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We are very excited to bring you the news of our first 8 days of the school year!

We have crammed a lot in already - enjoy reading all about it!

Coming up at the College

FEBRUARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11	12	13 Foundation students Rest Day Year 7 Camp — Campaspe Downs	14 Year 7 Camp — Campaspe Downs	15 Year 7 Camp — Campaspe Downs
18 College Council 7.00pm	19 Charles Sturt University seminar for Year 12 students.	20 Foundation students Rest Day BERRY ST - Staff Professional Learning Day - NO STUDENTS REQUIRED AT SCHOOL	21 COLLEGE SWIMMING CARNIVAL AT RUSHWORTH SWIMMING POOL	22 Newsletter published
25	26 SCHOOL PHOTOS— STUDENTS TO BE IN FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM PLEASE YEAR 10 -12 INFORMATION EVENING 6.00PM - 7.00PM	27 Foundation students Rest Day	28	1 GMDSSV Swimming Carnival—selected students only. Proposed Avalon Air Show Excursion

IMPORTANT

Wednesday 20 February will be a student-free day so that all staff can undertake trauma-informed education training through the Berry Street organisation.

This training will provide staff will strategies to engage students who display trauma from adverse childhood experiences, but will also support the college's School Wide Positive Behaviour framework to deliver a more positive classroom experience for all students.

We look forward to sharing some of the engaging activities with you in the future but in the mean time see if you can act out your name from the chart!



Principal News

I would like to firstly welcome you back for a new year and hope that you all enjoyed this special holiday time with the people closest to you and doing the things that bring you the most joy. The holidays have finished though and it is exciting to embark on another journey with you as we continue to pursue excellence together throughout 2019.

Positive Community, Positive Outcomes

New families have joined our school community and I believe it is true to say that we are all excited to have you join us and look forward to the unique contributions you will make to our school. If you are looking for ways to be involved in the school, please consider joining the newly formed Parents and Friends group or consider nominating for one of the Parent Vacancies on School Council.

Each year half of our Parent (which I embrace carers as being included in this title) members positions needs to be filled as current members complete their two-year period of service. Naturally, these people are **very welcome** to nominate again and complete another term. There is always room for new members too so don't feel like you are misplacing someone. In fact, I believe the blend of existing and new members keep the School Council vibrant, responsive and informed of our community's needs and perceptions.

Currently our Parent membership is as follows:

Term Expires March 2019	Term Expires March 2020
Jenni Rathjen	Justin Appleton
Vacant position	Catherine Caton
Vacant position	Kathrin Lange

In Pursuit of Excellence

We have started the year with a School Wide Positive Behaviour Supports (SWPBS) blitz on uniform.

May you please support your child in meeting the expectation by ensuring that they leave for school each day in uniform and reinforce the expectation with them that they remain in uniform for the school day. Working together with our families to achieve positive outcomes for every child is a Key Improvement Strategy in our new Strategic Plan and this is a simple way we can unite to meet the standards our community expects.

This means that we have three Parent vacancies to fill. Further information is included in this newsletter that may answer questions you have. You are also invited to speak to myself at the college or approach our current School President, Mr Cass Alexander, to find out further information if needed. The invitation is genuine and you would be warmly welcomed.

Schedule 4, which can be found immediately following my article, provides a timeline that outlines important actions and dates that relate to the Election Process. Nomination forms are available at the front office and you can ask your child to collect this on your behalf, or alternatively, you can contact the office and we will organise for the form to be sent home with your child, emailed to you directly or posted.

Information is also currently being shared with our students around Student Nominations to fill a two-year position that will become vacant as part of the process. Information around these positions will be available on our website so you can help your child in determining whether this is something they are interested in and committed to.

I strongly encourage all students in Year 7 or above to consider this opportunity. The positions are open to all students and diversity is welcome and will enrich our Council.

We are able to provide support to families if required so please don't hesitate to make contact with our Assistant Principal, Mr Peter Bovell.

With regards,

Leanne Miller
Principal



Currently reading: *Any Ordinary Day* by Leigh Sales

COLLEGE COUNCIL

SCHEDULE 4

NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of Rushworth P-12 College.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4:00 pm on 25th February, 2019.

The ballot will close at 4:00 pm on 8th March.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category opens for elections 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 2019 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021.	Three (3) positions
DET employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2019 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021.	Nil (0) positions
Student member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2019 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021.	One (1) position

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

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.



Leanne Miller
Principal

CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS & MANDATORY REPORTING

Since the 2013 Parliamentary Inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and Other Non-Government Organisations, The Child Safe Standards have formed part of the Victorian Government's response to the Betrayal of Trust Inquiry. All Victorian schools and other organisations who work with children are required to meet the Child Safe Standards to ensure that as many reasonable barriers as possible are in place to prevent child abuse.

Rushworth P-12 College is committed to looking out for each child's best interest by providing a child-safe school environment with zero tolerance to child abuse. We actively seek to listen to the voices of our students as a collective or as individuals so they develop a sense of positive empowerment. In order to achieve this goal, specific policies and processes have been developed and reviewed on an annual basis by all staff, our college council members and student leaders to ensure they are relevant and known. These policies are displayed on our website so that they are accessible to all interested parties.

A big part of this active prevention is the role of teaching staff as mandatory reporters. Teachers are required by law to make a mandatory report to child protection if in any instance they form a belief on reasonable grounds that a child has suffered or is likely to suffer significant harm as a result of physical injury or sexual abuse, and where a child's parents have not protected or are unlikely to protect the child from harm of that type. Failure to report is a criminal offence, and this applies not just to teachers but to every adult in Victoria in the case of suspicion of child sexual abuse.

This belief could be formed from emotional presentation, physical or psychological injuries not being appropriately treated, unkempt or unclean appearance and hygiene, a lack of appropriate clothing or food, and cuts or bruises without a reasonable explanation. As much as possible, the school will work with parents to address any concerns and communicate expectations that act in the child's best

interests; however, there may be instances where reports need to be made while engaging and sometimes without engaging parents. Teachers are able to consult with police and child protection workers to determine the appropriateness of contacting parents and carers with regards to concerns. Although Department of Education Staff are required to raise concerns about a child with the school leadership, they are not required to disclose that they have made a report with anyone.

It is important to understand that a report may not always result in an investigation. Should a report be made and child protection makes contact with you, it is important to not see this as a judgement of parenting or personal attack. Instead it is a professional requirement as part of a system designed to protect children. As a parent, while I would feel embarrassed and anxious to have child protection contact me, I can accept the nuisance of being investigated would be worth potentially addressing an incident of abuse of which I was unaware. Child protection will investigate and, where appropriate, prioritise working with parents and connecting to support services to act in the best interests of the child. They want children in the care of parents and do what they can to achieve this.

If you are aware of any injuries or adverse experiences that involve your child outside of school please contact us to work on ensuring that the appropriate responses are put in place. If you would like more information about these matters, or have any questions or concerns around the Child Safe Standards and mandatory reporting, please feel free to contact me at the college.

Peter Bovell
Assistant Principal

PROTECT

Protecting children & young people
from abuse is our responsibility



FOUNDATION - YEAR SIX COMMUNITY NEWS

New Students

We have welcomed seven Foundation students to Rushworth P-12 College this week. They have spent the week become familiar with the primary buildings as well as the rules and routines which accompany beginning school. *Don't forget that the Prep students will have Wednesdays off for the remainder of February.*

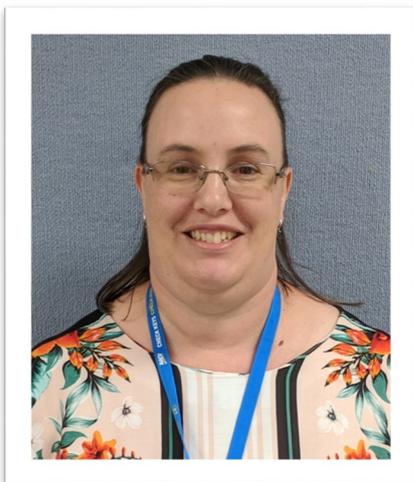
Foundation Testing

Mrs. Thomson will be making contact with Foundation families to book a time to attend Foundation testing, which will take place on the Wednesday 13th & 20th February 2019. You should have received a note in regards to this and if you have not received this, please contact Mrs. Thomson ASAP.

New Teachers

Welcome to Mrs Naomi Thomson who is teaching the F/1 class for 2019. Mrs Thomson is an experienced teacher, who brings a wealth of knowledge with her from Bendigo. We also welcome Mr Ash Harvey who is teaching Numeracy and Inquiry for Year 2- 4 and Physical Education for Foundation – Year 6. We know you will welcome these new staff and students into the Rushworth P-12 College community.

Get to know Mrs. Thomson..



What are your interests?

I love reading, reading, reading and coffee! (Preferably both at the same time!)

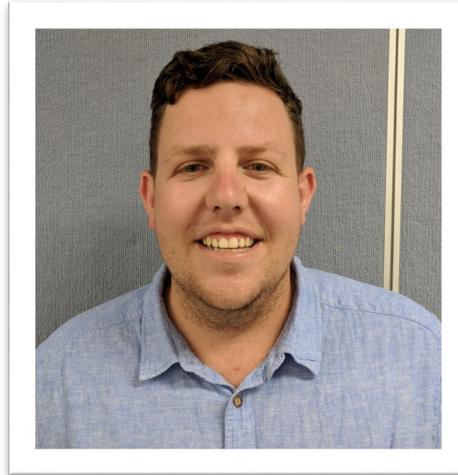
What subjects do you teach?

I'm a Primary teacher so I teach all the subject areas.

Why did you choose to work at Rushworth P-12 College?

My husband attended Rushworth P-12 many (many) years ago and my Mother in Law lives in Rushworth, so I have a very personal connection to Rushworth.

Get to know Mr Harvey..



What are your interests?

Cycling, cricket, coffee and my Golden Retriever named Frank!

What subjects do you teach?

This year I'm teaching Grade 2-4 Numeracy and inquiry as well as

Foundation – Year 6 Physical Education. I can also teach up to VCE Physical Education and Health.

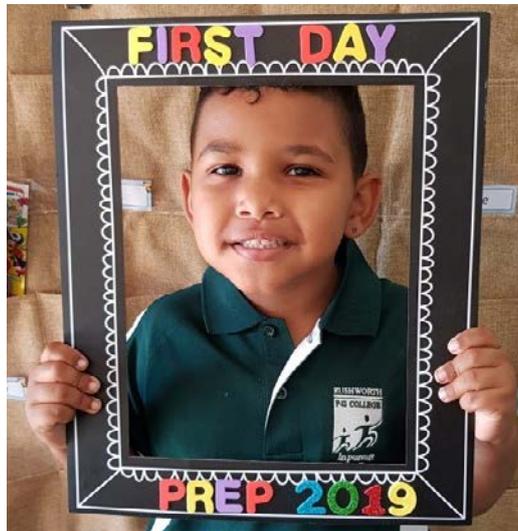
Why did you choose to work at Rushworth P-12 College?

I used to work in a lovely small school and have missed being part of a small school community!

General Information and Reminders

- Hats need to be worn throughout Term 1 and 4. Please ensure that these hats are broad brim, Sunsmart hats. If you would like to purchase a hat, please contact the office.
- We would love drink bottles to be brought to school each day. This enables students to have a drink handy throughout the day, which is especially important during the Summer months.
- Each grade will have a fruit break during Period 1& 2. If your child would like something to eat during this time, please ensure that you pack some fruit.
- We have having a blitz on uniforms this term, so please ensure you child is sent to school in correct uniform. We have a bank of spare uniform which can be signed out for the day to those students who are out of uniform.

FOUNDATION - YEAR SIX COMMUNITY NEWS



Our Foundation students were all smiles on their first day of school.

Pictured from top left;

Alecia, Djural, Henry, Jack, Olivia and Mohammed (Absent: Connor)

We are sure you will all have a great time at Rushworth P-12 College, and that the Year 1 students have been showing you how it's all done!

WELCOME



7-9 COMMUNITY NEWS

Welcome back to the 2019 school year! We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves as the new leaders of the 7-9 community, Ash Baldwin and Elli Duthie. This year we aim to support your child with their learning at Rushworth P-12 College and hope they get the best out of themselves this year. We expect this year to be fun, challenging and one filled with growth. This year as a college we are moving towards greater expectations and bringing back the emphasis of learning in the classroom and believe there is no space for a negative mindsets. We encourage the students in years 7-9 to push their limits and to make this year one of personal growth and to take advantage of every learning opportunity presented to them.



We see a great potential in the cohort and aim to support this community in achieving this. Our classes have already started off with a great learning focus and we hope this continues. It is great to see how the 7-9 community have returned to the college, open to the new start and engaging greater in classroom activities. We would like to welcome our new year 7 cohort and other new students to the secondary area of the school and hope they are finding their feet and enjoying all of their classes.

Please check in with your child to make sure they are completing homework tasks that have started to be set. We will be conducting one on one goal setting conversations with each child in the community to help achieve the greatest outcomes possible. Here is to a prosperous 2019 and we look forward to getting to know these students over the course of the school year.



Every Monday morning, from 9am we will be holding a 7-9 Community assembly in the N-Building. We welcome all parents and carers to attend these assemblies, so that you can celebrate achievements and hear news that relate to your child's education.



If you require any further information or would like to discuss anything with either of us please do not hesitate to contact us at the school, on XUNO or via email.

7-9 ADVISORY TEACHERS 2019



Year 7
Miss
Elli Duthie



Year 8
8A : Mr. Ben Gardner
8B: Mr. Peter Barnes



Year 9
Mr. David Price &
Mr. Ash Baldwin

7-9 COMMUNITY



Year 7-9 English

Students have a homework book (book-listed) where there is a sheet per week that needs to be completed for homework and placed in the N Block Letter Box by 3:20pm every Friday afternoon.

Students are encouraged to work through the sheet with parents/carers/older siblings and have them sign off at the top of the sheet.

If students are stuck or find it difficult to complete the homework sheet at home, there will be homework sessions in N Block every Friday lunchtime – everyone is welcome!

N-Building Etiquette

This year as a community we are hoping to make the N-Building a more comfortable and welcoming environment. We are hoping to make use of the kitchen space. As a community students have discussed how students are to earn particular kitchen items through positive culture, through being respectful, responsible and resilient. Just wanted to remind and inform families on the expectations of using common areas such as the large space in N-Building.

IN THE CLASSROOM



3R's of Rushworth P-12



In our Common Areas we will:

Be Respectful

- Use kind words to others
- Use inside voice
- Wait patiently in line

Be Responsible

- Follow directions and routines
- Head directly to your destination
- Walk in common areas

Be Resilient

- Interact with other people
- Think before you act

"Positive Community, Positive Outcomes"

YEAR 10 – YEAR 12 COMMUNITY NEWS

Welcome back to what already feels like a busy year in our senior community.

Staff and students have been quick to get back into the swing of things with VCE & VCAL classes.

Prior to the early commencement program last year, VCE & VCAL staff met and agreed that we would all have high expectations for students in the senior community.

Some parents may already have heard from staff whose students did not complete their holiday homework, or are not coming to class prepared to learn, with the right equipment. These will continue throughout 2019.

To support our students to achieve success we held a session this week for all Year 11 and 12 students with **Elevate Education**. Three workshops were held with our students being given strategies and tips on how to get the best out of their study and exams. Our Pathways Manager Kerrie, will work with the advisory teachers in the weeks to come to check in with the students to see what strategies they have put in place to achieve their goals in 2019.

Further to this we are also holding an **Information Evening** on *Tuesday 26 February from 6.00pm—7.00pm* for all Year 10 – 12 students and their parents, whom we strongly encourage to attend.

This event is an opportunity to meet all the 2019 VCE & VCAL staff and Year 10-12 advisory staff, get some important information about policies, processes and how your child can achieve their best in 2019.

A casual BBQ dinner will be provided. More information to be sent home shortly.

A reminder to students and families that any **changes to Year 9/10 electives** or **VCE classes** need to occur before *Friday 15 February*. Students wanting to change classes need to collect the required paperwork from Kerrie in the study Hub.

After the 15th no changes will be available for the remainder of the semester.

Charles Sturt University are coming to speak with our year 12 students on *Tuesday*

19 February. This will be an opportunity for our students to hear first-hand from some current students what University is all about. We look forward to there visit.

The VCAL students are busy planning our upcoming Swimming Carnival on *Thursday 21 February* at the Rushworth Swimming Pool. Order forms for the sausage sizzle lunch are in the office, if you would like your student to participate, please pop in and fill out a form before the 12th February.

We have also been very fortunate to be allocated 10 tickets to take some senior students to the Avalon Air Show. If your child is interested in this opportunity on march 1st, please let Kerrie Raglus know ASAP.

Due to some very generous support we are able to offer this excursion for FREE. Names need to be registered with Kerrie by Wednesday 13 February.

If you have any questions about the Year 10-12 community, please feel free to contact me.

Jamie Daff
Year 10-12 Leader

WEP

TXT 'EXCHANGE' TO 0428 246 633 FOR A FREE INFO PACK!

IF NOT NOW, WHEN?

AT A GLANCE!

- Choose from 27 countries
- Attend school overseas
- Live with a local host family
- Make memories to last a lifetime!

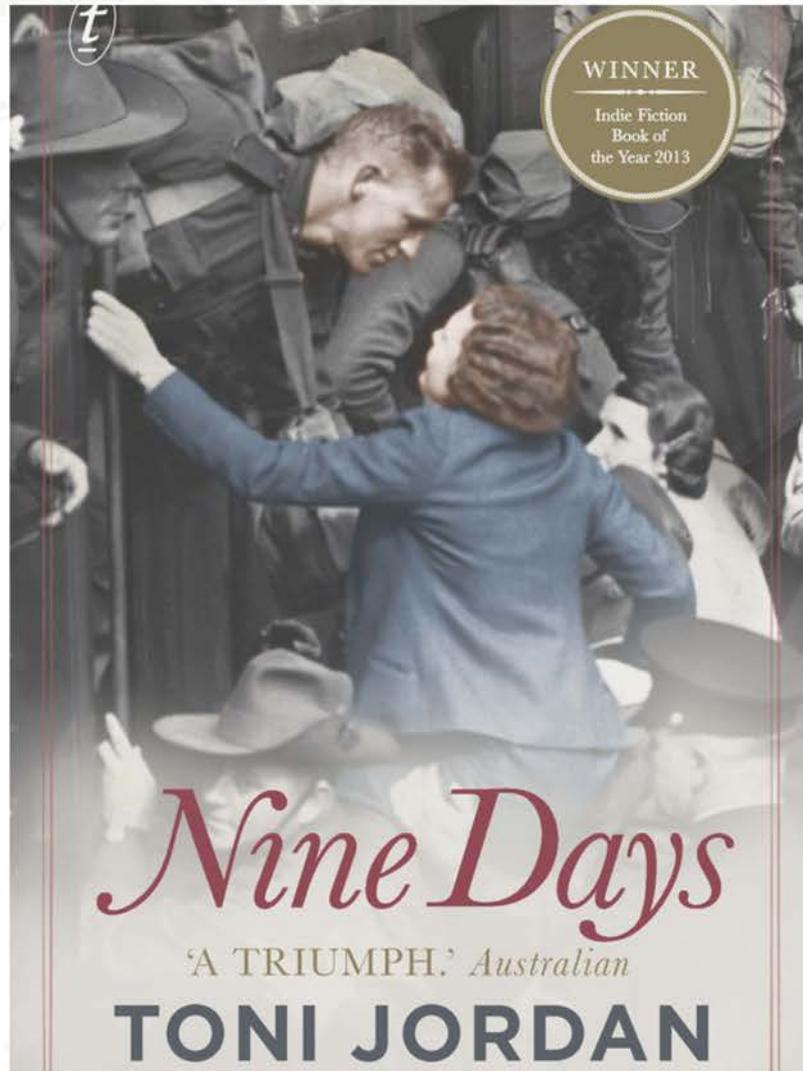
"THIS HAS BEEN THE MOST AMAZING ADVENTURE, THERE ARE NO WORDS!"
CAITLIN, CANADA

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

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YEAR 10—YEAR 12 COMMUNITY NEWS

Join the Year 12 Book Club, read our text!



One family. Nine momentous days. An unforgettable novel of love and folly and heartbreak.

It is 1939 and although Australia is about to go to war, it doesn't quite realise yet that the situation is serious. Deep in the working-class Melbourne suburb of Richmond it is business—your own and everyone else's—as usual. And young Kip Westaway, failed scholar and stablehand, is living the most important day of his life.

Kip's momentous day is one of nine that will set the course for each member of the Westaway clan in the years that follow. Kip's mother, his brother Francis and, eventually, Kip's wife Annabel and their daughters and grandson: all find their own turning points, their triumphs and catastrophes, in days to come. But at the heart of all their stories is Kip, and at the centre of Kip's fifteen-year-old heart is his adored sister Connie.

They hold the threads that will weave a family.

We encourage all parents/friends/family members to read the text and share your thoughts with our Year 12s!

Happy Reading!

Primary get out in the Garden..

Foundation to Year 6 Technology 2019, will be giving our students access to specialised teaching staff in Design Technology and Food Technology, on a regular basis.

On Monday we were fortunate to have Jillian and Steve visit our college on behalf of Bunnings, Shepparton to assist our primary students with the set up of three kitchen garden beds in our orchard area.

Our Foundation and Year 1 students assembled the beds and began adding the soil to the beds whilst the Year 2-4 students planted out the bed with various herbs and vegetables.

Bunnings have been kind enough to donate all of the products required for our sustainability project.

The focus for the primary cohort in Technology is sustainable living, which focuses on farming solutions, food production and responsible removal of waste.

Hopefully our gardens will take off once the hot weather subsides and we will have an abundance of produce which the students will prepare and eat in the school kitchen. Thank you kindly to Bunnings Shepparton for your donation and Jillian and Steve for volunteering your time, we are extremely appreciative and hope to reward your efforts with extensive produce!

Nicole Campbell



A BIG
THANKYOU
TO
BUNNINGS FOR THEIR
SUPPORT

INDONESIAN

Selamat Datang!

Welcome!

2019 has begun and so has the learning for Primary and Year 7 & 8 Indonesian.

7 & 8 will be using the Kenalilah Indonesia workbooks. Year 7 and 8, have separate workbooks. After some confusion with the booklist and all students are now aware of the books they are required to have.



We have started our new topics of Welcome to Indonesian and Fruit and Food in Indonesia. Students are excited to be learning and a lot are still remember their vocabulary from last year. We are building our word walls in S6, which is the new room for Indonesian. We learnt that the Indonesian flag was adapted from the Dutch flag.

Primary have been revising last year's vocabulary and cultural knowledge. We are moving forward with adding to our vocabulary and building up to role plays.

Terima Kasih
(Thank-you)
Ibu Henderson



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

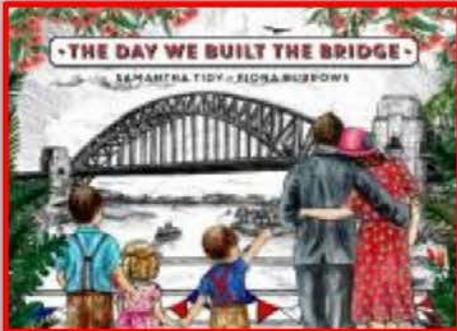
We are currently seeking some volunteers to assist with the following tasks;

- Covering new resources in the Library (contact Kerri-Anne in the Library).
- A personal trainer (unpaid or paid) to conduct a session for Duke of Ed on 13/03/2019 (contact Nicole Campbell or Curtis McDonald for more information)
- A boxing instructor (unpaid or paid) for future Duke of Ed classes (contact Nicole Campbell or Curtis McDonald for more information).

*All volunteers need to be inducted before they begin to assist at the College. Whilst a volunteer WWCC is not always necessary (if you are a parent at the college), they are recommended. Contact Kerrie Raglus to discuss further.

New to the College Library...

This first article for 2019 will feature Junior Fiction titles



Title: The Day We Built the Bridge

Author: Samantha Tiday

Illustrator: Fiona Burrows

Blurb: There are moments in history that connect us and define a country. In our hearts and minds, some moments rely on us to hold onto a dream, face tough challenges, and put in a great deal of effort.

Big dreams can take generations. It can also take six million hand driven rivets and 53,000 tonnes of steel

The Day We Built the Bridge celebrates our connection with one another, and declares that despite the greatest of challenges, together we can make history.

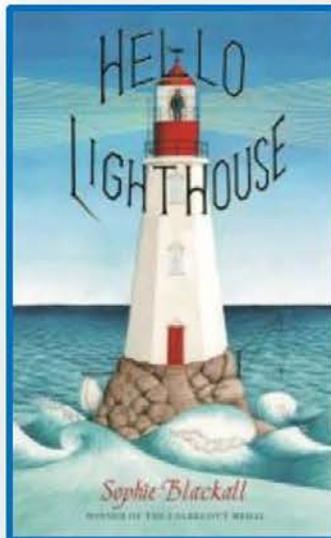
Title: Hello Light House

Author: Sophie Blackall

*Winner
of the
Caldecott Medal*

About the Illustrations:

"The illustrations for this book were done in Chinese ink and watercolour on hot-press paper."



Blurb: On the highest rock of a tiny island at the edge of the world stands a lighthouse.

From dusk to dawn, the lighthouse beams...

But change is on the horizon.

"exquisite" NEW YORK TIMES

A timeless story from the illustrator of
NEW YORK TIMES bestseller
Finding Winnie.

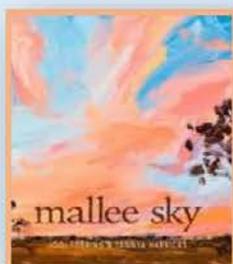
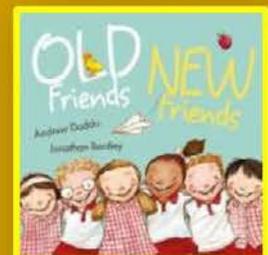
Title: Old Friends, New Friends

Author: Andrew Daddo

Illustrator: Jonathan Bentley

Blurb: A brand-new school year! I can't wait! Hang on...
None of my *OLD* friends are in my *NEW* class...

From the team behind First Day and When I Grow Up comes an empowering and relatable picture book about making friends and being yourself.



Title: Mallee Sky

Author: Jodi Toering

Illustrator: Tannya Harricks

The first people of the land call the Mallee "Nowie". It means sunset country.
When the sun goes down the red heat of the day bleeds into the sky and sets it on fire.

Drought and rain - life under a Mallee Sky.

Book Fairs 

See what's NEW at our
BOOK FAIR
Catch the reading wave!

FIND THESE BOOKS AND HUNDREDS MORE AT THE FAIR!



Time:
Monday 4th March – Lunchtime – 1.30pm to 2.15pm
Tuesday 5th March – 1st half lunch – 1.30pm to 2.00pm
Wednesday 6th March – Before school – 8.30 am to 8.55am
Thursday 7th March – 1st half of lunch - 1.30pm to 2.00pm
Friday 8th March – Recess 11.10am to 11.30am

Where: Rushworth P-12 College Main Hall

EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE EARNS LEARNING AND LITERACY RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL





Very excited to be bringing the Book Fair to the College ..

We can't wait to catch the reading wave too!

Further information regarding the **Scholastic Book Fair...**

A Scholastic Book fair is a fun event that will enable a hands-on experience where children can discover a love of books and ignite a life-long passion for reading. After all children read more, understand more, and are more likely to continue reading when they have access to many books, and have the opportunity to choose what they read.

The goal is to raise \$1000.00, which will mean we earn \$300 to select books for the College reading libraries :)

Should you wish to make a purchase, come along to the College Scholastic Book Fair to help your child with their selection. If you are unable to come along and if you want to make a purchase, that's fine - your child will have a 'Wish List' to bring home to you where you can make an online payment instead. Instructions on how to do this are available on the 'Wish List.' You then have your child return the 'Wish List' the next day with the receipt number of payment written on the back and I will then provide them with the book/s of purchase.

(eftpos and online payments only – no cash sales)

Where: Rushworth P-12 College Main Hall

When: Monday 4th March – lunchtime - 1.30 pm to 2.15 pm

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Thursday 7th March – 1st half of lunch - 1.30 pm to 2.00 pm

Friday 8th March – recess 11.10am to 11.30 am

There will also be a raffle for students who purchase book/s...

3 names will be drawn at the end of the Book Fair where they will be able to select \$20.00 worth of books each!

SCHOOL INFORMATION

PERSONAL PROPERTY: Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. The Department of Education does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. We are just reminding everyone at the beginning of the year. Staff and students should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE AND AMBULANCE COVER: Parents and Guardians are reminded that the Department of Education & Training and Rushworth P-12 College does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance / transport and any other transport costs.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE: In 2019: students living in rural and regional Victoria will be entitled to apply for the conveyance allowance under the 2017 criteria. Families travelling 4.8 km or more to their nearest government school are eligible for Conveyance (Travel) Allowance. Applications need to be applied for to the Department every year. Please fill out an updated or new form they are available from the office.

FAMILY ACCOUNTS: Thank you to those parents that have paid your student fees so far for 2019. Family Statements will be sent home in the next two weeks for those families that have not made payment. If you wish to make payment arrangements please contact Bek Whitfield, Business Manager.

CONTACT DETAILS: Do we have your most up to date contact details? If not, please update your details on Xuno, e-Mail rushworth.p12@edumail.vic.gov.au or call the school on (03) 5856 1230 so we can update our records. Please include parent/carers' name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details. Protecting the safety and well-being of children is the responsibility of both parents/carers and schools, so it is really important that we have up to date and correct contact details in the event we need to contact you. If your circumstances have changed please inform Rushworth P-12 College.

XUNO PORTAL: All families are encouraged to use Xuno as a communication tool at Rushworth P-12 College. Permission Forms, News Items, Calendar Items, Students Reports, Timetables, Attendance, Class work, Student Parent Teacher Interviews and messaging your students teachers can all be done via this portal. If you require log on details please contact the friendly office staff that are happy to help you get into the site. The Xuno Portal can be accessed via <http://www.rushworthp-12.vic.edu.au/>



COLLEGE GROUNDS AND VISITORS: Rushworth P12 College is a Child Safe School, to help us protect students, all visitors including parents to the College must enter through the front door and report to reception on arrival to sign in and be given a Visitors lanyard badge.

Parents are not permitted to park in the back carpark at lunchtime to just pop in and see students or just drop off lunch. If you need to see your child/ren during the day please do so via the front office.

ATTENDANCE AND UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES: Protecting the safety and well-being of children through the reporting and monitoring of absenteeism is the responsibility of both parents/carers and schools. Please log your child's absence using our school's IT platform Xuno, call the school on 5856 1230 or email at rushworth.p12@edumail.vic.gov.au early in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child's absence can be recorded correctly.

From the end of Term 2 2018, all Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained and this will generate a SMS. If you are notified by SMS that your child is away without a reason, the easiest way to let us know is reply to that SMS with a reason, or please call or email.

Please remember it is your responsibility to contact us to provide an explanation for your child's absence from school, and where possible, please inform us in advance of upcoming absences. For further information on the processes and procedures our school uses to record, monitor and follow-up student attendance and absence please read our Attendance Policy <http://www.rushworthp-12.vic.edu.au/policies/>

LOCKS

All students from Years 7 to 12 are required to have a locker with a working lock for the duration of the school year. If your child needs a lock, combination locks are available to purchase from the College for \$15.

Families also have the option to have a refundable deposit placed on their account for this amount; your child can collect an authorisation form from the general office if you would prefer this choice. If the lock is returned in working order with normal wear and tear, the full amount will be refunded at the end of the year.

While families are welcome to provide their own locks for their children, we recommend using the school locks as we have master keys to enable access in the event of a forgotten combination. If a student has a personal lock and needs access to their locker then we will need to break the lock.



SCHOOL INFORMATION

CSEF:

Will once again be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities. Further details are below. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF.

Payments are:

- \$125 per year for eligible primary school students
- \$225 per year for eligible secondary school students.

Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student. Most payments start from March onwards.

Applications can be received over term one and two. Payments are for the application year and cannot be claimed for previous years.

Year 7 and Foundation students in government schools who receive the fund are also able to get support for school uniforms. For more information regarding this initiative, see [State Schools' Relief](#).

The CSEF payment cannot be used towards voluntary school charges, books, stationery, school uniforms, before/after school care, music lessons, or formals/graduations.

How to Apply – New families

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx?Redirect=2>

Closing Date

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 28 June 2019.

* More details on the flyer attached to the newsletter.

CANTEEN

<p>Recess Menu</p> <p>Hash Brown \$1.00</p> <p>Dim Sims (with tom or soy sauce) \$1.00</p> <p>Chicken strips \$1.00</p> <p>Garlic Ball \$1.00</p> <p>Party Pie \$1.00</p> <p>½ Chicken chilli wrap (lettuce&mayo) \$2.00</p> <p>Tomato sauce 20c</p> <p>All day snacks</p> <p>Zooper Dooper .50</p> <p>Ovaltines \$1.00</p> <p>Red Rock Del \$1.00</p> <p>Honey soy chicken or sea salt</p> <p>Drinks</p> <p>Water \$2.00</p> <p>Fruit Juice \$2.00</p> <p>Apple or Apple blackcurrant</p> <p>Nippy's 375ml \$2.00</p> <p>Strawberry, Chocolate, Vanilla, Banana and Honeycomb</p> <p>Nippy's 500ml \$3.00</p> <p>Chocolate, Strawberry</p> <p>Honeycomb</p> <p>Lipton Ice tea peach \$3.00</p>	<p>Recess/Lunch menu (must be ordered)</p> <p>Sandwiches or Roll</p> <p>Cheese \$2.00</p> <p>Ham \$2.00</p> <p>Ham and Cheese \$3.00</p> <p>Toasted extra .50</p> <p>Egg and lettuce \$3.00</p> <p>Ham and Salad \$4.00</p> <p>Chicken and Salad \$4.00</p> <p>Salad – Lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot, beetroot and cheese \$4.50</p> <p>Salad in a TUB – add 50c</p> <p>Roast Chicken or Ham Wrap</p> <p>with lettuce and mayo (cold) \$4.00</p> <p>with Salad \$5.00</p> <p>Chicken Sweet Chilli Wrap</p> <p>with lettuce and mayo (cold) \$4.00</p> <p>with Salad \$5.00</p> <p>You can order ANYTHING that is on the menu for Lunch.</p>	<p>Lunch Specials (must be order at recess)</p> <p>Pizza's (12in) \$5.00</p> <p>Hawaiian- sauce, cheese, ham and pineapple</p> <p>BBQ Chicken- BBQ sauce, chicken, Cheese, onion and capsicum.</p> <p>Lasagne sm \$3.00 lg \$5.00</p> <p>Beef</p> <p>Beef or Vegetable Burger \$4.00</p> <p>Plain or with your choice of Cheese, Onion</p> <p>Lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot, beetroot</p> <p>Recess/Lunch orders</p> <p>ALL STUDENT and Staff can place a Recess/ Lunch orders in Library return book box before 8.55am</p> <p>Lunch can also be ordered at the Canteen at RECESS.</p> <p>CANTEEN OPENED RECESS AND LUNCH</p> <p>MONDAY & TUESDAY</p>
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MATES Mentoring Program is coming to Rushworth!

Mentors wanted!

MATES is a youth mentoring program which matches a young person (mentee) on a Youth Partnerships program with a volunteer (mentor) from the local community.

With the strong support of the schools and community **MATES** aims to:

- Mentor** - provide an additional positive role model in the lives of young people
- Assist** - assist and extend the positive life experiences of young people
- Trust** - model a trusting relationship between the mentor and mentee
- Engage** - engage young people more into their schools and local communities
- Skills** - identify and enhance the skills of young people

The benefits for the young person are improved self-confidence and feelings of self-worth and helps students 'get back on track' with their learning. The whole community benefits as it creates positive links between generations. The evidence shows that youth mentoring positively impacts on the lives of both young people and mentors.

To become involved in the program Mentors need to be over 18 years old and have good communication skills that are adaptive to working with young people. They are required to complete four hours of training and to commit to one year with 40-60 min 'catch ups' per week during the school terms. All visits will be at the school and as such, the college's Child Safe Standards processes and requirements apply. MATES also has its own policies and procedures that must be adhered to also. A Working with Children Check will be required which is free for volunteers.



We are looking for volunteer Mentors

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We need volunteers who are:

- Over the age of 18
- Have a genuine concern or interest in young people
- Want to make a difference in a young person's life
- Are able to give one hour of their time once a week

For more information or to express interest contact
Cheryl Sweeney—Project Worker: Campaspe Youth Partnerships 0400 896 295
email: youthpartnerships@kclc.com.au
or Campaspe Cohuna LLEN: 5482 6055



Would you like to find out more about the MATES Mentoring Program? If so, please contact either:

Cheryl Sweeney Kyabram Youth Partnerships on 0400 896295 or by email youthpartnerships@kclc.com.au

Or

Leanne Miller at Rushworth P-12 College on 5856 1230 or by email at rushworth.p12@edumail.vic.gov.au



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Applications Close 10 February 2019

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* many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information. Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.

SGR GIANTS

JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Invites all under 10, 12 and 14 prospective players & families to our 2019 Season Launch.

WHEN: Sunday 17th March 2019
WHERE: Girgarre Football Oval
TIME: 10:30am start

Training session with Former North Melbourne Football Club Stars

Daniel Harris & Brent Harvey

Stay after training for a BBQ, Player Registrations & Info session. Eftpos Avail on the Day.

Club Merchandise on display & available to order thanks to Quality Teams.

SUMMER NETBALL CHALLENGE

Commencing Wednesday 20th Feb 2019

This is a 5 week competition on Wednesday nights (20th Feb - 20th March)

Top two teams play off in Grand Final on Wednesday 27th March—CASH prizes for winning team.

Game times 6.15pm and 7.15pm (depending on team numbers)

Taking registrations for the following divisions;

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| Under 13s | Under 15s | Under 17s | Open |
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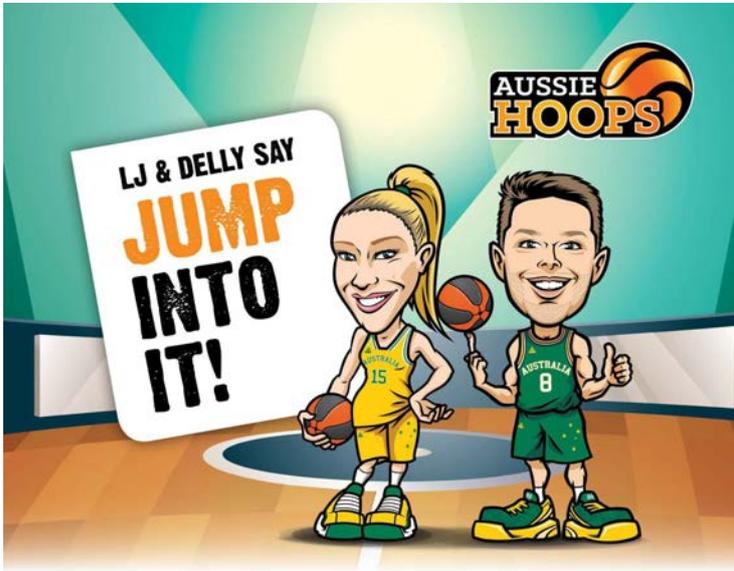
Where: Kyabram Netball Association (Northern Oval) Reserve

Teams must:

- Supply and pay own umpire
- Supply own uniform, patches, balls, first aid kits, primary carer and scorer
- Pay \$100.00 per team for competition—payable 1st night or via BSS/Acct (once you receive confirmation of entry).
- Ensure all players have current VNA registration
- See competition rules and complete registration form—available on KNA website <http://kyabram.vic.netball.com.au> or email netballkyabram@gmail.com for a copy
- Submit team registration form to KNA secretary at netballkyabram@gmail.com by 15th February



For more information contact Fleur Nurse (0432 379 509) or Sandy Carver (0402 153 834)



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For ages 5-9 years
Thursdays 5-6pm at Tatura Stadium
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If you would like us to promote your upcoming event or organisation please email the details to:
rushworth.p12@edumail.vic.gov.au

Tatura Junior Netball selections will be held on Tuesday 12 & Thursday 14 February 2019 from 6 PM at the Tatura netball complex at Hastie Street, Tatura.

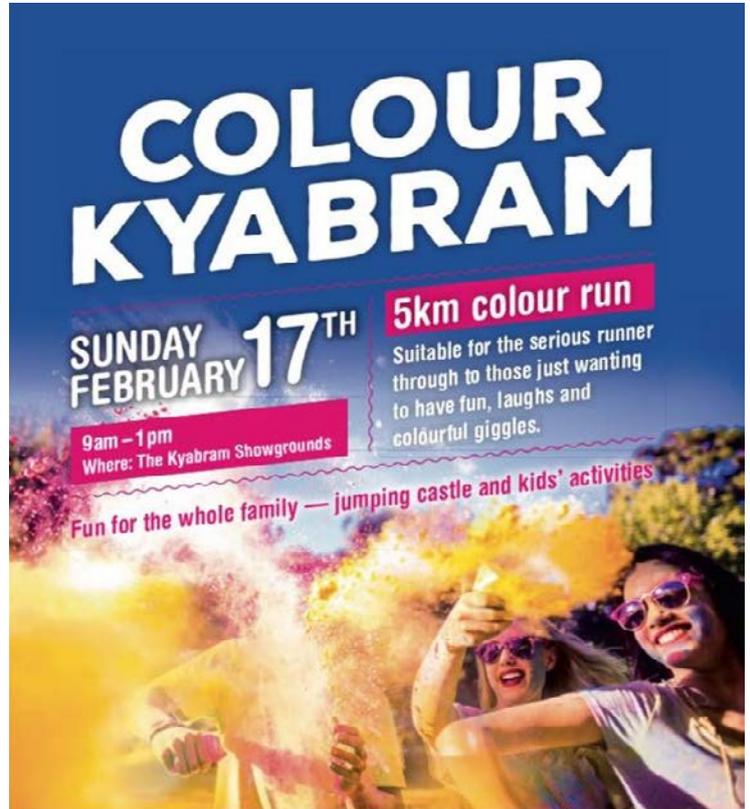
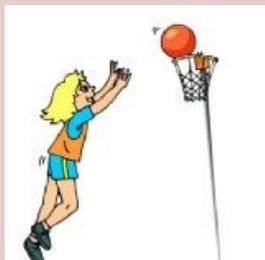
A third night on Tuesday 19 February 2019 will be held if necessary.

Teams will be selected for 11 & Under Primary, 13 & Under Primary, 13 & Under, 15 & Under, 17 & Under and Open.

We invite all existing players back for 2019 and encourage new players interested in playing netball this year to come along.

Please ensure you registered with Netball Victoria.

Contact Simon Pogue on 0417 305 637 if you have any questions.



Prices: Team (of 6) \$150 | Family (2A + 2C) \$80 | Individual \$30 | Child (Under-12) \$15

Tickets available at Trybooking.com.au — www.trybooking.com/376658

For more information please contact KCLC Reception on 58520000 or email kclc@kclc.com.au

All proceeds support KQLC community development within Kyabram District

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Runnymede Junior Football Club will be having their registration night at the Elmore swimming pool Friday 22nd Feb 5.30pm to 7pm.

New and old members welcome to come have a swim, sausage and catch up.

Enquires to Jen Stewart 0408146863 or Jason Carty 0439722368.

Previous members will receive an email to reregister in the coming weeks.

GO REBELS!

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNCIL AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad directions of a school in accordance with their constituting Order and the Education and Training Reform Act 2006. 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?

For most primary school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent member category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. DET employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school
- A mandated elected DET employee member 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 – 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.

For all schools with a year 7 and above cohort, there is a fourth category of membership:

- A mandated elected Student member category (2 positions). Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires 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 inform and shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

DO I NEED SPECIAL EXPERIENCE TO BE ON SCHOOL COUNCIL?

Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role. However councillors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. 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.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the Public Administration Act 2004. School councillors must abide by the Code of Conduct – Employees issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councillors to:

- act with honesty and integrity (be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty)
- act in good faith in the best interests of the school (work cooperatively with other councillors and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds)
- act fairly and impartially (consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self interest)
- use information appropriately (respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available)
- exercise due care, diligence and skill (accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school)
- use the position appropriately (not use the position as a councillor to gain an advantage)
- act in a financially responsible manner (observe all the above principles when making financial decisions)
- comply with relevant legislation and policies (know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law)
- demonstrate leadership and stewardship (set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable).

INDEMNITY FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

School councillors are indemnified against any liability in respect of any loss or damage suffered by the council or any other person in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done, or omitted to be done by the councillor in good faith in:

- a. the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a councillor, or
- b. the reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a council. In other words, school councillors are not legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by council or others as a result of reasonable actions taken in good faith.

HOW CAN YOU BECOME INVOLVED?

The most obvious way is to vote in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO STAND FOR ELECTION?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister. If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent member category. DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work,

are eligible to nominate for Parent membership of the school council at that school. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post, email or by hand following the receipt of your completed nomination. Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

REMEMBER

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

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

