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#### Calendar

September

4 Cultural Day

**6 Student Free Day** 

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

15 End of Term 3

2.30pm Finish

October

2 Term 4 Starts

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

#### Swimming

Following the success of last year's Swimming Program, we will again bus all our primary students to the Wangaratta Sports and Aquatic Centre. This year's Swimming Program will be spread over two Terms. The first week of lessons will be held on the last week of this Term. Students will be divided into small groups and will have lessons with experienced and qualified instructors. Thank you to Donna Bigger for coordinating the buses and schedule.



#### Father's Day celebration

It was a fun few hours this morning with our Father's Day Open Classrooms and Morning Tea. The children were very excited to have Dads, Father-Figures, Grandparents and Special Friends visiting their classrooms and sharing a lovely morning tea.

### Student Free Day/End of term

A reminder that next Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September will be a non – school day. This means no classes will be running on this day. Classes will resume as normal on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September. A reminder that the last day of this term will be Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. School will finish at 2:30pm on that day.

## Around the College....

### Taleah swims at the Nationals!

Year 8 student Taleah Elkington was selected in the Victorian Swimming team to compete at the National Championships in Sydney recently.

Taleah qualified for the 50m & 100m Freestyle, 50m Breastroke and 50m Backstroke. She also swam in two relay teams.

Taleah said this was an amazing experience where she had the privilege of seeing the best junior swimmers in Australia compete. Well done Taleah!



# SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM

### FOR ALL STUDENTS STARTING SCHOOL AT MYRTLEFORD P-12 IN 2024

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NOW

9:30-10:45am - Tuesday 17th October: | show <u>RESPECT</u> - | can show whole body listening What does whole body listening look like? •The importance of being a good listener. •How sensory tools can help us listen carefully.

9:30-10:45am Tuesday 24th October: am <u>SAFE</u>- | can control my big emotions. Knowing how 1 feel. Knowing when and how to ask for help. Using strategies that help me calm my strong feelings.

9:30-10:45am Tuesday 31st October: | am a <u>RESPONSIBLE COMMUNITY MEMBER</u> -| can make new friends and get along with oth •Knowing the College Values helps me to learn and play well with others. •Learning the behaviours of a kind friend. •Using my confident voice to make new friends.

Each child to bring along a water bottle and a hat. A <u>fruit morning teo snock will be provided</u>.

We look forward to welcoming you to Myrtleford P12 College. I you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ladeane Lindsay on 57521174 or via email at Ladeane,Lindsay@education.vic.gov.au



Aesha, Jude and Cooper thought the hail stones were a little cold!

We are looking forward to welcoming Prep 2024 students during our upcoming School Readiness Program. Enrol now for further information.

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 Science Week
 For the second seco incorporates the advancement in technology in all industries, especially using artificial intelligence (AI). In our 7-12 classes, students took part in our Annual Science Week Trivia contest, attempted the Turing Test and tried to escape a "Future Fuels" – themed escape room. We also held a lunchtime workshop to show students how to begin training a simple Artificial Intelligence machine. A big thankyou to our students who took part in the activities planned and were willing to explore future technologies with us. Another huge thankyou to the science staff for designing and running these activities (and for the fabulous week of science-themed morning tea). Ms Vlahandreas

#### Science-themed trivia

Would you have beaten the winners at trivia? Try these few... 2. What object does a male

1. What type of fossil has been found on Mt Everest? a. Woolly mammoth

- b. Human
- c. Fish
- d. Lion

3. Which animal is known to laugh when tickled?

- a. Birds
- b. Dogs
- Rats c.
- Lizards d.



penguin give to a female penguin to win her over? a. A juicy fish b. A blue coloured item c. A large squid d. A pebble



Year 9 Allie and Scarlett



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**Escape Room** Soren and Lacey Sahara and Lacey Viktoria and Zali



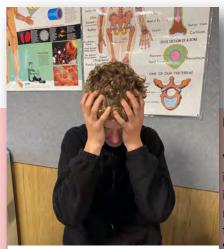
**Future Fuels Escape Room** 

The Year 7 cohort engaged with a *Future* Fuels escape room looking at hydrogen as an alternative fuel source. Mr Barnes





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Ryder training an AI

#### Lunchtime activity: Training an AI

We used Google's "teachable machine" to learn how images can be used to train an AI. We learnt how important it was to use a large data set and the more information we are able to give the machine, the more accurate the machine becomes. Mrs Vlahandreas demonstrated how to begin training the teachable machine, showing it images of silly, happy and sad faces. When tested on her own face, the







Machydie training an Al





machine couldn't quite decide whether she was silly, happy or sad. Perhaps more training was required....

Some of the categories students chose to train the AI:

- Happy vs Sad faces
- Cat vs Dog
- Tiger vs Horse vs Zebra
- Burger vs Pizza

Dictator vs Non-dictator (unfortunately the presence of a moustache skews strongly towards dictator!)

#### The Turing Test

Alan Turing was an English computer scientist, cryptanalyst, mathematician, and theoretical biologist who is credited with inventing the world's first computer in 1936, dubbed the Universal Turing Machine. The potential of computers in solving problems was quickly realised when they were used to crack the German Enigma Code during World War II. Since their inception, computers have become an indispensable everyday item and form a critical component of modern society.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) uses computer and machine processes to imitate human intelligence. The release of large AI language models such as ChatGPT to the public has been met with both excitement and trepidation as the line between human and artificial intelligence has become increasingly blurred.

The Turing Test is a method of inquiry in AI for determining whether or not a computer is capable of thinking like a human being. Alan Turing foresaw a time when AI would become sophisticated enough that it would be indistinguishable from human and become considered as Artificial General Intelligence (AGI).

We have 2 questions below. Eight of the responses to each question have been generated by AI. Only two responses have been created by humans. Can you decide which responses are AI and which are human? Has AI become sophisticated enough to pass the Turing test or do humans still reign supreme?

Question 1: What is the best thing about Myrtleford?

1.1 The breathtaking views of the surrounding Alpine mountains make Myrtleford truly enchanting.

1.2 Myrtleford's thriving local food scene, featuring fresh produce and artisanal products, is a standout.
1.3 The close-knit and friendly community in

1.3 The close-knit and friendly community in Myrtleford creates a welcoming atmosphere for residents and visitors alike.

1.4 Myrtleford's picturesque cycling trails offer a perfect way to explore the scenic beauty of the region.
1.5 The annual Myrtleford Festival showcases the town's vibrant arts and culture, attracting people from all over.

1.6 With its proximity to the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail, Myrtleford is a haven for outdoor enthusiasts.

1.7 Myrtleford is a beautiful town, with rolling, green hills always in the distance.

1.8 The rich agricultural heritage of Myrtleford is reflected in its charming farmers' markets and local produce.

1.9 The distinct four seasons add variety and beauty to life in Myrtleford, making every time of the year special.
1.10 The beautiful Ovens River flowing through Myrtleford hydrates the landscape, cools us during hot weather and connects people



#### Question 2: How does time end?

2.1 Time doesn't really "end" like a story; it keeps going as long as things happen and change.

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2.2 Quietly.

2.3 When everything in the universe spreads out and cools down, time might seem to slow down, but it won't exactly stop.

2.4 Time doesn't have a specific stop button; it keeps ticking as long as things are moving and evolving.

2.5 Scientists think time could keep going even if everything slows down a lot, but it might not feel the same.

2.6 The idea of time ending is tricky because time is part of how we measure changes and events.

2.7 Time might feel like it's slowing down when the universe expands a lot, but it's not like time just stops.

2.8 Abruptly.

2.9 Time doesn't stop, but it might change if the universe goes through big shifts we don't understand yet.

2.10 Time is closely tied to the way things move and change, so as long as there's motion and change, time keeps going.

Answers on Page 8

#### What has been happening in 9/10 Forensics?

CE MERK We have been learning and practising the skills required to investigate crime scenes. This has involved learning how to secure a crime scene, separate witnesses, search for evidence and photograph the crime scene.

This has culminated in students designing a mock crime scene. Students were required to develop a crime story, use a variety of different types of evidence and act as witnesses at the scene of the crime. We had a great time setting these up around the school (apologies to the parents who were trying to cart enormous props for the primary school disco through one of the crime scenes). Student groups then needed to use their CSI skills to investigate one of the crime scenes and attempt to solve the crime.

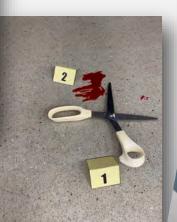


Photographing evidence Using Mock Crime Scene



Oblique lighting to show biological evidence

**Biological and Physical** Evidence



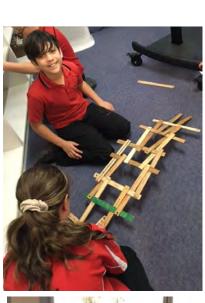




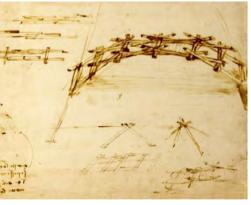
For Science week students in Italian classes learnt about Leonardo da Vinci.

Grade 4 and Grade 5 students recreated Leonardo da Vinci's self supporting bridge, a design more than 500 years old.

#### Mr Bonollo

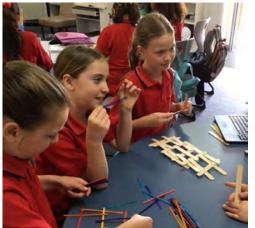














#### **EXPERIMENTAL DAY AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY**

The Year 12 Chemistry class had a day experimenting in the lab at La Trobe University Albury Wodonga campus. Students prepared a number of scented molecules called "esters". A notable ester produced was that of methyl salicylate – a scent more commonly known as "deep heat" or wintergreen.

Students explored separation techniques for their various products and discussed the

analytical spectral data from infrared spectroscopy (IR) and nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy (NMR). Not only did students get to experience working in a university laboratory, we fit in a campus tour to boot. Our thanks go out to La Trobe for hosting us, and to Dr Chris White, our passionate professor (who also happens to be Claire Stock's brother!).

It was a great pleasure to see the Myrtleford students operating in this space-family members can be very proud of them. Mrs Mitchell



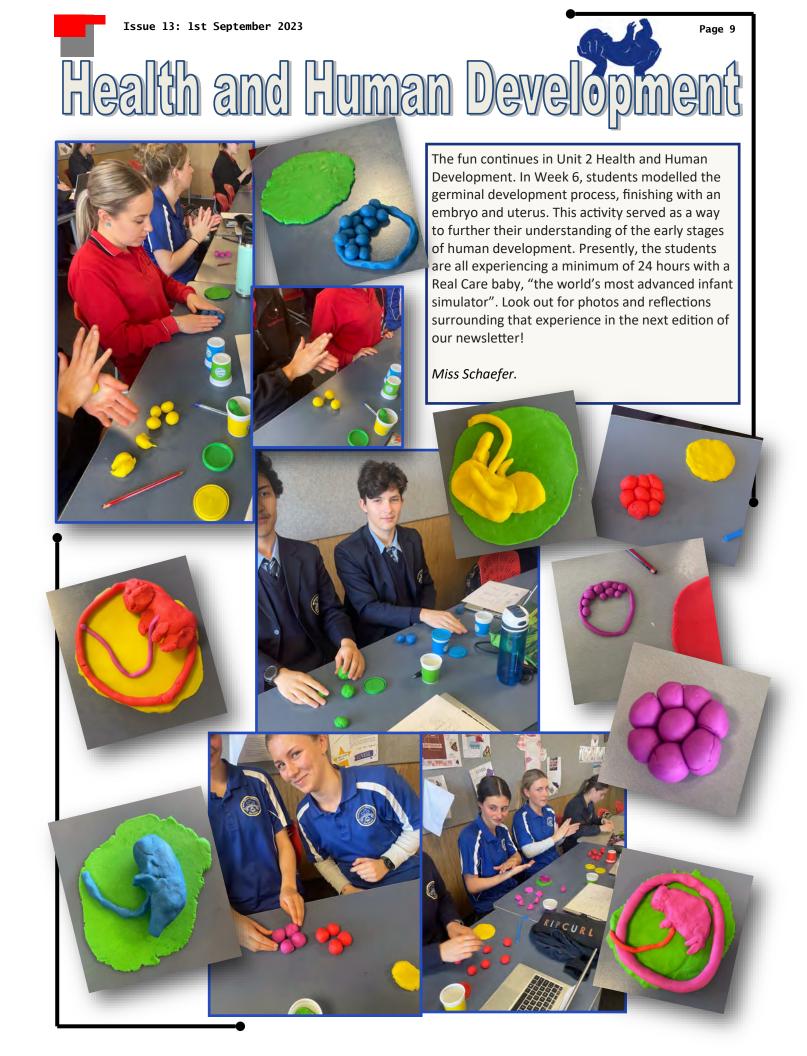






Science Trivia Answers: 1. c 2. d 3. c

AI Responses Answers: Question 1: 1.7, 1.10 Question 2: 2.2, 2.8





On Tuesday 22nd August, The Melbourne Stars came to Myrtleford P12 and spent time talking about the Big Bash and playing some skills games with the Year 3 and 4 classes. Grade 4W/S have been learning how to write complex sentences, using subordinating conjunctions (however, because, although and even though) to support their dependant and independent clauses. It sounds complicated, but with a visit from the Melbourne Stars BBL / WBBL players and support staff, there was success all round. While cricket was the flavour of the day, there was opportunity to show our true favourites with our choice of conjunctions. *Mrs Suffern* 

It was fun at the Melbourn Stars incursion, <b>even thou</b> Sofia kept winning. She wa dropping the ball however	igh is		the Melbourne Stars visit it was fun. Hunter			I am happy the Melbourne Stars came to visit <b>because</b> we did fun activities. Marley	
was catching it. Alex	A		e activities we eep the balls, we could get ographs on e did some		I am happy the Melbourne Stars came to visit <b>because</b> we did fun activities. I loved the Melbourne Stars <b>however</b> I wanted to do AFL. Giaana.		
The Melbourne Stars are my favourite team <b>however</b> Tom Rogers is my favourite player	ho so	o <b>wever</b> we ome autog					
I like the Melbourne Stars team <b>because</b> they are good team mates. Thomas		activities <b>although</b> w got to pick our partn Yawng		s †	The Melbourne Stars came to our school <b>however</b> I don't really go for them. I don't play cricket <b>because</b> I like other sports. Ali		
I loved the Melbourne Stars <b>however</b> Liv was my favourite. Lakota	visit	I liked the Melbourne Stars visit, <b>however</b> I wish it was the Hawks that came. Jamee			Melbourne Stars is going to be the best team in the world, <b>although</b> it will take lots of time to be the best. Timothy		
signatures from the P Melbourne Stars and I had a fun time. Ruby P	Some people blayed cricket, <b>nowever</b> most beople did not. Shyanne		I liked the Melbourne S <b>however</b> my favourite ga was when we threw the in the air and clapped. S		me Dall	The Melbourne Stars is my favourite team ever <b>because</b> they came to our school. Jhett	
When the activities were of we got to keep the balls th were playing with, <b>even th</b> they had more schools to v Charlie	nat we ough	be	oday we had an ecause the Melt ame to our scho Emerson	oourr		alth	ot my flag and ball signed wugh I didn't get my ter signed by Liv and Tom. Charlotte



A few more snaps.....



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

#### **Once Upon a Cane**

We had another lovely visit to the Lodge with 2C, this time as guests of three Occupational Therapy students from Charles Sturt University. They were wanting to set up a program similar to what we have and it involved reading to the residents and sharing a love of books, which they called 'Once Upon a Cane'. The three students, Sarah, Gracie and Liam, took a small group of students each to read to a resident. I went with Liam's small group, and we were so lucky to be reading with Grace who is 100 years old. We learned that Grace loved to read and

finds it more difficult now due to poorer eyesight. But as we read around the circle, we were amazed at how beautiful it was to listen to Grace read and her wonderful expression. Once again, we had an amazing time at the Lodge. Page 12

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

#### **Intergenerational Playgroup**

A small number of **Year 8** students have been busily helping me organise a plan to begin an Intergenerational Playgroup at the Lodge. Our first actual playgroup will be held on Monday September 11<sup>th,</sup> and we are so excited to get this off the ground. The students have worked hard at planning and promoting this playgroup and have a good number of families who would like to participate, which is wonderful. Watch this space for more news.

#### Pizza, Parent and Puberty Night

On Monday August 21<sup>st</sup> we held a parent information session about the puberty education journey Year 5 and 6 students are on at school. It was a very well attended night and we all enjoyed some great pizza thanks to Dora, and team from Roma who supported us with a great delivery service of wonderful pizza sessions share. Class to got underway this week on Monday and Tuesday, don't forget to check in with your students.





I'm at Myrtleford P12 College on Mondays and Tuesdays each week. I can be contacted by email

Rosemary.Bunge@education.vic.gov.au or on 0438 710 584.



**Quote of the week:** A community that learns together, excels together. We need to form communities that learn together. *Robert Reed* 

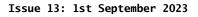
....Rosemary

# WODONGA TAFE

On Friday August 18<sup>th</sup>, I had the pleasure of escorting eight students to a Taste Tester day at Wodonga Tafe. I took four Year 9's and four Year 10's. The students were able to experience Motorsports and Engineering in one session and then the Construction trades including; building, carpentry, plumbing and electrotechnology in the other session. Each session was made to inform the students what doing a VDSS Tafe course looks like as well as being very hands on and interactive. The student feedback was all positive and students were glad they attended. (Hayden Durling, Sienna Alam, Jordyn Notarianni, Riley Lennane, Callum Hines, Sam Crisp, Bayden Heywood and Shae Wheeler)







# WINTON HANDS ON TRADE DAY

On Thursday August 10<sup>th</sup>, Mr Bennett and myself took seventeen Year 10 students to the Winton Hands On Trade Day. This event took place at the Winton Racetrack where exhibitors were able to display what their industries have to offer, as well as set up some practical scenarios. The students were able to talk to experienced people within the trades and learn about what they do and how they got into the area. It was so good to see the students take the initiative to talk to people and have a go at the different tasks set up.

Danielle Caponecchia

















# **Parents Club News**





Our thanks to Simon Povolo for coordinating all the cooking, the students for helping the Parents Club volunteers to serve, and the families that supported this fundraiser.





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Contact Mel on



0404 785 497 to secure your spot ASAP! Nease note a \$40 deposit is required to





2nd and 9th September **Bookings** essential

Trivia Night 13th of October Details to come







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Wow! What a turn out we had on Friday night for the Under the Sea Disco! The Prep-2 students dazzled us with their amazing costumes and vocal chords (Shotgun!) and the Year 3-6 students grooved up a storm with their magnificent dance moves!

To all the teachers that attended, we appreciate your support with supervision (and bubble blowing!). We all thoroughly enjoyed the night.

A big shoutout to Heiner's Bakery for supplying the dough and oven to cook the pizzas for the night! And thanks to Katrina and Belinda in the office for being our ticket/payment collectors in the lead up.



A huge round of applause for the Parents Club volunteers who helped setup, serve food, supervise and cleaned up. As always your help is so appreciated. Mr Lindsay has shared more photos of the night on Dojo.



Until the next one....

The Disco Sub Committee (Cara Ives, Ren Pitman and Mel Barry)















We kicked off in the Prep-6 area with the Book Week Parade on Monday. Students in Prep-6 dressed as Book characters and participated in a parade, showing off their creativity. The

Library Leaders and myself chose a "best dressed" student from each class. During the rest of the day the classes participated in an on-line Perform Education Book Week Production, and started some collaborative Book Week activities (some examples below).



Book Week Parade 'Best Dressed' Winners (left to right) Sam Matheson, Ishanya Sharma, Holly Dwyer, Caden Ramia-Majors, Ari TeRira, Elsa Magyar, Hayley Jennings, Ruby Fuller, Zoe Roberts, Kaitlyn Bugg, Rocky Cusack and Willyum Savage



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Teachers explored many of the CBCA Shortlisted books with their students. All week we had activities, competitions and craft in the library space. Prep-2 students booked in their teddy bears for a Sleep Over adventure on Thursday night, and on Friday, some Year 6 and Secondary students made some book marks and decorated them with beads.

It's been a very busy Book Week indeed!

....Mrs Morgan

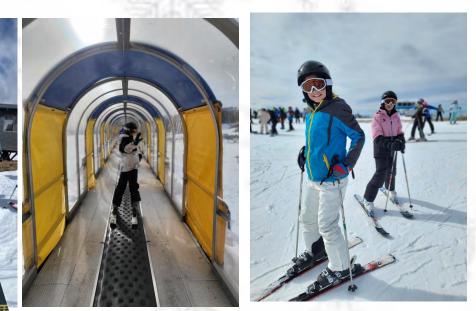
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# **Myrtleford Ski Program**



The final day of the MYRTLEFORD Ski Program at Falls Creek Resort finished on Thursday this week. Students enjoyed five days of free ski and boarding with group lessons held each afternoon. The combined program with Marian, St Mary's Primary School and Myrtleford P12 College was available for students in Year 5 to Year 10. In total we had 46 students attend from the three schools. Nearly a quarter of these students were either beginners or first timers. It was fantastic to see how quickly the students learnt how to safely get themselves on and of the chairlifts and how quickly their skiing abilities improved. All the students had a great time, created some great memories and most of all improved their skills out of sight!



A big thank you to all the staff that assisted to enable the program to run so smoothly.

Kate Sanderson - MP-12 College Mark Bennett - MP-12 College Adam Lindsay - MP-12 College Jody Vlahandreas - MP-12 College Clinton Slotegraaf - MP-12 College Brad Carroll – Marian College Cate Sutterby – Marian College Adam Davis – St Mary's Issue 13: 1st September 2023

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Group of "First timers" on Day 1! They are certainly not first timers any more zipping all over the mountain now! *Kate Sanderson* 





Mr Bennett's group meeting Pete the Dragon



## Model United Nations @ Beechworth Secondary College

Students from Myrtleford P12 College were lucky enough to be invited to attend the Model United Nations held at Beechworth Secondary College on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> of August.

On the day, each team presented their country's position on the issue of climate change. Students worked together to identify what their country would agree/disagree with in a draft resolution that would shape the United Nations actions towards combating this issue.



Some notable performance on the day were Alex Robertson, who fastidiously took notes on the proposed amendments and questions asked by each delegate. Sahara Giles also didn't hold back on questioning other countries on factual inaccuracies presented by their delegates, and Alex Cameron played a critical role in forming alliances with like-minded nations. Scarlett Luppino confidently raised concerns in the moderated caucus, representing her team's views.



Norway Ashlee Cousins (not present) Scarlett Luppino Molly Knobel Tora Vlahandreas Jordan Fuller

**Cuba** Alex Cameron Sahara Giles Schuylar Reeve Lacey Schaeffer Taya Duncombe (not present)

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There was significant debate about certain clauses such as the reduction of meat consumption and current practices with forestry/agriculture.

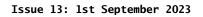


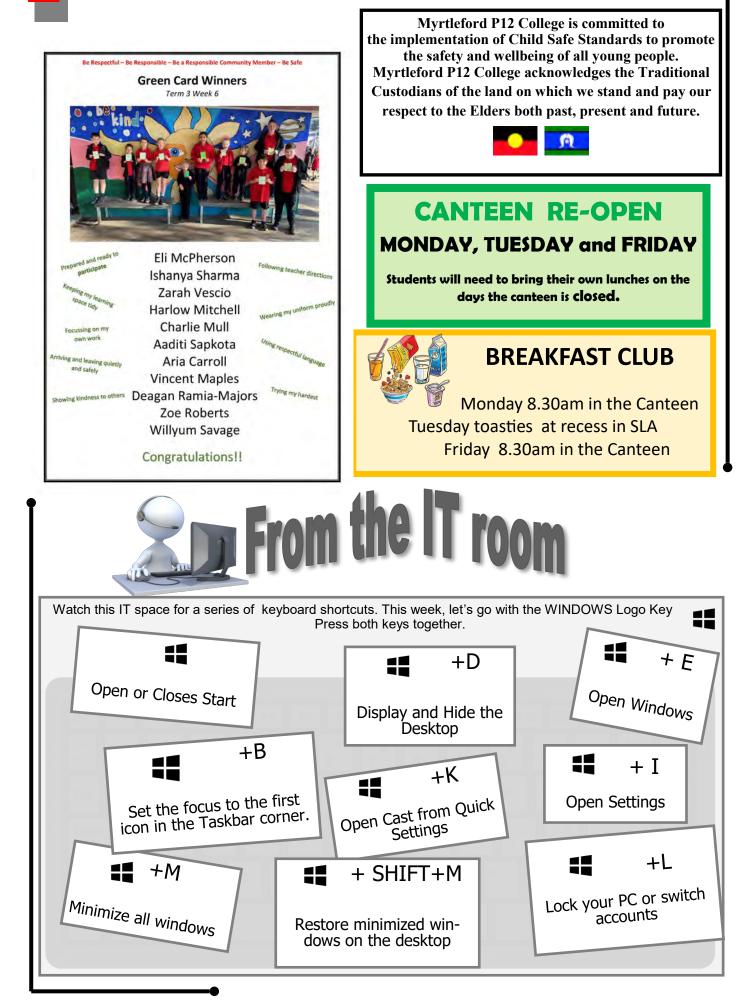
This activity gave students the opportunity to talk to other students in the local area and participate in another experiential learning activity through the Good Arguments elective.

Well done to all who participated.

Mr Harbison

Mongolia Alex Robertson Soren Larsen Zeke Menz (not present) Archer Novak (not present)





### In the Community



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# **Learning opportunities...**





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 develop policies and programs for young Australians. Please complete online before 11 August 2023 at missionaustralia.com au /onuthsurvey

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