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## Calendar

#### August

11 Jeans for Genes Day

**14** VCE Chemistry Excursion

25 Under the Sea Disco

#### September

4 Cultural Day

#### 6 Student Free Day

**6,7** Year 8 Melbourne Discovery Camp

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

#### **Parent Surveys**

Each year the Education Department surveys a sample of parents regarding many aspects of school performance. This year we have decided to give this opportunity to all 244 of our families. You should have received a link to the survey earlier this week. If you did not receive the link, please contact the office for information. The survey is anonymous. The information gathered is used in our planning, and the development of programs and initiatives to support our students.

#### **Building works**

The building works continue to advance at an impressive rate. All three buildings are taking shape with the framework on all buildings now completed. We are on track to move into the new facilities by the end of the year.



### **Exchange Students**

We are excited to introduce our second International Exchange Student. Viktoria joined our Year 10 cohort last week and will be with us for 12 months. Viktoria's family live in Germany. She is very excited to be in Myrtleford and is keen to see all our native animals and to get involved in the Australian culture. We welcome Viktoria to the Myrtleford P12 College community.



FROM the archives.....

# THE COMPUTER

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Then, all too soon, the moment is over, and Friday has Inen, all too soon, the moment is over, and rhday has been and gone. Another weekend, seeming to last forever, is thrust thou that True tubole date without touching that

is thrust upon you. Two whole days without touching that addictive idol. The computer. Andrew Deeker,

# ZLATKO PEAR

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Now for a paragraph on Zlatko's good points -How for a paragraph on Liatko's good points — Hmm! What can I say? Well, let me tell you, if you are ever to run into Zlatko don't scream and shout when you see Pear.

him. Just sit down and take a disprin! P.S. Always carry cotton wool to block your ears or prepare for a two hour speech. And remember Zlatko, we love you.

Julie Rayner and Brenda Cook, 11B.

# 1980 School magazine

# Preps 100 days of school

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July, the Prep students celebrated 100 Days of School! Each child came dressed up in what they would like to be when they grow up. We had such an assortment of occupations represented including teachers, astronauts, zoologists, vets, dancers, builders, cowboys, athletes and farmers. Each child reflected upon their learning and how much they've grown in confidence and independence during their time at school.











### **HEALTH CORNER...with School Nurse Rosemary Bunge**



Visit to the Lodge

We had another lovely visit to the Lodge on Tuesday 1st August, with Grade 3SP.

Grade 3SP used their signing skills to sign the song "We are one but we are many" to the residents.

It was beautiful to watch the residents reactions and have them trying to join in with the signing but also breaking out in song. The students then worked together with residents on word games. So precious as always.





Quote for the week: "The closest thing to being cared for is to care for someone else."





I'm at Myrtleford P12 College on Mondays and Tuesdays each week. I can be contacted by email <u>Rosemary.Bunge@education.vic.gov.au</u> or on 0438 710 584. ....Rosewary On August 1<sup>st,</sup> 3SP went to the Myrtleford Lodge. Our class did a short performance for the residents which they were blown away by. Some of the residents even joined in! Then the students worked with the residents to complete a word puzzle. The experience was enjoyed by everyone involved. Some of our students were sad when we had to leave to come back to class!

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Ms Poyner



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# Valley Homestead Camp

#### A Memorable Adventure Amid Nature

Our Year 3 and 4 students embarked on an unforgettable journey to the great outdoors during their recent school camp. The camp, held at the Valley Homestead, was a perfect blend of learning, camaraderie, and adventure.

Excitement buzzed through the air as our young adventurers arrived at the campsite. With bright smiles and eager hearts, they wasted no time in settling into their cosy cabins. The day kicked off with team-building

activities that had the students working together to solve challenges and foster a sense of unity.

One of many highlights of the camp arrived as students conquered their fears at the high ropes, zip line and giant slide. Cheers and applause echoed through the trees as each brave participant scaled heights they never thought possible.

With hearts full of memories and a renewed sense of adventure, hopefully students return to school and life, ready to take on new challenges.

The Year 3 and 4 school camp was an incredible chapter in our students' educational journey, reminding us of all of the power of stepping out of our comfort zones and the magic of connecting with nature.

Mrs Shaw













More student reflections and photos to come in the next newsletter

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The 2023 Year 5/6 Snow Experience Camp was super enjoyable and a great opportunity for all of the students. Many people got to experience snow for the first time, which was a wonderful privilege and it was amazing to get to be part of that moment. Plenty enjoyed our tobogganing and snowplay, and some got to be part of a big snowball fight which was awesome. On the second day, students were able to get ski lessons. One thing that I think is awesome about these lessons is that they had many stages for people of different skill levels, and it was a genuinely enjoyable experience for most. Finally, we need to mention the Chalet. The rooms were amazing with lots of space and comfy beds, and the food was simply delectable. This camp ticked all the boxes and was an overall amazing experience with great food, activities, and rooms. We should all be grateful for our wonderful teachers for spending weeks organising this for us. *By Alice Branagan* 



#### Snow Camp

The 5 / 6 Snow Camp was the best thing that happened to me! First, the rooms were upstairs. Some of us were in an upstairs room like mine and the Grade 6 girls (only because Mrs Royse trusts us.) Next the food was so delicious I can't describe how wonderful it was. After the snowball fight, it was absolutely delightful for some people. I brought my snowball maker. It was chaos. People were asking to use my snowball maker so I let them. Last but not least, the movie was called Cool Runnings and was the best. I loved the song! The best thing ever is this camp and I didn't like it, I LOVED IT!! By Awi Ling

The 5/6 Snow Camp was incredible! We had a snowball fight against Mr Fullwood and we had so much fun. When we got back we were given a two storey dorm room. Once we were ready we had our dinner, which was amazing. The next day we woke up ready to ski. I had never skied before and I was actually pretty good. When it came to an end, I was sad to leave such an amazing place. By Ameliya Heatley



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#### 5 / 6 Snow Camp!

Snow Camp was an amazing experience for all people over the age of two. When I arrived at school I got put on the minibus. I thought it would be very boring but it turned out to be not as bad as I thought. I enjoyed it and laughed a lot. We had planned to go tobogganing at Dinner Plain, it was so much fun and I think everyone had an astonishing time. Lots of people who had never been to the snow had so much fun. I can't complain about the accommodation or food, it was the best camp food I've ever had and the cabins were fancy, the rooms even had a bath in the bathroom but no one used it. The next day our wonderful teacher, Ms Royse, organised ski lessons for us. I was a beginner as I have never skied before but I still enjoyed it. After an amazing and wonderful ski camp I strongly believe that it is one of the best camps for anyone aged 2 - 80 but if you're over 80 and can still move freely I would highly recommend it. I would recommend the camp to everyone to do. 10/10 camp! By Arlia Mitchell





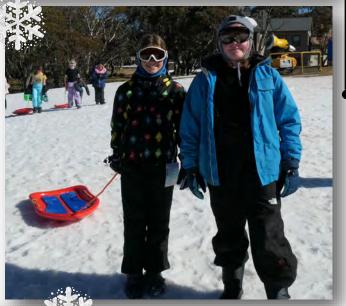
Snow Camp was one of the best. I was so stoked the day before. I was living the dream with the boys making a big jump. Thanks to Ms Royse for making our rooms the best and creating the best two day camp experience. Oh and the food was so good I would come back again. A big thanks to the teachers for organising this. As you can see, It was the best and the camp was amazing. By Connor Schell.

The best day at camp was when Cody, George and I went down the big hill. I almost crashed into someone that was in my way. I fell down like five times and it hurt my legs but it was a lot of fun! Camp was more fun than I expected. By Nash Durling

The best day of camp was the first day we went tobogganing. We made a jump and it hurt my buttocks when I hit the hard snow. I also went on the toboggan with Mrs Beer and we went on the big hill. Snow went down my top because Mrs Beer's feet were trying to stop the toboggan because we were going too fast! It was a great camp and the people were so nice. *By Miah Brown.* 



The 5/6 camp was the most enjoyable camp of all. On the first day we went tobogganing and snow playing, the snow was as hard as rock and it felt like -10 when we reached the top of Mt.Hotham (which was probably true.) It was incredible how fast I went with Cierre tobogganing. Even though my body was tired, it went away with a swift hit on Mr. Fullwood's back with a snowball. After a fun day we watched a movie called Cool Runnings; some people thought it was boring but for me it was a good movie. On the second day we had fun skiing around in the white blanket snow covered hill. Although the camp was utterly tiring, the experience was amazing! By Kiro Fontanglo



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The Grade 5/6 School Snow Camp was the best. We explored local mountains and connected with nature. Throwing snowballs at Mr. Fullwood was super funny, and skiing down the chilly hill super fast was so fun, yet

tobogganing with Kiro was even better! Overall the 5/6 Camp was awesome and I wish it never ended.

By Cierra Neumann



# 15 Mile Creek Leadership Camp

On 24th to the 28th of July, four students from Year 6 Myrtleford P-12 College visited 15 Mile Creek Camp; Maya Emanuelli, Alice Branagan, Will Hughes, and Ben Hodgkin.

We were separated into two groups. Maya and Alice were in Group 1 (The Bush Ratz), and Ben and Will were in Group 2 (The Krackaburras).

On our first day, we played some introductory games and found our cabins. Soon after, we split into our groups for the first time and played some games. We did some other things including salad sandwiches and wraps for lunch, and some preparation for our hike the next day. At night, we did some fun night orienteering before going to bed shortly after.

The next day, we began our hike. It was to be three days long. We split up into our groups after a short bus ride and the BushRatz started the journey to the top of Mt Samaria. The other group started hiking to the waterfall.

After making their way to their campsites, the teams set up tents and settled in for the night.

On Day 3, our groups packed up their belongings (but not their tents) and headed for the other group's camp. Each group hiked opposite ways and stayed at the other's campsite for the second night of the hike.

We also played many fun games and demonstrated leadership by doing many duties such as cooking, gathering firewood, picking up rubbish, and many more.

On the final day of the hike, the exhausted Bushratz headed back to the bus and drove to pick up the Krackaburras when they trudged in from the last leg of their hike. Teams went home to the 15 Mile Creek Outdoor School and participated in a fun activity. Group 1 headed up the hill and did some archery, and Group 2 did some rock climbing.

There was only one day left of the students' camp, and on this day they planted some trees and bushes at the school, to give back to the earth, and hopped on the bus for the last ride of their five day camp.

The students arrived at the Myrtleford Bus stop at about 1:00pm. They had a great time at camp, with many fun experiences and many new friends made.

by Will H, Alice B, Maya E and Ben H.



Mock Trial – Director of Public Prosecutions vs Tucker Barbaro (2023)

Students of the Year 9/10 elective *Good Arguments: Objection Your Honour* prepared for and participated in their first mock trial of the unit.

Students were grouped into the prosecution and defence and worked in small teams to prepare for the trial. They had to compile opening and closing statements, as well as questions for the witness examination-in-chief and the cross-examination.

Prior to the trial, students learnt about the elements required to convict someone of murder and possible defences. They learnt about causation, as well as the concepts of *mens rea* (the guilty mind) and *actus reus* (the guilty act).

The jury was selected from a junior class of Year 8 students, who actively listened and decided on the ultimate verdict: Not Guilty.





Some notable performances include Zeke Menz for maintaining composure and not cracking under the ruthless cross examination performed by the fearless Alex Cameron. All barristers and witnesses performed exceptionally well. Molly Knobel also presented a harrowing cross-examination of the accused. The tipstaff, performed by Archer Novak, managed to stay in character for the entire trial and controlled the proceedings flawlessly.

This experiential learning opportunity combined both knowledge of the law with literacy. It also increased student confidence with presenting in front of their peers. Students engaged positively with the activity and have deepened their understanding of legal processes.



Thanks again to all involved. *Mr Harbison* 





Unit 2 Health and Human Development students are currently studying "Developmental transitions", looking specifically at becoming a parent. This week we were lucky enough to borrow a pregnancy vest from our school nurse, Rosemary, and attempt to complete daily activities such as: tying your shoelaces, sitting down, laying down and rolling from side to side, standing up, picking up a book and reaching a high shelf. Unsurprisingly, it was a unanimous vote that menial tasks were much more difficult when in your third trimester! *Miss Schaefer* 









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# **Unit 2 Biology Melbourne Camp**

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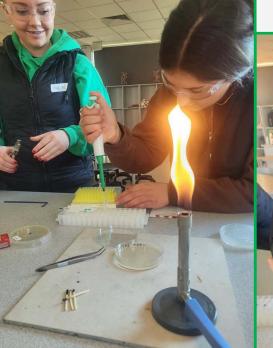
## **Applying DNA technology at GTAC**

Our Unit 2 VCE Biology students had an engaging excursion to the Gene Technology Access Centre (GTAC) to learn more about applying genetic knowledge in prenatal and predictive genetic testing. GTAC provides an innovative and collaborative educational environment to learn about life sciences.

Students had the opportunity to work on case studies, meet scientists, and be mentored while applying DNA technologies.

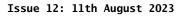














### The Fight For Survival

The captivating world of marine life took centre stage as the students of VCE Biology embarked on an enlightening excursion to the Melbourne Sea Life Aquarium. Amidst the vibrant array of aquatic

creatures, our young biologists had the unique opportunity to delve into the intricate web of interdependencies that sustain life beneath the waves. With a keen focus on the fascinating adaptations that enable these species to thrive in their respective environments. The excursion proved to be an invaluable experience.

Mrs Sanderson



The Saltwater Crocodile is the world's largest reptile with up to 68 teeth that grasp and crush their prev. Instead of chewing, these giant predators swallow rocks that help grind up their food inside their stomachs. A Myrtleford P12 Parents' Club Fundraiser

# **Parents Club News**

MINI SITTING \$100

Capture those special moments that fly by so fast and help support your school!

\* Book your spot to secure a 15 minute mini photography session (valued normally at \$150 for private sittings)

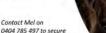
\* Photos taken in a local outdoor setting by professional photographer Lou La Photography.

\* Receive a minimum of 5 high resolution digital photos of your family

Limited sessions available from 10am on Saturday 2nd September or Saturday 9th September



0404 785 497 to secure your spot ASAP!





# Family Portraits SAVE THE DATES

"Under the Sea" Disco 25th of August Return permission slips by 18th August

**Family Photo Sessions** 2nd and 9th September **Bookings** essential

**Father's Day Gifts** Week of 28th of August Details to come

> **Trivia Night** 13th of October Details to come

## **Under the Sea Disco**

#### Calling all Sea Creatures!

Come along for a journey under the sea filled with ocean adventures, games and great music!

Prize for best dressed in sea theme!





Our awesome Fresh Fruit Friday helpers joined into the fun of the Preps 100 days at School last Friday. Even Mr Pear got involved! The students love Fresh Fruit Fridays!

Heiner's Bakery Pie Drive Pick up on Thursday. That's a lot of pies and lamingtons!





# **World Scout Day**

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August, it was World Scout Day. Scouts all across the nation wore their Scout scarves to school to celebrate. Here are some of or students with Joey Scout Leader Melissa Barry.



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Alex-I love camping because we get pancakes for breakfast. The Year 1A Scouts were asked what they liked most about Scouts and here are their responses...

Sam- I like roasting marshmallows.

Anna– When we make dough and wrap it in foil, put it in the fire and then eat it with sausages and sauce.

## Check out Scouts!

#### At 1st Myrtleford Scout Group!

Scouting actively engages and supports young people aged 5-25 in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Our Section meeting nights are: Joey Scout (ages 5-8) Monday 4:30-5:30pm Cub Scouts (ages 8-11) Tuesday 6-7.30pm Scouts (ages 11-15) Tuesday 6-7.30pm Venturers (ages 15-18) Wednesday 6-8pm We meet at 183 Buffalo River Rd, Myrtleford For more information or to join, contact gl.1stmyrtleford@scoutsvictoria.com.au or call 0:438 403 068.

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# Library News

# **CHESS CLUB**

There is a group of keen chess players in the Year 3/4 cohort, who were keen to start a Chess Club, so last Friday we had the first of many Chess Club gatherings in the library. Chess Club is open to anyone who enjoys playing or wants to learn to play Chess.



We have an instructional learning set and a number of chess sets ready for students to play. Interested students can join us in the library at lunchtime on Fridays, from 1pm.



## **BOOK WEEK 21st-25th August**

Have you checked out the CBCA Shortlisted Award books?

If you'd like to see some information on the CBCA Books, please visit our library News page on the link below.

https://myrtlefordp12.functionalsolutions.com.au//SmartLibraryWeb/SmartSuite.html? PageName=HomePage1

Book Week will include a dress up parade. This does not have to be an arduous task. Use household items and clothing you have at home.

Check out this website for some easy costume ideas. <u>10 easy book week costumes - Penguin Books Australia</u>

75 Simple Book Week Costume Ideas For 2023 | Simplify Create Inspire

....Mrs Morgan

# **Community events and activities for the Youth...**

## North East Victoria Youth L.E.A.D 4.0

N.E.V.Y.L 4.0 will empower, connect & develop personal leadership skills through an 8-day program. We draw on experiential learning, team based challenges, hands-on skills sessions, and adventure to cultivate leadership capacity & build lasting connections.

"Just dive right in & stay present because it goes quick. You won't regret it" - Jackson N.E.V.Y.L 3.0

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Tues 17 Oct - Fri 20 Oct 2023



Canberra | LAUNCH Thurs 7 Sept - Sun 10 Sept 2023

Eligibility | 18+ and able to commit.

Cost | \$385 participant contribution. This is a \$4,000 program that received grant funding from the Australian Government.

Inclusions | Meals, retreat style accommodation, transport, all activities, skills for life & a meaningful connection with your team.



If you're 15-19 years old, living in Australia and want to have a say about the things that affect you, here is your chance!

Mission Australia's Youth Survey is the largest of its kind in Australia conducted annually since 2002. The survey aims to identify the values and concerns of young people. It is used by Government, academics and communities to developplicies and programs for young Australians. Please complete online before 11 August 2023 at micronaustralia com as (voutbeurs

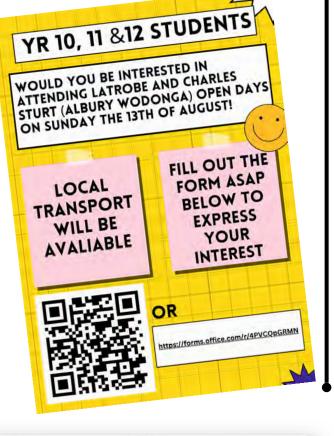


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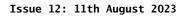
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# Learning opportunities...





# **Community events and activities for the Youth...**



Date of event: 1st September 2023

"Springing into the future!" Come down to the Mount Beauty Community Centre to celebrate and recognise the contributions and achievements of young people aged 12-21 in our community

> This years theme is Spring formal dress

# Have you heard of the TAC L2P Program?

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The program matches learner drivers and volunteer mentors together so learners who are struggling to get their supervised hours, can be supported to successfully pass their driving test and gain their P plates.



ALPINE

In the past 12 years, the program has supported 130+ Alpine Shire youth to get their licence by providing lessons and driving practice in a community sponsored vehicle.

So, if you need assistance or you would like to assist someone else to get their licence, contact us for more information.

Learners and volunteer mentors alike can speak to the L2P Coordinator on 03 5755 0555 or email info@alpineshire.vic.gov.au

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