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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

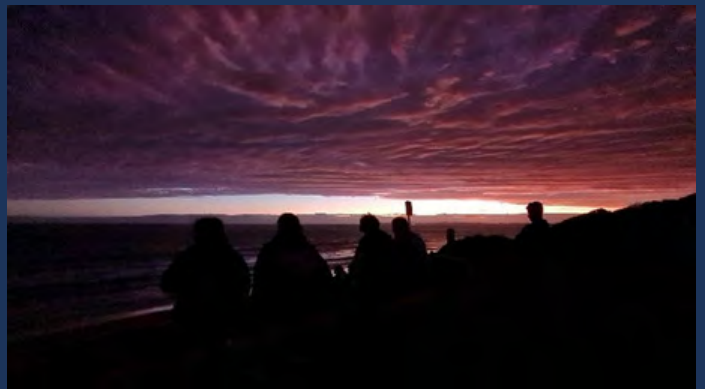
Hello MRSC School Community,

We are very near the end of term 1. It has only been a 9-week term yet we have packed many activities, events and lessons into the short term. The weather is beginning to turn as we enter Autumn, yet the sun is still providing warmth and good energy for us.

I was fortunate enough this week to be able to join our year 10 Outdoor Ed class on their camp. We went surfing in Ocean Grove, out for dinner in Queenscliff and snorkeling in Port Phillip Bay. Thanks to Mr Harberger for organising the camp, the students were great to be with. We also enjoyed a beautiful sunset from the pier and then back at The Heads near our campsite in Queenscliff.



We have achieved a lot this term in regard to welcoming back all 660 students, including 130 year 7 students, and new staff. We now have a team of 100 staff at MRSC. NAPLAN has just finished for another year. Thanks to Ms Pace for coordinating NAPLAN this year. I look forward to getting our results back and discussing them with our students.





PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONT'D

Our building works are coming along swimmingly, the project is running ahead by approximately 6 weeks. The roof will be up soon and then the walls. It is wonderful to watch our new classrooms come to life.

In term 2 our year 7 camp will run at the end of April, beginning of May. Yr 10 students will go out on Work experience in May and interim reports will be published for students early in the term and ahead of the **PTSCs / Parent Teacher Student Conversations which will be held on:**

- Tuesday May 7th 3.40pm to 7pm
- Wednesday May 8th 9am to 1.15pm (no formal classes will be held on this day).

Other dates for term 2 are:

- Monday April 15th: first day of term 2.
- Friday April 19th: school athletics carnival
- Tuesday June 18th: Student free day – staff PD and PP day

Take care, enjoy the break and see you in term 2.

Seona Murnane
Principal



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What a busy Term 1! We have come to the end of term one, and it has flown. Well done to all students for their involvement in various activities, excursions, NAPLAN and camps throughout the term. Term two is a big term with 11 weeks.

School Uniform

At present we have a number of students out of uniform with either incorrect socks / shoes or wearing their Sport uniform when they don't even have sport. At the beginning of Term two, the Heads of House and House Assistants will be making phone calls home to discuss these uniform items and may be issuing After School Detentions to students who are in the incorrect uniform without a note explaining it from a parent / guardian.

Please speak with your child/ren about this and support them to be in the correct school uniform ready to attend school.

With the weather starting to get cold, please ensure that your child has the correct school jumpers / jackets. Students are able to wear the school rugby top with their normal school uniform.



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONT'D

If students are wearing non-school jumpers such as hoodies, they will be asked to exchange them for a school jacket at the Head of House office.

If you have any questions in regards to this, please feel free to contact your relevant Head of House or House Assistant on 5336 7804.

Communication with home

During Term one, we have had a small number of students either messaging or calling their parents / guardians to discuss feeling unwell or struggling at school.

We need to ensure that all contact made with home is either via the First Aid room, front office or by a member of staff like a Head of House or House Assistant. With a member of staff contacting home, it doesn't create any confusion when parents / guardians turn up to the office to collect or speak with their child.

If your child does make contact with you, please suggest to them to speak with their Head of House, House Assistant, a member of the Wellbeing Team or Jacinta in First Aid.

Before and After School

We are noticing that there are a number of students arriving at school very early and also hanging around school well after 3.15pm. Just a reminder that staff are not on supervision until 8.30am each morning, so if your child is getting to school prior to this time, they are unsupervised. If your child walks home from school each day, please encourage them to promptly walk home as we are noticing a large number of students waiting with Bus travellers. This makes supervision difficult for the bus duty staff member.

Bus travellers need to also ensure that they are waiting for their buses on the grass area or seating near Gym / Music. Friday is the only day bus travelling students can go to the shop, but they must speak with staff member on duty prior to leaving.

Year 11 and 12 Redemption Night

As Year 11 and 12 assessments are being conducted, this means the redemption afternoon is also starting. If your child receives an N notification they may need to attend a redemption to achieve an S for their subject. Redemption afternoon is Friday after school and can go until 4:30pm, depending on the requirements of the subject. If your child has received an N notification and is unsure if they need to attend the redemption afternoon, you can contact their teacher or call the school and ask for further clarification.

We appreciate your support.

Rick Andrews
7-8 Assistant Principal

Nick Stephen
9-10 Assistant Principal

Katrina Pace
11-12 Assistant Principal



STUDENT ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Day Counts

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but ...

If your child misses ...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years of learning
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years of learning
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning

Keep an eye out in the mail for absence letters for students with unexplained absences in the next few weeks. Please indicate the reason for the absence, sign the bottom of the letter and return to the office so we can update our records.

Remember you can

- SMS: **0456 697 840**
- Email: **8828-dl-Absences@schools.vic.gov.au**
- Call or leave a message on the absence line: **5336 7804**

to notify us each day of student absences.



LIBRARY NEWS

Netbooks are an important bit of equipment to bring to school each day fully charged and ready to use. A large number of students are leaving their netbooks at home on purpose and loaning from the library. We have limited numbers to be borrowed. Please can student bring their own netbooks daily. Any problems or broken netbooks need to be taken to IT to be looked at.

If you need to borrow a netbook please come before school.

NO netbooks will be handed out in **Home Group time**. If students borrow a netbook they will need to return it each day before going home.

Next term the library is open at lunchtime. No food or drink to be consumed in the library. Please eat before entering.

Reading Adds Up: A student who reads for 10 minutes a day typically has a broader range of Vocabulary and an increased level of Spelling. Reading expose children to new ideas, facts, and cultures, helping to expand their knowledge and understanding of the world around them. Not only does regular reading help make students smarter, it can actually increase brain power.

Student ID cards can be used to print from the photocopier. See Jeanette in the library if you need help.



LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

DAY

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

TIME

8:15am

8:30am

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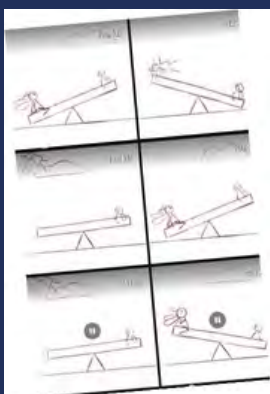
THE ARTS

Congratulations to Connor Brown (Class of 2023)!

Connor's Year 12 Media Animation 'Healing' was selected to be in the Next Gen 2024 exhibition at Art Gallery of Ballarat. Next Gen 2024 celebrates the creative achievements of the Year 12 class of 2023. Connor's animation was one of 37 chosen works by 31 students from over 127 applications. The panel looks at both the underlying concept behind the works and the mastery of artistic skill in their production. Connor explains: "I created this animation to explore grief in a compelling and captivating way, suggesting that it is something to embrace and accept as opposed to having one's emotional state go unchecked". Next Gen 2024 is free and is on until 21 April, 2024.



We are incredibly lucky to work with such talented student artists at Mount Rowan! This term has seen a world of colour adorn the Art rooms and we can't wait to see what comes to life in Term 2!



Stay tuned in Term 2 for more exciting news about our MRSC band and musical production "The misadventures of Pinocchio".



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CANTEEN



MOUNT ROWAN SECONDARY COLLEGE CANTEEN PRICE LIST

Everyday selection Select carefully

Chicken Schnitzel Burger & Salad	\$6.00
Chicken & Salad Sandwich, roll or wrap	\$6.00
Sweet Chilli Chicken & Salad wrap	\$6.00
Ham & Salad Sandwich, roll or wrap	\$6.00
Salad sandwich, roll or wrap	\$5.00
Cheese & Salad sandwich, roll or wrap	\$6.00
Toasties- Ham/cheese & tomato	\$5.00
- Cheese	\$3.00
Toasted Turkish bread chicken, cheese & spinach	\$6.00
Flavoured milk	\$3.00

Select carefully

Flavoured Milk 300ml	\$3.00
Emma and Tom's Juice	\$4.00
Red Rock deli chips	\$2.00
Popcorn	\$2.00
Ice creams/yoghurts	\$2.00
Icypoles	\$2.00

Occasional selection

Beef pie	\$6.00
Traveller Pies	\$5.00
Sausage Roll (small)	\$2.00
Ham & cheese croissant	\$5.00

Lunch orders can be Placed at
recess directly At the canteen

Visit Canteen for Weekly
specials

Lunch orders can be placed via the QKR app

PLEASE ADVISE CANTEEN STAFF OF ANY
DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

DOCTORS IN SECONDARY SCHOOL

DOCTORS IN
SECONDARY
SCHOOLS

Understanding adolescence – for families

Young people undergo many different changes as they go through adolescence and increasingly take on adult roles and responsibilities.



This health content is brought to you by Doctors in Secondary School (DiSS).

For further discussions about this topic, or to make an appointment please contact the DiSS GP and Nurse at your school.

February 2024

Pathway To Success

Congratulations on successfully getting a School Based Apprenticeship



Jarome
Engineering - Fabrication
with Ballarat Isuzu

HeadStart

2024!

Head Start
Wimmera Central
Highlands has got
off to a fantastic
start to 2024 with
over 25 students
across the region
being signed up to a
HeadStart SBAT.

**Employers want
YOU**



WorkSafe 101
Website & Videos



Scan for more
information on
HeadStart



If you or your child would like to learn more about HeadStart,
please contact Danielle 0427 316 423 or Janine in Careers

MRSC
Sign ups
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HANDS ON LEARNING

Welcome to our new Thursday Hands on Learning group! They have been busy on many projects and can't wait to keep everyone updated with their progress.



CITY OF BALLARAT

Work is now underway to understand what opportunities there may be to make Forest Street in Wendouree safer, more enjoyable and more accessible for people walking and cycling. Forest Street is a key transport link in Wendouree for residents to get to local businesses, shops, schools, early learning centres, community facilities and Lake Wendouree. The community's local knowledge of this area is invaluable in understanding what improvements can be made to make it safer and more enjoyable.

Feedback is encouraged from people who use bikes, scooters or mobility aids as well as people who use this route without a car, such as pedestrians and parents who push prams. Visit the City of Ballarat's mysay.ballarat.vic.gov.au to pin your ideas on the map of Forest Street, answer a short survey or ask a question. Consultation closes on 8 April 2024. At this stage, this is a scoping project seeking to understand local issues and set the parameters for what improvements may look like in this area.



CENTRAL HIGHLANDS AREA LOCAL SCHOOL'S NEWSFEED

Mount Rowan was mentioned in the Schools in the Spotlight on the Central Highlands Area Local School Newsfeed for 2024.



Mount Rowan Secondary College

Sod turn at Mount Rowan Secondary College to celebrate the latest stage of their capital works.

Feb 2024

CALENDAR

First day of Term 2	15th April
School Athletics Carnival	19th April
Anzac Day	25th April
PTSCs	7th May 3:30pm to 7:00 pm
PTSCs	8th May 9:00am to 1:15pm
Student Free day	8th May
Kings Birthday	10th June
Student Free Day	18th June
Last day of Term 2	28th June



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CAFS

Foster Care

Information Sessions On Now

Foster Care is about creating a safe space for children in our community. Take the next step in becoming a foster carer with Cafs. Register to attend one of our upcoming carer information sessions today.



REGISTER YOUR INTEREST
Visit cafs.org.au or call 1800 692 237

cafs WE CARE



FOOTBALL

WE WANT YOU UNDER 17 NETBALLERS

Creswick Football Netball Club is seeking players for the 2024 season. Come and join our community.

Details

- ✓ Thursday evening training
- ✓ Games Saturday 11am
- ✓ Play in the Central Highlands League

JOIN US

Tash McIntyre
Netball Coordinator - 0417766627

Creswick Football Netball Club

CALLING JUNIOR FOOTBALLERS!

**U/9, U/11 & U/13
PLAYERS NEEDED**

**CONTACT US NOW:
NBJFNC@gmail.com**



North Ballarat Football & Netball Club