



Mallacoota P-12 College

Newsletter

Wednesday, 13th August 2014

Week 5 of 10

Birthdays

15th - Cohen Morris

16th - Tyson Jolly

20th - Zac Jolly



From the Principal

Community Forum

Our school is undergoing a review this year where we are required to analyse our performance in the previously developed Strategic Plan and then set goals and targets for the next three years' Strategic Plan. As part of the Self Evaluation, we propose to hold a Community Forum to give all sections of the college community a voice in the process. 10 members from each of the following groups will be invited to participate by direct invitation:

- 10 students
- 10 staff members
- 10 parents
- 10 community members

If you receive an invitation, I encourage you to come along. The evening will be a lively discussion and this is a great chance to have a say in the future direction of the college. If there are any other community members or parents who do not get an invitation but would like to come along and observe the process, please contact me directly.

Dates to Remember

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| 15th Aug | - Primary East Gippsland Athletics |
| 18th Aug | - Grade 4/5/6 Camp Coolamatong |
| 20th Aug | - Hot School Lunch
Fried Rice and Marinated Chicken Wings |
| | - School Council meets |
| 21st Aug | - Career / Study Expo
- SRC meets |
| 25th Aug | - Yr 8 Camp to Bogong |
| 26th Aug | - Immunisations |
| 1st Sept | - Yr 7 Gabo Island Camp |
| 5th Sept | - Fathers Day Stall
- Primary East Gippsland Athletics |

The Problem With Being A Cool Kid



There's no need to worry about your quiet teenager being happy to stay at home with the family and enjoy the company of a few close friends.

Researchers studying 13-year-olds found that those who engaged in 'pseudo-mature' behaviour and were seen as the 'cool kids' tended to develop problems with drugs and relationships by their early 20s.

The researchers tracked nearly 200 13-years-olds for 10 years, gauging how much they valued their popularity, how important appearance was in seeking out friends and if they used drugs or



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had romantic relationships. The study found that young teens who acted old for their age by sneaking into movies, forming early romantic relationships, shoplifting and basing friendships on appearance were seen by peers as popular.

But as these pseudo-mature teens and their less adventurous counterparts matured, their behaviour was no longer linked with popularity.

Instead, they were thought to be less socially competent by their peers and had more problems with substance abuse. The average cool teen, by age 22, had a 45% greater rate of problems due to substance use and a 22% greater rate of criminal behaviour compared with the average teen in the study. Teens can be intimidated by these cool kids, and parents are intimidated because they think that these pseudo-mature kids are on the fast track - but it's really to a dead end. They have the *appearance* of maturity, but they are not gaining *actual* maturity. These teenagers spend so much time trying to gain status, they don't develop the positive social skills needed for meaningful friendships.

Parents shouldn't worry too much if their young teens prefer to spend Saturday nights at home watching a movie or reading instead of going out with friends. There is a quiet majority of adolescents who are much more functional when they become adults.

Acknowledgement: Joseph Allen, professor of psychology at the University of Virginia in Child Development journal, June, 2014

Have a great week
Tim

Book Week is coming

Watch this space for more
information

THANK YOU

To

Mallacoota Quilters

**(Friendship Sewing
Group)**

For the donation of their
beautifully handcrafted
quilt wall hanging.

from

**Mallacoota P-12
College Library**

and a massive thankyou
to Ann Bell who, on behalf of the
Quilters group brought in some
cushion covers freshly sewn as a
donation to the school.

They will be great for the
preppies sitting on cushions...!!!



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College Calendar

August

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
11 Term 3- Week 5 1:15p P-12 Assembly	12 P-12 Athletics Sports	13	14 10 New Kids on the Block	15 Prim. E. Gipps. Athletics 3:30p Basketball
18 4/5/6 Camp Coolamatong Term 3- Week 6	19	20 12:20p School lunch sale 7p School council	21 Career/Study Expo 10 New Kids on the Block 12:20p SRC Meeting	22 3:30p Basketball
25 Yr 8 Bogong Camp Term 3- Week 7 1:15p P-12 Assembly	26 10 Immunisations	27	28 10 New Kids on the Block	29 3:30p Basketball

September

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Sep 1 Yr 7 Cabo Island Camp (days TBC) Term 3- Week 8	2 Sec. E. Gipps Athletics. 11:20 P-12 Assembly	3 12:20p School lunch sale	4 10 New Kids on the Block	5 Fathers' Day stall Prim. E. Gipps. Athletics 3:30p Basketball
8 Community Forum Term 3- Week 9	9 Advance Rafting Yr 4-6 Landcare/Birdlife project 10 Immunisations	10 10 Arts Council Performance	11 Inerschool B'DBall 10 New Kids on the Block 12:20p SRC Annual General Meeting	12 3:30p Basketball
15 Term 3- Week 10	16	17 (4.00pm) Gippsland Athletics 12:20p School lunch sale 1:15p P-12 Assembly 7p School council	18 10 New Kids on the Block	19 2:30p End of Term

Super School Lunches for Springwood

Wednesday 20th August 2014

\$5.00 room 2 @ lunchtime

open to the whole school community, all welcome!!



Next Week's Menu

Marintated Chicken Wings and Fried Rice



A big thank you for all the support last Wednesday!!