr Kalian Barnes



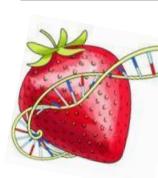
Science Term 1 update

The Science Labs have been full of activity since the beginning of term. Check out what we have been up to:

Year 10A - Extracting DNA from Strawberries

10A Science – Extracting DNA from a strawberry

10A has had an excellent start to the year in their study of DNA and inheritance. One of our first experiments was to extract DNA from a strawberry. It is surprisingly easy – it can even be done at home! It is always amazing to see just how much DNA can come from a single strawberry.













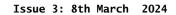












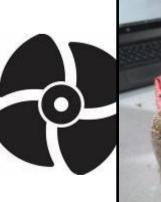
Year 9/10- Building Boats

9/10 STEM Elective – Building boats Year 9 and 10 students have learnt about the Engineering Design Cycle at the beginning of this term. They applied the cycle to research, design and construct boat prototypes. They also had the opportunity to reflect on the features of their boats and build a modified design to improve the performance of the boat. It was brilliant to see students begin to incorporate motors and circuitry, different buoyancy features and creativity into their designs.



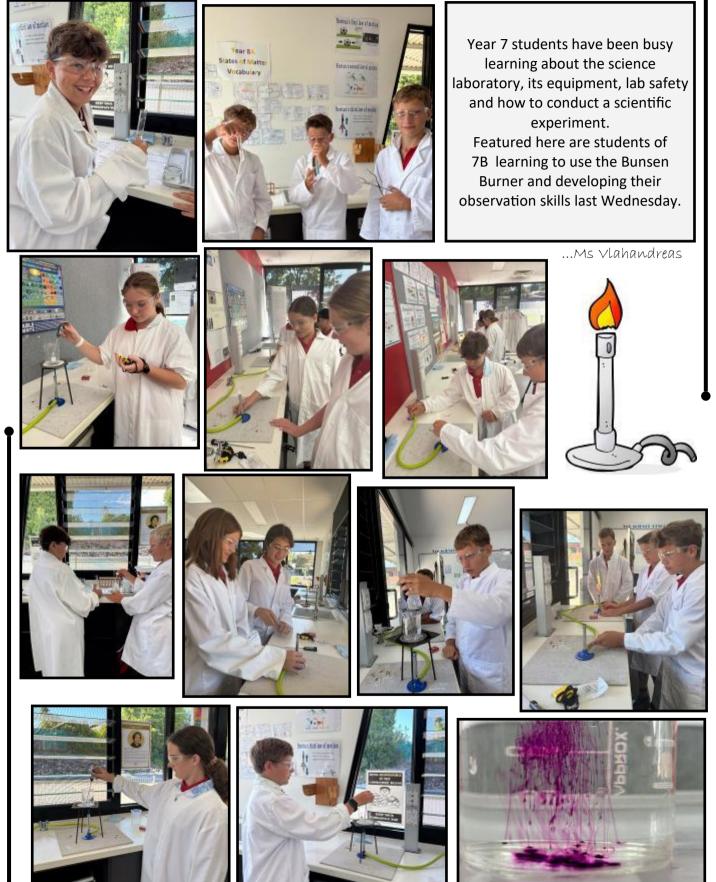








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As part of the Year 1 and 2 Science unit 'Earth's Resources', students participated in making icecream to spark their curiosity about where things come from. Students were hands-on, mixing ingredients to make their own ice cream and learning about where those ingredients come from.

We discovered that milk and cream come from cows and that farmers milk them to get the milk. Sugar, which adds sweetness to the ice cream, comes from sugar cane which are grown on farms. Salt, which helps lower the freezing point of the ice cream mixture to -4 degrees, comes from salt mines or from evaporating seawater.





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Our goal was to help children understand more about how we use Earth's resources every day and to inspire them to explore the natural world further. *Mrs Allan and Mrs Cavallin*







https://thefatheringproject.org/about-us/

Father-child playtime is an important aspect of a child's development. Playtime not only allows for bonding and building a stronger relationship between a father and child, but it also has significant positive effects on a child's development. In this short blog, we will explore the benefits of fathers

and father figures simply playing with their children, and how it positively impacts their development.

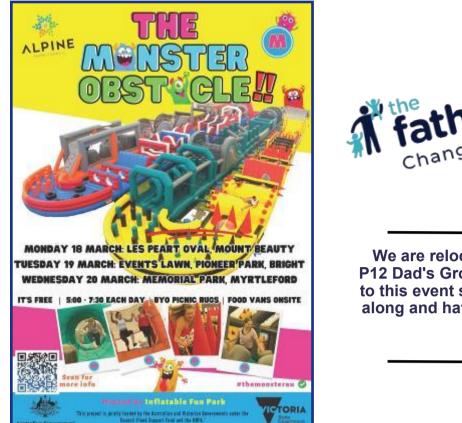
- Builds Social Skills Fathers playing with their children allows children to develop social skills, such as cooperation, sharing, and taking turns. These skills are important for future social interactions, such as making friends, school, and work environments. Father-child playtime can also help children develop emotional intelligence by learning how to identify and manage emotions through role-playing and other types of play.
- 2. Encourages Physical Development Fathers playing with their children can also have a significant impact on a child's physical development. Activities such as throwing and catching a ball, riding a bike, or simply running around can help develop gross motor skills, coordination, and balance. These skills are essential for a child's overall development, and the opportunities to engage in physical activity with their fathers are important.
- 3. Enhances Cognitive Development Fathers playing with their children can help children develop their cognitive abilities, such as problem-solving, imagination, and creativity. Playtime can also help with language development as children learn new words and phrases through storytelling and role-playing. Furthermore, playtime can help with spatial awareness and mathematical skills as children learn to measure and count objects during play.
- 4. **Boosts Confidence and Self-Esteem** Fathers playing with their children helps children to develop a sense of self-esteem and confidence. When fathers play with their children, they naturally provide encouragement and positive reinforcement, which helps them to feel valued and supported. When children feel valued and supported, they are more likely to take on new challenges, try new things, and develop and improve their self-efficacy.
- 5. Creates Lifelong Memories Fathers playing with their children can create lifelong memories that they will cherish for years to come. These memories can have a lasting impact on a child's development, as they provide a positive experience that children can reflect upon and draw upon for strength and inspiration as they grow older. These memories can also help foster a strong relationship between fathers and children, which can provide a foundation for a lifetime of love and support.

Tips taken from the following website:

https://thefatheringproject.org/fathering-channel/howfathers-play-an-important-role-in-their-childs-education/ "Why can't a leopard hide? Because they are always spotted!"

The Fathering Project is an evidence-based organisation that aims to promote positive fathering behaviours and fathers' engagement with their infants, preschool, primary school and adolescent-aged children.

Myrtleford P12 College is excited to be involved in the Fathering Project Watch this newsletter for handy tips and upcoming activities for all the Fathers out there.





We are relocating our Myrtleford P12 Dad's Group Activity for Term 1 to this event so hope you can come along and have some fun with your kids!

Library News...

It has been a peasure to be able to work with the 2024 Library Leaders this last couple of weeks. Zoe and Awi have been busy learning the procedures for; borrowing within the library, helping to process new books into the library, putting up displays, learning to shelve books in the correct positions, and they have even had the privilege of handing out green cards to student showing responsibility with their library loans. They will be super busy in the next couple of months too, as we start the Premier's Reading Challenge, and make preparations for Book Week and other library activities. Lunchtime activities will start soon too!



Zoe is putting together a new Open/Closed sign for the library, incorporating the theme of "Reading is magic" so it will be exciting to see what she comes up with for that.

Awi has erected a display about her favourite graphic novel- *Four Eyes by Rex Ogle and Dave Valenza*, The display was up for one day and already the two copies of the book are on loan! Great job on your display Awi.

I look forward to sharing more on what our two library leaders get up to.

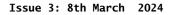
Mrs Morgan

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A selected group of students from Years 3-6 participated in the Ovens and Mitta Region Swimming Carnival on March 1st. All students had a great day representing our school. Well done to : Lola Michelini, Harlow Mitchell, Shyanne Clarke, Ruby De La Rue, Hayley Jennings, Olivia Brown, Eliza Humphries, Emerson Salvemini, Lennox Proctor, Nate Michelini, Nash Durling.

Ms Bigger

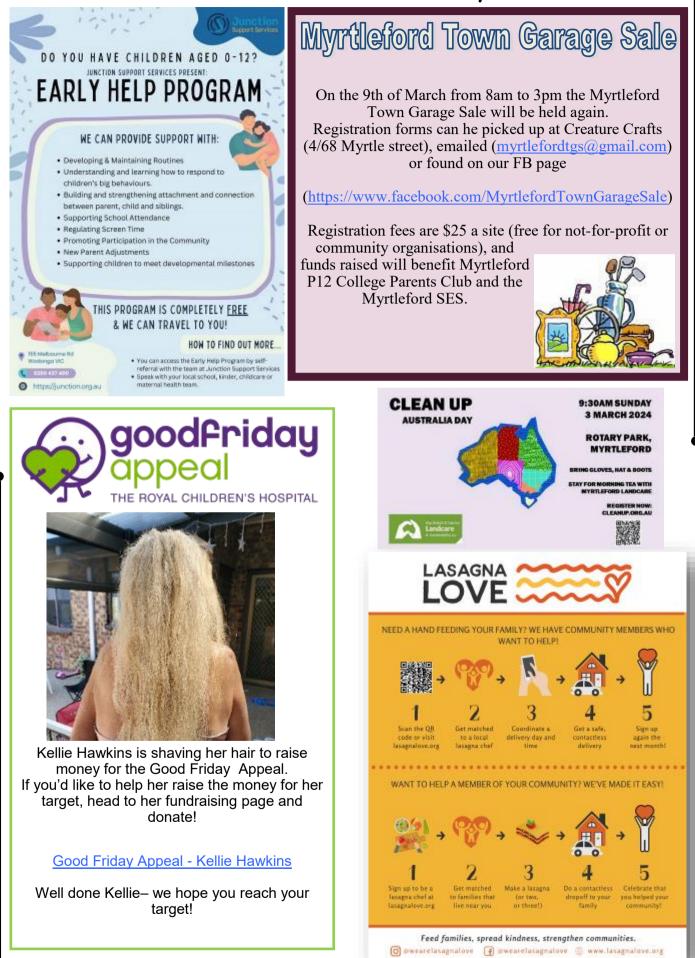


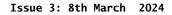


OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PERSONS



In the Community







SPORT IN THE COMMUNITY

Registrations Now Open

Visit Myrtleford Netball Club Facebook Page or email: myrtnetball@gmail·com for registration links and further information

Cost: \$90 (includes participant pack)



For all children aged 5 to 9 years old (children must have turned 5 by 30/4/24) Commencing Wednesday 17th April

Junior Netball Competition

This competition is for girls & boys in grade 3* and above. Commencing 17th April 2024 @ RC McNamara Reserve Cost: \$90 (Incl \$66 VNA Insurance)

Registrations close Thursday 28th March 2024

*Please email myrtnetball@gmail.com prior to registering if the player has not previously participated in <u>NetSetGo</u> or Competition

Senior Netball Competition

Commencing 16th April 2024 @ Myrtleford Indoor Stadius Cost: \$170 (Incl. Insurance, Stadium Entry & Umpires Individual & Team Registrations close Thursday 28th March 2024







Calling all females aged 12 to adult !!!!

The MSSC is offering free training sessions for the month of February. Kick start 2024 and be a part of what is building to be a huge year for the club.

Perhaps you have never played before or you are an advanced player, this one's for you.

Go to the link below to express your interest in learning more about our fantastic female programs. Grab your neighbour, sister, mother, or friend for a fun February at the MSSC.



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