



# Mallacoota P-12 College

## Newsletter

Tuesday 10th May 2022  
Week 3 of 9

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Another very eventful week at Mallacoota P-12 last week with many events happening which are outlined below by Kathy. The Melbourne Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) camp went really well in Melbourne, however the last day of activities was interrupted and the students and staff had to return to school one day early. A huge thankyou to Peter Embleton, Steph Mew and Peter Barnett for organising the camp and for supervising the students on the camp. Another group of students also attended the Victorian Surf Championships at Torquay where they competed against other students in the state. They really enjoyed the experience. Thank you to Simon Berry, James Dale, Priya Berry and Col Morris who attended the championships with the students.

The Mallacoota Principal position has been advertised and has now closed. The selection panel will be meeting next week and the shortlisting of candidates will commence. It is expected that the new Principal will be selected by the end of this term.

#### **PUPIL FREE DAY Tuesday 24th of May**

Tuesday the 24th of May will be a pupil free day. Staff will be working with an educational consultant to discuss and explore some of the latest insights into teaching and learning.

Now for *Out and About* from Kathy.  
Take care.  
Cheryle

#### **Out and About at MP-12**

With so many secondary students out on various camps last week and our senior students getting on with their studies- apart from their odd game of table tennis, it would be easy to think MP-12 was a primary school. Despite that, there was still a lot of activity happening. Classrooms were busy and the yard was quieter, but far from dull.

Thursday saw some of our student leaders deliver the first Primary assembly for the year and what a great job they did. Congratulations to the 'Students of the Week'-.... and of course to our leaders for delivering a very polished assembly.



Out on yard duty throughout the week I came across a hive of activity in one of our garden areas, with all the makings of a well-run industry in full swing. There were ochre makers, delivery people, cleaners, organisers and much more, but best of all, the students were all active, inclusive, respectful and simply enjoying each other's company. If this is the future of our society, I think we're in pretty good hands. After taking a few photos here, I then headed around the building to the undercover court and spied our primary leaders finishing off a game of dodgeball with our early years students and one of the leaders staying on to organise a game of duck, duck, goose for a small group who wanted to keep playing games with the 'big kids'.

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Reports from staff and students on the Melbourne Camp and the State Surfing have all been very positive, with so many experiences and opportunities that can only be offered out of town. Sadly the Melbourne camp was cut short.

This week we begin our NAPLAN testing with Yrs 3, 5, 7 & 9. We have scheduled our tests for Tuesday to Thursday, with Friday and next week available for catch-up sessions for any students who are absent this week.

We also encourage our parents and students to join us for our scheduled conversations on Tuesday from 2:45pm (early finish at 2:30pm) and Thursday from 3:45pm. For anyone stuck at home due to illness, our

staff are able to phone in for these conversations. Please contact the office if you need help booking some time slots.

Lastly, we welcome back Peter Barnett who has returned following some surgery late last term. Won't be long before he's got his dancing shoes on again.

Have a great week, Kathy



### Scholastic Book Club...

Just a reminder that Book Club was distributed to students last week. The closing date for Issue 3 is **WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY.**

Do you like to sing? If so, please join us for

## Choir

When: Lunchtime on Wednesdays  
1.40- 2.20 pm from Week 4

Where: Outside Prep/1 Room

All welcome!





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### Division Cross Country

On the 2nd of May 2022 Pip, Kourtney, Barry, Jack, Liam, James, Brendan and I went up to Bairnsdale for division cross-country. Barry, Jack and Brendan went first in the 10 boy's 2km race and they all did really well. Next in the 10 girl's 2km run, Pip and Kourtney did an awesome job and Pip got through to regional! After them it was James and Liam in the 11 boy's 3km event and they did amazingly too. Last of all, I ran in the 11 girl's 3km race. I did well and, like Kourtney, I missed out by two places. We all had a heap of fun and cheered each other on.

By Char

Hi, I'm Pip and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May I participated in the Division Cross Country. I was in the 9-10 girls age group. It was a 2km run. First we had to run around the oval and then we turned onto Hacks Track. And then we ran. I had to go back to the Marshall area and I came in 1<sup>st</sup>.

By Pip

I came 20<sup>th</sup>. I was in the 9-10 boy's age group. I had to run 2km. At the start of the race a raging battle began to come first, second or third. I had to jump bushes and there was a wall of people so I had to circle around and go around. There was a lot of intense action when we ran around the oval. In the end I came 20<sup>th</sup>. I give all my gratitude to the team who were giving me a lot of support. Thank you.

By Brendan

We had a great time competing against other students from different schools. One of my favourite parts was walking around the Cross Country representing our school. We got ice-cream on the way home.

By Liam and Barry





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### State Surfing Titles - Torquay

On Wednesday afternoon we headed off to the 2022 State Surfing Titles held in Torquay, after packing the bus with all our boards and food. We stayed at the Berry Farm Wednesday night and picked up the other surfers from their Melbourne camp Thursday morning on our way to Urban Surf, an artificial mechanical wave pool designed for our excitement and enjoyment.

Despite the water temperature of 14 degrees and air temp of 15, the wave pool was an amazing experience and we all got some fun waves. After shredding up the pool, we set up camp at the Torquay caravan park and went for a grovel out at Torquay main beach, returning to the natural unpredictable waves of the ocean.

On the day of the comp we drove to Jan Juc and surfed some peelers with former student Tom Nation, who was nice to catch up with. The competition kicked off at 10am starting with the girls comp, which unfortunately we did not have a team for, but it was great to see so many girls from other schools absolutely ripping it up.

In the mixed team event we had a team of Isaac, Ruben, Sandy, Remy and Jya-Ruby, with Isaac having the double pointer and moral support from the rest of the team on the beach. We ended up coming 5th with a special shoutout for the kilometres we travelled to be there and overall the comp was a huge success!

Following our icy water adventures, we brought the life back into our limbs by climbing into the warm bus and travelling a glorious 9 hours home. As always, State Surfing was filled with laughs and fun and I can safely say we all slept very well at home Friday night.

Thank you to all our sponsors for providing us with the opportunity to go, without your support it would not have been possible! A big thank you to former student Brodie who met us in Melbourne, then Torquay. Thank you goes out to Col Morris who helped drive the bus. Also a huge shoutout to Mr Berry and Priya and all the staff for all the organisation and planning it took to get us on the trip, thank you!

We will be having a State Surfing pizza/celebration night on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May** to say a big thank you to our sponsors.





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### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE? part 2

#### The Lost Soul

He was sitting in his chair staring at the night sky. The twinkling stars shone down on his face while he thought of that monster he fought a couple hours ago. He thought of its metal tentacles it used to slither like a snake. Its face was plastic and grey, it might have been white at some point but he wouldn't never know. Ever since that encounter he'd been very stressed and thought he'd seen the monster lurking around the house, only to realise it was just a shadow. How was the thing even alive? He had so many questions.

The man stood up out of his chair, the wooden floor felt cold under his bare feet. He walked down the dark hall. He turned around to see a red light streaming out from his bedroom door. He fell back in surprise, he didn't turn on that light. Filled with fear and curiosity he crept closer to the room, adrenaline building in his body. Then he turned around and looked inside his bedroom. Nothing was there except there was a new door, it was white with a cylindrical dull gold door handle. The man decided the best course of action was to go inside the door. He moved over to his desk and grabbed a flashlight sitting on it. The man crept next to the door and entwined his fingers around the door handle and twisted it. The door creaked open revealing a black shadow. The man sneaked into the room, only greeted by the dark.

Click. The flashlight turned on revealing that the room was made out of mainly bumpy concrete, it was very cold under his feet. He shone his flashlight around the room and spied a shadow in the corner. The curiosity in his body was too strong and controlled his mind. The force pulled him toward the shadow, every step made the shadow quiver and shake. The man was right next to the shadow, within arms lengths. The shadow jumped at the man, making him drop his flashlight and fall down. The shadow was on top of him scratching his face with its long slender fingers. The shadow was somehow distinguishable in the darkness, the only way to describe it was a blacker, black with no legs. The man scrambled around frantically, trying to grab onto something, anything or he would die. Clink. It was his flashlight, the man frantically flashed the shadow with his flashlight, the shadow jumped back in surprise. Of course, how did he not think of it, it was a shadow. The definition of a shadow, is a place with no light, making a dark area, light was the only thing to defeat it. The shadow whipped back around and

tried to tackle the man to the ground. The man was too fast and he shone his flashlight at the shadow, making the shadow standstill for a second, that was enough time for the man to jump out of the way. CRASH. The shadow continued its plunge and fell into the door. Splinters and chips flew everywhere. Then the door lazily opened with the force of the impact revealing that the shadow was slowly melting because of the light, leaving a black liquidy stain on the bright blue carpet. "What was this?" the man thought. The man had more questions than before.

"Hello?" The man jumped with a fright  
"WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?" The man yelled in reply.  
"We have spoken before," Whispered a whisper.  
"When?" replied the man.  
"The attack, a couple hours ago," the whisper responded.  
"So, you're that voice?" inquired the man.  
"Yes," answered the whisper .  
"Why are you her-," the man was cut off by the whisper saying  
"The thing is back."  
"Do you mean THE thing?" The man asked  
"Yes, so let's get to business," the whisper said, "I must take you to my world." Without having time to answer, the man's vision flashed white and he was whisked away into the world of the souls.  
The man woke up with a jump. He'd thought that whole thing was just a nightmare but it wasn't. He Felt the soft grass beneath his body and looked up at a beautiful pink sky that could only have been a sunset's.  
"Hello?hello?hello?" said a familiar voice  
"You're here as well?" exclaimed the man  
"Of course I am," said the whisper,"I'm a spirit, and this is the spirit realm."  
"Wait... You're a spirit?" exclaimed the man  
"Of course I am."  
"Well you didn't make that very clear." After a long non-sensical argument, They finally decided to do something about the problem afoot.

"Well first of all, what's your name?" asked the whisper  
"I don't know," answered the man

A narrative by Skylar, grade 6



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4 **FREE** Parent webinars by child psychologist: Learn to support your primary school aged child with worry, frustration, managing impulses and tricky behaviour. Zoom into 1 or all 4 – 1 hr duration

**1) Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2022 at 7pm (ADEST) - “Helping Children through the Emotional Challenges of Primary School”** - learn about the challenges children experience with emotions, learning and friendships during primary school - and what they need from parents/caregivers to succeed.

Click here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83297305374?pwd=Uzg0REpiN2ZzTG1xRWE3eThrTHJPZz09>

Zoom Meeting ID: 832 9730 5374 Passcode: 732897

**2) Monday 28<sup>th</sup> of March 2022 at 7pm (ADEST) - “Calm and Confident Kids”** - learn to help children with a tendency towards worry or anxiety - or who are dealing with difficult life situations.

Click here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88695370225?pwd=cVhac2JNVUxuVEZqUzVnR1owell1UT09>

Zoom Meeting ID: 886 9537 0225 Passcode: 719597

**3) Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> of May 2022 at 7pm (AEST) - “Calm and Connected Kids”** – learn to help children to develop positive friendships and manage peer difficulties which often arise in primary school.

Click here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81238889177?pwd=NlRnYVpJbXJxR3R3a1FvYUdjZFBFZz09>

Zoom Meeting ID: 812 3888 9177 Passcode: 159022

**4) Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2022 at 7pm (AEST) – “Calm and Co-operative Kids”** – learn to help children who have a tendency towards frustration, have difficulties managing impulses or feeling unco-operative.

Click here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87172614896?pwd=K0YxWU5YYy9aYnZqcjlsakw1RXNRZz09>

Zoom Meeting ID: 871 7261 4896 Passcode: 276561

No RSVP necessary but “zoom in” quickly as only 100 zoom spots are available each session.



Presented by clinical child psychologist Kirrilie Smout. Kirrilie has had 25 years experience in working with children and families, is the author of two books about children and mental health and regularly consults with national bodies about child mental health concerns. She is the Director of Calm Kid Central, an online program of courses to help children manage emotional health challenges. [www.calmkidcentral.com](http://www.calmkidcentral.com) (Free using FIRSTYEAR access code).

Any questions please contact Sandra on: [sandra@developingminds.net.au](mailto:sandra@developingminds.net.au)

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**ACTIVE KIDS ARE SMARTER KIDS**



**WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY**

**FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022**

Until they're ten, children must always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road

**WALK.COM.AU**

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28-29 May 2022

wilderness workspace presents

# IMAGINE MALLACOOTA

animation and filmmaking workshops  
• film festival • free food

**FREE BOOKINGS:**  
[WWW.WILDERNESSWORKSPACE.BIZ](http://WWW.WILDERNESSWORKSPACE.BIZ)

The Wilderness Workspace  
Mallacoota

<https://vimeo.com/568724590>

## WHAT'S ON



- 10 May** Naplan (May 10th-May 19th)
- 10 May** Parent/Teacher/Student Conversations - 2:30pm finish
- 11 May** Calm & Connected Kids Webinar
- 11 May** School Council at 7pm
- 12 May** P/T/S Conversations
- 16 May** Yr5/6 Swimming Program @ Pambula (May 17th & 19th)
- 19 May** State Surfing Pizza/Celebration Night
- 20 May** National Walk Safely to School Day
- 23 May** Yr3/4 Swimming Program @ Pambula (May 25th & 26th)
- 23 May** EG Sec. Cross Country @ Lakes Entrance
- 24 May** Student Free Day - TBC
- 30 May** Yr2 Swimming Program @ Pambula (May 31st & June 2nd)
- 30 May** Youth Orchestra Visit - TBC
- 31 May** Tech School Visit
- 02 Jun** Gipps Cross Country @ Warragul
- 06 Jun** P/Yr1 Swimming Program @ Pambula (Jun 7th & 9th)



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### TERM TWO CALENDAR

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK 3</b>	<b>May 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>May 10<sup>th</sup></b> Naplan *P/T/S Conversations 2:30pm finish	<b>May 11<sup>th</sup></b> Naplan *"Calm and Connected Kids" Webinar	<b>May 12<sup>th</sup></b> Naplan *P/T/S Conversations	<b>May 13<sup>th</sup></b> Naplan
<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>May 16<sup>th</sup></b> Naplan *Yr 5/6 Swimming Program @ Pambula	<b>May 17<sup>th</sup></b> Naplan *Yr 5/6 Swimming Program @ Pambula	<b>May 18<sup>th</sup></b> Naplan	<b>May 19<sup>th</sup></b> Naplan *State Surfing pizza/celebration night *Yr 5/6 Swimming Program @ Pambula	<b>May 20<sup>th</sup></b> Naplan
<b>WEEK 5</b>	<b>May 23<sup>rd</sup></b> Yr 3/4 Swimming Program @ Pambula *EG Cross Country Lakes Entrance	<b>May 24<sup>th</sup></b> Student Free Day - TBC	<b>May 25<sup>th</sup></b> Yr 3/4 Swimming Program @ Pambula	<b>May 26<sup>th</sup></b> Yr 3/4 Swimming Program @ Pambula	<b>May 27<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>WEEK 6</b>	<b>May 30<sup>th</sup></b> Yr 2 Swimming Program @ Pambula *Youth Orchestra Visit - TBC	<b>May 31<sup>st</sup></b> Yr 2 Swimming Program @ Pambula *Tech School Visit	<b>June 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>June 2<sup>nd</sup></b> Yr 2 Swimming Program @ Pambula *Gipps Cross Country @ Warragul - TBC	<b>June 3<sup>rd</sup></b>
<b>WEEK 7</b>	<b>June 6<sup>th</sup></b> P/1 Swimming Program @ Pambula	<b>June 7<sup>th</sup></b> P/1 Swimming Program @ Pambula	<b>June 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>June 9<sup>th</sup></b> P/1 Swimming Program @ Pambula	<b>June 10<sup>th</sup></b>

#### MALLACOOTA

Day/Date/Time	Activity	Location	Contact/Cost
<b>Monday</b> 3.30-5pm	Arvo Games/Hangout 10-15yr olds	The Sanctuary	Free. Just turn up! Jya-Ruby/Bianca
<b>Monday</b> 10-12.15 and 4-6.30	Gymnastics	Mallacoota Main Hall	<a href="mailto:Mallacootagymnastics@gmail.com">Mallacootagymnastics@gmail.com</a> for more info
<b>Tuesday</b> 9am-2pm	Kinder 3 & 4 year old programs	Mallacoota Preschool	Mallacoota Preschool 51580413
<b>Tuesday</b> 3.40pm & 4.10pm	Music with Padma	Community Club Rooms	Just turn up
<b>Tuesday</b> 4-5pm	Badminton	Mallacoota Main Hall	Mallacoota Youth and Sports Club
<b>Wednesday</b> 9am-2pm	Kinder 3 & 4 year old programs	Mallacoota Preschool	Mallacoota Preschool 51580413
<b>Wednesday</b> 10.00-11.30	SMART recovery for 14yrs+	Mudbrick Pavilion	Tessa Vanderslik Sainsdale Regional Health, AOD 0477487557 for more info.
<b>Wednesday</b> 1.30-2.25	School Choir for students	Mallacoota P-12	Free for students led by Lisa Broome and Padma Newsome
<b>Wednesday</b> 2.15pm	Story Time @ the Library	Shire building	Free
<b>Wednesday</b> 3.30-5pm	Soccer training - 5-14yrs	Main Oval	Mallacoota Soccer Club Kerri Warren 0438515805
<b>Wednesday</b> 4-5pm	Drop in Session 10-25yr olds	The Sanctuary with Michelle Connell RFD's	Free. Just turn up
<b>Thursday</b> 9am-2pm	Kinder 3 & 4 year old programs	Mallacoota Preschool	Mallacoota Preschool 51580413
<b>Thursday</b> 3.30pm	Lego Club @ the Library	Shire building	Free
<b>Thursday</b> 4-5pm	Drop in/Hang out 10-25yroids	The Sanctuary with Trindi	Free. Just turn up
<b>Friday</b> 9.15-11.15am, Play2LearnBus 10-12noon	Facilitated Playgroup, Play2 Learn bus every second session	Miva Miva Outdoors	Free
<b>Friday</b> 3.45pm-7pm	Basketball	Main Hall	Free. Reclink Cellista 0481 961 900
<b>Friday</b> 3.30-4.30pm	Sanctuary Band 10-25 yrs	The Sanctuary	Free
<b>Saturday</b> 9.30-10.30am	Kids Tennis	Tennis courts	Tennis Club (Mallacoota Youth and Sports Club)

Happy Birthday

Pip  
Alistair  
Kalani  
Maggie

### Respectful Relationships - We noticed...

- some senior students looking out for some of our young community members at a social event
- students sharing their skills with others in an inclusive way
- students demonstrating inclusion and acceptance during the HEY activities