

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

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Calendar

November

15 Year 7 Transition Day

20 Unit 2 VCE and Year 10 exams Begin

27 Headstart begins

December

7 P-6 Celebration Night

12 State Wide Orientation Day

13 Year 7-12 Awards Evening 7pm EMPAC

Exams/Headstart Program

The Year 10 and 11 exam week will begin on Monday 20th November. This will be followed by our Secondary School 'Headstart Program' starting on Monday 27th November. To better engage the students during the final few weeks of the year **all** Secondary students will start next year's classes on that date. In most cases they will be in class with their 2024 cohort taught by next year's teachers. The current Year 7 – 9 students will complete the program on Friday 15th December. Our Year 10 and 11 students will complete a two-week VCE Program which will conclude on Thursday 8th December.

Orientation Day

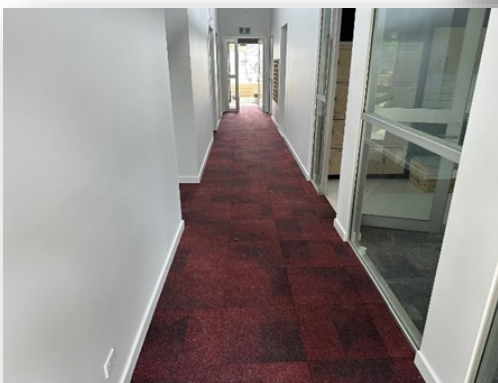
Tuesday 12th December will be the State-wide Orientation Day. Our 2024 Prep students will spend most of the day at school. All other primary students will 'step-up' to their 2024 classes. It is an exciting day because in most cases students will be with their 2024 teachers and classmates.

Building Update

The excitement is mounting as we are now less than a month away from taking possession of the Admin and the Prep – Year 2 buildings. The final touches are being completed inside the rooms and the fencing will begin to be removed this week.



Above: Inside a new Prep-2 classroom



Left: Inside the new Office space

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Year 12 Graduation

As we welcome our new Prep students, we formally said goodbye to our graduating class of 2023. Almost 100 people gathered at Club Savoy on Friday night to recognise and celebrate the achievements of this year's Year 12 class. It was a fantastic evening with many funny photos and stories from over the years. The event highlighted what a wonderful community we belong to and the great sense of family/school connection we feel.

Well done to Lia Mitchel, Clinton Slotegraaf and Kath Reilly for organising such a great evening. Thank you to Kelly Cousins and Brodie Pascoe for preparing the venue and sourcing the equipment. It was a very appropriate way to officially mark the end of 13 years of schooling (my last as a parent). We are very proud of all our students and we look forward to sharing and celebrating their successes in the future.



.....Zlatko Pear

Social Enterprise Award

Our congratulations and appreciation to Year 6 teacher Ms Georgia Royle, who received a very special award for her work in the Social Enterprise Academy- 'Inspiring Teacher Award'

Ms Royle received the award because of her excellent and inspiring work coordinating the Social Enterprise program at Myrtleford P12 College and going above and beyond with her support of the Year 6 students involved in the program. She was chosen out of all the teachers from other schools nationally!

We are very lucky to have her working with our students!



I message from Ms Royle....

I am incredibly proud of the Year 6 cohort and their efforts in Social Enterprise. It has been a year long learning journey with ups and downs, but ultimately all of the students were successful. Each Social Enterprise group were able to pay back their investors, (thanks Mr Lindsay) and have a profit to donate to local charities. Their combined profits came to a total of \$845 dollars, which will now be invested into our wonderful community. Thank you to everyone who supported the students with buying their products, and a special shout out to Mrs Julie Sinnet for volunteering her time and Marg Phillips at Creature Crafts for her excellent customer service! What an incredible community we are blessed to be apart of!

Ms Georgia Royle

Around the College....



Our crossing lady Jenette got into the fun of Halloween, putting a smile on our faces at the start of the day. Jenette, we appreciate you!

Our resident DJ, Rian Minnaar, scored a gig at the Myrtleford Show this year. Rian did a great job and it was wonderful to see his peers

there supporting him. Keep up the good work, Rian!

-Miss Schaefer



LITTLE ANGLERS KITS FOR YEAR 5 STUDENTS

Our Year 5 students received their 'Little Angler Kits' on Wednesday. These kits were supplied as part of a Victorian Government initiative in which \$1.5 million was committed to programs aimed at encouraging more children to be outside and active, being more connected with nature and enjoying the great outdoors. The initiative aims to grow recreational fishing participation in Victoria and encourage learning about fishing, marine life and the natural environment. The kits contain a fishing rod, tackle tray, some tackle and a kids guide to fishing. . The kits are being offered to Grade 5 students for FREE through primary schools. Grade 5 students have been selected based on the Victorian Curriculum focus, movement and motor development, and safety considerations.



For more information about the project head to:

<https://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/go-fishing-victoria/little-angler-kit-project/faqs-for-schools>

Staff Blood Donation

STAFF BLOOD DONATIONS AND DINNER

What a wonderful gift to give blood. Did you know each donation can save up to 3three lives. Five staff were able to donate on last Thursday night, four full blood donations, and one plasma. We were then joined for dinner by our support crew.

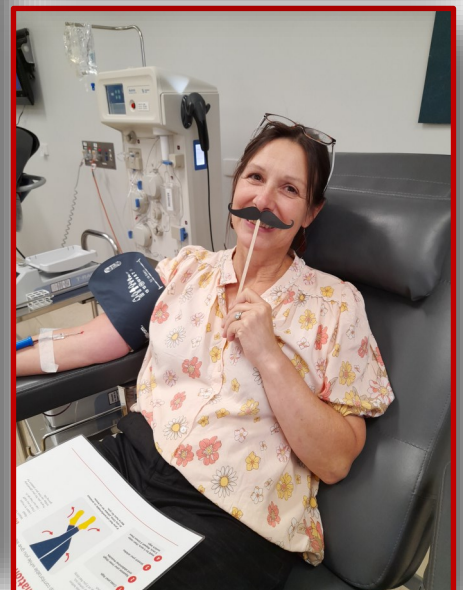
It was a wonderful interactive evening for us all.

If you are interested in finding out more about blood donation ring 13 14 95 or take a look at www.lifeblood.com.au

Photos:

Lia Mitchell donating plasma, Mark Bennett, Rosemary Bunge, Katrina Bendeman and Belinda Knobel donating full blood.

Our dinner crew included Kath Morgan, Claire Stock and Danielle Caponecchia.



3-6 Interschool Sports Day Fun



Melbourne Discovery Camp



Some of you may have noticed that our Year 7's recently went on the Melbourne Discovery Camp. It was fun being able to walk around the city not only during the day but at night with all our friends. Everybody "definitely" went to bed and woke up on time...

On Wednesday waking up at 5am was a struggle for most of us but that wasn't a problem because we got to rest once we got on the train. When we arrived in Melbourne we got some time to look around and eat in Melbourne Central. The clouds then decided to bucket down rain on our walk to Rock Climbing. Later on we went to China Town and had a lovely banquet at ShangHi Village and then arcade games at the Crown Casino for an hour.



Some of our favourite parts of camp were going off on our own to do shopping in Docklands and Melbourne Central, eating pizza under a bridge, and a lot of fun with friends.

By Madi and Sienna



Future Makers Camp



We are excited to share the incredible experiences of our Year 9 students who recently attended the Future Makers Camp at 15 Mile Creek. This annual adventure offers our students a unique opportunity to explore, learn, and create in a stunning natural setting. This year, our Year 9 students embarked on a journey of self-discovery, innovation, and teamwork that will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact on their lives.



Embracing the Great Outdoors

The camp took place in the wilderness of 15 Mile Creek, where students were surrounded by the tranquility of nature. They embraced the beauty of the great outdoors through activities such as rock climbing, canoeing and nature walks. Two journey groups travelled vastly different stretches of the mighty Murray River – paddling over 100km in five days. These experiences not only connected them with nature but also instilled a sense of responsibility for our environment.



Future Makers Camp

Teamwork and Camaraderie

One of the most remarkable aspects of the camp was the way it fostered teamwork and camaraderie among our students. Through team-building activities, they learned the value of collaboration and how to leverage each other's strengths to overcome challenges. Friendships were strengthened, and new bonds were formed, which will undoubtedly continue to thrive back in the classroom.



Leadership and Personal Growth

The camp also provided opportunities for students to develop leadership skills and expand their comfort zones. Many students stepped up to lead group activities, which not only boosted their self-confidence but also showcased their hidden talents. This personal growth is a testament to the transformative power of the Future Makers Camp.



Future Makers Camp

Memories to Last a Lifetime

As the camp came to a close, our Year 9 students had an opportunity to reflect on their experiences, expressing a newfound sense of appreciation for the natural world, and a desire to keep pushing their boundaries. The memories created at 15 Mile Creek will undoubtedly last a lifetime.

We would like to express our gratitude to the dedicated teaching staff at 15 Mile Creek, who made this extraordinary experience possible. Their passion and commitment were instrumental in shaping our students' experiences. Overall the Future Makers Camp at 15 Mile Creek was a resounding success, equipping our Year 9 students with a treasure trove of memories, skills, and friendships. We can't wait to see how these young future makers will continue to thrive and make a positive impact on our school and community.
Kate Sanderson



HEALTH CORNER...with School Nurse Rosemary Bunge



I have been doing lots of education around sexual health and respectful relationships this term with Year 8, 9 and 10. We have looked at contraceptive choices, prevention of STI's and sexual consent. Discussion has been open and honest, and the students have shown progressive learning over the years. Last week the students were very lucky to have Brodie Pasco (Sexual and Reproductive Health Nurse) from Gateway Health, come and expand on these themes for Year 9, 10 and 11. She was also able to tell them of the services offered by Gateway Health, Clinic 35, for young people in our community.

Year 8 Intergenerational Playgroup at Myrtleford Lodge is going really well. The small team of students who are assisting me in this program are doing an amazing job. Watch out, we may make the local TV and radio news yet!

Lots of primary classes are also booked for visits to the Lodge before the end of the year. Our Intergenerational Learning project is amazingly received by all who take part.

Breakfast program is still a hit Monday in the canteen before school and Tuesday at recess for cheese toasties in the SLA. Friday breakfast team also set up in the canteen.

Watch this space for the offer of holiday breakfast boxes coming again soon.

....Rosemary

Thought of the week:

“Luck runs out, but safety is good for life.”
Author unknown

YEAR 10 SCIENCE



Students in Year 10 Science investigated factors affecting natural selection in the evolutionary process. Here we have two students, one "peg beaked", the other "spoon beaked" competing for the small seed food.

Lia Mitchell



New Occupational Therapist- Ashleigh- available for NDIS funded participants 0-18 years.

Can support gross & fine motor skills (e.g. coordination, balance, strength, dexterity and handwriting), with some support options for sensory processing and social-emotional development. Services can be provided at school.

Contact Sally (Director) on 0422584776 or info@smlkids.com.au for more information.

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