



4th March, 2019

## CALENDAR

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# MNSC NEWSLETTER

### March

**Fri 8th** District Sport Day  
(girls cricket/boys tennis)  
**Mon 11th** **Labour Day (no school)**  
**Tue 26th** Athletics Sports

### April

**Tue 2nd** Immunisations Yr, 7, 10, 12  
**Fri 5th** **End of Term 1**  
**Tue 23rd** **Start of Term 2**  
**Thur 25th** **Anzac Day (no school)**

*From the Principal*



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Welcome back to the 2019 school year. It has been great welcoming all our students back with bright happy faces and enthusiasm at being back at school.

I would especially like to welcome new families to the school. Feel free to contact us at the school if you require any information or any have concerns.

#### **This year we welcome 7 new staff members:**

Scott Callander—Art/Tech  
Tom Drewett—PE/Science  
Mark Heiberg—Humanities/Business Management  
Jeremias La Barbera—English/Humanities  
Maria Maher—VCAL/English  
Clinton McCaughan—PE/Maths  
Karen Poland—Health/English

Please make them feel welcome not only at the school but also in the community.

#### **The Well-Being team will be focused on supporting students and the members of the team are as follows:**

Assistant Principal: *Scott Moorhouse*  
Senior School Leader: *Marina Bruzzese*  
Junior School Leader and Well-being Leader: *Kay Chandler*  
Chaplain: *Norm DeSilva*  
Junior Team: *Tom Holman, Scott Callender*  
Senior Team: *Petra Hopkins, Rose Hill*

**Teaching and Learning** queries may be directed either to myself, Nic Ryan (Teaching and Learning leader) or Petra Hopkins (Learning Specialist).

This year our school will be focussing on the following areas:

- Developing a Literacy plan with a focus on improving writing
- Student Management procedures that are consistently utilised by staff and students
- Wellbeing of all members of the school community
- Having high academic and personal expectations of our students

#### **SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2019**

School council elections for the MNSC council will open on Friday 1st March. Information about the role of school council and the nomination process is included in the newsletter. Parents are the key people on school council and assist in setting the strategic direction of the school and they have a role in governance. Please consider applying to be a council member. Council meets twice per term.

Karen Lanyon  
College Principal

# School Council Elections

Information regarding the forthcoming school council elections is included in this newsletter. Please give some thought to nominating. Information about the role of school councillors and in fact council is included to assist you. Of course if you have any questions feel free to contact me at the school.

Nominations for the 2019 Mirboo North Secondary College school council elections will open on Friday 1st March and close on Friday 8th March.

Attached to the newsletter are self-nomination forms that need to be completed and dropped off at the office by the closing date.

An election will be held only if the number of nominations is greater than the number of vacancies.

## General information about School Councils

School councils can have up to three categories of membership:

1. Parent members – elected by the school parent community. This is a mandated category.
2. DET employee members – elected by the DET employees; the principal is included as a DET employee member and has full voting rights. This is a mandated category.
3. Community members – this is optional category. These positions are *co-opted* by the school council rather than elected. These members have the same voting rights as elected members. Schools can choose to have this optional category.
4. Student members—2 students will be elected during Term 1. This is a mandated category.

Co-opting community members allows school councils to bring additional skills and perspectives to the council that may not be available from the parent or teaching community.

More than one third of school council members **must** be parents.

## Office Bearers

Mandated Position:

**President** – Parent member (non DET employee), or community member who is chairperson of school council meetings.

**Executive officer** – the principal.

## Other positions may include:

**Vice president** - Parent member (non DET employee) or community member, who chairs school council meetings in the absence of the president.

## Terms of Office

School councillors are elected for **two year** terms.

The term of office and rights and responsibilities of community (ie: co-opted) members are the same as those of elected school councillors.

Half the school council members retire each year but can stand for re-election.

The position of minute secretary can be filled by a non-council member. If this is the case, that person is required to be a silent observer and has no voting rights. Alternatively, the position of minute secretary can be filled by a school council member.

## ***School Council Elections 2019***

Elections for State School Councils are held at this time each year. School Council are made up of three groups of people:

- Parent Representatives
- Department of Education and Training (DET) representatives
- Community Members (this includes our college captains)
- 2 Student members

This year there are **4** *Parent Representatives* vacancies and **1** *Department of Education* representative vacancies.

Nominations for these vacancies are now open. Nominations are to be submitted at the school office by 4pm on **FRIDAY 8th March**. For your information, I have included information on School Council and a nomination form.

Please consider nominating for Council. We need your support and welcome your input.

**Karen Lanyon**  
College Principal

## **School Council Elections 2019**

### ***What is a school council and what does it do?***

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

### ***Who is on the school council?***

There are three possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school.

A mandated elected DET employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional Community member category. Its members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

### ***Why is Parent membership so important?***

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

### ***How can you become involved?***

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in February or March each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider:

- Standing for election as a member of the school council
- Encouraging another person to stand for election.

### ***Do I need special experience to be on school council?***

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

### ***What do you need to do to stand for election?***

The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March.

If you decide to stand for election, you will need to arrange for someone to nominate and second you as a candidate in either the Parent category or DET employee category. A nomination form is attached to this newsletter. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted within the 7 days after the call for nominations has closed.

### **Remember**

- ➔ Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.
- ➔ Consider standing for election to council this year.
- ➔ Be sure to vote in the elections.

## Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of

**MIRBOO NORTH SECONDARY COLLEGE**

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on

**01/03/2019** (insert date and year).

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on

**08/03/2019** (insert date and year)

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 20 ..... to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 20 .....	<b>4</b>
DEECD employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 20 ..... to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 20 .....	<b>1</b>

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

*Karen Lanyon*

Principal

## School Council Elections

### Schedule 5A: Self-nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the

..... school council.

Name:

.....

Residential address:

.....

Home telephone:

Business telephone:

.....

Email:

.....

I am the parent/guardian of ....., who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development      Yes / No      (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not an undischarged bankrupt and that I am not currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence.

Signature of Candidate

Date      /      /

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on .....

You may choose not to give some or all of the information requested; however, your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.



# CONGRATUALATIONS HOUSE CAPTAINS 2019

## ALLAMBEE

Tayla Bailey, Ben McConachy, James Stanton, Flynn Burgess-Pincini



## MARDAN

Talia Hackett, Bianca Fahey, Maddison Jalovec, Shannon Kennedy, Cody Kerstjens



## MIRBOO

Luke Stothart, Alex Krausz, Ella O'Kane, Hayden Anders, Gemma Van De Rydt, Talia Rudling



## NARRACAN

Jaid Monteith, Luke Hart, William Jackson, Lucinda Graeme, Nikita Giardina



# Year 7 Camp Accounts

## First Day Memories

Firstly, we excitedly walked onto the bus and I sat at the very back next to my friends. You could describe the ride as very loud, and crazy. Half way through the trip, we stopped for a snack break but I didn't eat anything. When we finally got to Wilsons Prom we separated into two groups, surfers and non-surfers. I was a non-surfer and we went on a bush walk, I walked with one of my friends that wasn't surfing. After our bushwalk we went to the Wilsons Prom general store and I bought an ice cream and chocolate then I had lunch.

Soon after having lunch, we left and went to the change rooms to get our bathers on and get our towels out. When we finished getting changed we went to Tidal River to do some beach games and swim in Tidal River. Later after we went swimming we got changed and went to wait at the buses to go to the Waratah Bay Beach Camp. My friends and I ran as fast as we could go to the bus to get the back seats again because we didn't want anyone else to get the back seats. To make sure of this we waited at the start of the line right in front of the bus door and didn't let anyone else go in front of us except teachers and aids.

So we eventually went on the bus and we were on the way to our camp at Waratah Bay Beach Camp. Once we met out the front of the camp area a man who was part of the camp staff came out to talk to us before we had to take our shoes off and go inside to the main dining room. After the man finished talking to us about the rules and where everything is, we went into the cabins and had to set up our beds and our luggage.

That was just the first day of my adventures at Waratah Bay Beach Camp!

**Written by Jade Wagner**

## Camp Recollections

**Funny moments:** When Alira went on the giant swing she was so nervous. Then the teacher told her to let go of the rope, she did it, but so slow and shaky. We were all laughing!

**Amazing experience:** The first day on camp we went surfing. It was my first time surfing. It was so much fun even when I fell off. I did stand on the surfboard for a really long time once. Surfing was an amazing experience.

**Frightening moments:** The last night of camp, people in our cabin were telling dumb, scary stories. One story was called "Sugar" and it was about murder, the other story was called "Drip, drip, drip". When the person in our cabin was saying "Drip, drip, drip" a teacher BANGED on our door, three times really hard. We all screamed. The stories were all fake but so scary. I felt like I could not sleep for hours.

**Written by Ruby Aveling**









# House Swimming Report

We were greeted with lovely warm weather last Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> at the Mirboo North Pool, thankfully the expected storms did not eventuate. Students competed enthusiastically in all events throughout the day, with lots of competitive races and events. Lots of competitive students led to some questionable tactics used in the cork scramble at the end of the day.

Whether students were setting records or almost drowning, their participation and enthusiasm made the day successful. Age champions for the day included Phoebe Dell, Kayla Wilson, Nathan Giardina, Morgan Finnigan, Hayden Barnes, Nikita Giardina, Hayden Anders, Laura McConachy, Beau Peters, Jaime Chila, Johnny Lidgerwood, Lucinda Graeme and Ben McConachy.

Mardan were well back in the points, due to a noticeable lack of attendees compared to the other houses. The winning house in the end was Allambee, in a very close contest with Narracan, with only 8 points separating the two. Well done to all involved.

Huge thank you to Jenny Edney and her BBQ crew for feeding the multitudes yet again!!

Clinton McCaughan  
Sport Coordinator







# COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS GO GAMBLING-FREE



**Gambler's  
Help**



South Gippsland  
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## Gaming - what's excessive? Is there a need to be concerned?

**Thursday 14 March, 2019**

**7.00pm to 8.30pm**

**Mirboo North Secondary College**

*Presented by Steven Dupon, Institute of Games  
Leading expert in video gaming and young people.*

- Secondary school parent and carers session.
- Why are video games so captivating?
- How do video games fit in today's youth culture?
- What are the risks and opportunities involved with gaming?

This session supports student and teacher sessions earlier in the day at school.

**To book go to: <https://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/instituteofgamesmirboonorth>**

For further information please contact Heather Butler on

0429 112 257 or [gamblingproject@southgippsland.vic.gov.au](mailto:gamblingproject@southgippsland.vic.gov.au)

For more events go to: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/gamblingfree](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/gamblingfree)





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