



Mallacoota P-12 College

Newsletter

Wednesday, 17th December 2014

Week 11 of 11



Remember, if Christmas isn't found in your heart, you won't find it under a tree."

Charlotte Carpenter

Last night I had the privilege to attend the Grade Six Presentation night at Betka Beach. Everything about this night represented the truly wonderful things that this school and community is all about. A great group of students who have had a top year, a truly dedicated, and professional teacher in Kathy Scott and an active, proud and caring group of parents. I remarked that this whole village is a great Australian example of what it takes to raise a child. A memorable night for everybody.

This leads me onto tonight's school Celebration Night and as in previous years we are really looking forward to a great culmination. This night is to recognise the excellence for the whole student, their academic achievement, their effort, their connections with the community and their citizenship. We congratulate all winners. We at Mallacoota P-12 are proud of them as we are of all of our students and we look forward to supporting their learning and goal setting in 2015. I would like to thank all of you for the support you have shown our students and the school. To all the staff; teaching, support and office - thank you as well, many of you have gone well beyond your normal duties to do that extra bit for our students. To staff, students and community have a great and safe Christmas and New Year. I look forward to the adventures, challenges and opportunities in 2015.

As we enter the big tourist window I am reminded how important water safety is – especially here! Find below a brief outline that we would all do well to read.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

This Week:

- Dec 18th - School Clean up
- Dec 19th - Last day of Term!

SCHOOL FINISHES AT 12.30PM

In the Future:

- Jan 30th - First day back for students Term One 2015

Birthdays

- 18th Dec - Ocean Macvean
- 18th Dec - Taj Warren
- 27th Dec - Demi Preston
- 29th Dec - Tom Nation
- 29th Dec - Ryley Lott

REMINDER

This Friday, 19th Dec will be the last day of term.

Finishing time 12.30 pm.

ANOTHER REMINDER

First day back at school for students is **Friday 30th January, 2015**



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A DAY AT THE BEACH

Children should always be supervised at the beach, no matter what their age. It's also vital to teach children safe beach practice, so they know what to watch out for. Waves, rips, bluebottles and, of course, sunburn all pose risks, but by avoiding them, or knowing how to deal with them, a day at the beach should pose no problem.



Life Saving Victoria recommends the following to help make your day at the beach safe and enjoyable:

- Ensure your kids always swim between the red and yellow flags. This is where lifesavers patrol and can help if you or your children have problems in the surf. Life Saving Victoria has a full list of patrolled beaches, so you can plan your trip with peace of mind.
- Before allowing your children to take a dip in the water, make sure they have adequate knowledge of how to swim in the ocean. Swimming lessons are vital in keeping your child safe near water, but they should also be aware of the different hazards involved in swimming at the beach. Currents, waves and tides can be very dangerous if swimmers aren't careful.
- Teach your children to avoid plunging waves, or "dumpers", as they break with a lot of force, and can easily throw small bodies onto a shallow sandbar beneath the wave.
- A rip is a moving current of water, sometimes strong or fast flowing. It will usually start near the shoreline and flow away from the beach. Teach your children that if they get caught in a rip, they should never attempt to swim directly back to shore, but go with the rip and it will slowly take them across the beach. Tell them to raise their arm to indicate they are in trouble, float and wait for assistance from a lifeguard.
- Slather the kids with sunscreen, remember to reapply after they've been in the water, make sure they're hydrated and keep a close eye on them around water.

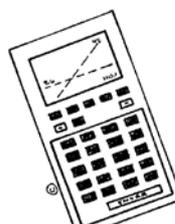
Merry Christmas from my family to yours,
Tim Cashmore

Dear Everyone
As you may know we are using the school hot-house and veggie patch. We are growing lots of things like olive herb, bicorish plant chilli lots of tomatoes and strawberries leeks water melon lettuce and capsicum. We also have one Black Russian tomato that's just some of our plants. We have 12 chickens & we hatched. We bred guinea pigs. It was fun. We do have a problem, our weeds are growing really fast too. If you have any spare time help weed or mow. If you can help please call Mrs Hoppy (Carol) on 0439 016 103

From grade 2/3 and Mrs Hopkins AKA Carol Hopkins.

SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS

Available at the school office for only \$20.



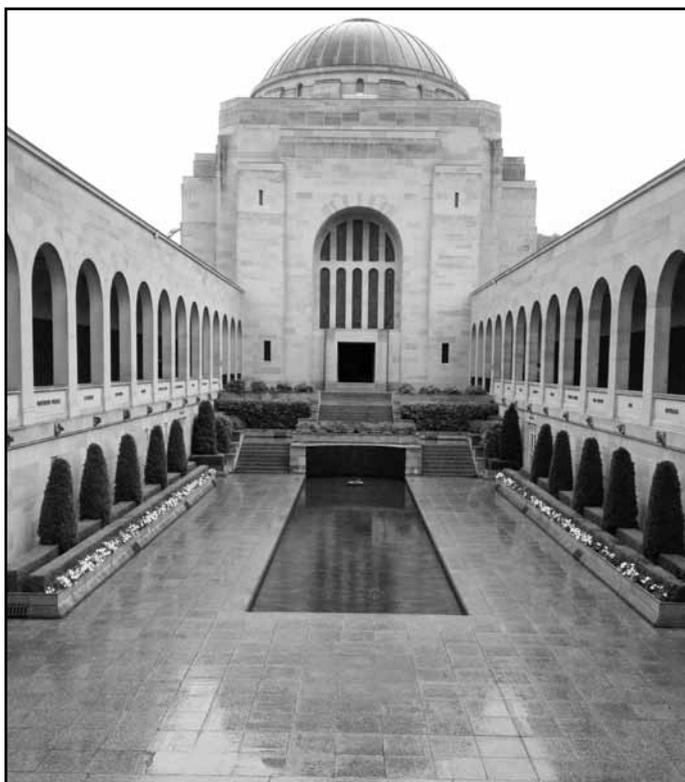
This is the calculator all secondary students should have for Maths and VCE Sciences.



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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
15	16	17	18	19
Primary Nippers program			School Clean Up day	End school year
Term 4 - Week 11	Yr6-10 end of yr electives	6p School Council		
Yr6-10 end of yr electives	5:30p School Celebration night (ti)			
6p Yr6 Graduation dinner				



1:1 laptop program

All student laptops are required to be handed in before students finish their academic year.

Over the summer break technicians will re-image laptops with the latest software and operating system updates, including windows 8. As always students should routinely back up their work.

Students will be re-issued with their updated laptop at the start of 2015.



Thanks in advance for your continued support and cooperation.

Luke Molan
ICT Coordinator

Above is an image from the recent Year 7 & 8 Camp to Canberra. A full report to follow in this weeks Mouth.

Thanks to Lesley Henderson for her kind donation of materials to the P-6 Art Department.

Wishing the school community a safe and healthy Christmas Break.



Helen. School Nurse.

Thursday 22nd January, 2015

Book Collection Day

From 9am - 1pm

We can accept Credit Cards on this day only

