



# Mallacoota P-12 College

## Newsletter

Wednesday, 19th February 2014

Week 4 of 10

### February Birthdays

20th - Teagan Bruce

20th - Brady Ellis

24th - Bryce Owen

26th - Airly Embleton-Mew

### Dates to Remember

Feb 19th - Primary Zone Swimming

Feb 19th - School Council Meeting

Feb 20th - SRC Meeting

Feb 20th - Welcome Community Sausage Sizzle

Feb 26th - Secondary Zone Swimming

Feb 28th - Closing date for EMA applications

Mar 10th - Labour Day Public Holiday

**No students required at school**

Mar 19th - School Council Meeting

Mar 25th - School Photo Day

Apr 4th - End of Term 1



### From the Principal

Regular attendance and punctuality are vital characteristics for our students to learn. We take attendance very seriously. To this end, my information this week comes from the DEECD regarding attendance for primary and secondary students.

I would also like to remind parents that we need forms returned asap for newsletter distribution, permissions for panadol, use of student pictures and work in the media, and your checked student details.

After this week, if we haven't heard from

your family, the eldest child in the family will be given the newsletter to take home.

And don't forget we have our parent / student / community / staff welcome sausage sizzle this Thursday, from 5.30pm. I would love to see as many families there as possible. Please let the office know if you would like to attend, to give us an idea for catering. Have a great week

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### 2014 Newsletter

Newsletters will be available every Wednesday. It would be appreciated if you could nominate how you would like to receive the newsletter each week and return this slip to the college office.

Please email me a pdf to this address: .....

I will view the newsletter on the College website at [www.mallp12.vic.edu.au](http://www.mallp12.vic.edu.au)

Please send a copy home with my student ..... in year .....

Please mail my newsletter to the following address: .....

Parent Name: .....



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**Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day - missing school puts them behind.**

### Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Students develop good habits by going to school every day – habits that are necessary to succeed after school, whether in the workplace or in further study.

Missing school can have a big impact on students academically and socially.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

It can affect their test results, including VCE, and, just as importantly, it can affect their relationships with other students, and lead to social isolation.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

### Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early

# EVERY DAY COUNTS

years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

It's never too late to improve attendance – going to school more often can lead to better outcomes. Even at Year 9, when attendance rates are lowest, going to school more often can make a big difference. Every day counts. Schools are there to help – if you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address those issues.

### What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

**Sickness** – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

**"Day off"** – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

**Truancy** – When students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy, the best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.



While all absences are bad for academic performance, unexcused absences are a much stronger indicator of lower reading and maths achievement.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your year level coordinator, principal or other relevant staff member know so you can work together to get your child to school every day.

**For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit: [www.education.vic.gov.au](http://www.education.vic.gov.au)**





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### FROM THE OFFICE

- Photo day has changed and photos are being held on Tuesday 25th March now. More details closer to the date.
- Parent, community and staff welcome sausage sizzle is this Thursday from 5.30pm
- Last week for EMA applications - closing date is Friday 28th February 2014 for instalment one, 2014
- Student insurance: EBM offer student Insurance. Brochures will be available at the office shortly. Please ask for one.

### 2014 Term 1 Calendar



### Toddler Story Time

@ the Mallacoota P-12 Library  
will re-commence weekly  
from

**FRIDAY February 7th**  
**10 am**

**For babies – 4 yr olds.**

*Come and join us for stories, songs  
craft and fun!!*

*Gold coin donation*

*Chn must be accompanied by an adult.*

<b>WEEK 4</b>	February 17	February 18	February 19 <i>Prim. Zone Swimming</i> School Council	February 20 SRC Meeting Community Welcome Sausage Sizzle	February 21
<b>WEEK 5</b>	February 24 P12 Assembly (P4)	February 25	February 26 <i>Sec. Zone Swimming</i>	February 27	February 28
<b>WEEK 6</b>	March 3	March 4	March 5	March 6 SRC Meeting	March 7
<b>WEEK 7</b>	March 10 XXXXXXXXXXXXX <b>Labour Day</b> XXXXXXXXXXXXX	March 11 eSmart meeting	March 12 <i>Sec. Regional Swimming</i> P12 Assembly (P 4)	March 13 <b>OES Lake Barracoota</b>	March 14 <b>OES Lake Barracoota</b>
<b>WEEK 8</b>	March 17	March 18	March 19 School Council	March 20 SRC Meeting	March 21
<b>WEEK 9</b>	March 24	March 25 <b>School Photo Day</b>	March 26	March 27 P12 Assembly (P 4)	March 28 Arts Performance – Richard Scholes P-8  <b>Interim Reports posted with interview time requests.</b>
<b>WEEK 10</b>	March 31	April 1	April 2	April 3 SRC Meeting	April 4 <b>End of term 1</b>



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Thanks to Mr Medson and Leanna Severs who took a lot of photos at last weeks Swimming Carnival in Eden.

We had many great photos to choose from, unfortunately some couldn't be used because we don't have the appropriate permissions to publish student photos.

