



# 28th February , 2020

## CALENDAR

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### March

Mon 9th **Labour Day Holiday**  
Thur 12th Gippsland Swimming  
Fri 13th School Council Elections Close  
Yr 11 Physics Excursion

Thur 26th Parent Teacher Interviews (night)  
VCE Art & Vis Com Excursion  
Fri 27th Parent Teacher Interviews (day)  
**End of Term 1**

From the Principal



Welcome to 2020. It was wonderful on the first day of school to see so many of our students ready to get down to the business of learning. It was also really heart-warming to see so many parents accompany their children to their first day of school in year 7. Your support means the world to them, and to us. We know we cannot get the best outcomes for your children without your support.

There have been many happenings over the holidays with several new staff coming to the school. Mrs Tracey Summerton (English/Humanities), Emma Meyer (English/Humanities) Jacqueline Wheeler (Maths) Mrs. Diana Reardon (Music) and Mrs Bernadette Cropper (Assistant Principal) are very valuable additions to our teaching fraternity. We look forward to drawing off their vast teaching and life experiences to enrich the Mirboo North Secondary College community.

We were absolutely thrilled to have the local member Danny O'Brien present the school captain badges this week to our leaders. The school captains Melissa Blackshaw and Abbey McColl have been working hard with their fellow leaders on a student leadership structure the will suit the college in 2020. The captains have presented this to the school leadership team and we all agreed they need to pursue tertiary studies in organisational design. Their ideas were exciting, fresh and calculated and we cannot wait to see what they produce.

Our substantive principal Mrs. Karen Lanyon is currently on secondment to the DET and experiencing the inner workings of Victorian Education as a Student Achievement Manager. We also acknowledge that this change has come about after the death of her husband last year. We wish Mrs. Lanyon all of the best in this endeavour. Mrs. Lanyon sends her warm regards to the MNSC community.

Lastly, I rarely comment on individual students in this space however I would like to acknowledge Tajh Eden. Courage is a word that is thrown around, but often misunderstood, however to watch the way that Tajh and his family have equipped themselves to battle Tajh's serious illness is nothing short of remarkable. Those students who are also his friends have also shown a strong solidarity rarely seen in any student body I have been associated with, thank you for your friendship and understanding I know the Eden family appreciates it.

### School Council Elections:

We have the exciting opportunity for 3 new parent members of schools council. School council is a vital cog in making our school a happy functioning place. Eight meetings per year is the commitment which are usually run on every third Monday at 7:30pm. If you would like to have say in some areas of the school please make an enquiry at the office, or, better yet fill out the form in this newsletter. Forms can also be obtained from the front office open from 8:15am to 4:00pm each school day. A notice is being send via compass and email that explains the times line. Nominations must be in by 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

# New Staff 2020



Introducing our new Assistant Principal Mrs Bernadette Cropper. Mrs Cropper is a Mirboo North local and comes to us after working in an elite group at regional office. Mrs Cropper's role will be largely curriculum focussed. She will also teach a year 8 maths class. Mrs Cropper will work a long side Mr Nic Ryan as Assistant Principals for the early part of 2020.



Welcome Mrs Tracey Summerton. Tracey is a highly experienced English teacher who has worked at the very top of her field with the Victorian Curriculum Authority. She has also worked previously as an Assistant Principal. Tracey has lived in the local area for many years.



Meet Mrs Emma Meyer. Mrs. Meyer comes to us via Wonthaggi and lives in South Gippsland. Mrs. Meyer has excellent credentials in English and curriculum planning. Having young children herself, she is deeply passionate about literacy of all our students.



Meet Miss Jacqueline Wheeler. Miss Wheeler comes to us from Wonthaggi, she has an awesome background in Maths and STEAM education and Science. A keen educator and a great role model for young women aspiring to work in a STEAM environment.



Meet Mrs Diana Reardon. Mrs Reardon comes to us having previously worked with the local music teachers SGSMP and at a major Secondary College in Melbourne. She will be teaching all of the school programme this year. Diana is a maestro on the flute and a range of instruments that we can only dream to play that well.



## CONGRATUALATIONS HOUSE CAPTAINS 2020

### ALLAMBEE

**Captains:** Patrick Lewis, Jaime Chila  
**Vice Captain:** Leigh Jowett, Chelsea Movchan  
**Junior Captain:** Hayden Barnes



### MARDAN

**Captains:** Jordan Cummaudo, Grace Cascianelli  
**Vice Captain:** Melissa Blackshaw  
**Junior Captain:** Bailey Piedrafita, Sienna Cheffers



### NARRACAN

**Captains:** Paul Rajic, Stephanie Parker  
**Vice Captain:** Josh Hillman, Bridget King  
**Junior Captain:** Blake Peters, Ella McCulloch



### MIRBOO

**Captains:** Seth Cropley, Taleisha Snell  
**Vice Captain:** Caleb Gregor, Elissa Barry  
**Junior Captain:** Darby Kratzat, Morgan Finnigan



# **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PEER SUPPORT LEADERS 2020**

Hayden Anders  
Flynn Burgeess-Pincini  
Amy Dickins  
Carlos Eid  
Bianca Fahey  
Nikita Giardina  
Chantelle Giessler  
Mikayla Kunziak

Liam Hillman  
Dylan Lambert-Hall  
Clara Linn  
Eliza Mahoney  
Casey Marsh  
Hyacinth Pennycuick  
Alexandra Proctor  
Lexi Redpath



# 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 2020 Mirboo North Secondary College school council elections will open on Monday 2nd March and close on Friday 13th 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 2020**

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 13th 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.

**Scott Moorhouse**  
**Acting College Principal**

## **School Council Elections 2020**

### ***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.

## 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:

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Home telephone:

Business telephone:

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Email:

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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.

# College Uniform



The Uniform Store is up and running. We now have most items and sizes available. Unfortunately there is still a wait on the purple and black polo's in sizes: XS and S (hopefully only a couple of weeks).



Order forms can be found on the MNSC web page if you wish to place an order.







### Back to School VOUCHERS

The Mirboo North & District Community Foundation is very pleased to have partnered with the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) again this year

### Back to School Vouchers

to bring the 'Back to School' program to our district. This is a national program run by FRRR aimed at helping students in rural and regional areas access quality educational experiences by providing \$50 gift vouchers to students and families which are used for the essential back to school items like uniform, shoes, books, stationery etc.

This year, the Community Foundation has received \$4,500 worth of gift vouchers, which are now being distributed among the Schools in our district, including Mirboo North Secondary College and the following Primary Schools: Mirboo North, Boolarra, Thorpdale, Naracan, Vinmar and Yinnar South. Since joining the program in 2012, vouchers to the value of \$34,350 have

been distributed in our district by the Community Foundation.

FRRR is Australia's only national philanthropic Foundation dedicated to rural and regional Australia. It seeks to harness the power of collective investment between government, business and philanthropy to improve the lives of those working in rural and regional Australia. If you look closely enough you will realise that grants from FRRR have often funded or co-funded valuable projects in our rural area. For more information about the FRRR please visit their website at [frrr.org.au](http://frrr.org.au)



## BREAKING THE CYCLE

A GROUP FOR PARENTS AND CARERS WHOSE ADOLESCENT IS ABUSIVE AND/OR VIOLENT AT HOME



- Do you feel threatened, frightened or even controlled by your son or daughter?
- Are family members and younger siblings feeling scared?
- Feeling anxious, isolated, ashamed, resentful?

**WHEN:** Thursdays for 6 weeks  
13<sup>th</sup> of February to 2<sup>nd</sup> of April  
(no session 27<sup>th</sup> March and 19<sup>th</sup> March)

**TIME:** 10:00am – 12:00pm

YES? Then join the 'Breaking the Cycle' group. It gives you an opportunity to discuss all issues and learn new skills to better manage challenging situations.

**WHERE:** Anglicare Morwell  
190 Commercial Road,  
Morwell

Come along to these 6 sessions to learn strategies, share stories and take some time out for you!

**COST:** FREE. Bookings essential.

**Bookings and further information:**  
Parentzone Gippsland on 5135 9555 or  
[parentzone.gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:parentzone.gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au)

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BETTER  
TOMORROWS

## MNFNC are excited to be adding another team to the club!



# 13 & UNDER

The team will be competing at Moe with our 11 & Under and 9 & Under teams on a Saturday morning. Trainings will be on Thursdays, 3:30-4:30pm at the Mirboo North Netball Courts.

The players will wear the same uniform as the rest of the club.

If you are interested, please contact our Junior Development Coordinator Dana Eaves on 0488 401 502.

**\$0350 per person FREE**

## Join us to have a chat about mental health and wellbeing in rural Australia

This Rural Minds Workshop is a relaxed way to learn about mental wellbeing and resilience for you, your family, friends and community. Specifically designed for rural and remote communities, and delivered by people who know what it's like out here, Rural Minds is just good, solid, practical, information without all the bull...dust.

## SPONSORED COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

### Korumburra VIC

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – 9:30am – 2:00pm with Light Lunch Provided  
Milpara Community House – 21 Shellots Rd, Korumburra Vic 3950

Registration: [nichollsbelinda@gmail.com](mailto:nichollsbelinda@gmail.com)  
Belinda Nicholls ph: 0432 960 587



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