



# Mallacoota P-12 College

## Newsletter

Tuesday 14th November 2023

Week 7 of 12

### WHAT'S ON

<b>15 Nov</b>	Billy Tea Bush Band Dance - Genoa Hall, 5pm
<b>22 Nov</b>	Yr 9/10 Lake Barracoota Camp (23 & 24 Nov)
<b>24 Nov</b>	Primary Assembly 9am
<b>27 Nov</b>	16 Days of Activism
<b>27 Nov</b>	HeadStart (till 1st Dec)
<b>30 Nov</b>	School Art Show Opening at the Gallery



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Transition programs are underway across the school from Kinder to Foundation, Year 6 to Year 7 and leading up to Head Start, a taste of senior secondary school for students in either VCE or VCEVM pathway.

Over the course of the year, there are a range of whole school activities from prep to secondary such as the swimming and athletics carnivals, science week, and Arts Fest that are designed for students to work alongside different year levels and provide opportunities to meet future classmates and develop friendships, these are all great examples of transition activities.

This term Year 6 students are attending a variety of Year 7 classes each week including homegroup where they are working with year 7 – 8 students to design a fun-filled activities week, an opportunity for all students to demonstrate initiative and ability to work in a team.

We welcome the kinder children to their first transition session to foundation- the first year of school, commencing this Friday.

We would also like to express our appreciation to Amélie Boucher and Pam Water from the Gippsland East LLEN for their support for the Year 9 Community Learning Project Day and supporting students to get their boat licences.

Events coming up:

- Opening of the Whole School Art Exhibition at the Mallacoota Art Space Thursday 30 November 4.30pm

- Whole School Assembly - Friday 8 December 9am
- Awards Presentation Afternoon – Wednesday 13 December 2.30pm

Hope you can join us!

Warm regards  
Susi



Wednesday 15th November the Billy Tea Bush Band will be running Bush Dancing sessions at school ,yeehah! followed by a community Bush Dance at the Genoa Hall in the evening from 6pm to 7pm. The bush dance will be preceded by a BBQ provided by Reclink from 5pm to 6pm (or bring along your own picnic dinner.) Larry's Coffee Van will be present as well.

We'd love to see lots of families at this event, so dust off your boots and scoot to Genoa!



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### Coota Sun Sunscreen

#### Product development

In Year 11, our VM Work Related Skills class developed Coota Sun Sunscreen, a sun protection product made entirely from natural ingredients. Initially, we explored ideas like black surfboard wax and beef tallow sunscreen. However, we realized that black wax had limitations due to sun absorption and environmental conditions. We then shifted our focus to creating a natural sunscreen, considering the needs of surfers who spend a lot of time in the sun. By utilizing natural ingredients, we catered to a growing market demand for chemical-free products. Our journey underscores our dedication to refining ideas and addressing practical challenges.

As we advanced in our project, we collaborated with another class specializing in product design. Ruben took the initiative to craft a fully customized stand for our sunscreen product. Additionally, thanks to Sabine and John, we were able to enhance our brand by incorporating a laser-printed logo, etched into our handmade plywood stall. Our efforts extended to branding, packaging, and pricing strategies, all of which played a pivotal role in the successful launch of Coota Sun onto the market.

#### Production line

We have Tristan, Ruben, Rory, and Seth on our production line, and we take turns mixing and measuring the quantities of ingredients to the exact ratios. The ingredients include Coconut oil, Zinc oxide, Olive oil, Beeswax, Cocoa Butter and Vanilla Extract. When the sunscreen is finished, we allow it to cool for easy handling before pouring it into our premium tin cans with pop lids and precise pouring technique, along with handcrafted premium eco-friendly labels.

#### Where to purchase

Our Coota Sun Sunscreen stand is currently set up at the front office of the school. Thanks to the support of Phil we will soon launch the sunscreen at the Mallacoota Surf Shack. The process has been made incredibly convenient – a simple QR code scan is all it takes to get your hands on our high-quality sunscreen, ensuring you have quick and easy access to effective sun protection.

#### Thanks

We'd like to express our gratitude to the Mallacoota Office for their support in sourcing ingredients and providing funding. Rory's guidance was instrumental in our project's success. It's important to mention that all proceeds from our product will go towards the Vanuatu Cyclone Appeal.

Thank you and be sun smart.





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### Council Corner

Our most recent School Council meeting was held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

Susi along with all staff have been working very hard on continuing the work with our School Wide Positive Behaviours and how that looks for all members of our School Community. Particular work has been done on identifying and highlighting positive behaviours. When less appropriate behaviours are identified standard approach and responses are being implemented to ensure the same message is being given and received by all persons. Plans are underway to make our Annual Implementation Plan for 2024 more user friendly and easier to read – this is very welcomed.

As the end of our school year draws closer, our students have many, many activities listed to keep them very busy. Camps, bush dances, School sleepovers, Nippers, exams and the extensive list goes on. A very big thank you to all of those who enable these events to take place for our students – I'm sure we all agree that not all learning takes place just in the classroom.

With Summer fast approaching, many people's thoughts are on the potentially high temperatures and fire risk. On any identified Catastrophic days our school will be closed and no-one will be allowed on site. Notification of this will be issued as directed by DET.

You may have noticed in the Office entry or heard many excited discussions regarding some uniform samples on display. Students, parents and community members are encouraged to come and view these items and provide your feedback in relation to changes to the School uniform.

Compass is now up and running – this is how the School (generally) communicates School events with parents. Whilst we have all been getting used to it and there have been a few hiccups along the way, most things now seem to be running smoothly. I have noticed on Compass the 'Payments Centre', and I have directly contacted the School in relation to this and currently it is not a function that is operational. All payments for camps, excursions, activities etc need to be paid by cash or cheque directly to the office or via direct credit into the School bank account.

All families will very shortly be receiving information regarding 2024 enrolments, this will include Parent Payment Arrangements – Curriculum Contributions. While these are voluntary contributions to your child's

education, and cover all items such as Student diary, stationery pack, classroom consumables, class sets of textbooks, online education programs and some minor local excursions, it is greatly appreciated by our School if part or all of the contribution can be made to ensure all students in years following are afforded the same continued opportunity to having these items and services supplied to support their education.

No longer is the School sending home a book and stationery list that needs to be completed and paid for separately, these items are what is included and provided on day one of the new school year.

As older students move through their education and select subjects for their chosen path, some of their learning material required is not covered in the contribution and, are required to be purchased separately depending on subjects being studied.

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Dani  
School Council



On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November we farewelled our year 12's of 2023. We wish them all the very best in their future endeavours!



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### Coastal Culture - Jack, Kourtney, Zara & James

In the start of term 2 the grade 5/6 class started to learn about social enterprises and how to run a business. We learned to make products and soon split into groups. Next, we came up with logo templates and name ideas and soon enough we found the perfect one. Subsequently we started to brainstorm ideas about what products we wanted to make, for example some of the products our group made were turtles made from shells and DIY cookie jars. The turtles were extremely hard to make as we didn't have enough shells and the glue wasn't working very well, making the arms and legs keep falling off, but by the end we managed to solve the problem and they sold out pretty quickly.

By Wednesday week 5 our products were finally completed, meaning the following day was the day of our social enterprise market, the day where we got to sell our products and all of our hard work had paid off. You might be wondering what's a social enterprise, but this is simply just a business where 50% or more of your profits go to charity. Our class chose the topic mental health to raise money for and the charity we gave our money to was called Beyond Blue, a charity that raises money for our cause.

On the market day it was tremendously windy, by the fifteen minute mark our group called Coastal Culture had already sold out. Soon after all the other groups did too. Some of the groups had to hold items back because people had pre ordered items. The day went astonishing well and the whole class had an exceptional time and it went by quite rapidly. After the day had concluded the class started to add up the money and all together we raised \$627 and every bit of it was sent to Beyond Blue. There were a few challenges along the way such as absences, shortages of materials and group problems but in the end, it was an immense success. And 2 of the groups got some very positive reviews of people who made our cookies the night after, saying that they were very delicious.



### Smiley Chains - Isla, Barry, Somer & Toby

Back in term 2, our class 5 / 6 started a social enterprise. You may be wondering what a social enterprise is. It is when a business is created and donates 50% of its profits to a certain charity. In our case, we donated 100% of our profit to Beyond Blue which is a charity that goes towards people who struggle with mental health issues. At the beginning, we had to first learn about social enterprises. When it came time to decide what our products would be, we had an extremely hard time deciding. But after a long period of thinking, we came up with the idea of keychains! We all ordered what we needed, and the process of making began. Our keychains went really well in the design, but when we came to baking, some of them melted because of a catastrophic clay mix up!! Luckily, most of them worked. We attached chains, and soon enough came market day.

On the day of the market it was extremely windy. Everyone's products fell over and we repeatedly had to set things back up. We ran our stalls in the school undercover court. It was the second of November when we had our enterprise. I think we were all quite nervous, but we got through it. We sold out very quickly concluding this all a success!

MESSAGES FROM OUR TEAM, SMILEY CHAINS:

Isla- I loved creating our products, and seeing them go so quickly!

Somer- I enjoyed playing and creating the clay!!

Toby-I enjoyed making stuff with Barry!!

Barry-I enjoyed convincing people to buy our products!

We all enjoyed this process and it was a fun experience.

To conclude, we would like to thank every one of you that came to our enterprise. Last of all, we would love to tell you how much money was donated to Beyond blue.

And that was a grand total of \$627!!!!





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### Doggie Doods - Ava, Louis, Isy and Liam

Term 2 the year 5/6 class started the social enterprise project. With the help of Tom we started looking at what a social enterprise is and we started looking at ideas for what to sell. Then the groups voted on what the cause was going to be, and we decided it was going to be mental health. We had a 50 dollar budget to buy what we would need to buy for our product making. Then we learned about logos and how to make them unique and stand out. Then we decided on the name. We decided that our name was going to be Doggie Doods and then our stuff started to arrive and we got to work making our products. We made fabric balls, sock n balls, balls on a rope, tangle toys and treat packs.

Our market day was on the 2nd of November. We started to set up at 12:30 pm and packed up at 3:25 pm. Our market day was a success except that the wind was a bit of a pain as it kept knocking everything and we got very annoyed. We didn't sell out, but we only had 3 products left. Our best seller was definitely the treat packs. Overall, our class raised \$627.



### Mallacoota Munchies - Shelby, Brendan, Angelika and Bohdy

Since Term 2, Grade 5/6 have been working on their own authentic Social Enterprise businesses. A Social Enterprise is where you make your own business, create items or come up with a service you want to make profit from, and then donate your earnings to a charity or organisation. We came up with many creative ideas, and finally voted on our cause. We proudly chose to raise money for Mental Health awareness and aid.

We were all very enthusiastic about our new project. Our class was separated into 5 separate groups. Not long after tough brainstorming and trial and error, we came up with a business name, logo, and imaginative jingles. Soon enough, we started our projects.

Our group, Mallacoota's Munchies, decided to create a cookbook composed of original treasured recipes from our community. We sent out advertisements, asking families to send in their recipes. We were very successful and received a lot, and we were extremely grateful that those families contributed to our project.

Then we went to work.

It was definitely very exhausting.

Firstly, we started typing up the recipes onto a digital book-making website. We thought about what we wanted our creation to look like and brought it to life. In no time, we completed our book, and it was ready to print.

But when we printed it, the pages were all messed up and we couldn't put it together properly. We panicked, but eventually figured out a way to make it work. We were very proud of our finished product.

After this, we started on our cookie jars. We selected a recipe to follow and purchased ingredients, and started putting all the ingredients together and made them look delicious. We attached our logos, and they were ready to sell.



Then it was market day, and we sold out very quickly, all doing our jobs by explaining our cause and tracking our profits.

Overall, we learnt a lot.

We developed new skills and strengths and worked together as a team perfectly.

This experience was a lot of fun, not just for Mallacoota's Munchies, but for our whole class!



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### B.A.M. Bracelets - Bailey, Markee and Arki

Way back in term two the 5/6 class started their social enterprise journey. We started by learning what a social enterprise is. You might ask what is a social enterprise? Well it's similar to a business but you donate 50% or more of the funds you make to a charity. We decided to donate 100% of the profit to a charity called Beyond Blue.

We had a visitor named Tom to talk about what our class might raise our money for and we decided to donate our funds to people who suffer from mental health. Our group was called B.A.M Bracelets (Bailey, Arki, Markee) and we sold bracelets and a lucky dip which had bracelet making kits included and we sold our bracelets for \$4.50 each and our Lucky dips for \$3.00. Out of all the groups we made the largest profit which was \$194.25 On the day of the market we all set up our stands which was quite difficult due to the windy weather. It kept knocking over the signs, products and other things. Everyone got stressed about it but once it opened to the students everyone was having an incredible time and we sold out very quickly. In the end we were all feeling exhausted but so proud and surprised that we sold out. In the end we made a total of \$627.25 and successfully donated it.



### Primary Regional Athletics

Hello, my name is Ava, on Wednesday the 18th of October my family and I travelled up to Newborough to compete in 11 girls triple jump. Overall, I came 5th out of 15 people and jumped 7.9m. I was very happy with my result and overall, the day and experience was spectacular and I would love to do it again.



### Secondary State Athletics

On Monday the sixteenth of October I went down to Albert Park, to compete in the secondary state track and field championships. I was in two events, the open 3000m and the 1500m. I came 16th in the 3000m and 10th in the 1500m. It was a very fun day and a great experience, and I was happy with my result.

Bridie





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### Year 5/6 Sleepover

By Bailey, Brendan and Barry

On the 2nd of November the year 5/6 students celebrated their success of their social enterprise project with an exhilarating class sleepover. As the bell went for the end of school, we scurried down to room seven to set up our swags and mats. A few swags refused to be put up which didn't help with the time schedule. After we finally had set up, Jack's mum came with yummy leftover donuts (which were delicious!). Then at around 4:30 we had Reclink come to organise fun activities. We had a dance off and a musical statue contest. The boys rocked out to the music and we did the macarena. Then they set up a FUN obstacle course where we had to do multiple challenges such as skipping, building a small block house and more. After we did the blood pumping obstacle course we brought out the parachute! It all reminded us of when we were in prep! When we were doing the parachute Mr. Barnett went to get our pizza!

We then went into the kitchen to see Ketzia had over-ordered the pizza and garlic bread! We all shoved our faces with pizza and scrumptious garlic bread. When we had relaxed a bit we headed out to play capture the flag on the oval. We all had a fun time seeing as though it's one of our favourite games. Then we headed inside when it was getting dark to play the very exciting BABY PHOTO GUESSING COMPETITION! It was quite hard this year. The highest number of right guesses was 13! We then had Magnum ice cream and settled down to watch Red Dog. After the movie had ended we decided to get our last bits of energy out by running up and down the hall.

Then we settled into bed. There was a LOT of giggling and chatting! At around 6am Liam's alarm went off! We got ready for the day and packed up everything then we headed to eat breakfast. We felt so tired that we spent the first two sessions having a very relaxed literacy session. Then we really had to get into the day.





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### Grade 3/4 Camp

Last week the Grade 3/4 students went on camp to Kianinny Bush Cottages for 2 nights and 3 days of action packed adventures. It was amazing to see full participation from all 24 students for the whole camp and every activity. Huge thankyou to Trudy, Mrs Scott and Lee Fisher for coming along and helping make the camp a massive success. We were all very proud at how well everyone helped each other through all the challenges that come with going on such an adventure.

Thankyou  
Ben Donegan

In Week 6, the Grade 3/4s went to Kianinny Bush Cottages for school camp from the 8th-10th. There were loads of activities such as the Flying fox, Bush Skills, Archery, Canoeing, Mini Golf, Sensory Course and the Amazing Race. All the activities were loads of fun, and the instructors were super nice. The food was delicious. Some extra activities including the swimming pool, a guided night walk and a movie night. We were also sharing the camp with a school called Broulee Public. We really enjoyed Kianinny and hope to go back again!  
By Zoe, Grade 3

On Wednesday of week 6, Grade 3/4 went on a camp at Kianinny bush cottages from the 8th-10th. There were loads of activities such as Canoeing, 100m Flying Fox, bush skills, Sensory Course, Amazing Race, Mini golf and Archery. There were also some nighttime based activities such as a Bush walk and a movie night. The food there was amazing! Also, there were some other activities like the pool. On our trip to Kianinny there was another school called Broulee Public. We hope to go again soon!!!

By Abby Grade 3.

Last week grade 3/4 went to Kianinny bush camp. When we got there Mr D sorted out the cabins and after that we had our first activity. Group 1's first activity was flying fox and Group 2's first activity was Archery. After that Group 1 had bush skills and group 2 had canoeing. Then we had free time and dinner, we had lasagne it was so good! We had a guided night walk where we were gone for an hour and a half then we went to bed. In the morning we had breakfast then did more activities like mini golf, canoeing, sensory course, amazing race and flying fox. We then got some free time and then a movie

night.

On the last day group 1 had Archery and Group 2 had bush skills and then it was time to pack up and head home. It was a really good experience.

By Ollie and Charley







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### Stay at home if unwell.

With the increasing numbers of Covid and flu cases in the area, it's a timely reminder to stay at home if unwell. Both Covid and the Flu virus are very contagious even before you get symptoms.

To minimising the risk for sharing a virus please:

Staying at home if unwell (including a cough, sore throat, sneezing, runny nose, temperature and changes to taste or smell)

Cover your mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing.

Wash hands after coughing, sneezing, before eating and after going to the bathroom.

If your symptoms are of concern, please ring the medical centre on 51580777 say that you are possibly infectious, and they will give you instructions on what to do next.

If short of breath or having any major breathing difficulties, please ring the ambulance on 000.

Let's work together to maximise the health of our school community.

Helen. School Nurse

For further information <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsandtreatments/flu-influenza>

<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/covid-19/about-covid-19>

### About COVID-19

Learn about what the symptoms of COVID-19 are, how it spreads and what viral shedding is.

[www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au)



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### TERM FOUR CALENDAR

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK 7</b>	November 13 <sup>th</sup>	November 14 <sup>th</sup>	November 15 <sup>th</sup> Billy Tea Bush Band Dance – Genoa Hall, 5pm	November 16 <sup>th</sup> Yr9 CLP	November 17 <sup>th</sup>
<b>WEEK 8</b>	November 20 <sup>th</sup>	November 21 <sup>st</sup>	November 22 <sup>nd</sup> *Yr 9/10 Barracoota Camp *School Council 6:30pm	November 23 <sup>rd</sup> *Yr 9/10 Barracoota Camp	November 24 <sup>th</sup> Primary Assembly 9am *Yr 9/10 Barracoota Camp
<b>WEEK 9</b>	November 27 <sup>th</sup> 16 Days of Activism *HeadStart Program VCE	November 28 <sup>th</sup> HeadStart Program VCE	November 29 <sup>th</sup> HeadStart Program VCE	November 30 <sup>th</sup> *HeadStart Program VCE School Art Show Opening 4:30pm *VM Information Session 5:30pm	December 1 <sup>st</sup> Last Day Yr 11 Students *HeadStart Program VCE
<b>WEEK 10</b>	December 4 <sup>th</sup>	December 5 <sup>th</sup>	December 6 <sup>th</sup>	December 7 <sup>th</sup>	December 8 <sup>th</sup> Whole School Assembly *Last Day Yr 10 (with parent consent)
<b>WEEK 11</b>	December 11 <sup>th</sup> Secondary Activity Week	December 12 <sup>th</sup>	December 13 <sup>th</sup>	December 14 <sup>th</sup>	December 15 <sup>th</sup> Nippers tbc
<b>WEEK 12</b>	December 18 <sup>th</sup> Nippers tbc	December 19 <sup>th</sup> Nippers tbc	December 20 <sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term 4		

#### Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR) - Talking Further

The current schoolwide focus for the RRRR curriculum is gender and identity. You can get involved at home by: talking with your child/ren about what your favourite toys, games and activities were when you were a child.



Iyla  
Seb  
Aliza  
Remy  
Lana  
Loki

*This week's value:*  
**'Learning'**

We are positively engaged with  
the community.