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Calendar

March

- **13** Labour Day Public Holiday—NO SCHOOL
- 14 Parents Club Meeting
- **15** NAPLAN Assessment Begins
- **20** NO PRIMARY CLASSES-Staff Professional Learning Day
- **20** College Council nominations Close 4pm
- **27&28** Year 7 and Year 10 Immunisations

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

College Council – notice of election and call for nominations

The 2023 College Council elections for members of the Myrtleford P12 College Council will take place over the next few weeks. Detailed information for parents is included in this newsletter.

The College would like to thank Marg Phillips, Dee Gasperotti and Ren Thoenes 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 of the school from this Friday 10th March and must be lodged by 4 pm on Monday 20th March 2023. 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.

No classes – Primary

A reminder that primary classes will not run on Monday 20th March. Our primary staff along with teachers from other schools across our network will participate in a professional learning day with world renowned literacy expert Lyn Stone.



Prep-2 Site

Building works update

We are excited to announce that we are finally seeing some activity with the building works. The fences were put in place last week and the builders have started earth works across the sites. The old chicken coop, shelter shed and garden have already been demolished in preparation for the new Prep to Year 2 building. We look forward to providing you with regular updates as the project progresses.

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2023 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

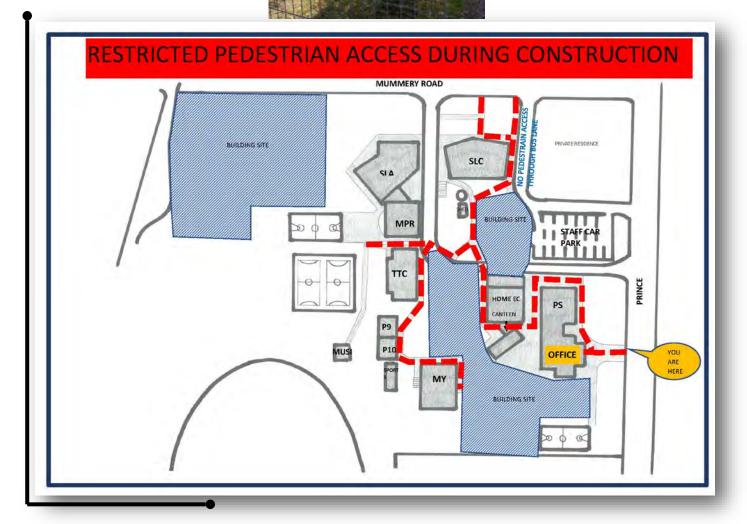
- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.
- Contact the Principal for further information.



Prep-2 Site

Building Works Update





Primary Swimming Carnival







AGE CHAMPIONS

9 Year Old Female Lola Michelini 9 Year Old Male Jed Faccin-Devereux Max Kleine 10 Year Old Female **Charlie Pugh** 10 Year Old Male **Nate Michelini** 11 Year Old Female **Eden Magyar** 11 Year Old Male **Nash Durling** 12 Year Old Female **Nia Lewis** 12 Year Old Male **Louis Sanderson** 13 Year Old Male **Garcia Zanetti**





Primary Swimming Carnival

RECORDS BROKEN

9 Year Old Female 25m Backstroke- Harlow Mitchell 37.16 10 Year Old Female 25m Freestyle-Charlie Pugh 21.94 (Previous 2020 Arlia Mitchell 44.52) 10 Year Old Female 25m Backstroke- Charlie Pugh 27.25 (Previous 2020 Sahra Pugh 23.43) 10 Year Old Male 25m Breaststroke-Nate Michelini 29.47 11 Year Old Female 25m Breaststroke-Eden Magyar 28.23 (Previous 2020 Tex Cartwright 33.47) 13 Year Old Male 25m Backstroke-Harris Bruneau 23.97 (Previous 2020 Matilda Gabler 31.91)

(Previous 2020 Joshua Bruneau 24.43) 13 Year Old 25m Butterfly-Louis Sanderson 24.83 (Previous 2022 Easton Fullwood 28.37







Around the College...



First Parents Club meeting of the Year.... Tuesday 14th March

CANTEEN DAYS

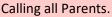
OPEN
MON, THURS, FRI
CLOSED
TUES, WED

Students will need to bring their own lunches on the days the canteen is closed.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Tuesday Toasties
In the SLA at recess time
Thursday and Friday
In the canteen at 8.30

ALL WELCOME!



Parents Club will be having its first meeting for the year, along with our AGM, on Tuesday 14th March at 9am at school. All new parents are welcome to attend to find out all the great things we are doing for the students. As always, current parents are also encouraged to come along. A light morning tea will be provided. Please contact Margaret at

mp12parentsclub@gmail.com to RSVP or express interest in holding an office bearer position. Looking forward to seeing everyone there. Marg Philips (President)

CONGRATULATIONS Hannah and Garcia

The Myrtleford Lawn Tennis recently held their Junior Club Championships.

Congratulations to students Hannah Pear who won the Vicki Moore Open Girls event, and Garcia Zanetti who won the 12/13 Boys event and came runner up in the Alan Heberle Open Boys event.









Around the College...

MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER & OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

Meet.... Miranda Schroeder



Miranda is the new Mental Health Practitioner at Myrtleford P-12, sharing the role with Rutherglen High School where she is working three days per week. Miranda will also be employed as an occupational therapist to assess students and provide support for students and teachers in the classroom. Miranda has worked in both early intervention community mental health, and private practice through NDIS and Medicare.

Miranda is a Paediatric Mental Health Occupational Therapist, whose passion is working with young people to nurture their strengths and positive qualities, and to support them and their families to live the lives they chose, regardless of their circumstances or challenges.

Miranda grew up on the Mornington Peninsula prior to relocating to North East Victoria in 2008, to raise her two children, who are now teenagers. Miranda previously worked as a personal trainer for 10 years before returning to study as a mature age student.

Miranda loves being active, especially in the great outdoors and enjoys running, hiking, kayaking, boxing, swimming and exploring and having adventure with her kids.

Miranda hopes to offer students a range of opportunities for building positive mental health, resilience and wellbeing including one on one support, small groups or whole class activities. Miranda is available at school on Tuesdays and Fridays.

SPEECH PATHOLOGY

HI,

My name is Helen Darmody.

I am a private Speech Pathologist from Albury. I provide Speech Pathology services across Albury, Wodonga, Alpine, and many other regional sites.

I have many years of experience working with:

- primary and secondary school age students
- hospital patients
- nursing home residents
- and community clients.

I love working as part of a team. I'm really enjoying my work here at Myrtleford P-12 College to assist students and teachers with all things related to communication, language, literacy and learning.

If you need to speak with me, please liaise with the school to arrange contact.

Meet.... Helen Darmody





Prep-6 SRC, Art and Library Leaders

At last week's Friday assembly, the newly elected SRC Representatives from each class, the Art and the Library Leaders were announced TO THE Prep-6 students and parents. All students in the Prep-6 Captain and Leader roles were also given their badge to wear proudly on their uniform.

YEAR 6 ART LEADERS

Deagan Ramia-Majors Jemma Martin Ryley Geddes Jen Bagos Willyum Savage Abigail Aldridge-Campbell



YEAR 6 LIBRARY LEADERS

Lily Picciocchi Eden Magyar Rocky Cusack



SRC REPRESENTATIVES

Year 2H-Zarah Vescio

Year 6 Captains-Alice Branagan and Ben Hodgkin Year 6 Vice Captains— Will Hughes and Maya Emanuelli Year 5/6BF- Lara Menz Year 5B— Cody Versteegen Year 4W-Hunter Durling Year 3/4MC-Oscar Tran and Billy Simpson Year 3SP-Heidi Barry Year 2C-Makayla Allan



Year 10 Science

In Year 10 Science we are exploring the use of catalysts in chemical reactions. Today we used the highly effective catalyst, manganese oxide, to decompose hydrogen peroxide in giant "elephant's toothpaste". The reaction was fast and so hot it created steam! A catalyst is not used up in a chemical reaction, so it is possible to recover the manganese oxide and use it over and over again.





On Tuesday, 21st February, the Prep classes visited in the Science Lab in the SLC building. Claire showed us the science lab and had set up some experiments for us to do during our visit. First, we had to learn about how to be safe in the science lab. We made sure that we had our safety goggles on, our lab coats on and that we were aware of our surroundings. Claire talked about how we can be safe in the lab by not drinking any of the liquids that we may come across and making sure that whenever we are in the lab, that we are walking.





After our talk, Claire showed us some simple experiments that involved the students making predictions about their findings. We had two

measuring stations, using magnifying glasses to identify animals and plants, and an experiment that involved using magnets! The experiments were so much fun and the students learned a lot. Mr Pear even popped in for a visit!











areers Newsletter

This newsletter is jam packed full of the latest careers news from around the state. It has updates from universities and other institutions. Scholarship, job vacancies, career pathway information and so much more.

I encourage both students and parents to take the time to read this. To access the newsletter go to https://myrtlefordp12careers.com/ or type in myrtlefordp12careers.com/

Click on the Careers Newsletter in the drop down box under the 'IMPORTANT INFO' tab on the top row From there you will see the latest newsletters from the past 6 weeks. Click on the top one for the most recent.

Newsletters will go onto the portal every fortnight on Wednesdays.

Please feel free to contact me with any queries or questions.

Last Friday Annie Iaria, Summer Caponecchia, Alex Durling and myself attending a School Industry Roundtable Discussion at the Gateway in Wangaratta.

We met with other schools, stakeholders, industry representatives, local council, local LLEN's & Education Department Representatives to discuss how local



industries could support students with experiences and pathways.

It was also an opportunity to:

- ·Identify local employers who are developing specialist expertise where there will be future workforce skill needs, and gather their advice regarding careers and pathways ·Identify opportunities to showcase local innovative employers and pathways to their
- careers, to young people and families
- ·Build better connections between employers and schools in Wangaratta and Myrtleford
- ·Encourage young people to remain engaged in senior secondary education and consider regional job and tertiary education opportunities
- ·Support secondary schools with understanding the nature of the work and careers that are available and how to best prepare young people.

The students were amazing! Their interactions, comments and ideas were appreciated and taken on board by all those in the room.

Danielle Caponecchia

HEALTH CORNER...with Adolescent Health Nurse Rosemary Bunge

I'm at Myrtleford P12 College on Tuesdays and Thursdays I can be contacted by email Rosemary.Bunge@education.vic.gov.au or on 0438 710 584.

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Breakfast is going really well, three days a week. Tuesday toasties at recess has been very well received with more secondary students taking part, which was the aim. Thursday and Friday breakfasts are held before school in the canteen and are also very well attended and it is pleasing to see some secondary students taking

We celebrated Pancake Tuesday with a surprise of pancakes during the Tuesday Toastie day on Feb $21^{\rm st}$. The students said they were yum!

Immunisation for Year 7 and 10 are coming up on Monday March 27th and Tuesday March 28th. I will be speaking to these students about what immunisations are offered at their age level and why, prior to these dates. I will also put more information for parents in the next newsletter, just at this point letting you know to watch out for consent forms coming home soon. Please return these forms ASAP either with consent or non-consent, thank you.

Education opportunity for parents and carers-Butterfly Foundation **Body Confident Children and Teens Webinar**

It can be hard for children and teens to be accepting of and confident in their bodies. It can also be hard for parents/carers to know what to say or how best to support them. Hear from the experts at Butterfly on how to help your child towards a positive body image.

For: Parents/carers of primary and secondary age children

Covers: Body image influences | Importance of positive body image| Positive role modelling | Reducing toxic body talk | Responding to appearance bullying | What to do if concerned | Resources and supports

Date: Monday, 21st March 2023 **Time:** 7pm - 8.15pm (AEDT)

Format: Live, via Zoom (time limited recording available)

Cost: \$15

Register: https://events.butterfly.org.au/portal/event/?

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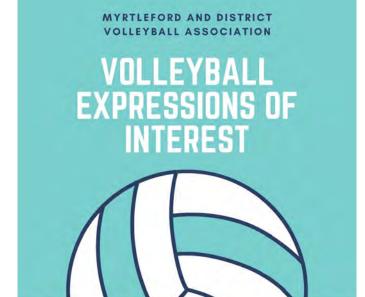
Quote for the week: "Love the life you live."



Sport in the Community...







IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PLAYING COMMUNITY VOLLEYBALL ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS (MAY-SEPTEMBER), SEE THE DETAILS BELOW! PLAYERS FROM 12+ ARE WELCOME

Please contact Keira Schaefer (kschaefer445@gmail.com) to express your interest in joining the MDVA 2023 season



2023 Myrtleford Junior FootballClub **Season Registrations are OPEN!**

New, current and old players are welcome to join. Under 12s (Players age 1/1/2011 to 31/12/2012) All Genders Under 14s (Players age 1/1/2009 to 31/12/2010) All Genders Under 17s (Players age

1/1/2006 to 31/12/2008) Click on the link below to register.

https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/634351

All New members (Never played for the MJFC) will receive a FREE Club polo. Please email your name and size to myrtlefordjuniorfootball@gmail.com

Players are required to purchase their own playing boots, shorts and socks, available from Sports First Myrtleford and a Mouth Guard. Playing Tops will be supplied by the club.

Once registered, please download the App – "Stack Team App" and request to Join "Myrtleford Junior Football".

This is where updates will be given to parents throughout the season.

For more information, please call Rory on 0408574337

Go Saints





In the community



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*Eligibility criteria apply

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Must meet all eligibility criteria:



Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card AND an eligible Centrelink payment*



Be studying yourself OR have a child in school (can be starting school next year)



Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*



Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible







School Crossing Supervisor (Myrtleford)

Are you looking for a position that benefits the local Community? Support the children in our community!

A rewarding opportunity exists at Council for a casual school crossing supervisor Myrtleford.

How you'll make a difference

Make a difference to our community by supervising our school crossings during school terms in the morning and/or the afternoon to assist students and families to travel safely to and from school.

Our ideal candidate

To be successful in the role, applicants will have:

- Sound communication skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Experience working with children or the general public
- The ability to follow road safety procedures and laws
- The ability to get to the school crossing (sometimes at short notice)

Applicants will need to meet the physical requirements of the position as well as undergo a police check and have (or have lodged an application for) a Working with Children Check (WWCC).

Training will be provided.

Apply now

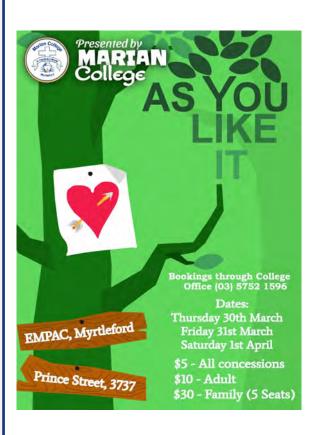
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For more information visit:

https://www.alpineshire.vic.gov.au/council/careers/current-vacancies/school-crossing-supervisor-myrtleford-0



In the community



\$25 fee per site/address Registrations close March 1st

All registered garage sales will be provided with an official "Myrtleford Town Garage Sale" registered sign and balloons. Any enquires please contact Margaret 57521494 or Ren 0493382383





Auctions: Local experiences, services,

wines and accommodation

Mega Raffle Funds will support education and health programs in Timor Leste



Information - The P.A.R.T.Y. On Program

Would they benefit from more knowledge of the potential consequences of taking risks? Do they have the perception that "it won't happen to me"?

The Alfred's P.A.R.T.Y. (Prevent Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth) program are presenting an event on Thursday the 30th of March, 2023 so that older youth and their lamilies and friends can be better informed about the consequences risk-taking.

The 2.5 hour program will run from 5pm to 7.30pm with a combination of video, demonstrations and live presentations with Alfred Health clinicians and a past Alfred trauma patient. The program covers information from pre-hospital to rehabilitation locusing on the care a trauma patient may go through. It provides real information about traumatic injury through the lived experience of others.

The event will be held at The Betty & John Laidlaw AO Alfred Innovation & Education Hub. located at the Alfred precinct at 75 Commercial Road, Melbourne.

Tickets costs are:

- . \$25.00 per ticket for student/concession or for 3 or more tickets Light refreshments will be provided

The event will be run in accordance to COVID-19 safety precautions and will be rescheduled should there be a changed response to COVID risk.

Please note, numbers are strictly limited.

For further information, please contact:

The P.A.R.T.Y. Program at The Alfred team at info@partyalfred.org.au or see the frequently asked questions: partyalfred.org





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As part of the workshops NESAY brings to you "Connecting the lines through cartooning with SPLAToons Cartoon Shop"

This workshop aims to increase confidence, family connections and communication strategies through the use of cartooning.

LOCATION

aratta Rovera Football Nethal

For more information and to register: https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/connect-the-lines-cartoon-workshop-family -sessions-tickets-535353465627

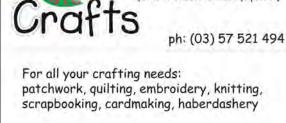
For additional workshops apart of the Spotlight on you series visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/spotlight-on-you-1702029?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utmterm=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb

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Scan the QR Code for more information and to register

DATE & TIME

Workshops for young people

Tues 28 February

Workshops for families (young people can be joined by a family member)

Thurs 16 March

Tues 28 & Weil 29 March

Workshops for parents & carers



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- Via email (just let the office know and provide a valid email address)
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