



# Mallacoota P-12 College

## Newsletter

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

Week 4 of 10

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last week we welcomed our second student representative onto school council. Tahlia Morris and Airly Embleton-Mew had nominated for school council and both made excellent speeches to our secondary students. Tahlia was elected to join Ashlee Johnston as our student representative, in a very closely contended vote. We also welcome Nicole Douglas, Katie Symes, Hans Van Der Sant and Christy Bryar as community representatives on School Council.

I wish to advise that Tim Cashmore has informed the Department of Education and Training that he will be retiring. Tim has worked for over 40 years for the Department, including 10 years as the Principal for Mallacoota P-12 College. The School Council will now work with the Department of Education and Training to commence a recruitment process to appoint a new Principal for Term 3. The College would like to recognise and thank Tim for his service to the school and the wider education system especially in relation to education provision in regional and rural areas, and wish him well as he begins a new chapter in his life.

What a busy week of events we have this week. Monday afternoon saw the team from Bell Shakespeare performing to our secondary students, followed by a community performance aimed towards our younger students in the evening. Both sessions were well received and provided our students with an opportunity to experience a live performance based on some of Shakespeare's works. Thanks to both Justin Brady and Hannah Murphy for making these opportunities possible.

The NAPLAN test window opens this week, with Yr3, 5, 7 & 9 accessing the online assessment platform from Tuesday.

Today (Tuesday) we welcomed the representatives from St Vincent de Paul and the Jewish Community of Melbourne who were here for the grand opening

### WHAT'S ON

<b>11 May</b>	Official opening of Multi-Purpose Sports Facility
<b>11 - 13 May</b>	NAPLAN (Years 3, 5, 7 and 9)
<b>13 May</b>	Skatepark Consultation session, Room 7, 12.20 pm
<b>14 May</b>	Assembly
<b>14 May</b>	Cross Country
<b>15 May</b>	Youth Masterclass, 9.30 am - 6 pm
<b>14 Jun</b>	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
<b>21-25 Jun</b>	Year 7 & 8 Gabo Camp
<b>25 Jun</b>	End of Term 2



*Pip  
Alistair  
Kalani A  
Maggie  
Tiana*

of our new Multi-Purpose Sports Facility. The amazing donation of the Jewish Community made the sports facility a reality and we are so grateful for their generosity. The facility is in high demand during the school day, with students of all ages keen to make the most of the endless play opportunities. The facility is also proving popular with students and community members out of school hours. Despite the terrible weather, our students across all year levels did an outstanding job of showing our gratitude to both organisations.

Our two school busses are being taken to Orbost on Tuesday for their annual Vic Roads safety inspections. These ensure that our buses meet all safety requirements.

On Friday afternoon we will hold our local Cross Country using the school's 'Run-Around-Australia' track. Our VET Sport and Rec students have helped to map the track for the range of age groups and

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different length courses, as well as working with staff to identify and minimise any risks associated with a sporting activity of this nature. This is a great opportunity for students to put their learning into practice.

Next week, our school review process commences, with our reviewer and challenge partners joining us in the school to support the review process.

We have a number of upcoming camps that we wish to inform parents of in order to provide advance notice.

- Year 7 Gabo Island camp: last week of Term 2
- Year 10 Bogong camp: first week of Term 3
- Year 8/9/10 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) camp: first week of Term 3, Melbourne
- Middle/Upper Primary swimming program camps: early Term 3. We are currently working towards a three day intensive swimming program based in Pambula with students participating in two lessons each day, combined with other educational activities in the Sapphire Coast area over the three days.
- Year 5/6 Cottage by the Sea camp: November 15-19
- Year 4 Woorabinda camp: December 13-17

We have the opportunity for a parent information session with Dr Rob Gordon in early June. We would like some parent feedback on whether 5 pm or 7 pm is the most appropriate timing for this session. Please contact the office if you have a preference.

Have a great week.

Rick and Kathy

### SNOWY RIVER CAMPUS- SCHOOL FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP

*On Sunday the 25th of April, Meena Prava, Seth McNamara, Tristan Cole, Ruben Magotto-Brown, and Bridie Witnish started The Snowy School for Leadership program. Here is a message from them:*

We will be staying at the campus with 45 other students for the next nine weeks.

This program focuses on teaching young people about collaboration, learning skills, respectful relationships, emotional management, resilience, health and wellbeing, empathy and the environment. You learn important life skills including washing your own laundry, solving conflict, sharing a room with someone and organisation.

We have been here for almost two weeks now and have done lots of fun and different activities. Some of the highlights have been surfing, bridge building and bush dancing.

### STATIC AND STYLISH

The 5/6 class are learning about electricity this term. During this lesson they investigated how make a light bulb glow using static electricity (and created some pretty fashionable hairdos in the process!).





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### **OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE MULTI-PURPOSE SPORTS FACILITY WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL AND THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF VICTORIA**



On Tuesday afternoon, representatives of St. Vincent de Paul and the Jewish Community of Victoria braved the wild and wet weather to visit Mallacoota P-12 College to celebrate the official opening of the Multi-Purpose Sports Facility (still colloquially referred to as 'The Rage Cage'). Students from almost every year level stood up at an assembly to thank the visitors for their contribution to the project, and spoke about how much the school community has already been enjoying and benefitting from the new facility.





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### RUNNING IN THE RAGE CAGE

Poems and Pictures by the Grade 3/4s

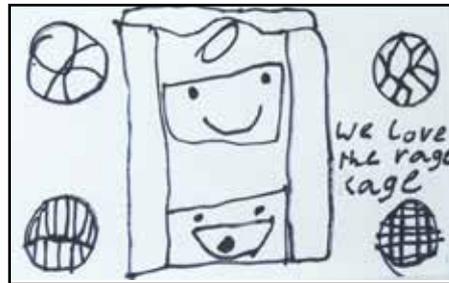
#### The Rage Cage

Kids laughing  
The balls bouncing up and down  
The sound of cheering for a goal  
Running back and forth really fast  
Ball thrown up high – score!  
Balls everywhere, don't get hit!  
Run to the other end  
Very kid friendly  
Good to play in  
And that's why kids like the Rage Cage.

By Pip, Char, and Zara

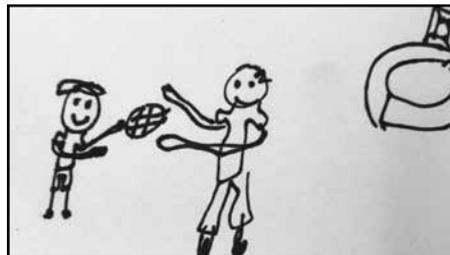
Running, quickly across the court,  
Dodging others,  
Through the gaps,  
Huge kicks,  
SCORE!  
Exercise,  
In and out of the baskets,  
Rough surface, 30 steps long.  
Whistles blowing,  
Splat in puddles,  
Skidding across,  
BALL.  
POSITION.  
START!  
Kicks and passes,  
Shots and goals,  
Nets and rings,  
Netball, soccer, basketball,  
ACTION  
Loud crowd,  
Silent players,  
Determined players,  
A break,  
Non-stop,  
Squeaking shoes,  
"WOOOO!"  
Sweat and gasps,  
Fun,  
Slowly

By Isla



Having fun  
Running fast,  
Bouncing balls and scoring goals.  
Playing games and doing what  
you do best.  
Getting air in your body and lungs  
while playing sports and having  
lots of fun with your friends  
Get exercise and huff and puff  
while dodging through the gaps  
and doing what is fun with your  
friends and family or your class.

By Isy and Brendan



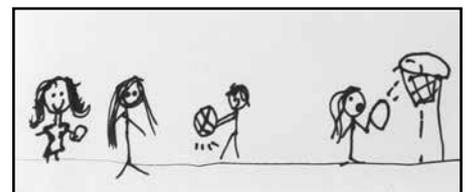
Running very fast through the  
court dodging everyone  
Shooting quickly through the  
court  
Slowly, kicking everywhere.  
The Rage Cage is what we use for  
fun at our school  
Quickly running through the court  
dodging everything  
Slowly bouncing the basketball  
trying to score  
Running fast,  
Having fun.

By Kourtney

Rage Cage  
Running really fast  
30 steps long  
Running through the other people  
Balls bouncing  
Quickly  
To the court  
Running to the court  
Jumping on the lines  
Sitting on seats  
Reading the alphabet  
Running to shoot a goal  
Laughing loudly,  
Ha, ha, ha.

By James and Louis

Run quickly to the other side  
Fast under the goals  
Through the basket  
Soft bounce, hard bounce,  
Up and down the balls.  
54 steps long, trying to score.  
Dodging, whistles, yelling.  
Colours everywhere.  
Kicking the nets and ring,  
Loud  
the balls bounce.  
Everyone having fun, getting fit,  
reading the alphabet.  
Sweating, determined players.



By Markee



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**KEY**

**X** = Observation Point

■ = Start/Finish

■ = 200m (Preps)

■ = 800m (Grade 1)

■ = 1km (Grade 2)

■ x2 = 2km (8-10)

■ x3 = 3km (11-15)

■ x5 = 5km (16)

**CROSS COUNTRY: FRIDAY, MAY 14**

### TERM TWO CALENDAR

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>May 10</b> Bell Shakespeare school visit (Years 7 – 10)  Community performance, 5.45 pm	<b>May 11</b> NAPLAN (Years 3, 5, 7, and 9)  Official Opening of Multi-purpose Sports Facility	<b>May 12</b> NAPLAN (Years 3, 5, 7, and 9)	<b>May 13</b> NAPLAN (Years 3, 5, 7, and 9)	<b>May 14</b> Assembly  School Cross Country
<b>WEEK 5</b>	<b>May 17</b>	<b>May 18</b> OES Day Hike and Activity	<b>May 19</b>	<b>May 20</b>	<b>May 21</b>
<b>WEEK 6</b>	<b>May 24</b> East Gippsland Cross Country	<b>May 25</b>	<b>May 26</b> State Surfing Pizza Night	<b>May 27</b>	<b>May 28</b>
<b>WEEK 7</b>	<b>May 31</b>	<b>June 1</b>	<b>June 2</b>	<b>June 3</b> Primary and Secondary Gippsland Cross Country	<b>June 4</b>
<b>WEEK 8</b>	<b>June 7</b>	<b>June 8</b>	<b>June 9</b>	<b>June 10</b>	<b>June 11</b>
<b>WEEK 9</b>	<b>June 14</b> Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	<b>June 15</b>	<b>June 16</b>	<b>June 17</b>	<b>June 18</b>
<b>WEEK 10</b>	<b>June 21</b> Year 7 & 8 Gabo Camp	<b>June 22</b> Year 7 & 8 Gabo Camp  Secondary East Gippsland Soccer/ Netball/Badminton	<b>June 23</b> Year 7 & 8 Gabo Camp	<b>June 24</b> Year 7 & 8 Gabo Camp	<b>June 25</b> Year 7 & 8 Gabo Camp  End Term 2