



Mallacoota P-12 College

Newsletter

Wednesday, 5th March 2014

Week 6 of 10

March Birthdays



8th - Kioni Corton



Long time teacher Liz Girvan will be leaving Mallacoota P-12 College on Wednesday 19th March next. It is 32 years since Liz first commenced teaching here at the school. We invite you to join us in celebrating her teaching career on Thursday 13th March (see separate notice)

CHANGE OF DATE FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM & MEETING

NOW - MARCH 26 at 7:00pm

School Council Elections: the annual process begins today Wednesday 5th 2014 – with the call for nominations....

This year we have **three** parent vacancies to fill and **two** DEECD vacancies. All government schools in Victoria have a School Council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

There are three possible categories of membership:

Dates to Remember

Mar 6th - SRC Meeting
Mar 10th - Labour Day Public Holiday
No students required at school
Mar 12th - Secondary Regional Swimming
Mar 13th - OES Lake Barracoota excursion
Mar 24th - School Council meeting
Apr 4th - Last day of Term 1
Apr 22nd - Term 2 begins

- A mandated elected Parent category. More than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school.
- A mandated elected DEECD employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category. Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for members is two years. Approximately half the members must retire each year and this creates vacancies for the annual school council elections. Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.



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If you decide to stand for election, you will need to arrange for someone to nominate and second you as a candidate in either the parent category or the DEECD employee category. Once the nomination form is completed correctly, return it to the college office within the time stated on the notice of election. Nomination forms can be picked up from the General Office.

School Council Elections

**Nominations close on;
Wednesday 12th March 2014**

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted in the 14 days after the call for nominations has closed. I encourage parents to be involved in the School Council forthcoming Election process. If any parent has questions about the role or time commitment involved in being on Council, please contact me at the college.

Have a great week.
Tim.



**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.*

Student Insurance

Information flyers have arrived at the College from EBM Insurance Brokers, who provide Student Insurance Cover.

If you are interested, please collect one from the general office.

UNIFORMS

The secondhand Uniform shop is open every Monday and Tuesday afternoon from 2.25pm - 3.25pm.

The shop is located in the front rooms of the Music House on the corner of Betka Road and Hunter St.

*An Invitation to all students,
staff, families, community
members and partners. . . .*

*You are invited to
Liz Girvan's farewell barbecue
on Thursday 13th March 2014
from 5.30pm here at
Mallacoota P-12 College.*

This is an alcohol free event.





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School Photos

Order Options

Please note: Aussie School Photos takes multiple images of each student on the day.

There is no need to return the pre-payment envelope on the day if ordering online.

Parents can choose a “standard set” group & portrait package in preferred graphic design and return the order in permanent sealed plastic bag with payment, to the photographer on the day.

Any queries should be directed to the Aussie Customer Service Department on 03 9707 6655.

Or

Parents can choose to wait for 48 hours to go online to view the images taken, choose the image they prefer and create a package to suit personal needs for content and price. Photographer will give each student a unique log on code which allows them to view own images and order online.

Sibling Photos

All sibling groups will be photographed on the day if presented to the photographer.

Please note: sibling photos are taken on a ‘proof’ system. No pre payment is required on the day.

Proof copies of photo taken together with order form and pack choices are sent via the school with delivery of student photo orders. Sibling images cannot be viewed online until after parents receive proofs and online order number.

www.schoolphoto.com.au

To ensure photos are included in the bulk delivery to the school, online orders should be made within 14 days after photo day.

Photo Day is March 25th.

2014 Term 1 Calendar

WEEK 6	March 3 <i>Claen Up Australia day</i>	March 4	March 5	March 6 SRC Meeting	March 7
WEEK 7	March 10 XXXXXXXXXXXXX Labour Day XXXXXXXXXXXXX	March 11 eSmart meeting	March 12 <i>Sec. Regional Swimming</i> P12 Assembly (P 4)	March 13 OES Lake Barracoota	March 14 OES Lake Barracoota
WEEK 8	March 17	March 18	March 19 <i>National Ride to School day</i>	March 20 SRC Meeting	March 21 Interim Reports Due
WEEK 9	March 24 School Council	March 25 School Photo Day	March 26	March 27 P12 Assembly (P 4)	March 28 <i>Arts Performance – Richard Scholes P-8</i>
WEEK 10	March 31	April 1	April 2	April 3 SRC Meeting	April 4 End of term 1



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School council election process timetable

Name of the School: **Mallacoota P-12 College**

EVENT	DATE
a) Notice of election and call for nominations	Wednesday, 5 th March 2014
b) Closing date for nominations	Wednesday, 12 th March 2014
c) Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Thursday, 13 th March 2014
d) Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	Friday, 14 th March 2014
e) Close of ballot	Friday, 21 st March 2014
f) Vote count	Monday, 24 th March 2014
g) Declaration of ballot	Tuesday, 25 th March 2014
h) Special council meeting to coopt Community members (the principal will preside)	Wednesday, 26 th March 2014 at 7.00pm
i) First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)	Wednesday, 26 th March 2014 at 7.30pm

Liz Girvan's Farewell

Thursday 13th March from 5.30pm

We will be there to celebrate with Liz.
Please cater for people

We are sorry but we will not be able to make it.

Name:

Please complete this slip and return it to the office asap.