A few words from the Principal...

Student/Parent/Teacher Learning Conferences
Parent/Teacher/Student learning conferences for all students were conducted last night. Thank you to all the parents who attended and it was pleasing to see so many students participating. If you were not able to attend the session and would like to discuss your child’s progress please contact the relevant teacher to arrange a convenient time to meet.

The Big Walk
The Parents Club 4th annual ‘Big Walk’ up Mt Buffalo will be held Easter Saturday. The walk is getting bigger each year and is a great community event and significant fundraiser for the Parents Club. Put on your walking boots and we will see you at the top of the mountain.

MT BUFFALO THE BIG WALK
9AM EASTER SATURDAY
15 APRIL 2017

See Page 7 Parents Club News for more details

End of Term
As you would be aware today is the last day of term. We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 18th April when classes resume for term two. Please have a safe Easter holiday period.

....Zlatko Pear
SCHOOL CANTEEN UPDATE
With the reopening of the canteen in early Term 2, plans are well underway for the grand opening! Staff, students and parents are busily working on new menu ideas and there are many exciting things planned.
We are seeking volunteers to assist with the day to day running of the canteen under the guidance of the Canteen Manager. Ideally we would like one or two parents, from 10am until 2pm daily. We are hopeful that we will receive enough interest that people will only be rostered on once per term.
Please contact the office for further information or to register your interest.

PREP TO YEAR 12 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
A detailed program of events including event times will be available at the office to collect for interested families. Parents and friends are encouraged to come and cheer or assist with primary field events.
· Students should dress in their house colours or school uniform. Runners should be worn for the day.
· Don’t forget broad brimmed hats, sunscreen and drink bottles.
· Students wishing to use zinc or coloured hairspray are asked to apply this at home prior to coming to school.
· Students will all need to bring a packed snack and lunch. Lunch will be from approximately 12.35pm until 1pm.
Parents Club will also be holding a sausage sizzle on the day with sausages available for $2 each.
Any additional information about this event will be announced through the skoolbag app.

1000 BOOKS BEFORE SCHOOL
Teachers at Myrtleford P12 College are pleased to let parents know about the ‘1000 Books Before School’ Program run by public libraries in Victoria. The idea is to enhance the literacy skills of children by reading to them from a very early age, hence the name ‘1000 books before school’. Research shows that babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers develop literacy skills by listening to stories, engaging with pictures, singing, rhyming and ‘reading together’. The more books children hear, the better prepared they are when it comes time for them to learn how to read. Research shows that children who are read to six or seven times a week have a literacy level almost a year ahead of children who are not read to at home. By reading to your child or sharing books with them for around 15 minutes each day, they get a head start, and you will read around 1000 books over three years.
You can register as part of this program at the Myrtleford Library.

Alpine School for Student Leadership
Luke Woodbury, Charlotte Martin and Emma Shaw have been selected from Myrtleford P-12 College to attend the Alpine School for Student Leadership, Snowy River Campus for Term 2.
The Alpine School for Student Leadership is a Victorian Department of Education and Training (DET) initiative offering a unique residential education experience for Year nine students. The curriculum focuses on personal development and team learning projects sourced from students’ home regions. There are three campuses in iconic locations across Victoria.
Our students will participate in a range of activities and classes that will help strengthen their leadership abilities. They will share accommodation with students from around the state and develop their independence as learners.
Attending the Alpine School is an incredible opportunity and we are very lucky to have been considered for 2017.
The MART program is open to all students of Myrtleford P-12 College - from Year 3 upwards. The aim of the program is to develop skills and confidence in snow sports under professional instruction, while supervised by school staff and parents.

We are looking forward to another exciting snow season at Mt Hotham. There are some changes to the 2017 program which are outlined below. Families interested in MART this year need to note the following information.

**2017 DATES**

- Wednesday the 26th July
- Saturday the 29th of July
- Tuesday the 1st of August
- Saturday the 5th of August
- Saturday the 19th of August
- Wednesday the 23rd of August
- Saturday the 26th of August
- Friday the 1st of September
- Saturday the 2nd of September (Backup)

**Important To Note in 2017**

- Due to staffing limitations, places per school in the 2017 MART program will be capped.
- Preference will be given to those students interested in the 8 day program, however if we do have space, students will be offered the 4 day program
- The website with program information and costs will be ‘live’ in Term 2.
- AS SOON as the website goes live I would encourage you to indicate your interest via the website.
- If you have not been involved in the program and need further information please contact me asap.

Jo Milford
Email: milford.joanne.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
Phone: 0419 974 694

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**MYRTLEFORD FIRE BRIGADE**

**GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL 2017**

Friday 14th April 2017

We are again asking for volunteers for this special day.

Children under 12 years must be accompanied by an adult and everyone who is participating must sign in at the Myrtleford Fire Station from 8.15am for a 9 am start

PLEASE HELP TO HELP OTHERS
In 3C we have grown beans this term for our science experiment. This helped us to see the life cycle of a plant in action!

Last week, we planted our beans in the school garden and finished with clean hands thanks to Dahlsen’s Mitre 10 Myrtleford!

Enormous thank you to Claire Stock for organising everything to run smoothly—thank you Claire!!!

We hope to produce many beans for the school canteen and learn about healthy eating later in the year.

.....Miss Conroy
Jay, Ashlee, Lily and Charli are doing reader’s theatre called “The Creepy Cat Club” to the class. Each week the class selects four who have been working well and they sit together and rehearse one of Mrs Manning’s reader’s theatre plays.

Hudson and Ayla from 3C joined Jordan and Mitchell to write a thank you letter to Dahlsen’s Mitre 10.

Riley, Ashlee, Charli and Lily using the computers and iPads in Maths. Recently we have borrowed the Year 2 iPads so that we can look at some coding apps. They are hard but fun to do.

Sometimes we borrow the Year 5 computers to do our work. Samantha and Jordan are completing Maths learning tasks online.

Zeke is completing his Words Their Way spelling sort.

On Wednesday’s we have PE with Mr Tyson.

…..Mrs Manning
More great work from the Woodwork room.....

Ashley O'Brien's Catapult

Declan Bren's Headphone Stand

Rikki Arnol's Coffee Table

Left: Year 8 catapults

Health Corner... with Adolescent Health Nurse Rosemary Bunge

Breakfast has continued outside this Term due to canteen renovations and I have been very lucky to have great support from a large number of student helpers including most weeks Rochelle Jupp, Will Burns, Darcy Hulsbosch, Ryan Fletcher-Jones and Nicholle Nolan. This really helps especially with the extra distance running from staffroom to outside and cooking toast in the staffroom. Well done guys.

Today Tuesday 28/3/17 we had a big breakfast to celebrate a great first term. Again many helpers, students, staff and parents. A big shout out to parents Claire, Linda and Elizabeth. Many hands make light work and this was proven again today with our bacon and egg breakfast treat. Thanks so much to the Roundabout Op shop for their donation of $100 to the breakfast program and as always to Heiner’s Bakery, Myrtleford Bakehouse and Coles. We are so well supported and it is very much appreciated.

Have a great holiday everyone and see you in term 2 to do it all again.

Quote of the week:
“I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot: together we can do great things” 

……..Rosemary Bunge
BIG WALK
The perfect activity for working off the Easter chocolate! Contact Bernadette Hays 0438 403 068

MT BUFFALO THE BIG WALK
9AM EASTER SATURDAY
15 APRIL 2017

The Big Walk is 11.5km from Eurobin Creek Picnic Area to the Chalet
4-5 hours walking (one way) with return bus provided
Walk starts 9 to 10am at Eurobin Creek Picnic Area at base of Mt Buffalo
Hydration & fruit stations along walk plus soup & BBQ lunch at the top
$15 Adult or $25 Family
Supporting Myrtleford P12 College Parents Club
Info & Registration 0438 403 068 or Facebook.com/The Big Walk

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY
Fresh Fruit Friday has commenced this term and is better than ever! The kids are loving it, with a huge selection to choose from, the platters are full of colour, variety and smell delicious! A huge thank-you to our new supplier, Myrtleford Foodworks for their very generous donations of fruit weekly....Shantelle Triffitt

WOOD RAFFLE
Thank you for returning tickets and money. This will be drawn at the start of Term 2.

NEXT MEETING
9am Monday 1st May at the Prince Street staffroom.
All welcome!

........Claire Stock

CONTACTING PARENTS CLUB
Claire 0439 488 378 or Bernadette 0438 403 068
or leave a message at the Front Office
IN THE COMMUNITY

Are you in year 9 or 10 and looking for your first job?

If so, Heiners Bakery would love for you to drop by and hand us your resume. Alternatively you can email it to heinersbakery@bigpond.com

Must be available to work one day over a weekend.

Kerry Versteegen

WANDILIGONG NUT FESTIVAL

The Wandiligong Nut Festival will be held at Alpine Park, Wandiligong on Sat April 29th 2017.

All things nutty, chestnuts, walnuts, hazelnuts, gourmet food and products for sale at our market, musical entertainment, family fun, children’s activities etc.

Gate opens at 9am – 4pm

MYRTLEFORD BOOK CLUB
HIGH COUNTRY LIBRARY
MYRTLEFORD

Book Club meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 3.30pm.

There is no fee for Book Club but you do need to be a current patron of the library with a library card.

For information contact Sarah-Jane Harrington Library Services Coordinator, Alpine Shire Libraries

Myrtleford Outside School Hours Care
Autumn 2017 School Holiday Activity Program

Monday April 3rd– Thursday April 13th (Excluding weekends and Public Holidays) 8:00am-6:30pm

Located at the Nagle Centre at St Mary’s Primary School

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Check us out at www.alpinedojo.com or on Facebook

Myrtleford Spotlight Walk

Who knows what wildlife we might see?

Meet at Apex Park for a walk along the Loop Track.
Soup on arrival.

Bring: * torch
* sturdy shoes
* jumper

Saturday
1st April @6.30pm
Family fun event!

BADMINTON IS BACK FOR 2017!

Come and have a GO, hit ups are free!
People with all skill leaves are welcome.
All at the Myrtleford Stadium
First hit up Monday 24th of April 7pm.
Second hit up and registration 1st of May 7pm.
Competition will begin MONDAY 8th May 7pm

Would love to see some new faces, lots of fun so come and try your hand at badminton
For any other information call Pam 0405690797

Myrtleford and District Basketball Association Inc.
2017 Vicinity Centre’s Aussie Hoops Program
Term 2 – Starting Tuesday 2nd May, 2017.
Group session times will depend on registrations.
Cost - $45 Returning member
$75 New registration

Register at www.austrlehoops.com.au
Find a program – type 3737 and click Myrtleford.
More info Phone Sarah 0424 345 523 or Andrew 0427 512 061.
Email – sarah.purse@gmail.com

SENIOR COMPETITION

Begins 4th May 2017
Running Thursday nights

Online registration - Individuals and teams
http://goo.gl/forms/16OuJZx0fW

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 20th April 2017
Further information contact
Stacey (0409 259346) or Suze (0422 20942).

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