



12th August , 2019

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August

Mon 12th Bands at Yarram
Tues 13th Yr 11 to 12 Counselling
Climate Excursion
Wed 14th Climate Excursion
Maths Games Excursion
Thur 15th Boys Regional Footy
Fri 16th Yr 10 to 11 Counselling
Mon 19th **Student Free Day**
(no students required)
Tues 20th Yr 9 to 10 Counselling
Wed 21st Sth Gippsland Basketball
Sth Gippsland Table Tennis

Fri 23rd German Exchange students
Leave

September

Wed 4th **Student Free Day**
(no students required)
Thur 5th Year 7 Melbourne Excursion
Thur 12th China Trip departs
Thur 19th Gippsland Athletics

Fri 20th End of Term 3

October

Mon 7th Start of Term 4

From the Acting Principal



During Term 3 I will be acting Principal of Mirboo North Secondary College while Mrs. Karen Lanyon is on leave. Mr. Nic Ryan and Mrs. Kay Chandler will act as Assistant Principals during this time.

Several key events have happened at MNSC over the last few weeks in a term that will prove to be exceptionally busy.

We welcomed 13 Chinese exchange students and their Assistant Principal Mr. Zheng Yu, to the college for 3 days. The students were from our sister school at Chiangsu No 1, Jiangshu Province in China.

Initially the students were in home stay around Mirboo North with host families connected to the school or with families formally connected with the school. The students and Assistant Principal loved the small school atmosphere which they described as 'very relaxed' and 'very enjoyable'. The Chinese students and their host students enjoyed a day at Philip Island where they engaged the Antarctic Experience at the Nobbies and the Koala Sanctuary. Fish and chips on the beach at San Remo was a highlight while the Pelicans were fed.

A particular thank you must go out to the host families and Mrs Tonya Wright (organiser) who did a magnificent job despite some language barriers. On behalf of our school thank you so much for contributing to our international cultural exchange program as this benefits our students by exposing them to different cultures and philosophies of education. Students were astonished to find out the Chinese students go to school from 7am to 9pm and then study afterwards. I think our students going on exchange to Jiangshu later in the term may be in for a shock!

Information nights were run by both our Junior and Senior School and were well attended on Wednesday. As I have always said one of the strengths of our school is the value our families place on education. This was highlighted on this evening.

A special thank you to the staff who attended and assisted in the preparation for this evening it really assists parents and students to make the best choice they can for their education in future years. We also had representatives from Gippsland TAFE and Tanya Nelson from The Headstart program on the evening ensuring that parents and students seeking these pathways were well informed.

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If you could not attend the information evening please get in contact with the Senior School leader Ms. Marina Bruzzese or Junior School Leader Mrs. Kay Chandler. Many important documents were available on the evening and making contact will ensure you receive them.

School Council have been very busy early in the term. As you will be aware with the upcoming closure of Ridgeway Discounts (our uniform supplier) this has brought some uncertainty to the distribution of our school uniform.

The school has now taken over distribution of school uniform, however it will take some time set up this system. We will notify our community during term 4 when new uniform can be purchased, from where and on what days. Uniform is also undergoing a review. A school council subcommittee has been set up to address this headed by Cara Mahoney. Students, Parents and Staff are being canvassed for their opinion. Watch this space for any addition or alterations to the school uniform. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kelly and Steven for their ongoing support and wish them the best for future endeavours.

The Council have also been busy concluding the new School Strategic Plan (SSP). This sets out the direction of the school for the next 4 years. Months of work have culminated in its finalization by staff, students and parents. To those who have been involved I thank you as your input is valued and appreciated. The next stage of this is to develop a year by year plan Annual Implementation Plan or AIP. This will be completed in the coming months for 2020 and involve a similar range of input. If you would like to be involved in this process please contact me at the general office.

Also a huge thank you to parents who have completed the 2019 Parent Opinion Survey. This information along with the Attitudes to School Survey (by students) and the Staff Opinion Survey (by staff) assists us in the development of the plans mentioned above. At last count while writing, we had 40 families fill this survey in which is the most in some years. If you have received an email regarding this please consider filling it in as it is a really valuable tool in improving our school. Thank you to Mrs. Rebecca Woodall for managing this initiative.

A huge congratulations to the Mirboo North Football Teams for making the finals in the Seniors, Under 18s, Under 16's, Youth Girls, Under 14's and Under 12's. Even more remarkable is an amazing effort by the Mirboo North Netball club to get all teams to the finals, well done to the coaches and players. I wish you the best of luck and as always, celebrate responsibly.

Lastly an absolutely incredible effort by Year 12 Student Ben McConachy. Ben recently participated in the National Level School Swimming Carnival, he not only competed in a huge amount of events but was also voted captain of the Victorian team. Ben finished 8th in the 100m Breaststroke, 9th in the 50m freestyle, 9th in the 200m Breaststroke 9th in the 50 m Breaststroke. Ben also finished 6th in 3 relays. These results don't happen by accident as many, many early mornings and hours of following the 'black line' have led to this moment. We here at MNSC are very proud of not only your achievements but your dedication and persistence leading to these moments. We wish you the best of luck in your competitions, our very own 'Superfish'.

Yours in Education

Scott Moorhouse
Acting Principal

VIETNAMESE STUDENTS VISIT MNSC

'A Group of Vietnamese students visited MNSC last week and spent time with in the Year 9 Community Challenge Program. They gave a fantastic introductory presentation and then participated in small groups with students to get to know each other. On Friday they completed class work and gave a fantastic global perspective to the students work on 'What is sustainability'. At the conclusion of class on Friday the visiting Vietnamese students presented each year 9 student with a souvenir key ring and fan from Vietnam. The students are part of an annual program facilitated by Amelda at Allambee Camp.'



Interschool Basketball - South Gippsland Division

The day started off cold and subdued as a busload of eager basketballers set off to do battle on the interschool circuit. Mirboo north were their colours and victory at all costs was their chant... or was that all in my imagination? Either way a quiet sense of optimism that filled the air as we piled out of the bus at Splash and sent the junior school teams on to Korumburra to represent the purple and gold.

The Senior School Story...

Senior Girls V LSC

With mainly a background in netball and perfecting the pre-match selfie, our girls battled valiantly against some highly polished skillsets by the 'Gatha-gurls' but unfortunately were trumped 41-15. It was great to see the second half push back after they had started to lose all hope. On a school spirit level it was awesome to see the girls embrace a junior girl, Paige Anderson, who had agreed to help fill the team

Senior Boys V LSC

The team started off well with an early lead, but started to get mauled by a slew of damaging turn-overs by the opposition. Zane steadied the ship in the second half with some well thought out runs into the ring, though even his tenacity, Alex's tallness, Heathy's between the legs fancy bouncing, Shannon's dynamic drives and Luke's all or nothing 3 pointer bombs couldn't save the day. But! It was close and the final score was 33-36.

Senior Girls V MMK

A dejected team hit the courts after the first game's tragic outcome, however, within minutes the girls were up and punishing the Maccians! With the score at 12-2 at quarter time, the girls were quietly optimistic, but told me off for potentially jinxing them when I called a victory so early. That said, the jinx was without effect and the girls galloped home for a 23-7 win!!!

Senior Boys V MMK

A tight tussle that eventually ended in a high scoring defeat for our lads. End score 30-54. Highlights? The sheer athleticism of the MMK boys and their ability to nail outside shots. That said, the lads made many great plays, but with no subs on the bench, sheer attrition took over and the legs ran out of juice. Well done on your efforts boys.

Senior Girls V WSC

The last game of the day looked a big ask from the get go. Sporting a team of tall and one giant, 'Thaggi loomed over us like mountainous monoliths. Still, riding high on the victory they'd just had against the Maccians, they gave a good account of themselves. Brooke and Jaime provided some dynamic plays forward with Jaime sinking some impossible goals surprising even herself! Half time saw the scores at 15-37. Needless to say the third game blues and tiredness began to slowly set in as the gap widened. 9 minutes to go and Jaime nailed another mystery hoop, yelling out, "and I meant that one too, Cupples!" The game gradually became more a contest of who could play the most awesome shots and nail the most unlikely three pointers. Much laughter and stumbling around featured in the final five minutes and the end result was that everyone had a great time. Though 'Thaggi had won the game of basketball, both teams won the game of life.

Junior School Basic Report

The junior boys team (year 8 boys) won two games out of four.

The girls played competitively all day.

Year 9 coaches ably supported the two teams: Clay and Nikita.

Thanks to Mr McCaughan for organising the trip and Clay's dad, Ben for umpiring. It was a great day out and Mr Holman and myself had a ball, no, a basket-ball!



YEAR 11 - PHYSICS CAMP REPORT

Last term 11 Physics Students journeyed down to Waratah Beach Camp for the third ever Year 11 Physics Camp. With horrific cold and wet weather forecast our brave year 11 Physics Students ventured down to Waratah beach camp for two days of fun filled physics action.

Right at the start we used the break in the rain to take on the Giant swing to obtain acceleration graphs from which they could find the period of the pendulum and calculate its length.

We undertook some egg throwing to demonstrate conservation of momentum and Impulse.

They then tackled a problem solving and team building exercise the "Nitro Crossing" swinging across the river and "Treasure Island".

The expected rain still held off so we were able to enjoy a short time on the beach where we saw a breathtaking rainbow and discussed refraction and wave action. We also used the beach to undertake the drone flying in challenging and windy conditions. Unfortunately Mr Mueller was unable to maintain a safe operating distance between the drone and the ground, resulting in an unexpected forced landing ☹

The weather finally closed in which meant we had to abort our planned rocket launching. We were also able to undertake several experiments including motion and light which included an activity based on the Newtons Second Law using the Spark Vue data logging equipment to obtain results of the motion.

After a lovely dinner they enjoyed some popcorn while watching a movie filled with Physics content.

Day two involved some sound and light demonstrations while we avoided the heavy hail which covered the ground.

Finally we travelled home, our heads filled with new knowledge and experiences gained from the opportunities to undertake practical physics outside the classroom.

Thanks to Waratah Beach camp for the use of their great facilities and Mr Muller and Mrs Poland for joining us.

Chris Anders



MNSC Music Department
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MID YEAR
CONCERT

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Mirboo Nrth Secondary College

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More information-
Rebecca Woodall
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THE PLANET MARS.

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WHO: Everyone, especially kids with curious minds
WHERE: Glippsland Tech School, Morwell
WHEN: Wednesday 14th August, 2:30pm to 7pm
WHO: Free fun! Free in and experience...

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- ★ A Hydrogen Toyota Mirai car
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GIPPSLAND TECH SCHOOL

SCIENCE WEEK - DESTINATION MOON

As part of National Science Week the Gippsland Tech School is hosting a range of activities and presentations for the whole family from Monday 12th - Thursday 15th August.

Monday 12th August - Gravity, Black Holes and an Apple includes activities facilitated by Swinburne University - Oz Gravity Centre & GTS followed by a presentation by Dr Warren Stannard on Gravity, Black Holes & an Apple!

To register your attendance follow this link: <http://ow.ly/TpAi50vb4w9>

Tuesday 13th August - Join us for an evening with NASA Geologist and Exobiologist Darlene Lim. Based at the NASA Ames Research Center in California, Darlene leads several NASA-funded research programs that are focused on blending field science research with the development of capabilities & concepts for future human spaceflight into deep space & Mars.

To register your attendance follow this link: <http://ow.ly/wjdw50vb4J8>

Wednesday 14th August - Curious minds & budding scientists have an opportunity to get involved with Hydrogen & Carbon focused experiments & fun activities including Virtual Reality experiences, a seismometer machine & a hologram. Check out the Toyota Mirai, a Hydrogen car that will be on site & CSIRO's Saildrone, an automated wind-powered ocean drone that's used for autonomous data collection in the harshest ocean environments.

Come & meet Victoria's Lead Scientist, Amanda Caples, along with scientists from the CSIRO, GeoScience Australia, CO2CRC, Global CCS Institute, University of Melbourne & University of Wollongong.

To register your attendance follow this link: <http://ow.ly/PxUM50vb4Jm>

Thursday 15th August - Food In Space & Rocket Technologies includes activities facilitated by GTS followed by a presentation on thrust in rockets & sustainable agriculture in space by Dr's Steve Wilcox & Danielle Auldiss (Federation University).

To register your attendance follow this link: <http://ow.ly/9FR950vb4IP>



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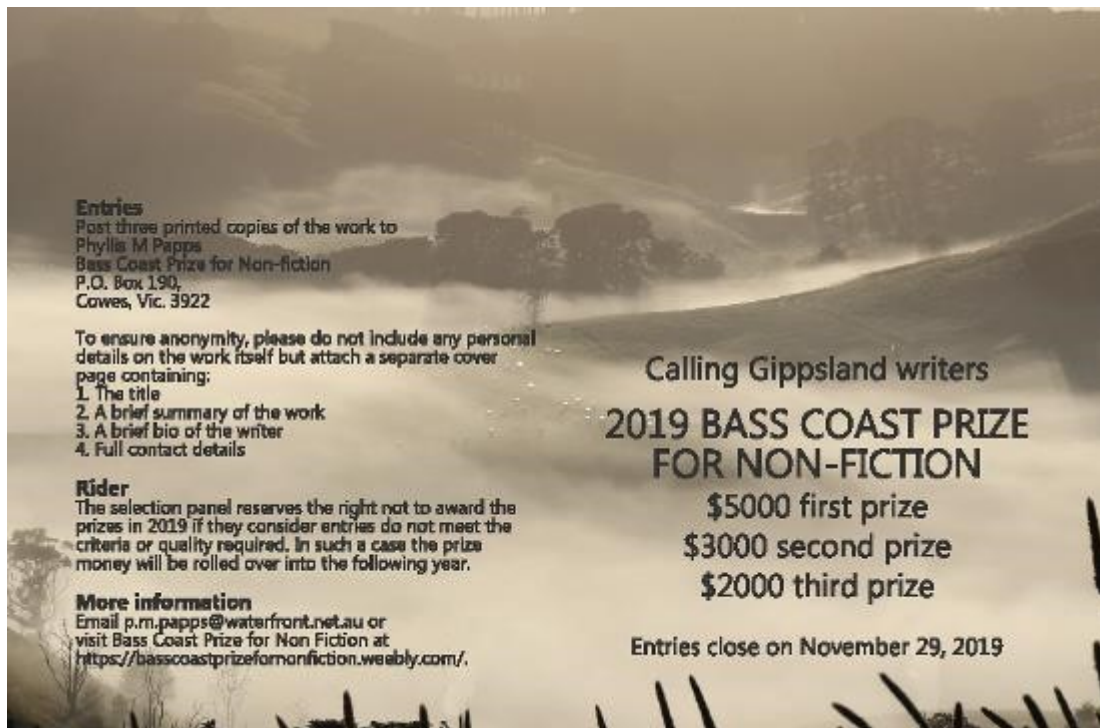
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Entries
Post three printed copies of the work to
Phyllis M Papps
Bass Coast Prize for Non-fiction
P.O. Box 190,
Cowes, Vic. 3922

To ensure anonymity, please do not include any personal details on the work itself but attach a separate cover page containing:
1. The title
2. A brief summary of the work
3. A brief bio of the writer
4. Full contact details

Rider
The selection panel reserves the right not to award the prizes in 2019 if they consider entries do not meet the criteria or quality required. In such a case the prize money will be rolled over into the following year.

More information
Email p.m.papps@waterfront.net.au or visit Bass Coast Prize for Non Fiction at <https://basscoastprizeforfiction.weebly.com/>.

Calling Gippsland writers
2019 BASS COAST PRIZE FOR NON-FICTION
\$5000 first prize
\$3000 second prize
\$2000 third prize

Entries close on November 29, 2019

Calling Gippsland writers

While there are many short story competitions in Australia, prizes for short non-fiction are much rarer.

The Bass Coast Prize for Non-Fiction, launched by author Tom Keneally at the Phillip Island Literary Festival today, is one of the richest competitions for non-fiction in Australia with a total of \$10,000 in prize money. The first prize winner will receive \$5000, second \$3000 and third \$2000.

The prize is open to writers living in, working or attending an educational institution in Gippsland.

Sponsor Phyllis Papps, a Phillip Island writer and activist who has written, compiled or edited some 20 books, says she wants to encourage and support writers of non-fiction in an era of diminishing options for publication.

"I particularly want to support writers in rural/country areas because they don't have the opportunities and networks that writers in urban areas have."

The prize is auspiced by the online magazine *Bass Coast Post*. *Post* editor Catherine Watson says Ms Papps's generous sponsorship makes it one of the richest non-fiction competitions in Australia.

Most importantly, she says, the prize gives Gippsland writers a deadline and a guarantee that their work will be read.

Entries can be in the form of an essay, profile, memoir, long-form journalism or a substantial portion of a book manuscript but they must pertain to the Gippsland region, issues or people. The length is 5000-10,000 words.

Ms Papps and Ms Watson are joined on the judging panel by Geoff Ellis, a Bass Coast councillor, journalist and editor of the *Waterline News*.

Entries close on November 29, 2019 and prize winners will be announced in February 2020.

The winning entries will be published in the *Bass Coast Post* and may be republished as an e-book or hard copy following consultation with the writers.

For more information and entry criteria, email Phyllis Papps at p.m.papps@waterfront.net.au or visit Bass Coast Prize for Non Fiction at basscoastprizeforfiction.weebly.com/.