



Mallacoota P-12 College

Newsletter

Tuesday 3rd August 2021

Week 4 of 10

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

COVID19 Safe measures for schools

We'd like to thank everyone who is being vigilant in following health advice to reduce the risk of transmission. Masks are required for all staff, secondary students and any visitors to schools. Included in this newsletter, you will find information from the Victorian Coronavirus website that outlines the types of masks that are able to be worn, along with advice on how to wear a mask. We encourage families to discuss the importance of mask wearing with their secondary students, to help reduce the risk of transmission.

Visitors to schools are strictly limited to essential visitors. These include Placement teachers and Health and Wellbeing staff.

Parents who come onsite to drop off or collect students are asked to reduce the time spent onsite and to use the QR code to register your visit if entering any buildings. QR codes are located at the entry to each primary classroom, plus at our admin office and entry gates near the covered court. While onsite, all visitors are required to follow mask wearing requirements and maintain physical distancing.

Any student, staff member, visitor or parent who feels unwell must stay home and get tested, even with the mildest of symptoms.

We want your feedback

Every year the Department of Education and Training runs a survey to provide parents an opportunity to provide feedback on families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

We invite a randomly generated selection of parents to participate in the survey. Selected parents will shortly receive an invitation with instructions on how to access the survey. We strongly encourage everyone selected to have your say by completing the survey.

Should you have questions, suggestions or concerns at any time, we encourage you to reach out to us as together we can best support your child's school experience. There are a number of ways of contacting us: call the office on 51580254, write or email the school at mallacoota.p12@education.vic.gov.au or pop into the office to arrange a time to meet.

WHAT'S ON

04 August	School Council meeting at 7pm
12 August	GAT Exam
13 August	Primary District Athletics
16 August	Science week
23 August	Book Week
03 Sept	Athletics Day with Cann River
13 Sept	Arts Fest Week

Update on events

Lunchtime activities with our Primary Captains has been a huge hit with many students and a great way for our young leaders to develop their leadership skills. What a great way to get active at lunchtime.

Yr7 Gabo camp is underway. With this being a single school event, the Operations Guide allows the Gabo Camp to proceed as planned. Reports indicate that the first group of students are loving the experience, having kicked off to a brilliant start by seeing a pod of dolphins and a Minke whale on their trip out to Gabo on Monday. We hope the weather holds out and that the remainder of the week provides a truly amazing experience for all students and staff involved.

Friday afternoon sport began last Friday and was very popular. See more info later in the newsletter.



Aya
Shae
Taj
Marley



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Yr7-10 Parent Information session has unfortunately been postponed from Tuesday 3rd August, and will be rescheduled when parents can be invited onsite to participate. This is an opportunity for parents to meet face to face with classroom and Home Group teachers to discuss current programs and begin discussions about our subject selection process, career opportunities and how we can support students as they move through secondary year levels towards VCE and VCAL.

VCE General Assessment Test is now scheduled for Thursday 12th August. The General Achievement Test is a test of general knowledge and skills in these broad areas:

- written communication
- mathematics, science and technology
- humanities, the arts and social sciences

Students enrolled in a VCE or scored VCE VET Unit3 and 4 sequence is required to sit the GAT.

Mallacoota/Cann River Athletics Day is now scheduled for Friday 3rd September. We hope to be able to welcome Cann River P-12 and parents/spectators to this event. If you would like to support this event as a parent volunteer,

please let our office know and the message will be passed onto our Primary or Secondary Sports Co-ordinator.

Arts Fest has been rescheduled to the last week of Term 3. A range of workshops, art, craft and musical opportunities, along with exhibitions and entertainment will be on offer during the week.

Science Week is scheduled for the week of 16-20 August. This year's theme is Acclimatise- the Science of Sustainability and Adaptation. (See the reports from the Yr3/4 Virtual Discovery Science program in this week's newsletter.)

Book Week follows directly after science week. The theme this year is Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds.

Have a great week.

Deb & Kathy



**Get ready for this year's
CBCA Book Week!**

- Dress Up Day
- Book Fair
- Fun activities



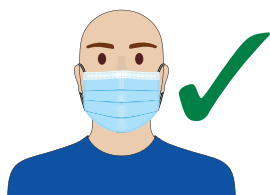
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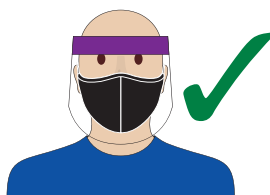


Face masks

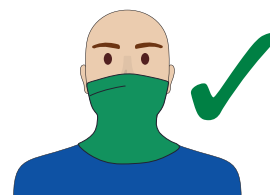
What you can and cannot wear in public



A fitted mask needs to be worn covering both your nose and mouth.



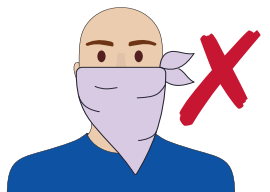
You can wear a face shield only if it is worn with a fitted face mask.



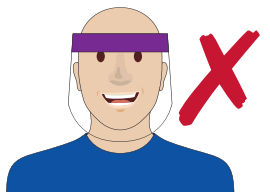
A fitted snood or gaiter can be worn covering both your nose and mouth.

There are two types of face masks you can wear: cloth masks and surgical masks with no one-way valves.

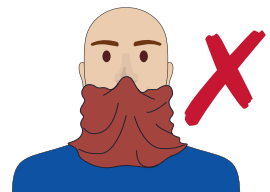
- Cloth masks are made of washable fabric and can be washed and re-used.
- Surgical masks are single-use masks and **cannot** be washed or re-used.



You cannot wear a bandana or scarf.



You cannot wear a face shield.



You cannot wear a loose snood or gaiter.

How to put your mask on



Step 1: Clean your hands with soap and water or hand sanitiser before putting on the mask.



Step 2: Make sure the mask is not damaged or dirty before putting it on.

Secure the ties at the back of the head and neck or place the ear loops over the ears.

Make sure the mask covers your nose and mouth and fits snugly under your chin, over the bridge of your nose and against the sides of your face.



Step 3: Do not touch the front of the mask while wearing it. If you do touch the mask, clean your hands with soap and water or hand sanitiser.

Do not wear the mask under your nose, around your neck or anywhere else other than over your nose and mouth.

How to take your mask off



Step 1: Clean your hands with soap and water or hand sanitiser before removing the mask

Step 2: Carefully remove your mask by grasping the ear loops or untying the ties. For masks with a pair of ties, unfasten the bottom one first, then the top one.

Step 3: If your mask has filters, remove them and throw them in a rubbish bin. If your mask is a single-use surgical mask, throw it in a rubbish bin – it should not be reused.



Step 4: If the mask is a reusable cloth mask, put it directly into the laundry or into a washable bag for laundering in hot soapy water.

Step 5: Clean your hands with soap and water or hand sanitiser after removing the mask.

Note: this information is not for use in health care and support worker settings.

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Gr 3/4 Virtual Discovery Science Sessions

Today we went on a zoom class and learnt science and did really fun things. It was good.

We made like a thing that had 3 actions. We built bull runs. I struggled because I had no partner.

We had a big struggle but we still worked great. We built a cannon. We had lots of fun and I think we worked really well.

We made a contraption that completely failed. It kept on falling.

I built a marble run that knocked dominoes and knocked a ball into a can.

We made a people run from blocks and cups.

I felt a little frustrated and happy at the same time. The science was gravity and reaction and it was fun and confusing.

In our webex Science class I enjoyed making our machines. It was really fun working together and using science to help. We learnt about reaction and gravity.

In science we made machines and contraptions. It was very fun and we were on Zoom.

Today we were on a Zoom class and we learnt about Science. We made Rube Goldberg machines. Our first try didn't work. But the second time it worked! It was really fun.

I loved the second session. We built a catapult. It was fun.

I felt a bit excited at first then really, really excited. My group did lots of fun stuff together.





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SWIFF's Nextwave Youth Short Film Competition is open for entries!

The Coffs Coast's Screenwave International Film Festival is looking for the next wave of young film-makers!

Enter a short film into the Nextwave Youth Film Competition for your chance to win awesome awards and prizes, including Best School, and have your film premiere at SWIFF 2022 on the Coffs Coast!

If you like being creative, and want to have a go at filmmaking, SWIFF wants to see what you can do!

The rules are simple:

- Make a film under five minutes
- Include a pineapple
- Enter before October 12th to win!

For full terms and conditions, visit www.nextwave-film.com.au “

Secondary Physical Education

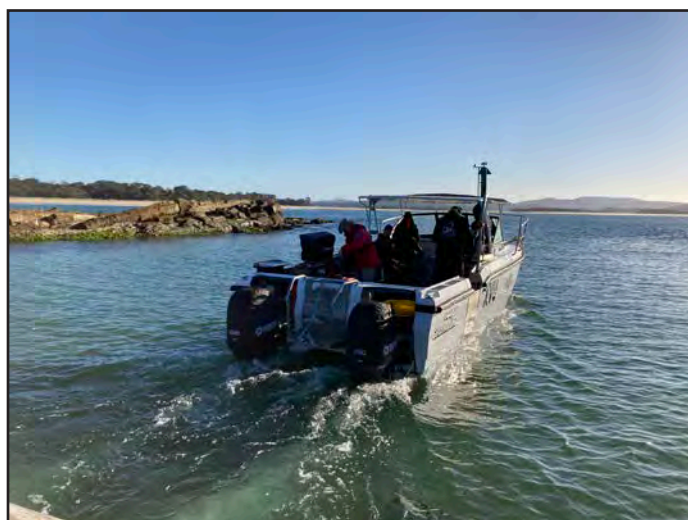
Awesome start to our Term 3 sport with 16 participants playing some Olympic Opal/Boomers style basketball at our new Multipurpose Sports Facility. Looking forward to continuing to develop our skills and fitness while having fun. Thanks to Mr. Ody and Berry for running the sessions.

Priya Berry

Sec. Sport Coordinator



The Year 7 girls enjoyed a beautiful morning to sail off to Gabo Island on Monday. The boys hope to travel over on Wednesday.





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Book Reviews by Yr5/6

Northern Lights

Northern lights was published in 1995 and is part of a trilogy. The author of Northern Lights is Philip Pullman. Northern Lights is a fantasy book with the essence of the real world and a magical fiction world. In this book children mysteriously start disappearing, so the main character Lyra sets off on a quest to see what is happening to the children, with twists and turns all through the book.

Northern Lights is a fantastic book, it was the best book I've ever read.

Northern Lights has great descriptive language allowing you to visualize really well throughout the book, although some parts were difficult to understand because it was set in older times. Some parts of the book were difficult to understand for me but it helped me expand my vocabulary and get to know the language that they use.

I really enjoyed the characteristics of Iorek Byrionson and how he has a soft spot in his heart for Lyra even though he is supposed to be a vicious and heartless bear. I loved when Lyra stood up to her unloving and messed up father and spoke her inner truth.

I noticed that small parts of the book lead up to a big event in the end. Almost everything had a meaning and that made the book suspenseful and great.

I would recommend this book to someone who is maybe 10 to 11 and older because there is advanced language. I would give this book 9.8 out of 10.

Overall Northern Lights is a wonderful book wrapped in detail and beauty.

By Heidi

Book Review - Northern Lights

Northern Lights was published in 1995 and written by Philip Pullman and is part of a trilogy series of His Dark Materials. The genre is Fantasy and is about an untamed wild girl called Lyra, who goes on an unexpected journey, which leads her to make lots of friends and find lots of odd destinations that help her uncover the truth...

In my opinion there were some parts in the story that

were hard to comprehend and take in. The story gets more emotional and you start to get attached to Lyra and her life; here are some things that I really enjoyed:

I really like how much Pullman made you feel so much like a character and made that illusion that you were part of the story.

I think when I look deeper into the story I found there was a subplot story for each of the characters e.g. Lyra. Even though the story was about her (mostly) you could tell that before the story even started Lyra had this rough dirty lifestyle as her upbringing to make her become the wild child she is.

One thing I really really like is when Pullman puts you in a very vivid point of view of a character, it really enhances how you interpret the characters, which makes you more engaged with the story.

When I was asked who my favourite character was I didn't really know. The thing is I don't have ONE but I have many. I particularly like Lee Scoresbee (who comes in later in the story), Iorek Brynison (again, who comes in later) and of course Lyra. They all have this admirable characteristic that makes you motivated and inspired to keep on going no matter what!

Philip Pullman has this way of writing these photographic images in your mind that are balanced with rough and beautiful. Pullman's technique of writing really engages the reader with every turn of the page, and he never disappoints! This made me cherish the book even more.

I can conclude that I absolutely loved this book. It made me happy, sad, excited and curious all throughout the book. I think it takes a lot for an author to keep the reader engaged with a book, let alone three. Right now, I'm on the last book of the trilogy series (The Amber Spyglass) and it is so good! I'm a bit sad that it's the last one though...

I would recommend this book to people who particularly love fantasy and probably the ages from 12+, anybody can cherish this book from young to old.

I was really indecisive about the rating but after reading through I'm going to give The Northern Lights a 9 out of 10.

Lirra



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Hoot Book Review

The book Hoot was written by Carl Hiaason and published by Random house in the year 1988. It won the Newbery Honor award in 2001, the genre is drama and it is the first book in the series. The book is about a boy named Roy who just moved to a new school in Florida, from his old town Montana. He becomes good friends with the mean girl in year 8 Beatrice, who loves her soccer practice. Beatrice and Roy team up to save some rare owls from extinction.

I didn't really enjoy the book that much, because it was a bit boring for my liking, but my favourite part of the book was when Roy's bike goes missing and he goes out looking for it without his parents knowing and then they get really worried and call a search party to look for him. Then Beatrice makes him run with her, then Roy realises that Beatrice stole his bike.

It is getting late and Roy has to go home, then Beatrice bites his tyre to make it look like he popped it, that's why he was home so late. Then a police officer picks him up and takes him home. It was my favourite part because I think it was cool how Beatrice put her whole mouth around Roy's bike tyre just to help him even though she hated him. Probably to make up for taking his bike.

My favourite character is Beatrice, because she changes so much over the book. At the start she is mean and bossy and at the end she is really kind and caring. The book is full of positives and negatives, like when Roy gets lost when they are saving the owls, the book goes up and down all the time.

After reading Hoot I didn't really enjoy the book that much because I think the writer could have described things a bit better. I would recommend this book to people aged 7 to 11 who like drama and friendships. I rate this book 5 out of 10 stars.

By Bridie

Roald Dahl's "Boy" Book Review By Sebastien. A

The title of this book is "Boy" written by Roald Dahl and is a great name for this book because it is about Roald's life from a young age. This book is part of a two-book series and I would read the second as I really enjoyed the first. Roald Dahl explains his

story extremely well and makes the reader (me) engaged and want to keep reading. This book is an autobiography of his exciting life from a young age. The book was first ever published in 1984 making it very interesting to read the vocabulary and imagining how young he was when he started working on it. This autobiography takes you through Roald's life from a young age and all his adventures.

I don't have much to complain about but, the first chapter or two made me a little disengaged and bored relatively quickly, but further along, it became a lot more interesting and in fact, I did not want to stop reading. It was hard to stick to the reading schedule our teacher had assigned us. Whenever I got to the limited page number I would want to keep going until the book was done. And I especially like how detailed it is. My favourite character has to be Roald Dahl's half sister's boyfriend because I love the scene when the family kids put goat poo in his tobacco pipe and he screams. I love the scene when Roald's half-sister is driving their first motor car in the country and they crash, everybody is fine except Roald who's nose has come clean off and it gets sewn back on by the doctor. This just shows you what an exhilarating life he had. The writer (Roald) uses great adjectives throughout the book. The stories he tells are very unexpected and you don't know what will happen next, this keeps you reading!

I loved this book and would strongly recommend it if you are anywhere from 10 to 15 years of age. My opinion is that this book is engaging and fun to read. I give this book a 9 out of 10.

Book Review

The book Hoot was written by Carl Hiaasen. It was published by the company Crazy House Inc. in 1988 and the 15th anniversary copy was published in 2001. Hoot is the first book in a two book series. The genre is fiction, good VS bad, drama.

My personal opinion is that the author has written a masterpiece and the plot is amazing, along with an amazing plot the book also has contrasting side quests. My favourite characters are the quirky little comedic geniuses, the burrowing owls and the mighty officer Delinko. My personal favourite moment is when Beatrice bites Roy's tyre. The reason it's so good is because it's so unexpected. The author uses side quests and problems to



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put some lighting on the main characters and the author puts some subtle but noticeable comical moments.

My overall opinion is that the book is excellent and the plot is tremendously good. My recommendation is to people that have time to read the book, from start to finish in one go so the reader doesn't lose momentum. Also I would recommend the age to be 9+ also someone who wants some fictional justice (and to hear about some cute owls). My personal rating out of 10 would be 8 and a half because there could be a tiny bit more action and the epilogue is a bit anticlimactic.

Jimmy

PAPER PLANES BY STEVE WORLAND REVIEW BY SKYLAR

Paper Planes was first published on the 12th of March, 2015. Its genre is young adult and realistic fiction.

Dylan lives in the outback. He loves folding paper planes. One day, a person comes to school and they have a paper plane competition. Dylan wins so he goes to the national paper plane championships.

In my opinion Paper Planes was a really good book. What I liked most about it was all the comedy. What I didn't really like was that things dragged on.

My favourite character was Dylan's grandpa (AKA Crazy Grandpa Guy). He is my favourite character because he was silly and funny. My favourite moment was when Crazy Grandpa Guy stole an ambulance. It is my favourite moment because he's reclaiming his life because he doesn't like being in an aged care home and he wants to connect with his grandson (and because it's hilarious).

This book is pretty sad because his mum died, he's being bullied and his dad's depressed. The sad content affects the reader and makes them sad. Comic relief is important in sad books because it can temporarily stop the reader from being sad and gives them a break.

My overall opinion of Paper Planes is that it is a really humorous and touching book. I recommend this book to people interested in paper planes. I rate it a 9/10.

Book Review - Boy

The name of this book is called Boy, written by Roald Dahl and published in 1984. It is part of a two book series and is an autobiography.

Throughout the book he took revenge on a nasty matron, he had trouble in school and had tough times in between leading from pranks, rule breaking and injuries.

I think it was adventurous, thrilling and awesome but in some parts of the book it was hard to catch on and follow along with. I think it was positive that he included truthful goods and bads of his life along with pranks and rule breaking he did but I'm not a fan of when he got too carried away in his writing and added unnecessary words, writing and scenes.

I especially love the mum because sometimes she was embarrassing and that led to some funny times.

I loved when the main character put goat poo instead of tobacco in his sister's boyfriend's pipe. It was very funny.

I loved the descriptive language he used in the book and the funny detail.

I think it was funny, intense and definitely worth reading again.

I'd recommend this book from grade 5 - grade 7 - 8

I think that this book should be read by people aged 9 - 14.

My rating out of 10 is 8/10.

By Matisse



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BADMINTON SMASH DAY

10 AM – 2 PM on Saturday 7th of August 2021

Main Hall, Allan Drive, Mallacoota

ADULT entry = Gold Coin

CHILD entry = FREE



Let's Play!

Come and try Badminton with fun family activities and gifts for all ages, abilities and backgrounds!

- Lightweight racquets and shuttlecocks provided
- Try it indoor and outdoor (AirBadminton)
- Fun and easy to play with family and friends



This event hosted by Badminton Victoria (BV) and the Mallacoota Youth and Sports Club Inc.

Contact: (03) 9686 4777, participation@badmintonvic.com.au



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TERM THREE CALENDAR

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
26	27	28	29	30 MP-12 Athletics
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2	3	4	5	6
Yr7 Gabo Camp				
	● 3:30pm Yr7-10 Parent			
9	10	11	12	13
Arts Fest week				Primary District Athletics
16	17	18	19	20
Science Week				
		Sec E. Gipp Athletics		
23	24	25	26	27
Book Week				
		Sec E. Gipp Ath - Backup		
30	31	1 Sept	2	3
		Sec. E.Gipp Table Tennis		MP-12 Athletics

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