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What have we been up to?

Working on our Bottle Cap Mural (send more bottle caps please!!)..

Year 11 Outdoor Environmental Studies consolidate their learning at Torquay..



# Coming up at the College

## DECEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>2</b> Breakfast Club  <i>Year 10 Work Experience Week</i>  Primary Swimming	<b>3</b> Breakfast Club  <i>Year 10 Work Experience Week</i>  Primary Swimming	<b>4</b> Breakfast Club  <i>Year 10 Work Experience Week</i>  Primary Swimming	<b>5</b> Breakfast Club  <i>Year 10 Work Experience Week</i>  Primary Swimming  <b>Whole School Assembly N Building foyer 9.00am</b>	<b>6</b> Breakfast Club  <i>Year 10 Work Experience Week</i>  Primary Swimming
<b>9</b> Breakfast Club  Primary Swimming  <i>Cuppa &amp; Chat session 9.30am—10.30am in the staffroom. ALL WELCOME</i>	<b>10</b> Breakfast Club  Primary Swimming  <b>State - wide Transition Day End of Transition parent session 4.00 – 5.00pm</b>	<b>11</b> Breakfast Club  Primary Swimming	<b>12</b> Breakfast Club  Primary Swimming  Year 6 Graduation Celebration - details to come soon.	<b>13</b> Breakfast Club  Primary Swimming  Newsletter home
<b>16</b>  <b>Activities Program</b>  <b>College Council 6.00pm</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>Activities Program</b>  <b><i>College Presentation Night, Rushworth Shire Hall, 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start ALL WELCOME</i></b>	<b>18</b>  <b>Movies Excursion - end of year celebrations</b>	<b>19</b>  <b>Aquamoves Excursion - end of year celebrations</b>	<b>20</b>  <b>Last day for 2019—students dismissed at 1.30pm</b>



### CUPPA & CHAT Sessions..

Parents and community members are invited to our upcoming 'chat' session.

**Monday 9 December 9.30 - 10.30am**

Details on Xuno & Facebook  
RSVP appreciated

# Principal News

With just three weeks until the end of the school year I am eager to ensure that all parents and carers have an opportunity to provide me with feedback regarding the college, its curriculum, its play spaces, its policies and its staff. Whilst I invite anyone to contact me any time I have been enjoying our 'Cuppa and Chat' sessions where parents and members of the community have met with me to discuss how we can make the college even stronger as we move into 2020.

Our next Cuppa and Chat session is on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December, between 9.30 and 10.30am – please come along and bring a friend!

## School closure last Thursday

At 3.50pm last Wednesday afternoon I had a call from the Department of Education and Training to inform me that a Code Red day had just been declared in our fire district, the Northern Country. As a result, we had to put in place our Emergency Management Plan (EMP), and close the school, as per the directive of the government. This is the first time that schools have had to enact this part of their EMP. I was very impressed with the support of staff who went straight into action to notify families of the closure. It was not an easy task to do when the students had already left for the day, however I think we were quite successful. If you have any feedback on how we communicated with families and whether it was successful or not, please be in touch with me on 58 561 230.

## Bottle caps

Miss Duthie and her art classes have been making the most amazing mural out of bottle caps. Art works such as this one, which will be installed in the school, provide students with an opportunity to work as a team to design and create something unique. Unfortunately, it takes a lot of bottle caps so if you could donate yours to the college we would appreciate it very much!!

## Bigger isn't better

Sometimes I hear that students leave our college because there are supposedly more opportunities for them at 'bigger' schools. Whilst our newsletter isn't the forum to argue this point I want to highlight some of the fantastic learning opportunities our students have had throughout recent weeks:

- Year 11 Outdoor Education students – Anglesea Surf Camp
- Year 4- 6 students – Junior Park Rangers at Kyabram Fauna Park

- Year 9 -10 students– Power of Engineering, Deakin University, Burwood and Boeing Factory
  - Prep – 1 students – Spot Live Theatre Melbourne excursion
  - Year 9 students – Story Slam excursion, Latrobe University, Bendigo
  - Year 9 students – Mount Bogong Camp
- By being 'small' we are able to provide more opportunities for all of our students!

## Dental Van

Last week we were fortunate to have the services of the Mobile School Dental services visit our college for two days. This is an invaluable service for students in rural communities.

## Old Uniforms & Text Books

If you have any old Rushworth P-12 College uniforms that no longer fit anyone you know please think of donating them back to us. We will ensure they are given to families who could use them. Any uniforms can be handed in to the general office or given to me.

We would also love any 'old' text books that may no longer be needed in your home. We will ensure these go to students who are in most need of support.

## Mobile Phone Policy

We have produced our draft of the Mobile Phone Policy that must be implemented at the beginning of 2020. If you would like to provide feedback regarding this policy please be in touch with me so I can provide you with a copy. Feedback will be taken until Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. If no changes are suggested the policy will be put in place from the 9<sup>th</sup> December, for enacting on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

## College Captains

It is with pleasure that I can announce that our College Captain for 2020 is Julie Habegger. Our two Vice Captains / House Captains will be Imogen Giffening and Sarah Lange-Richards. All three girls wrote strong applications, impressing the selection panel. I look forward to working with this leadership team to drive student voice throughout the college.

*As always, please be in touch if you would like to chat about anything.*

*Have a great fortnight,  
Kerryn Quirk  
Principal*

# TORQUAY CAMP

Just like that and the Year 11's first year in Outdoor and Environmental Studies is over! The students capped off a terrific year of study with a camp to Torquay.

After a few bike troubles, the students engaged in a recreational bike ride up the coast from Torquay to Breamlea Flora and Fauna Reserve. The students enjoyed the wind off the ocean and also the views of the area. From here, the students went to the iconic surfing beach, Bells Beach where they were able to witness some people trying to surf in nasty conditions.

The next morning, the students were treated to surfing lessons at Cosy Cove. Brad, Ebony, Tara and Grace nailed surfing but Mr. McDonald and Miss Dupuy struggled to stand up on the board.

The camp focused around their study for the year as they completed journal entries to apply all the knowledge they had learnt throughout the year. I hope the students enjoy their upcoming holidays, complete their holiday homework and come back fresh with an open mind to attack Unit 3 and 4 studies of Outdoor and Environmental Studies.

*Mr. McDonald & Miss Dupuy*



# MATES MENTORING



## MATES END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION

On Tuesday our MATES mentors and mentees got together with their counterparts from other schools to celebrate a successful year of the program.

The group shared their favourite highlights from the program and were treated to a delicious morning tea, care of our hosts at St Augustine’s College, Kyabram.

We are looking forward to further positive Youth Partnerships from the MATES program next year.

If you are interested in becoming a MATES mentor, please contact Peter Bovell at the college.



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TOO LATE  
TO  
BECOME A  
MATE!**

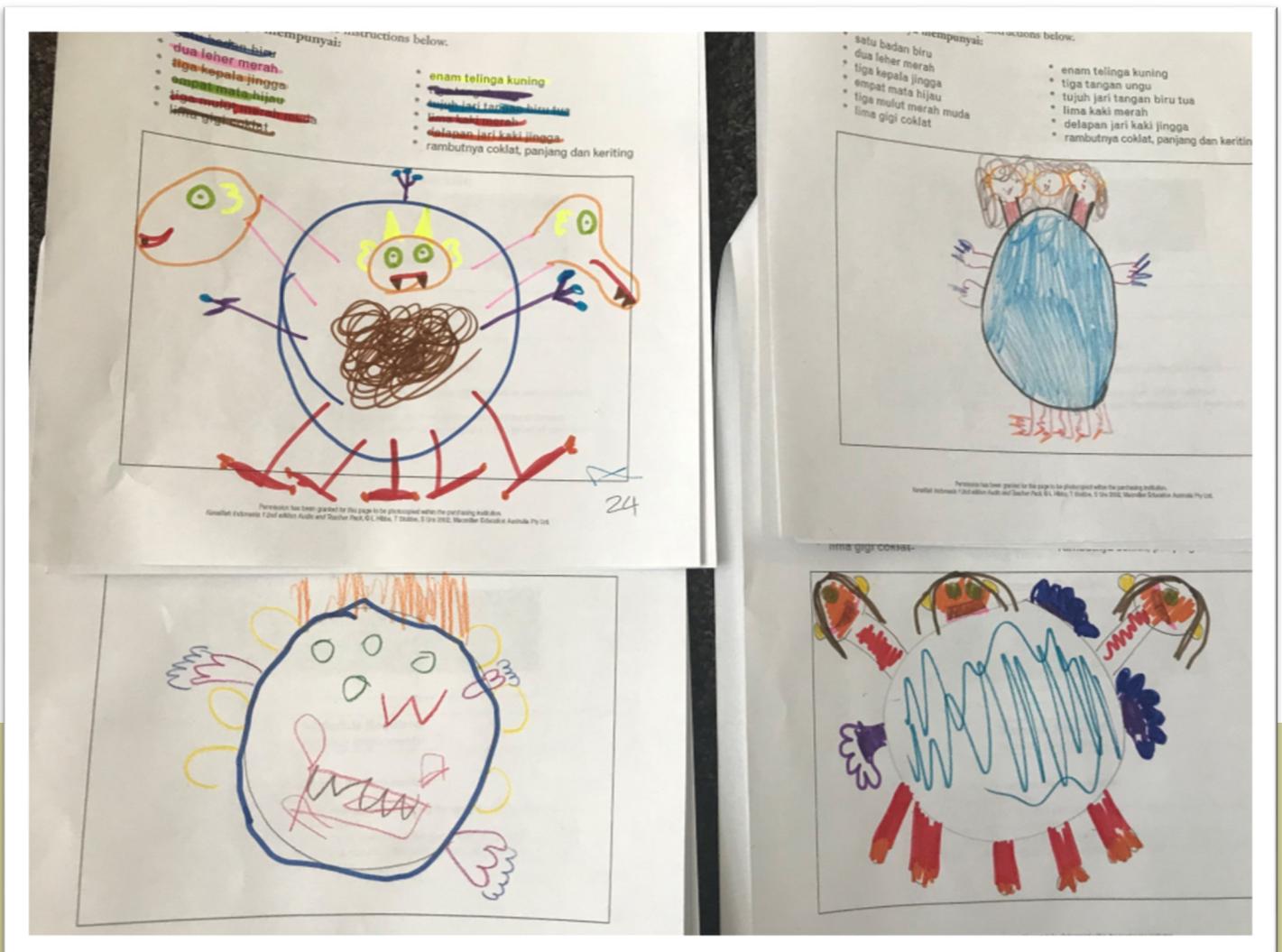
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# INDONESIAN

Year 7 have been using their knowledge of Indonesian numbers, colours and body parts to create a Raksasa (monster). Students have been showing some great understanding of the new vocabulary and are embracing their creative sides.

Merah= Red	Mata= Eye	Satu= One
Biru= Blue	Hidung= Nose	Dua= Two
Hijau= Green	Telinga= Ear	Tiga= Three
Hitam= Black	Kepala= Head	Empat= Four
Putih= White	Rambut= Hair	Lima= Five
Ungu= Purple	Tangan= Hand	Enam= Six
Kuning= Yellow	Lengan= Arm	Tujuh= Seven
Jingga= Orange	Jari tangan= Fingers	Delapan= Eight
Merah Muda= Pink	Jari kaki= Toes	Sembilan= Nine
Abu-Abu= Grey	Kaki= Foot	Sepuluh= Ten

Terima Kasih  
Ibu Henderson



# FOUNDATION - YEAR SIX COMMUNITY NEWS

## 2020 Prep Transition

This term our 2020 Prep students have begun their transition sessions each Friday. Students have been learning about the rules and routines of school and becoming familiar with the Primary Area of the school.

It has been great to have our 2020 Prep student attending each of these sessions. Our remaining transition days are Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November and our State Wide Transition on Tuesday 10<sup>h</sup> December.

## Prep/1 Kyabram Fauna Park Excursion

On Wednesday, the Prep/1 students went on an excursion to the Kyabram Fauna Park, which ties into their Inquiry topic this term. Students were able to explore the park as a group and see a range of native animals, including koalas, dingos, kangaroos, emus, dingoes and a range of reptiles!

Students learnt about these animals habitats and diets and were event able to get up close and personal with the kangaroos, koalas and a very friendly python! Students were even fortunate enough to see the Fauna Park's new baby dingoes! A big thank you to Miss Surplice for organising the great experience for our Prep/1 students!

*I patted the joey. I patted the echidna. I held the snake. - Ethan Snelling*

*Yesterday we went to the Fauna Park. I patted the kangaroo. It was the first time I did that. – Mohammed*

*I got to hold the snake. – Antavia*

*Yesterday we went to pat the echidna. – Isacc*

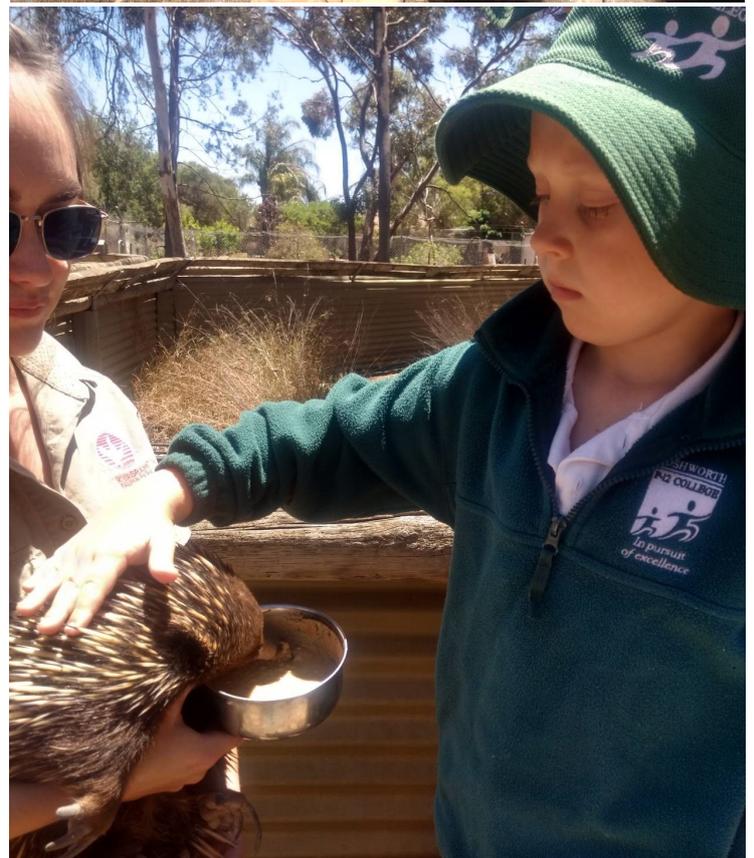
*Yesterday I went to pat the koala. Next we pat the kangaroo. Then we held the snake. – Josh*

*Yesterday we went to the Fauna Park. We saw the koala. Next we saw the kangaroos.– Armani*

## Home Reading Expectations

All students should be bringing home a reader bag, with levelled readers for home reading. It is expected that all primary students will read at home every night to an adult and that it will be recorded in students reading logs.

*Ash Harvey & Stacey Kingdon  
Foundation –Year 6 Leaders*



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Prep/1 all had a wonderful time at the Kyabram Fauna Park





# 7-9 COMMUNITY NEWS

## YEAR 7 ENGLISH

Oral language provides the foundation for literacy development. Students need daily opportunities to learn and practice speaking & listening in order for their literacy skills to flourish.

So, with this in mind, today our Year 7s were practicing just that! They had to describe the image behind their partner for them to draw. The students quickly realised the importance of speaking clearly and descriptively, as well as attentive listening and asking questions for clarification.



## FOOD TECHNOLOGY

The Year 8 class have been researching and practicing different preparation techniques and presentation when creating solutions for healthy eating.

The Year 9/10's have been completing their final assessment tasks where they designed and created a recipe and created a folio that incorporated all areas of their specific international design brief.



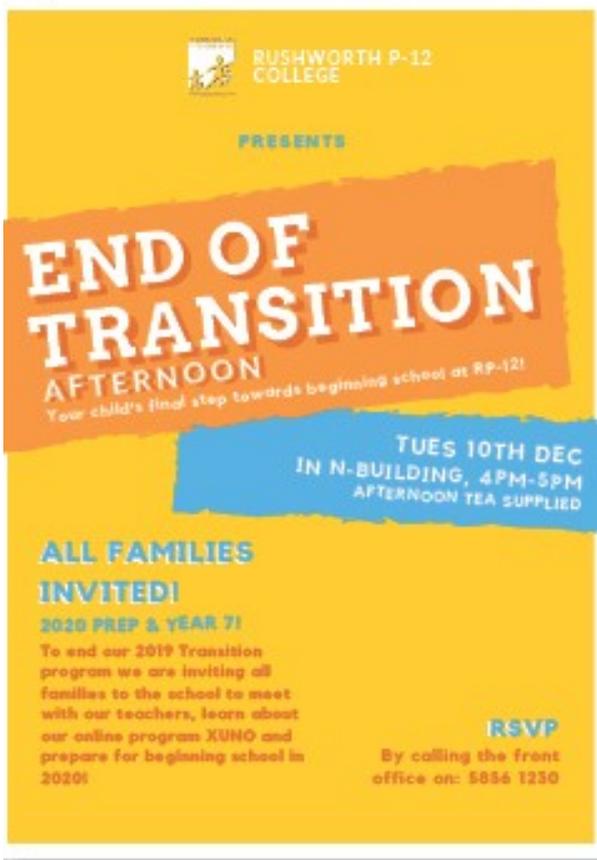


# YEAR 7 TRANSITION PROGRAM

## FINAL DAY

**Tuesday 10th December (State Wide Transition)**

Year 7 Transition Timetable							
Advisory Group S1 Mr Baldwin	Science W5 Mr Barnes	Science W5 Mr Barnes	Recess	Food Technology W3 Miss Pettigrew	Food Technology W3 Miss Pettigrew	Lunch	Physical Education Stadium Mr Price



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To acknowledge the end of our 2019 Transition program we are inviting families to come to the college and meet with your child's 2020 teachers, learn about our online program Xuno and get some tips on preparing your child for beginning school in January.

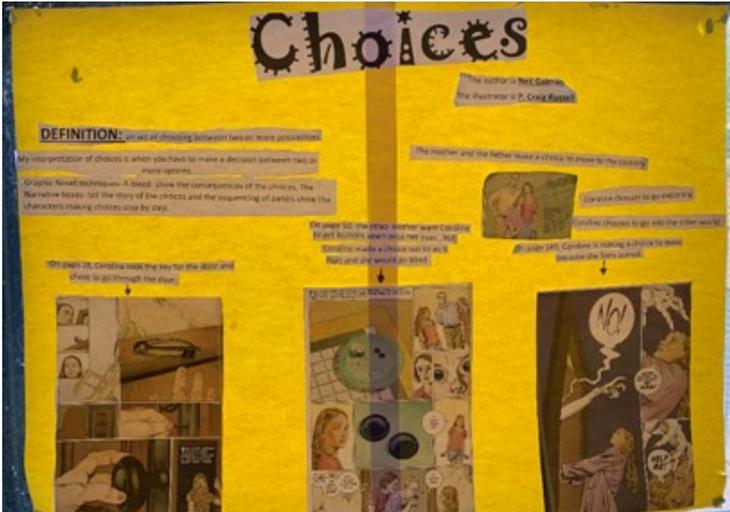
Mr Embroidery, our uniform supplier will be in attendance to assist you with sizing, and ordering of uniforms.

We hope you will all take advantage of the opportunity to attend, and ask that you RSVP by contacting the College on 58561230.

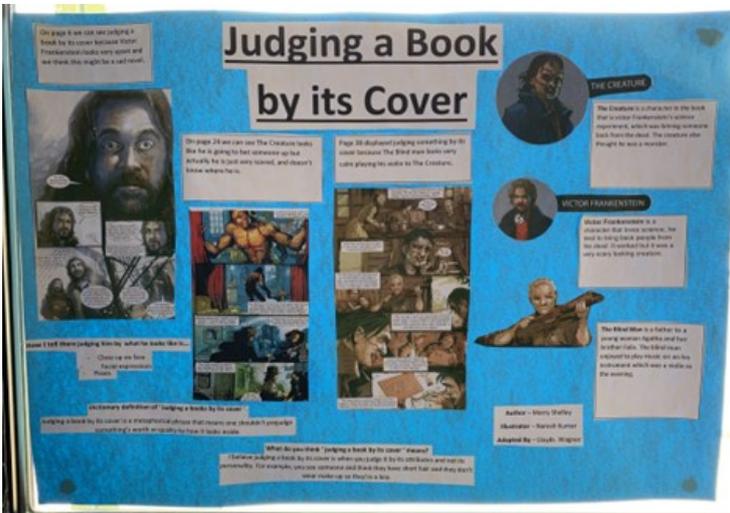


# YEAR 8 ENGLISH

The Year 8 English students using the reading comprehension skills **Inferring, Summarising and Clarifying** to complete their theme posters about our class set graphic novels "Frankenstein" and "Coraline."



**Coraline - Choices, by Ricky Cardamone**



**Frankenstein - Judging a Book by its Cover, By Jess McLean**

Also, recently completed in Year 8 English, some Creative Writing exercises, which the students found most enjoyable and they wanted to share.

### The Crazy Dog

The crazy dog is vicious! It growls at you, it howls at you but when no one is around it flops on the floor and goes to

sleep. The post man is here, ding dong goes the door bell, "thud thud" goes the dog as he runs to the door, but crazy dog is too fat to run fast, by the time crazy dog got to the door the post man was gone, so crazy dog went back to sleep.

*Toni Wright*

### Kids living in a Garbage Dump

I had just visited my little brother earlier that day and it's always a hard time for, because as soon as I see his home I shiver and shutter, because it's full of rubbish literally. He lives in a garbage dump I looked around and it never gets easier seeing the old white bones of animals, and black worn tires and just bag and bags of rubbish. The most revolting smell hovers over the hills of trash. For a moment I didn't recognise my brother but then I heard his voice yell my name and tears came to my eyes as I ran up to him to give him a hug but all I could feel is skin and bones and crusty scabs from when he cuts himself searching through the trash and nearly every inch of his body is sunburnt. It kills me to see him like this, I would do anything to get him out of there but money is everything in this world and I don't have the money. So I'm just waiting for that day that I can have enough money to save him and bring him back home...

*Jay Leigh Meguyer*



Please contact the College on 58561230 and ask to speak to Kerri-Anne Nurse if you have not received your **child/ren's** 2020 Booklist for VCE/VCAL or/and Years 7 - 10

# DENTAL VAN VISIT

Tuesday and Wednesday last week we had the School Mobile Dental Service visit our school. The Dental Van visit gave our students the opportunity to have their oral health checked by accredited dentists and dental hygienists. They carried out initial dental services, such as: oral examinations, cleans, placed preventative fissure seals, applied topical remineralisation agents and took x-rays for the early detection of dental caries.



The students who attended the Van were given a comprehensive treatment report, this report outlined the treatment that took place in the van and noted required treatments that were not able to be completed in the Van.

It is a wonderful service that enabled many of our students to visit the dentist for the very first time and we look forward to having them return in future years.

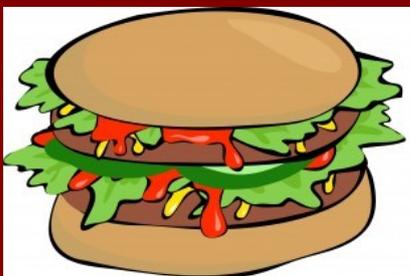
*Kirsty Turner  
Social Worker*



**CANTEEN is NOW CLOSED**

for the **REMAINDER** of the school year.

I would like to thank everyone for their support during the year and look forward to bring you some more delicious delights in 2020.



*Christine Williams  
Canteen Manager*

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW IF YOUR CHILDREN HAVE THESE GAMES



## Sniper 3D

For Ages 17 +

This game contains high levels of violent content, including realistic blood and gore and contains mature and suggestive themes. Suggestive themes include, provocative references to and/or images of tobacco products and drugs and alcohol, and has explicit themes depicting the consumption of alcoholic beverages and drug use.



## Apex

For Ages 16 +

Apex is a Battle Royale game aimed at players slightly older than those who might play Fortnite.

There is moderate violence that presents as blood splatters, realistic gunfire, and large explosions.

It is an animated game but content is displayed in a realistic manner, which gives the perception of considerable violence.



## Grand Theft Auto (GTA)

For Ages 17 + in Australia, 18+ in other countries

Grand Theft Auto V is an M-rated action game brimming with gang violence, nudity, extremely coarse language, and drug and alcohol abuse. It isn't a game for young kids.



## Fortnite

For Ages 12+

The game has frequent scenes of mild violence and is a battle to the death. The violence is bloodless and rather cartoon-like, which reduces the perception of violence, however there is a lot of shooting, hacking and noise .

There is access to online chat via text and voice communications, the text chat cannot be turned off, and there are no filters for voice or text, which is concerning. There is nothing to stop an adult from saying lewd things to a younger player, or to stop kids from swearing and being abusive towards each other. You may be able to turn off all voice chat within the device itself using parental controls, but it's different for every platform.



## Minecraft

For Ages 7 +

The aim of Minecraft is to encourage building objects creatively. There are no points or levels involved in Minecraft- it's basic premise is simply to build as much as possible, and to survive.

It can be played by one player or as a multiplayer version online. There are risks of encountering bad language, harassment and inappropriate content when playing online. Minecraft contains very little violence, graphic and inappropriate content, for example there is not blood in the game, however, players can kill animals or each other in multiplayer mode, but this is not the main focus of the game.

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW IF YOUR CHILDREN HAVE THESE GAMES

Talking to your child openly and regularly is the best way to keep them safe online, Here are some tips on how you can do that:

## ***Explore sites and apps together***

- Talk about what might be OK for children of different ages. Ask your child what sites or apps they like. Write a list, and look at them together.
- Be positive about what you see, but also be open about concerns you have: "I think this site's really good" or "I'm a little worried about things I've seen here".
- Talk to your child about what you think is appropriate, but also involve them in the conversation. Ask what they think is OK for children of different ages, they'll feel involved in the decision making.
- Be aware that your child might talk about friends who use apps or visit sites that you've decided aren't suitable. Be ready to discuss your reasons, but recognise that they may not agree with you. Listen carefully for the reasons why.
- Go through a final list of sites you both agree are OK, and work out when you'll next discuss it.

## ***Ask about things they might see online that make them feel uncomfortable***

Talk about things they, or their friends, have seen that made them feel uncomfortable:

Be specific. What exactly made them feel uncomfortable and why? Is it people or animals being hurt? Nasty comments about others?

Link these too things in the real world, and explain that you're always here to protect and help them online and off.

Reassure your child that they can always talk to you about anything that makes them feel uncomfortable.

Show them how to report or block on the sites and apps they use.

Tell them you'll help them to report anything upsetting that they have seen.

## ***Talk about how they can stay safe on social networks***

Ask your child if they know:

- where reporting functions are
- how to block someone
- how to keep information private.

Show them how to do these things. Use [Net Aware](#) to help you.

Talk about online privacy, and being [Share Aware](#). Explain that online behaviour – including sharing personal information – should be just like their behaviour in person.

Explain that talking to strangers isn't always 'bad', but they should always be careful about what they share and sometimes people aren't who they say they are.

## ***Reassure them that you won't overreact and that you are just looking out for them.***

Reassure them that you are interested in all aspects of their life and that this includes the things they have seen or engaged in online, like the sites and apps that they visit, take the opportunity to share the things that you've seen to, acknowledge that they use the internet at school and to research homework and their interests as well.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-your-child-staying-safe-online/>



## MUSIC LESSONS AVAILABLE WITH WENDY'S MUSIC

### INSTRUMENTS:

- Piano /Keyboard - Beginners to Advanced
- Recorders, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Oboe, Guitar, Violin, Singing, Drums Beginner to Intermediate.
- Trumpet, Trombone, Cello and other instruments at beginner level by request.

### LESSONS:

Individual and Shared lessons available. Performance and Exam opportunities available.

### COST:

Purchase a one lesson trial first if needed. Upon enrolment Weekly payments in advance by credit card direct debit. \$38.50 for individual and \$29 for shared 30 minute lessons. Longer lessons available for advanced students.

### INSTRUMENTS:

For best lesson and enjoyment outcomes, all enrolled students are expected to have an instrument to play on at home and to bring to lessons. Assistance in purchasing instruments available through our online shop. Some instruments may be available for use in Trial lessons. Drums and Piano are available at the school for lesson times.

### LOCATIONS:

Lessons to be held at Rushworth P-12 College in 2020. Also available after hours at Wendy's Home Studio in Rushworth. Wendy also has a team of teachers available for advanced or specialty lessons via skype.

Visit <https://wendysmusic.com.au/teachers/wendy-brentnall-wood/>

Please Call Wendy on 0418394556 if further information is needed

### TO EXPRESS INTEREST:

Expressions of interest are now being accepted from students of all ages throughout the school. Deadline **Monday December 2nd**, and enrolments accepted in order of arrival.

Please complete our [Enquiry form found here:](#)

<https://wendysmusicfranchising.activehosted.com/f/48>

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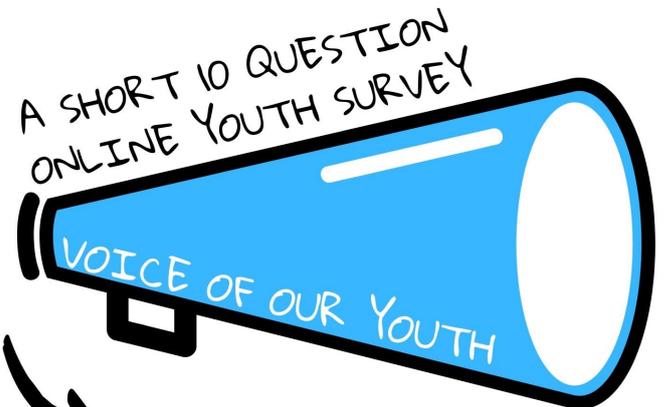
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Open to boys and girls aged between 9 years and 12 years.

Dates 11th January to 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.

Cost \$350.00 per Child.



Applications close on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December, no late applications will be accepted.

Please contact Avis Weller for application forms or for further information. Phone: 0409438386

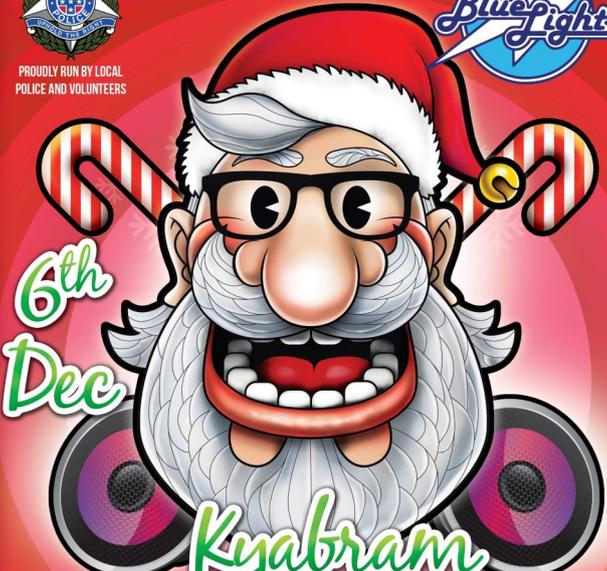


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## RECYCLED BOTTLE CAPS

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



We are collecting bottle caps and lids of all sizes and colours! If you would like to donate - please bring them into the front office for Miss Duthie!

Come join us for the FINAL Whole School Assembly of 2019.  
Thursday 5 December at 9.00am  
ALL WELCOME

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### SAVE THE DATE

COLLEGE PRESENTATION NIGHT

TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER

Rushworth Shire Hall  
6.30pm for a 7.00pm start.

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