



# School News

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## FEATURE

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Supervision Times: 8:15 Morning Bus Duty

8:30-Morning Yard Duty

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### Sea Change

In Term 2 I will be having a sea change by becoming Acting Principal at Inverloch-Kongwak Primary Schools whilst they recruit a new Principal. This is an exciting opportunity to lead a large primary school. (18 classes, 434 students!) during a time of transition and ensuring their 2018 journey continues.

An Expression of Interest for an acting Principal at our school is underway and we'll let you know as soon as possible.

#### Prom Camp

The Year 3 and 4 Wilson's Prom Camp lived up to expectations and its reputation by being a magnificent experience for students and staff. Whilst some students independently managed themselves, their emotions and their belongings, others learnt from this experience, which is one of the purposes of such a camp. Adapting to a new environment and coping with conditions, food and routines different to home helps to build persistence and resilience.

Tara, our Park Educator for the Tracks and Traces session, was amazed at the information our students had learnt with us leading up to the session. It's actually rewarding to see students can learn in such a different learning environment. Hopefully you have been able to spend some time with your child discussing and sharing this amazing experience-*don't let it fleet by*. Here are some prompts for family discussions:

netting minibeasts in the river	cinnamon fungus
Squeaky Beach	wetlands / filter
3 reasons not to take shells	deers, foxes
animal tracks on the beach	wombats and their scats
carnivores and herbivores	sea stars
bull ants and bracken	sand willy willies
paddling in Tidal River	army training
the colour of Tidal River	the great flood of 2011
orienteering	boat building
movies in the man cave	the sinking hat
a time to be brave moment	a 'got over my nerves' moment

The camp was such a great success due to:

- ✓ Pre camp cooking-*Danielle Lacy, Julia Allen, Corinne Kelly, Alison Webb, Kaye Ellery-Burke*
- ✓ Camp Kitchen-*Hayley Sawyers*
- ✓ Parent Helpers: *Kaye Ellery Burke, Kate Martelli, Shrien Pulham*
- ✓ Overnighters: *Mrs Guy, Ms Gilbert, Miss Thornell, Haylee Sawyers*
- ✓ And an ENORMOUS thankyou to *Mrs Guy and Ms Gilbert* for all their preparation and organisation leading up to the camp. It is a massive task requiring extensive paperwork, risk management, managing medical conditions, providing emotional support, catering, leaving their families to provide such a memorable experience, and most of all, taking extra responsibility for your loved ones. Perhaps throw a thanks their way next time you meet.

**Brett Smith**

### CALENDAR

**This week 28/3 – 30/3**

**29<sup>th</sup> Mar** – "Wear Green for Aylah" gold coin donation

**29<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Last day Term 1.- School dismisses at 2.20pm. Buses will run 1hr earlier



### Upcoming

**16<sup>th</sup> Apr** – Term 2 commences

**16<sup>th</sup> Apr** – Coles rewards vouchers due into school

**19<sup>th</sup> Apr** - Ballarat Camp forms and instalment due.

**20<sup>th</sup> Apr** - Uniform order & money due

### NEWSLETTER ITEMS

The newsletter is compiled on Monday afternoons. All items need to be submitted by 1:50pm to be included.

### EASTER ASSEMBLY

The Easter Raffle will be drawn at our Easter Assembly in the Shared space on Thursday morning at 9.15am. Achievement awards will also be handed out during this assembly as there will be **no** Wednesday gathering this week.

### Attendance

2017 Average	This Time Last Year	Current Average
<b>88%</b>	<b>95.06%</b>	<b>95.27%</b>



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Your School Council for 2018 is:

- Danielle Lacy- School Council President
- Simone Jans- School Council Vice President
- Liselott Webster-Treasurer
- Kath Gilbert-Minute Secretary
- Brett Smith-Executive Officer
- Donna Russell-Curriculum
- Kaye Ellery-Burke
- Jocelyn Mackie
- Katrina Benson

👍 Thanks to outgoing councillors- Tim Gorman, Sara Janssen and Peter Helms.

👍 An extra special thanks to Cathy Waldron in her role as School Council President and Jocelyn Mackie for her years as Treasurer.

👍  
*Thanks to Kaye, Corinne and Linda (Corinne's mum) for the ticket books, counting the money and creating the Easter Prize Baskets*

## ATTENDANCE

Next term a Compass SMS will be sent to parents of students with unexplained absences on the day of the absence. Please use the Compass app to report absences and remember students should be at school if they are capable of doing so.

School Attendance – Did you know?		
	Child's attendance is <b>at or above 95%</b>	<b>Child's attendance is at or above 95%</b> They are likely to be a "star performer" as well as an excellent attendee. They will most almost certainly achieve the best grades for their ability and have real opportunity in further education and the world of work.
	Child's attendance is <b>90-94%</b>	<b>"Green for Go"</b> for good attendance. They are likely to achieve grades that will give them real opportunities for continuing their studies and their future in the world of work.
	Child's attendance is <b>85-89%</b>	<b>"Amber Take Care!"</b> They will be missing up to 20 days each year and this will make it difficult for them to achieve at their best level educationally.
	Child's attendance is <b>80-85%</b>	<b>"Red Light - Be Alert"</b> They are missing so much school that it will be very difficult for them to keep in touch with lessons or schoolwork.
	Child's attendance is <b>80%</b>	<b>"At risk – immediate action needed!"</b> They are missing so much time from school that it will be almost impossible for them to keep in touch with lessons or schoolwork.

## LOST PROPERTY

At the end of each term the lost property is sorted. When we clean out the lost property:

- If named->returned
- Unnamed->displayed for students -> washed by parent volunteers-> sent to MACs

If you are missing uniform items, please check in the lost property baskets located in the shared space and the foyer of the Heritage building.





Family donations \$151.60  
 Our donations were pledged to the appeal.

🤔

Q: How did the wet Easter Bunny dry himself?

A: With a hare dryer!



## MACS

Thank you to our lovely parent and community volunteers at MACS who through their time volunteering at MACS, enabled us to receive a cheque for \$1552.52.

## COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOL VOUCHERS

The Coles Sports for School program is in its final week. Collect **double vouchers** when you shop at Coles from now until 1<sup>st</sup> April. Place collected vouchers in the collection box located in the shared space by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April (first day of Term 2).



## **STUDENT BANKING**

There will be no school banking this week, due to Good Friday. Banking will recommence next term.



# PROM CAMP

Tidal River was freezing. It had big rocks on one side and sand on the other. We accidentally tripped, oh dear, we unfortunately got wet. Our clothes were soaked and the wind was cold walking back to the cabins. The river flowed quickly. We climbed big rocks, it was soooooo fun! We saw a couple of little caves too but we weren't allowed to go in them. *Brody*

Tidal River is very cold and there are lots of rocks. We also saw fish. The water in Tidal River smells like fresh water even though the water is brown. The water is brown because of the tannin from the tea tree. *Charlize C*

Tidal River

The sand was soft and squishy in the water. We weren't supposed to get wet but we did. We got soaking wet. It was awesome. We got to see fish. They were little and fast. *Sarah*

### **Splashing at Tidal River**

The water is warm.

It smells like salt.

It's shallow water.

If you go near the rocks it gets deep.

It's also very sandy.

Golden and like quicksand.

It tasted like salt.

*Charlie*



### ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- ☺ **Elsie-Mae** for independently recording a sensational piece of writing that met both our writing and spelling goals.
- ☺ **Christian L** for being a helpful, kind and fair partner in all mathematics tasks.
- ☺ **Angus C** for an excellent high jump technique and a best jump of 85cm.
- ☺ **Stacey J** for showing great listening and respect when others are talking.
- ☺ **Kyra P** for demonstrating amazing hand-eye coordination with over 500 hits in a row with a tennis bat.
- ☺ **Amelia P** for being an independent and resilient camper.
- ☺ **Sienna B** for taking the opportunities she sees to make her mind grow.
- ☺ **Zekhai G** for the wonderful collaborative skills he demonstrated in partner writing.
- ☺ **Burke V** for the wonderful collaborative skills he demonstrated in partner writing.

### PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

- ☺ **Conner S** for outstanding independence, learning and team spirit at Prom Camp.
- ☺ **Charlize H** for outstanding independence, learning and team spirit at Prom Camp.
- ☺ **Kyra P** for outstanding independence, learning and team spirit at Prom Camp.
- ☺ **Danielle P** for outstanding independence, learning and team spirit at Prom Camp.
- ☺ **Brody S** for outstanding independence, learning and team spirit at Prom Camp.
- ☺ **Bryn J** for outstanding independence, learning and team spirit at Prom Camp.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

The following Community News articles promote community connections and communications. They are not considered school activities

### Leongatha Knights "Come and Try Clinic":

On Wednesdays 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> March and 18<sup>th</sup> April from 5-6pm at our clubrooms (Mary MacKillop Catholic College). Juniors – 8-13 years, Boys & Girls.

### Leongatha Gymnastics:

April School Holiday Program – These coming holidays LGC will be running 2 fun filled days of gymnastics. **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April & Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April.** Days will run from 9am-3pm at a cost of \$40 per day. BYO lunch, morning tea is provided. Bookings are essential. Places are limited so get in quick. No experience needed. Ph: 0400 273 658 or email leongathagymclub@hotmail.com

### Southern Fusion Netball Development Clinic:

Catering for all netballers aged 7 – 15 years old. The second clinic in 2018 provides opportunities for players to get a feel of what Southern Fusion is all about.

When: 15<sup>th</sup> April Where: Meeniyan Sports Stadium What: Attacking Skills – 9-11am, Defending skills – 11-1pm  
Cost: \$20 per session or \$20 for double session

Registration: Please register via this link [goo.gl/ZNyvRp](http://goo.gl/ZNyvRp) (registrations can be made on the day)

### AFLW Hawthorn Gippsland Skills and Drills:

You are invited to participate in the Hawthorn Next Generation Academy and Gippsland Power "come and try" day.

When: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 10am – 12.30pm U13 Hawks Academy (born 2005/2006) or 1.30pm – 4.00pm U15 Gippsland Power Vline Cup (born 2003/2004).

Who: Girls ages 11-15 years

Where: Gippsland Power Centre of Excellence, Travers Street, Morwell

Wear appropriate clothing/football training gear for indoor and outdoor sessions. Runners compulsory, football boots optional. Parents/guardians are welcome to attend. Register at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/X65MPRS](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X65MPRS)

### Mary MacKillop College Grade 6 Activity Day and Information Evening:

We welcome all Grade 6 students whose families are considering enrolling them at Mary MacKillop to attend a Grade 6 activity day at the College on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 8.50am – 3.20pm. A BBQ lunch will be provided, bring your own recess and wear P.E uniform.

We are also offering two information evenings for parents of prospective Year 7 students for 2019.

Date: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 7pm for school tour with information session commencing at 7.30 at Mary MacKillop Chapel.

Date: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm, St. Joseph's Parish Hall Wonthaggi

Please RSVP your attendance to either of these by ph: 5662 4255