



# NEWSLETTER

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Local excursion Tree Planting 5/6
Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Incursion Dion Drummond // Facilities Meeting Room 1
Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> October	School Council // State Chess Final // Regional Bike Ed
Tuesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Incursion We Love Rock 'n Roll
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Foundation/1/2 Dinner and Sleepover. Costings will be out early next week.
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Pupil Free Day // Staff Professional Development
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Melbourne Cup – No School Public Holiday
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Foundation (Prep) Orientation 8.45am to 10.45am
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Pre-Schoolers visit school with their parents. Structured classroom activities with Mrs Webster in Room 2/3 - 8.45am – 11.15am
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	State-wide Orientation Day 8.45am – 1.15pm

## From the Principal

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope everyone had an enjoyable school holiday and a chance to connect as a family.

At the end of last term, our House Captains ran a Spelling Bee Competition. This was a chance to build relationships across different year levels. Throughout the term, the House Captains ran practise sessions. Congratulations to IRVING HOUSE who won the competition.



### 2019 Enrolments

At this time of year, our planning for 2019 is underway. Our budgets are based largely on our enrolments and as such, I need to predict our enrolments for 2019. Once we have established our anticipated budgets, I can begin to plan our class structure for 2019. Once this is done, we can inform families. If you know of families who are intending to enrol their children at our wonderful school, please encourage them to let the school know. It is also important for families to let us know if you are intending to relocate.

### Facilities Meeting

For those able to attend, there will be a facilities meeting next Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30 in Room 1. The purpose of this meeting is to develop an action plan for the redevelopment of the playground. Please let Mrs Duncan know if you can attend. If you are interested in being involved please feel free to attend. Many hands make light work. Being on the Facilities Committee is also a way to understand why decisions are being made.

### Parent Opinion Survey

Thank you to those who took the time to complete the Parent Opinion Survey Results. Your opinions will be used to inform future planning. We had fifteen responses, which is disappointing as this is significantly less than half of the parents who were invited to participate.

The data shows we have made good improvements when compared to 2017 in the areas of General Satisfaction, School Support and School Improvement. Eighty percent of respondents believe the school has high expectations for success by teachers expecting their child to do their best, and the celebration of learning achievements in all areas. This was very pleasing as we aim to promote a learning environment where students aim high and receive recognition for their efforts. Eighty seven percent of parents noted that they have a good understanding of how their child is assessed.

An area that has been highlighted for improvement is Teacher Communication. The staff have discussed the results and identified a need to gain more information. We have developed a short six question survey so we can dig

more deeply into the opinion of our community. The survey can be accessed through the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HZ7YZSX>

A further area identified for improvement is around the topic of bullying. We acknowledge that we need to focus on making improvements in this area and have already begun the process. Throughout 2018, staff have been developing school wide strategies and procedures to reduce bullying. We firmly believe that every student has the right to learn and grow in a safe and positive school environment. We have written a set of Behavioural Guidelines to ensure teachers have a consistent approach when dealing with problem behaviour. This approach involves contacting parents for more serious or regular problems. In line with our school values of developing reflective thinking, students are required to think about what happened, identify alternative ways of dealing with the situation and what the impact was on others.

To support students in the playground, we are offering a range of activities throughout the week that include dance, drawing, chess and art. This term we will also offer Lego Technics. We are rewarding positive behaviour through a range of strategies that include verbal praise, raffle tickets and hero certificates. This term, students will be involved in the development of behavioural expectations to improve their understanding.

### **Sporting Achievements**

Congratulations to Jordan who will be competing in the Gippsland Primary Track and Field Primary Girls and Boys Region Championships this Tuesday. He should be very proud of his efforts and skill to reach this level.



### **Art Work Display in the Foyer**

One of my favourite times of the week is taking the Foundation/One class for Art. This week our learning focus was landscapes and the horizon. To introduce the topic we discussed a few landscapes from prominent Australian Artists. Using dry pastels the students drew a horizon line and then added features of a landscape. Their art looks amazing. Please take the time to view the artworks in our foyer gallery.



*Susan Duncan*

## **Aussie of the Month**



Claire

For being a great role model of our school values.

### **Previewing Learning**

**Grade F/1HS** – Next week we will be investigating the language we use to understand and follow directions (forwards, backwards, behind, between etc). We will also be creating simple maps including one of our classroom from a “bird’s eye view”. At home, you could encourage your child to go on a treasure hunt. Give them directions to find something special you have hidden. You could even include the more challenging directions of left and right.



**Grade 2/3W** – The grade 2/3 students will be focussing on learning and consolidating their knowledge of fractions and money over the next couple of weeks. Within fractions the students will be learning about halves, quarters and eighths of shapes and collections. In learning about money, the students will be focussing on counting and ordering small collections of Australian coins and notes according to their value and representing money values in multiple ways.

**Grade 3/4C** – Next week in 3/4 we will be looking at representing money in multiple ways and counting change for different transactions. We will relate this to our decimal place value. Of course, we will continue to practise our times tables!!!

**Grade 5/6T** – Next week in 5/6T we will be looking closer at the relationship between multiplication and division. We will be starting to look more at long division and how to set out a problem. You could discuss with your child about how we set out long division problems.

# School Captain Awards



 <p>Ethan</p>	<p>For always helping younger students, including them in basketball games, and picking up rubbish. Well done Ethan!</p>
 <p>Georgia</p>	<p>For always being friendly, including other people in games and helping your friends when they are hurt. Well done Georgia!</p>



Happy Birthday



Sophie– 10<sup>th</sup> October.

Thanks



- Troy and Ruby's mum, Simone for donating two jumpers for our emergency box of clothing.
- Ryder and Violet's mum, Natalie for donating a Boolarra School Jacket for the school's use.



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## Information Evening – Families of students starting in year 7 at Mirboo North Secondary College 2019

Mirboo North Secondary College is holding an Information evening at the college on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. At this evening will be representatives from Edunet, our preferred supplier for laptops for students. There will be information on the types of computers, accessories and payment plans for 2019. We will also have MNSC staff available to answer questions on our year 7 program i.e. camp, buses, support and extracurricular activities such as the instrumental music program. October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 7:00pm in the auditorium Mirboo North Secondary College.

## Mitchell House Ladies Auxiliary Gingerbread House Decorating Party

Dates – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 7.00pm and Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 1.00pm at Morwell East Senior Citizens Hall, Vary Street. Cost: \$40 per kit, includes gingerbread house kit, lollies for decorating, presentation board and cellophane wrapping. Friday night is strictly for adults, but Saturday afternoon is family friendly and everyone is welcome.

Places are limited so bookings are essential and must be paid in full by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Visit the Mitchell House Ladies Auxiliary Facebook page or phone Rebecca on 0417 113 186.

## Life Saving Victoria Accredited Training – Public Training and Pool Safety

Full courses October 2018 to December 2018. See poster on parent information board for all the information.

Latrobe City Children's Expo – Free & Fun!

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 from 2-7pm at Kernot Hall, Morwell. Entry is free. Starring the Mik Maks at 4pm and 6pm. Jumping castle, story time, petting zoo, food stalls, community information, face painting, roving entertainment, giveaways and much more!

[www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/expo](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/expo)

Churchill & District News in conjunction with Relationships Australia Victoria – Junior Fishing Day on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at Lake Hyland, Mathison Park, Mackeys Road, Churchill. Entry includes sausage sizzle and drink. \$2.50 per child \$6.00 per family. Juniors ONLY between the ages of 4 – 17. Juniors must be accompanied by an adult. Only one fishing rod per competitor. Plenty of prizes, mystery weight, lucky door prizes. Registration starts at 9.5am – 1.45pm. Fishing from 10.00am – 2.00pm. Please bring sunscreen, drinks, chairs, hats, insect repellent and shelters. For further information contact 0422 823 179 or Brydie 0488 988 857.



## Coming to Boolarra

Friday Oct 19th

Boolarra Community Development Group invites you to:

## Casino Royale

*A night of fun and gaming*

6.30pm - Boolarra Football/Netball Club

Put on your glad rags and have a good night out!

**Tickets \$30 available at Boolarra PO, and include:**

- Casino tables and gaming chips
- \$2,000 gaming money (fake)
- Drinks at bar prices
- Finger food

Raffle available on the night. All proceeds to Gippsland Lifeline!

