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CALENDAR

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September

Thur 12th China Trip departs
 Mon 16th Yr 11 Inspiring Leaders Exc
 Tue 17th OEd Blue Rock Exc
 Thur 19th Gippsland Athletics
 Fri 20th **End of Term 3**

October

Mon 7th **Start of Term 4**
 Yr 12 October Tests begin
 Mon 21st Gippsland Basketball Finals
 Tues 22nd SGMP Intermediate Band Day
 Wed 23rd Last Day for Year 12's
 Wed 30th **Yr 12 Exams Begin**

From the Acting Principal



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For those students in years 7 and 9 whose NAPLAN results are heading home we thank you for your efforts back in May. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is only a **snapshot** of your child's academic progress. Not only that, at times it can be assessing education that your child may not have received yet. The school uses this information to inform some of our teaching practice only, not to reward or admonish individual students. It is important to note that in many areas, the college punches well above its weight in results and NAPLAN is no exception. Over the coming months the staff of the college will investigate what these results mean, attempt to fill in teaching and learning gaps and set future plans around student learning. If your child is having any negative effects from the NAPLAN results please contact our friendly team and we will assist them.

The Chinese International Cultural Experience leaves this Wednesday with 6 students taking part as well as myself. Mirboo North is involved in multiple international programs and has partners and friendships in many countries. Many benefits can be derived from travelling overseas for an Educational Tour, these include:

- International learning and knowledge propels students towards acceptance and understanding of an array of different cultural and community perspectives.
- Language acquisition is achieved through practical immersion.
- Awareness and adoption of alternative, multi-faceted approaches to learning.
- Analytical and problem solving skills.
- Enhanced interest in global issues as well as a broader general knowledge.
- Self-development and awareness leading to enhanced self-confidence and self-esteem. This is often the most noticeable change in returned students.
- Maturity and social poise, fuelled by the necessity to confront challenges outside a familiar support network and comfort zone.
- Integration into another family as well as the development of life-long friendships, fostering an appreciation of home and family.
- A tremendous sense of accomplishment upon completion encourages students to develop independent opinions, make informed decisions and strive to attain fresh goals.

I encourage all students at this school to get involved in a Cultural Exchange if they have the opportunity. These are not just limited to the school environment. The Lions Club, Rotary and other community organisations also have programs that can see students have access to a range of countries, often the school is presented with these opportunities. If a member of the community has a burning desire to study in another country please contact the school and we will attempt to steer you toward the right path.

Lastly I would like to commend our staff who put in extra time with our students who need extra assistance. Sue Klemke and her team (Julie Newton, Peter Trease, Jenny Dyke and Sue Hadley) do amazing things with these students on a daily basis. Many parents in the community who have had direct involvement with the team are often very complementary of their efforts as are we.

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Year 12 Studio Arts go to the City!!

On Friday the 9th of August the Year 12 Studio Arts class caught the train to the city, generously funded by ACCA (Australian Centre for Contemporary Art). We had an hour talk about the curation of "On Vulnerability and Doubt" exhibition, learning about the behind the scenes work that goes into setting up an exhibition.

We then visited Flinders Lane Gallery where the students noticed the immediate differences between a public funded gallery as opposed to a commercially run art space.

The National Gallery of Victoria was the next destination. We walked through the 19th and 20th century Australian permanent collection. It was great to see the students absorbed by the various styles of art spanning 200 years and appreciating the early colonial detailed picturesque paintings to the contemporary abstracted images.

The best part was that the students had not been to any of these spaces before, so to introduce them to original artworks at these great art galleries was a buzz!!!

The students are now equipped to complete the Art Industry and Contexts SAC.

Lisa Benn
Studio Arts Teacher

NGV- "The Pioneer" was painted in 1904 by Australian artist Frederick McCubbin. The painting is a triptych; the three panels tell a story of a free selector and his family making a life in the Australian bush. It is widely considered one of the masterpieces of Australian art.



Public Art- "Vault" created by Ron Robertson-Swann was commissioned for the city square in 1978 causing huge controversy. "Vault" is an abstract, minimalist sculpture built of large thick flat polygonal sheets of prefabricated steel, assembled in a way that suggests dynamic movement. It was dubbed "The Yellow Peril" and is now located outside ACCA.



"Flash art" 1987 by Rosalie Gascoigne at NGV



At ACCA, Eliza the Education Officer showing us images of the setting up of this exhibition.

Professor Fiona Wood; snap, crackle and pop

When Year 7A were doing their Famous Scientist projects, Meg Williams completed an outstanding profile on Professor Fiona Wood.

Fiona Wood is one of Australia's most innovative and respected surgeons and researchers. A highly skilled plastic and reconstructive surgeon and world leading burns specialist, she has pioneered research and technology development in burns medicine. She was awarded Member of the Order of Australia in 2003, the Australian Medical Association's 'Contribution to Medicine' award in 2003, the 2003 and 2004 West Australian of the Year and 2005 Australian of the Year. She was voted Australia's Most Trusted Person for six successive years (2005-2010) and has been recognised as an Australian Living Treasure. (from Fiona Wood Foundation website)



In the video, Fiona Wood encouraged students to dream, aim high and appreciate the science all around them. She gave the example of rice bubbles – and asked why do they go 'snap, crackle and pop'?

It is very special for Mirboo North Secondary College, especially Year 7A, to have someone as prominent as Fiona Wood, to send us her encouragement. It shows that those that demonstrate interest, and ask, get rewarded. It demonstrates also the kind of person she is.

Portable science revision - anytime, anywhere

As part of the school's curriculum support materials, Stile is the best Australian general science education resource. It's depth, diversity and content modalities allow effective individualisation of learning. Students who prefer aural and visual learning have text converted to audio and on-demand video. Extension activities are available. It's also able to be accessed during or after periods of absence from school. There is never an excuse for 'I've got nothing to do'!

We recently introduced students to Squiz. Squiz is an online App and part of the Stile Education portfolio. It provides convenient 'on the go' revision by presenting question cards that can be answered on a student's phone. In a recent science class, students were given special permission to bring their phones into class to be introduced to Squiz and practice some quizzes.

You might like to join in and compete! Who knows more about the circulatory system, you or your child?



School Uniform Update

Currently the College School Council is undertaking a review of the current uniform. Once this is completed and stock sourced, the college uniform will be sold from the school general office during office hours.

We will keep families informed of the progress but expect that uniforms will be available for purchase mid October.

The school uniform policy and pricelist will be published through compass and on the school website once they become available.

During the review of uniform by school council, and the transition of uniform from Ridgeway Discounts to the college, we have allowed the following temporary leniencies around uniform; students may wear any black pants or trousers, and they may wear a plain black or white long sleeve T shirt under school tops. As always we do not allow the wearing of hooded windcheaters or 'hoodies' at school. These are not permanent changes and will not continue in the long-term.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause families and appreciate your support during this transition.

Chaplaincy News!!!

The Mirboo North School's Chaplaincy Committee have been quietly working away on fundraising in order to be able to maintain the services of a Chaplain in both schools for the wellbeing of our students and wider community. Here are some of the things we have been up to and want to share with you.

Small Change for Chaplaincy tins.

Due to the delay in getting money tins for our Small Change for Chaplaincy Appeal, we have sourced a small amount that are ready to go out to families. These are now available from Primary School office so pop in anytime and grab one or ring the office and let us know who you would like us to send one home with. Hope you can spare some of your loose change to help us maintain the services of a Chaplain within our schools and wider community.

Chaplaincy Shed

Our Chaplaincy shed will now be open on market days etc. 10-12noon, pop in for a Bargain or even bring down your donation! Check out what's on offer on gumtree before hand or just turn up and have a look. That means shed will be open Saturday 28th September, from 10am - 12noon. We are located in Burchell Lane, next door to Ken Graeme Motors.

Community market

Every second month the Chaplaincy Committee are rostered on for cooking the BBQ at the community market, which takes place on last Saturday of the month. Chaplaincy were on BBQ for August market. We would like to thank Dani Calafiore and Barb Pulinger who kindly volunteered their services and helped out at this market. We are always looking for volunteers to help us cook and serve the months we are rostered on, so if you have a few hours to spare and want to join us, please let us know. We would love to have you on board, helping us feed the market goers. Alternatively, we would just love to see people come on down to the market, and let us take care of your breakfast and/or lunch for the day. We serve bacon and eggs sandwiches and BBQ sausages in bread (onion optional).



We are also rostered on for the October market and will be supporting Christmas in the Boo in December, if you would like to help, just let us know.

THANK YOU

Every so often we have kind generous people call us and want to donate furniture for our Gum Tree appeal. We have lots of hard working volunteers who then go and pick up these donations of furniture and store them in our shed. Occasionally we put a call out on Facebook for people to assist with the unloading of the furniture once it arrives to the shed. Last Sunday was one of those days. We would like to say a BIG thank you to Geoff Martin and David Buissink who responded to our call for help and met the fabulous Dave Carey at the shed on Sunday afternoon to unload some great donations (many in near new condition). Another reason to visit the Chaplaincy Shed EACH market day morning from 10am – 12noon to grab a bargain! Remember you can also bring along any pieces that you would like to donate during this time too.

Paula Calafiore
Mirboo North Schools' Chaplaincy Committee Secretary

Tennis in Mirboo North

Our local tennis club is looking for any interested kids & adults that would like to play in the upcoming seasons.

We are looking for both boys & girls to play in teams of 4 in our 3 different age groups: A grade - 17 & under, B grade - 14 & under,

C grade - 12 & under (down to age 8 or so). All kids get to play both doubles & singles. Matches are played on Saturday mornings (beginning in Term 4) at the courts at the Recreation Reserve and courts of surrounding clubs - Mardan, Leongatha, Leongatha North & Fish Creek. No play over Christmas holidays. We also have Seniors teams that play on Saturday afternoons.



We are also looking for any adults that would like to play in our upcoming social night tennis competition. All games are played at the tennis courts located at the Recreation reserve on Wednesday nights from 7.30pm and are usually completed within 2 hours. The competition will begin early October and run for about 10 weeks and finish before Christmas.

Anyone looking to play tennis please call Sean Fraser on 0419 588 361.

We also have coaching available from South Gippsland Tennis Coaching at our courts on Thursday afternoon (after school) for those interested. We are also fortunate to have Matt Pocklington & his team running a tennis clinic over the first week of school holidays for kids aged from 5 to 18. The clinic will be held over 4 days (Mon 23rd to Thur 26th) for 1&1/2 hrs each day with a optional round robin tournament in Leongatha on Friday 27th Sept for those kids that would like to participate. Kids can take part in 1,2,3 or all 4 days if they would like and anyone interested can contact Matthew Pocklington for details/costs on 0402736 693.

Leongatha Little Athletics

LEARNING THE FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS OF RUNNING, JUMPING
AND THROWING TO PREPARE YOUR CHILD FOR ALL SPORTS



The 2019/2020 season commences Saturday 5th
October 9am at the Leongatha Velodrome.

For athletes 5 - 15 years old

On Track Skill Development Program for 5 year olds

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