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Welcome to week 4, it's almost hump week!

Swimming Carnival

It was great to see so many people from our school community at last week's school carnival. Thank you for taking time out to support our students. Our students were magnificent with higher than normal participation rates. Several records were broken and several students swam their personal best times. Thank you and congratulations to Nat Plant for her coordination and leadership on the day and to all the staff and students who supported her. The day ran incredibly smoothly as a result of the team effort. Congratulations to Wattle for their overall win.

Student Leadership

It has been fantastic to read the applications for the 2020 Student Representative Council College Council. There were 14 applicants in total, the applicants are to be congratulated on their well thought out responses to the prompting questions. The rest of the process will run as follows:

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| Monday February 17 | A panel will shortlist applicants. (Nat Mouvet, Kaylene De Pyle and Brenda Meinhold) |
| Monday Feb 24 | Successful applicants will be notified. (Once the Year 5&6 students return from camp) |
| Friday Feb 28 | Shortlisted applicants will present a 3 minute speech outlining their suitability as candidates at a special assembly. Staff and students will vote for 4 primary and 4 secondary leaders at the conclusion of speeches. |
| Monday March 2 | The complete Student Leadership Team will be introduced to the College community at an Induction ceremony. |

Parents are most welcome to join us for the speeches on Friday and for the Induction Ceremony on Monday.

School Council Representatives for College Council

This year we are looking for parent and community members please ring at the front office if you are interested in being a part of supporting positive moves forward at Manangatang P-12 College.

Closing date for Nominations: March 5, next Council Meeting: March 18

Reminders

School uniform: Students should be in blue bottoms and school polo shirts to school. If this isn't possible please write your child a note in the school diary so that the home group teacher is informed. This will be especially important for photo day which is coming up on March 12.

Diaries: Please check your child or children's diaries this will give you a good indication of what homework has been set, if there are upcoming events and it gives you a chance to send messages back to the teacher.

Don't forget to download the **Compass App:** You will need a parent password. Compass will allow you to see what work your child is doing in classes on a daily basis. You can get your password by calling the front office.  **Compass**

Attendance

Last week no class group achieved 100% attendance.

Wishing you all a safe and happy weekend.

Ms Nat Mouvet - Principal

KEY DATES

FEBRUARY

- 24 MALLEE DIVISION SWIM SWAN HILL PRIMARY
- 27 SECONDARY SCIENCE EXCURSION
- 28 LEADERSHIP SPEECHES & VOTING

MARCH

- 2 STUDENT LEADERSHIP INDUCTION CEREMONY
- 4 DIV SWIMMING MILDURA
- 9 LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- 12 COLLEGE PHOTOS
- 13 PRIMARY SUMMER SPORTS
- 18 COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING
- 19 LMR SWIMMING PRIM/ SEC SWAN HILL
- 19 IMMUNISATION 7&10

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 key directions of a school within state-wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

WHO IS ON THE SCHOOL COUNCIL?

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

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

A mandated elected DET employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

A mandated student category.

Community members People are co-opted by the school council to a community member position to bring additional skills and perspectives. Community members hold the same rights, responsibilities and terms of office as elected members. Parents are eligible to be co-opted to a community member position. Students may also be co-opted to a community member position.

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, 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.

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.

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 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 in the mail 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

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

HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

In perfect swimming conditions it was Wattle who took out the House Swimming Championship for 2020. In the rush to complete presentations, I neglected to announce the pro-rata score for each team. The scoring system has not been changed and the outcome is still the same. The final pro-rata scores were: Wattle 10.80 and Mallee 7.92. Congratulations to Wattle, who broke a long running Mallee winning streak.

The house captains did a great job in leading the day and their respective houses. Cheering and encouragement from the sidelines could be heard all day.

Participation for both houses was excellent. Swimming can be difficult for many people so it was wonderful to see so many students challenge themselves throughout the day to earn points for their house. Well done to the Foundation students who after only 3 weeks of school have already competed in a swimming carnival.

In the Caltex Cup the parents took home the trophy narrowly defeating the Secondary House Captains team.

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded age group champions.

Primary Boy: Anders Plant (Mallee)

Primary Girl: Jayda Plant (Wattle)

14&U Boy: James Barry (Wattle)

14&U Girl: Shontelle Hammond (Mallee) & Marie Barry (Wattle)

16&U Boy: Jobhi Plant (Wattle)

16&U Girl: Holly Plant (Wattle)

17&O Boys: Kale Taylor (Wattle)

Congratulations also to Anders Plant who smashed the record books apart. Anders set new records in:

25m Freestyle in a time of 15.52 sec (previous record Josh Barry 16.47sec 1996)

25m Backstroke in a time of 18.85 sec (previous record Josh Barry 20.23sec 1996)

25m Butterfly in a time of 17.19 sec (breaking own record of 18.32sec set in 2019)

Individual Medley in a time of 1.06.15 (previous record 1.10.71 set in 2011)

There is a long list of people to thank who made the day successful. To Mr. Steve Taylor for all the work with the catering and the Parents and Friends who donated cakes and slices to sell. To our parent helpers, Monika Zanker, for her assistance with catering, Nicola Kydd for timekeeping all day and Melanie Jones for her amazing photography.

To all the staff, thank you for all your work before the event and on the day. However we might need to start training for the Caltex Cup a bit earlier next year.

Thank you also to Sarah Plant who has helped me immensely with the ins and outs of carnival organisation. Sarah has done an amazing job with the sports over the years and we certainly had big shoes to fill (not literally – if you have seen Sarah's shoes).

Thank you also to Leonie Carroll and Tarryn Plant for supplying shade structures, the Pre-School for the big drink esky and the Hall for the use of some plastic chairs.

Lastly thank you to the parents, friends, family and community members for your ongoing support of our students and College events.

Upcoming events:

Mallee Division Swimming Primary : Monday February 24th in Swan Hill. Notes have been sent home to relevant students.

Secondary Division Swimming : Wednesday March 4th in Mildura. Students who make it through will find out this week.

Nat Plant

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Primary

Jayda Plant & Anders Plant



14 & Under

James Barry

& equal winners

Marie Barry & Shontelle Hammond



16 & Under

Holly Plant & Jobhi Plant



WATTLE HOUSE CAPTAINS 2020

As many of the F/1 had gone home before the presentations at the swimming carnival, they were presented with their 'well done' awards at Monday morning assembly.



NEXT WEEK

Mrs Donna Mackenzie



Dear Parent,

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of books and the joy and benefits of independent reading for fun. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our school is participating in **Scholastic Book Club** this year. Up to twice a term, during the school year, we will send home a Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages.

You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. We recommend them because the books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and because they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$2).

It is easy to order. The **Book Club LOOP** platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school safe and sound and the books will be delivered to the library. You can place your child's order at scholastic.com.au/LOOP or using the **LOOP** app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Owning your own books is something special! I hope that you will encourage your child to order books this year. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school, however there is never any obligation to order. I know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

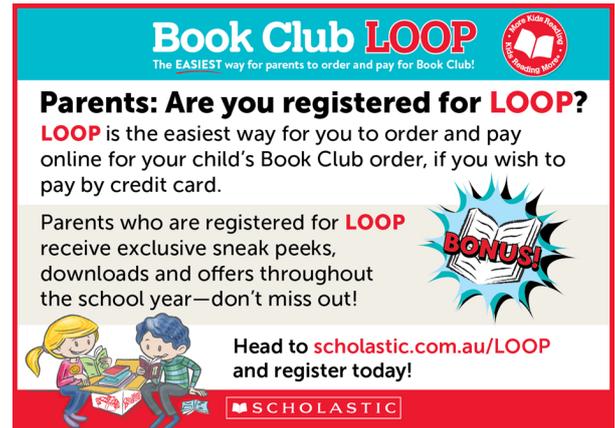
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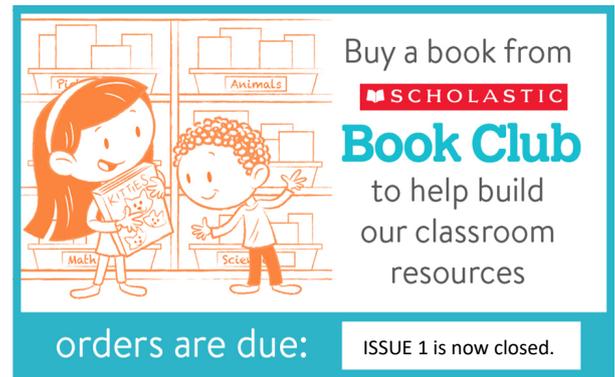
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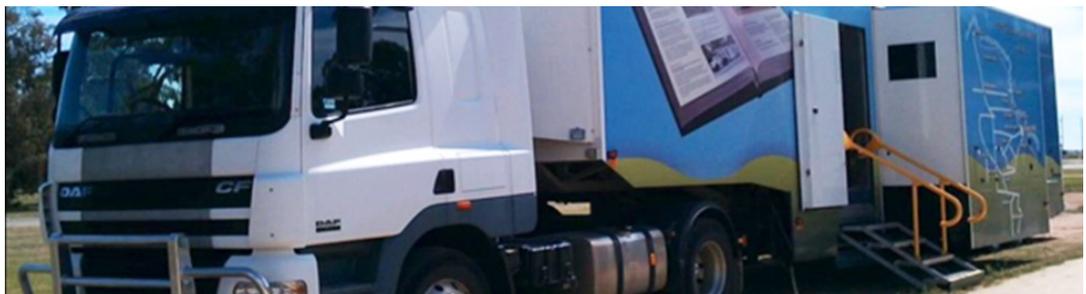
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TUESDAY

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| February | 4 | 18 |
| March | 3 | 17 |
| April | 14 | 28 |
| May | 12 | 26 |
| June | 9 | 23 |

Mobile Library Timetable

College 1.45pm—3.00pm / Main street 11.15am—12.45pm



Annual Secondary School Vaccination Program

Secondary School vaccinations

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccinations to Year 7 and 10 students. These vaccines provide protection against:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough (pertussis) one dose for year 7 students
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – two doses for year 7 students
- Meningococcal A,C,W,Y – one dose for year 10 students

Parents/guardians of Year 7 and 10 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet coming home from school with your child. You need to read the information, complete and return the card regardless of whether your

IMMUNISATIONS YEARS 7 & 10 - MARCH 19

**Manangatang
Improvement
Group**

Next Meeting will be held:

Wednesday 26th Feb. 2020
7.00pm
Manangatang Hotel

Please come along and join us at the first MIG meeting for 2020.

SOCIAL BOWLS

Manangatang Bowling Club

Thursday's

(Over 6 weeks)

Assembly 6.30pm

Starts 7.00pm

Entry \$5 each

Any combination triples

1 Bowler

2 Non-Bowlers

Enquiries to: Bill Carroll - 0499 503 559

RAOK

The Year 2s and 3s are being encouraged to do random acts of kindness. This can be anything that improves our College for everyone. After their act of kindness, the student writes it down on a piece of paper and this is added to their file. It doesn't cost anything to be kind

Mr Taylor

Netbook News

Thank you to all students and parents returning signed netbook agreements.

Year 6-12 students all have their netbooks.

Year 5 will have an induction meeting in term one.

Agreements will be distributed and processed at this meeting.

Many thanks, Leonie Carroll - Netbook Coordinator

COLLEGE PAYMENTS ARE NOW DUE

College payments can be paid directly into the College bank account

BSB 033 250

Account number 602160

with your name as a reference,

or by cheque made payable to

Manangatang P-12 College...Thankyou

ALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Friday 21st February, 2020 Swan Hill
Outdoor Pool at 5.30pm Try
competitive swimming in a FUN and
RELAXED atmosphere.

For more information and Entry Forms
see Mrs Nat Plant

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