



Mallacoota P-12 College

Newsletter

Wednesday, 15th April 2015

Week 1 of 11

"It's easy to have faith in people who have already proved themselves. It's much tougher to believe in people before they have proved themselves. But that is the key to motivating people to reach their potential."

- John Maxwell



No doubt you have all received your Parent/Teacher Interview notices and have made the appropriate appointments and returned them to the teacher or the office by this morning.

Such meetings are a vital opportunity to discuss your child's progress, effort and engagement at our school and plan future goals and work focus. I urge every parent to attend. If these times do not suit please contact us to make other arrangements.

Monday was a great first day at Mallacoota P-12 with students and staff making an excellent start. We congratulate Kathy Scott who is taking on the Role of Assistant Principal for Term 2. We welcome two new teachers Peter Collins and Joan Mc Burnie who come with a wealth of experience and will be teaching in our Middle and Later Years. We also welcome back Ian Hobson in his Education Support role.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

PRIMARY

April 14th - 2.30pm - 5.00pm

April 15th - 3.45pm - 5.45pm

SECONDARY

April 16th - 3.45pm - 6.30pm

DATES TO REMEMBER

This Week:

- April 14th - Primary Parent/Teacher Interviews
- April 15th - Primary Parent/Teacher Interviews
- April 16th - Secondary Parent/Teacher Interviews
- April 17th - Drama Workshops - Rachel Leary

Next Week:

- April 23rd - Music Night & Facebook Launch
- April 25th - ANZAC Day Dawn Service
- Springwood BBQ
- April 28th - Study Hall / Lighthouse

BIRTHDAYS

22th April - Lily Wood

FACEBOOK PAGE LAUNCH

SCHOOL COMMUNITY BBQ & PIZZA NIGHT

All prospective, new and existing families are invited to a community BBQ and Pizza night as a welcome to Term 2.



This evening will also be the official launch of the College's new Facebook page.

Entertainment by the School Band.

WHEN: Thursday 23rd April, 2015

TIME: 5.30pm - 7.30pm

WHERE: Area near Pizza Oven

BYO soft drinks
(Non alcohol event)





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HELPING YOUR TEENAGERS DO WELL



When children reach adolescence, just when it may feel like your children are beginning to pull away, your involvement and support matter profoundly.

Parenting practices in early adolescence predict educational achievement especially parents helping teens set goals and explore interests.

Helping young teens develop aspirations is essential to helping them engage with, and succeed in, school.

Three parenting practices become more important during adolescence, as young people assume greater control over their own development:

1. Autonomy support - providing opportunities for young people to make choices, make decisions, and develop solutions to problems independently.
2. Monitoring - providing clear and consistent guidelines and knowing where young people are, what they're doing, and who their friends are.
3. Warmth - a supportive relationship between parent and child.

These parenting practices have both short term positive associations with aspiration, exam results and school engagement and long-term effects on further education.

Aspirations are the key to engagement; when connected to aspirations, engagement in school becomes self-motivating. This connection is also important for students who are already high achievers. Parents remain a significant influence through adolescence and early adulthood by promoting aspirations, helping their children find meaning and purpose in their schoolwork and showing them how their current endeavours fit into their longer-term goals and identities.

Parental warmth, including trust and connectedness, provides the emotional security and foundation young people need to explore their ideas and interests. It enables parents to both affirm and shape who adolescents will become.

Have a great week,
Tim

Acknowledgement: Professor Nancy E. Hill whose Harvard research is re-conceptualising parenting for academic success and identifying strategies for families and schools to work together to support adolescents' emerging aspirations, achievement, and future success.

SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS

Available at the school office for only \$20.

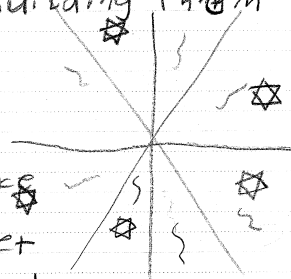


This is the calculator all secondary students should have for Maths and VCE Sciences.

Kitchen garden diary

Thank you to the people who have brought us jars. We still need more jars because we are going to make more sauce soon. We have materials for more winter garden beds. If you could help with building them please let us know.

We made quince jelly and secret recipe fruit cake last week and they were awesome. If you have any spare produce in your garden like tomatoes, lemons, quince etc please let us know so we can use it in our cooking. There is a photo on the front page of our quince jelly making.
From grade 2/3 !!





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Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

SUN SMART REMINDER

Please continue to be sun smart until the end of April as UV radiation is still predicted to be above 3 on the UV index in this area and can be damaging to the skin.

What is UV?

The sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation is the best natural source of vitamin D. However, too much UV exposure from the sun and other sources, such as solariums is major cause of sunburn, premature ageing, eye damage and skin damage leading to skin cancer.

UV cannot be seen or felt. It is not like the sun's light which we see, or the sun's warmth (infrared radiation) which we feel. Our senses cannot detect UV so it can be damaging without us knowing.

There is a huge variation in UV levels across Australia. The UV level is affected by a number of factors including the time of day, time of year, cloud cover, altitude, and proximity to the equator, scattering and reflection.

So continue to slip on covering clothing, slop on SPF 30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen, slap on a wide-brimmed hat, seek shade and slide on wrap-around sunglasses (labelled AS 1067)

Helen School Nurse.

Resources www.sunsmart.com.au

NOTE:

School XC – Monday May the 11th (Start training!)

During 2013, Primary students participated in the R.S.L Mallacoota Women's Auxiliary Art Show with the theme of – Our Community: The CFA.



In 2014, primary students contributed pictures for display in the 60th anniversary celebrations of our local ambulance service.

Both these organisations would like to display the wonderful pictures created by the students at their respective building at their respective buildings.

If you would prefer that your child's/ children's art work is not displayed please send a note to their class/home group teacher or to the Primary Art teacher, Cate Bruce.

Thank you.



"No child left without wheels"



A very big thank you to the Mallacoota community for their generous response to our call out for bikes for the "No Child Left Without Wheels" program. We

have received twenty bikes, a few old, many not so old and a quite a few well-loved quality bikes.

Please hold off on donations as we are running out of space just at the moment.

In term two we will start restoration of bikes under the direction of bike mechanic, Andy Stretton. Andy is donating his time and will initially work with the Advance class on both restoration and bike maintenance.

Luke Molan, Teacher & Andy Stretton, Bike Mechanic





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MALLACOOTA P-12 COLLEGE TERM 2 CALENDAR

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	April 13 <i>VCE OES Sea Kayaking</i> <i>FReeZA Workshops</i>	April 14 <i>VCE OES Sea Kayaking</i> <i>P-6 Par/Stu/Teach Interviews</i>	April 15 <i>VCE OES Sea Kayaking</i> <i>P-6 Par/Stu/Teach Interviews</i>	April 16 <i>VCE OES Sea Kayaking</i> <i>7-12 Par/Stu/Teach Interviews</i>	April 17 <i>VCE OES Sea Kayaking</i> Drama Workshops – Rachel Leary
WEEK 2	April 20	April 21	April 22	April 23 <i>Parent BBQ & Facebook Launch</i>	April 24 ANZAC day events SATURDAY April 25 ANZAC Day Dawn Service / Springwood BBQ
WEEK 3	April 27	April 28 Study Hall/Lighthouse	April 29 School Council	April 30 <i>Keys Please–Vic Roads</i>	May 1 <i>State Surfing Titles</i>
WEEK 4	May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7 ICT meeting	May 8
WEEK 5	May 11 School X-Country	May 12 NAPLAN – Language & Writing <i>Year 8 & 10 Testing</i>	May 13 NAPLAN - Reading <i>and Year 8&10 Testing</i>	May 14 NAPLAN - Numeracy <i>Year 8 & 10 Testing</i>	May 15
WEEK 6	May 18 <i>Y7/8 Gabo Island trip</i>	May 19 <i>Y7/8 Gabo Island trip</i> Study Hall/Lighthouse	May 20 <i>Y7/8 Gabo Island trip</i> School Council	May 21 <i>Y7/8 Gabo Island trip</i>	May 22 <i>Y7/8 Gabo Island trip</i>
WEEK 7	May 25 <i>East Gipps X-Country</i>	May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29
WEEK 8	June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4 ICT meeting	June 5
WEEK 9	June 8 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Queens B/day XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	June 9 <i>Mid Year VCE Exams</i>	June 10 <i>VCE GAT – All students doing 3/4 studies</i>	June 11 <i>Mid Year VCE Exams</i>	June 12 <i>Mid Year VCE Exams</i> Art Performance: Our Story – 9.15am
WEEK 10	June 15	June 16 <i>East Gipps Netball & Soccer</i> Study Hall/Lighthouse	June 17 <i>VCE S/P info evening for 2016 selections</i> School Council	June 18 <i>Gipps X-Country</i>	June 19
WEEK 11	June 22 <i>Y8 Bogong Camp</i> <i>Y9 Melbourne Camp</i> <i>Y10 Melb Work Ex</i>	June 23 <i>Y8 Bogong Camp</i> <i>Y9 Melbourne Camp</i> <i>Y10 Melb Work Ex</i>	June 24 <i>Y8 Bogong Camp</i> <i>Y9 Melbourne Camp</i> <i>Y10 Melb Work Ex</i> <i>2016 VCE selections due</i>	June 25 <i>Y8 Bogong Camp</i> <i>Y9 Melbourne Camp</i> <i>Y10 Melb Work Ex</i>	June 26 <i>Y8 Bogong Camp</i> <i>Y9 Melbourne Camp</i> <i>Y10 Melb Work Ex</i> Last Day Term 2