



Mallacoota P-12 College

Newsletter

Tuesday 5th March 2024
Week 6 of 9

WHAT'S ON

06 Mar	Primary Division Swimming Bairnsdale
08 Mar	Professional Practice Day - Pupil Free Day (no students required at school)
11 Mar	Labor Day - Public Holiday (no students required at school)
13 Mar	Uniform Orders Due
14 Mar	Gippsland Swimming
20 Mar	School Council 6.30pm
21 Mar	East Gippsland Volleyball



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Swimming achievements Congratulations to the following students who qualified to represent the school at the following events:

- Primary District Swimming Carnival: Alistair, Ethan, Harper, Henry, James, Kourtney, Liam, Nellie, Rose, Willow, Zara and Ollie.
- Secondary East Gippsland Swimming: Bridie, Cohen, Emerson, Leo, Lizzie
- Primary Division Swimming Finals: James
- Gippsland Swimming Finals: Bridie, Emerson, Cohen

Student swimming achievements will be acknowledged at the whole school assembly on Thursday 28 March at 11.30am. It's great to see students wearing the new school sports polo shirt designed by Kai (year 12 student last year).

Friday 8 March is a pupil free day for a staff professional practice day across a range of areas including First Aid/CPR training, 6 + 1 writing traits and whole school curriculum documentation.

Monday 11 March is also a pupil free day and a public holiday in Victoria.

Yr 10 – 12 School Formal: A tremendous success, thank you to all the students, parents, staff, and local community who worked together to make this a special event! The formal is a great example of student voice and agency, what really matters and taking on the challenge to make it happen. Congratulations to the students for your persistence and hard work organising the formal. A special thank you to Tracie and Andrew Cole from the Bakery, Kristan and Bonnie Rands from the Butchers, Matt and Vanessa Rijs for DJ music, Graeme and Jenny from

Karbeethong Lodge, Andi as photographer, Vanessa for flowers and Trindi for coordinating the event.

NAPLAN: The 2024 National Assessment Program— Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be administered to students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 commencing **Wednesday 13 March**. This is a test about a student's abilities on one day, and not who they are as a person. We celebrate all our students as the creative, dynamic learners that they are.

School Council Nominations: Welcome parents, Miriam, and Tammy to the School Council. We look forward to the school council's contributions to our strategic plan and to shaping the future of the school.

Annual privacy reminder for our school community: Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) and the [Schools' Privacy Collection Notice](#).

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy [Photographing-Filming-Recording-Students-Policy](#), describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Google Workspace for Education](#) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school. For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#).

Warm regards

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Mallacoota – Cann River Swimming Carnival Recounts

We went to the swimming carnival and the bigger kids raced first. We had a race and it was freestyle and it was really fun. – Charlie W grade 4

We went to the swimming carnival and there were lots of races. – Archie grade 4

We went to the swimming carnival and when we got there the bigger kids raced and it was raining. – Charley S grade 4

Bastion won the swimming sports and Gabo was very angry. I was proud of making the 50 metre mark without stopping in the freestyle. – Barry grade 6





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Secondary East Gippsland Swimming Carnival

On Thursday the 29th Bridie, Leo, Emerson, Lizzie and Cohen competed at the East Gippsland Swimming Carnival in Orbost, led by Kai (our ES trainee) who is known for his extreme love of swimming. We all swam a range of strokes including Butterfly, Freestyle, Breaststroke and Backstroke. Bridie came first in 50M Breaststroke and Emerson came first in 50M Butterfly. The trip took a turn when we rocked up to the famous Chookies for lunch and disaster struck. CHOOKIES WAS CLOSED!!! We plodded slowly over to the bakery and devoured some pies. A big thanks to the school and our families for supporting us!

Bridie: It was a great day and everyone did really well.

Lizzie: Don't cry it's not worth it.

Cohen: Everyone swam really well and although Chookies was closed we all survived.

Leo: Winning is like finding a needle in a haystack.

Emerson: It was really fun 🥳 and we all swam really well. 🏊

Kai: I feel like Peter Parker with this camera.

Simon: I don't need a quote (while driving)

Cohen



International Women's Day

International Women's Day (IWD) is held on 8 March each year, with events and activities taking place across the globe. It celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The theme for IWD 2024 is **Inspire Inclusion**.

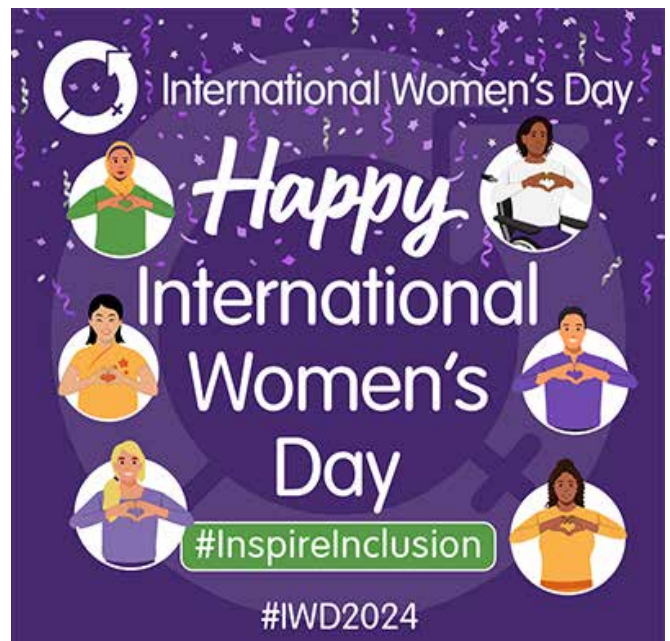
While the 8th of March falls on a pupil free day we can:

- Inspire others to understand and value women's inclusion. When women themselves are inspired to be included, there's a sense of belonging, relevance, and empowerment.
- Creating awareness of how far we've come towards gender equality, and how far we have left to go. It marks a call to action for accelerating gender equality to create a world where women and girls everywhere have equal rights and opportunities.
- Celebrating the contributions of women

This is a day for all. There are so many things we all can do to empower and support girls and women, your daughters and the women in your workplaces. Whether it is supporting women's health, standing up, educating yourself about gender inequality and healthy masculinity. Helen. School Nurse.

Resources

[International Women's Day 2024](https://www.internationalwomensday.com/)
([internationalwomensday.com](https://www.internationalwomensday.com/))





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Clean Up Australia Day

Last week, primary students participated in this annual event by cleaning up around school. After many years of getting involved in this event, it has been pleasing to see the amount of rubbish gradually decreasing; particularly with the encouragement of 'nude food' in lunch boxes. Well done to all families who have made the transition. There was a wide variety of rubbish with soft plastic being the worst offender.



Weird and Wonderful Words

Try working these into conversation this week!

Word - Defenestrate

Definition - A verb meaning to throw someone or something out of a window.





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Formal recount - Highlights from some students



“I really enjoyed sitting by the deck looking outward over the lake with the nice trees and plants and the pink, blue sky. Getting photos with friends was definitely the most fun; getting dressed up and taking photos with a beautiful background” Ruben Migotto-Brown

“Getting photos of everyone was amazing and standing around talking and eating food was really great. Seeing everyone dressed up looked really good and everyone looked real proper” Tristan Cole

“The food was nice and it was good that a lot of people showed up” Marley Amos

“Seeing everyone dressed up, the venue was really nice and brought everyone together and it was nice to see everyone having a fun time. Thanks to all the staff and students who helped organise, set up and pack up the event” Zara Creed

“I really enjoyed the Formal, I had heaps of fun dressing up and hanging out with friends and family. The dinner was awesome!! Thanks to the people who organised it” Kalani Apps





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TERM ONE CALENDAR

WEEK 6	March 4 th	March 5 th	March 6 th Grade 5/6 Surfing Program (after school) *Primary Division Swimming Bairnsdale	March 7 th Grade 5/6 Surfing Program (after school)	March 8 th Professional Practice Day – pupil free day (no students required at school)
WEEK 7	March 11 th Labor Day – Public Holiday (no students required at school)	March 12 th	March 13 th	March 14 th Primary Regional Swimming and Gippsland Swimming	March 15 th
WEEK 8	March 18 th	March 19 th	March 20 th School Council 6.30pm	March 21 st East Gippsland Secondary Volleyball	March 22 nd
WEEK 9	March 25 th	March 26 th	March 27 th	March 28 th Last Day of Term 1 MP-12 Cross Country	March 29 th Good Friday

TERM 2 - 2024

WEEK 1	April 15 th Start of Term 2	April 16 th	April 17 th	April 18 th	April 19 th
WEEK 2	April 22 nd	April 23 rd	April 24 th	April 25 th	April 26 th

Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR) - Personal Strengths

The current schoolwide focus for the RRRR curriculum is **personal strengths**. You can get involved at home by: Encouraging your child/ren to talk with their family members about their strengths and times when they have helped them in doing, achieving and/or saying something.

This week's value:
'Respecting'

We communicate in a kind, inclusive and considerate way.

A friendly reminder
all students need to wear
hats outdoors in term 1.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jack

Isla R

Ziggy

Toby

Somer

Audrey F

Miles