

KEY DATES

FEBRUARY

- 21 PRIMARY DIVISION SWIMMING
- 23 NO FOUNDATION STUDENTS
- 24 YR 8-10 SCIENCE FAIR

MARCH

- 2 SECONDARY DIVISION SWIMMING
- 3 NO FOUNDATION STUDENTS
- 4 YR 3-6 SUMMER SPORTS
- 9 NO FOUNDATION STUDENTS
- 14 LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- 17 PRIM/SEC REGIONAL SWIMMING
- 18 SCHOOL PHOTOS



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 17 MR T
- 18 ZOE JOHNSON
- 24 DONNA MACKENZIE

SNAKE ALERT

Please beware

It is SNAKE season and they are on the move.

If you see a snake, walk calmly away and tell a teacher.

Parents and Students

Parents and carers are advised that staff are not on supervision duty until 8.30am therefore students are not to arrive at school before then.



Linkup

Manangatang P-12 College Newsletter

Respect

Relationships

Resilience

Responsibility

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students,

My apologies for taking so long to update you on my recent accident and its implications on my attendance at school.

On Friday February Seventh I had a fall at work which resulted in a broken arm. I broke my humerus bone in three places, that's the bone between the elbow and the shoulder. I had surgery to insert some plates and screws and now need six to eight weeks to recover. This leave could be extended depending on how effective the physio goes after the cast comes off. I would like to thank Shelley Kay who stepped in as Acting Principal in my absence. My leave will be relatively lengthy so to avoid disruption to the work planned with the leadership team, it was decided to appoint an external Acting Principal to support them to stay on track, therefore from next week Mr Allan Coffey will be joining our staff at Manangatang P-12 College.

Mr Coffey is a recently retired, experienced principal who has worked at other P-12 schools. He will be supported by our highly talented leadership team to prepare for the school review that is scheduled for term 2. Mr Coffey also has current knowledge of DET direction and requirements of schools as we navigate through Covid obligations. I feel very confident that with the support of the leadership team Mr Coffey will be well-placed to continue with the work intended for this term.

Good communication is key to maintaining our goals for this year, these will be shared with you in the week 5 edition of Linkup. In the meantime please make sure that any queries are directed to the front office, home group teachers, subject teachers or student advisers.

Wellbeing concerns should go to Kim Critchley and of course reach out to Mr Coffey so that all good work can continue.

I'm disappointed that I need to take this leave but I agree with the experts that to look after myself now means that I will be able to resume my work more efficiently and quickly in the long term. I can reassure you that your children are in good hands.

take care, warm regards
Nat Mouvet.



College News

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. Nomination forms are available from the College office.

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.

Positions Vacant

- 1 School Employee
- 2 Community Members
- 2 Parents
- 1 Student

The timeline for our School Council election process is as follows:

- Notice of election;: February 17
- Closing date for nominations: February 24
- Close of ballot: March 3
- Close of ballot (if required) March 10
- New Council meets: March 17

HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS



Our 2022 Swimming Sports were held Thursday in front of an encouraging crowd. The swimmers were met with chilly morning conditions, but that only added to the excitement. The students showed off their weeks of preparation with Sarah and Mr Vine, with many personal bests achieved on the day.

Congratulations to Wattle on winning the House Cup. Their win was aided by their strong participation in the Secondary year groups. Mallee have a bright future, however, with their Primary swimmers outdoing Wattle's.

The Community vs Staff vs Students race was won by the Secondary students in a much debated finish, with the team of Anders, Isabel, Jayda, Zach and Jaxon taking home the Caltex Cup.

Isabel and Ruby again proved too good for the handicapper and their opponents in the Handicap Relay. The pair successfully defended their title from last year in some incredibly tight finishes.

Congratulations to the following Age Group Champions

Primary Girls - Matilda Lehner

Primary Boys - Aidan Plant

14 and Under Girls - Jayda Plant

14 and Under Boys - Anders Plant

15 and 16 year old Girls - Jorja Plant

15 and 16 year old Boys - Alex Barker

17 and Over Girls - Alannah Taylor

17 and Over Boys - Jobhi Plant

Special mention to Anders Plant, who broke several records on the day in a special performance.

A big thank you to Sarah Plant for coordinating the day. It is incredible how much planning and organising goes into creating such an entertaining and inclusive Swimming Sports.

Thanks to the staff, students and parents who helped set up and pack up, provided refreshments, participated in events and supported the swimmers on the day. Every contribution makes the day better for all.

Good luck to Aidan, Jasper, Lily and Amelia, who are competing at Swan Hill in the Primary Divisional Swimming on Monday.

Mr Vine



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★ MANANGANTANG STAR AWARDS ★

*Congratulations to the following students who received a
Manangatang Star Award for their outstanding work and effort*

Zoe McNicol - Health and PE

Willow Walsh - Maths and HATS

Rory Plant - Literacy

Jasper Plant - Numeracy and Literacy

Kyle Haigh - PE and English



New Staff—Linda Connell and Kate Everitt

I am **Kate Everitt** and I am new to Manangatang P-12 College this year in the role of Teacher Aide in the Primary School where I will be spending most of my time in the F/1 class room. This is my 7th year as a Teacher Aide, having spent the majority of that time in Prep and Grade 1 class rooms. I love working in the early years classes and seeing the growth in these young students from the first day in the class room to the last day of the year. I'm really excited to be working at Manangatang P-12 this year supporting these young students, staff and families. I've had such a warm welcome already from staff and families and I can't wait to see how the year unfolds.

When I'm not at school I'm busy with my own family and hobbies. I spend a lot of time running my kids around to their various dance, gymnastics and sporting activities, so when I get some time to relax for myself I enjoy reading, walking along the river and cooking.



Hi, I'm **Linda Connell**. I live in Wemen and have three grown up children. I have been teaching since 1992, starting at SuniTAFE in Mildura, before spending five years in teaching in the UK. On returning to Australia, I spent a year teaching Science at Gisborne Secondary College before moving to Robinvale College, where I spent 22 years teaching Science, Mathematics and STEM. When I am not teaching, I like to spend time in my veggie garden and working on building, renovation and furniture restoration projects.

School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) and those at risk of grassfire (Category 4) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. **Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire or grassfire risk.**

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter and via Compass app. A Code Red day will be determined by the

Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- All bus routes that travel through the Code Red area will be cancelled.
- Depending on which Bureau of Meteorology district is impacted bus route cancellations may affect our school.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, Compass, Facebook and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.
- You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

Multiple sources that offer information on emergencies are listed below:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters



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Wellbeing update – Kim Critchley

Week 3, it's Monday night (Valentines day actually) and I am sitting here thinking about the start of school and reflecting on the weeks we have completed and what I would like to complete and where do I start??? I must say it has been a wonderful start to the school year from my perspective, students are adjusting well and are ready to learn. The school is promoting team work, inclusiveness and kindness. How much better can it be, a new year and a new start for us all. Shake off the stress of the previous years and look at our half full cup and see what can we fill it with to energise us and helps us be the best version of us we can be. We all learn everyday, no matter our age, we just need to be open to it. I was fortunate to attend a two day workshop on Trauma (in person I might add, I had almost forgotten what that was like to be honest) and hopefully you all don't mind me sharing my learnings with you:

What is Trauma: The Oxford English Dictionary (2014) defines trauma as a "deeply distressing or disturbing experience." It is worth googling definitions as they do vary however events are notes as experiencing a serious accident, assault, war, natural disaster, sexual assault or abuse. Witnessing such an event happening to another person and earning that a love one died suddenly (e.g. as a result of a traumatic event) was involved in a life threatening event, or was seriously injured. Orygen explain Trauma the best I believe: Trauma is broadly described as a deeply distressing experience that can be emotionally, mentally, or physically overwhelming for a person. It takes on many different forms and affects each person very differently. It is important to know that an experience does not have to be life threatening to be traumatic. Approximately 2/3 of young people will have been exposed to a traumatic event by the time they turn 16. Experiencing a traumatic event can potentially affect both their current and future mental health. Hopefully I haven't bored you and instead piqued your interest.

Trauma is identified individually by each person and not by someone else defining it for them. What we may see as a traumatic event, someone else may not. Events affect everyone differently, two people can be raised in a FV (Family Violent) home and only one could have lasting impacts, both may show it very differently and may require very different supports to help them through. Vicarious Trauma is when we hear stories of people's trauma and the impact of that on us and then there is also the trauma, we pass onto our children without realising we are doing it which is known as intergenerational trauma, eg Refugee trauma, wartimes.

When we think about Trauma do you think about COVID? Some will have been impacted greatly whilst others able to bounce back and carry on. Others really weren't impacted at all.

Being exposed to a traumatic event is not uncommon, with approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of males and $\frac{1}{2}$ of females likely to be affected at some point in their lifetime. Not all traumatic events cause us harm, or damage us and most people recover the effects of trauma.

Trauma can show itself in many different forms, such as and not limited to: Eating disorders, anxiety, OCD, Self-Harm, Personality disorder, depression, psychosis, alcohol and substance abuse. Multiple trauma exposures can display multiple symptoms in behaviours.

Lets think for a second about COVID, constant traumatic event for many people, especially our children, what do you notice about them?? what has changed???? Gone from quiet to noisy, or noisy to quiet, seem on high alert, or seems to not care at all??? These could be signs of Trauma.

The training I attended was thanks to HEADSPACE (who are regular visitors to our school and will support our students at school if required) which was organised in conjunction with Orygen (a lot of information is available on their website if you are interested) orygen.org.au

Training should not stay with professionals, it needs to be shared so we learn and grow together, after all we all have the young people's best interest at heart, I am yet to meet someone who is not doing the best they can.

No matter what your day held for you, go to bed thinking about something positive in your life, a happy event you have experienced in your life and even a wishful thinking event if you are struggling as you will wake up happier. Try this it really works.

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New PE Timetable

For the first 4-6 weeks (weather dependent) students will be Swimming during PE. Students are asked to be organised with swimming gear and \$2.00 pool entry if they do not have a pool membership.

Lesson	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1					
2			Yr 12	Yr 12	
3	4/5/6		4/5/6	F/1, 2/3	
4	Yr 12		2/3	Yr 12	
5	7-10	F/1	7-10	7-10	

SMILE SQUAD

Smile Squad is a \$321.9 million Victorian Government program that provides free dental care to all Victorian public primary and secondary school students.

The friendly Smile Squad dental team visited Manangatang this past fortnight to conduct a free annual dental health examination for every student and provide free follow up treatment as needed.

Who is Smile Squad?

The bright orange Smile Squad vans are staffed by experienced oral health therapists, dental therapists, dental assistants and dentists. They all have lots of experience treating children and a passion for improving their oral health – for life.

Learn more about the Smile Squad by visiting www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au or contact the team at smilesquad@dhs.vic.gov.au.

Paddy Walters is ready for his examination with his Mum Abbie and Dental nurse Stephanie.



Staff Personal Development

Kate, Mrs S and Ms Amanda went away to Adelaide during week 1 of this term to learn about InitialLit. The course was so informative and they are very excited to implement this Literacy program. Students are currently being assessed and screened to ensure they are placed into the appropriate group for their level of learning.



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School Nurse Visit

Kerrie McCosh, primary school nurse, will be visiting our school on March 11th this year.

Foundation Health Assessments: All parents/guardians of Foundation grade children will be asked to complete a Health Questionnaire and return the form to the school before March 11th 2022. If you do not wish your child to be seen by the school nurse, please sign the non-consent section and return the form to the school.

Referrals (Grades 1-6): Parents and/or teachers may refer children from any grade for assessments of vision, hearing, basic speech, physical abilities, medical conditions, behavioural and parenting issues. Please collect a referral form from the school office. Completed forms are to be handed into the school office prior to March 11th 2022. Should parents wish to have an interview with the School Nurse, please indicate your request on the form.

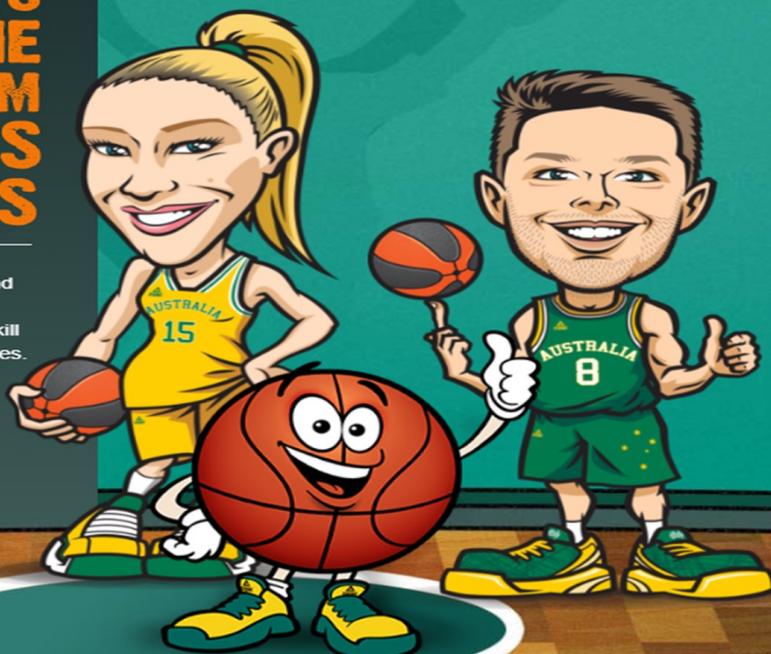
Please note: You can talk to the primary school nurse at any time throughout the year. The school has her mobile phone number.



BASKETBALL AUSTRALIA'S OFFICIAL JUNIOR GAME DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR 5-10 YEAR OLDS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Aussie Hoops is all about learning to play basketball in a fun and safe environment. Our national coaching curriculum and sequentially developed program consists of warm-up games, skill activities and modified games all delivered by accredited coaches. We invite you to explore our website and welcome you to the Australian basketball community.

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Community News



“The Central Rivers Umpiring group are currently recruiting for the 2022 Season!

Umpiring is a great opportunity to provide individuals with a platform that teaches decision making under pressure, improves interpersonal & communication skills, and instils values such as responsibility and work ethic; with per-game rates ranging from \$26 to \$173, it also a fantastic opportunity to bolster your income or earn some decent pocket money.

Umpiring is limited to ages 12+, but anyone is welcome to attend training. Central Rivers Umpires train on Wednesday nights, 6pm at Alan Garden Reserve, Swan Hill.

For more information, contact Taylah at taylah.morris@afcentralvic.com.au or head down and chat to some of the umpires at Alan Garden on a Wednesday night.”

become an umpire to:

STAY FIT - BUILD CONFIDENCE - MAKE FRIENDS - EARN POCKET MONEY - LEARN NEW SKILLS

WE NEED YOU IN 2022!



2021 SHEARING SCHOOLS VICTORIA

School Type	Date	Duration	Venue
NOVICE	January 18 - 22	5 Days	Balmoral
NOVICE	February 01 - 05	5 Days	Gymbowen
NOVICE	March 15 - 19	5 Days	Dookie
NOVICE	May 03 - 07	5 Days	Hamilton
NOVICE	May 10 - 14	5 Days	Ballarat
NOVICE	June 21 - June 25	5 Days	Geelong
NOVICE	June 28 - July 02	5 Days	Manangatang
NOVICE	July 19 - July 23	5 Days	Omeo
NOVICE	August 09 - 13	5 Days	Wycheproof
NOVICE	Sept 13 - 17	5 Days	Wedderburn
NOVICE	October 11-15	5 Days	Penshurst
NOVICE	Nov 08 - 12	5 days	Bairnsdale
	Date	Duration	Venue
IMPROVER	March 22 - 30	7 Days	Dookie
IMPROVER	April 19 - 23	5 Days	Hamilton
IMPROVER	June 07 - 11	5 Days	Inglewood
IMPROVER	Aug 30 - Sept 10	10 Days	Teloepa Downs
IMPROVER	Oct 18 - 22	5 Days	Dookie



Note: This program is subject to change without notification

All shearing schools align with Nationally recognised qualifications & are designed to meet industry standards & needs.

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www.shearerwoolhandlertraining.com.au

THE ROBINVALE COUNTRY MARKET.
A reminder that this Market will be held on
Caix Square on
FRIDAY 11 FEBRUARY..2022
from 5.30pm - 8.30pm



2022 Science Project

Could everyone please keep their 1.25 and 2 litre PET plastic bottles and bring them to school. Year 7/8 Science are going to build a PET bottle greenhouse in the Ag Plot – this project covers lots of areas such as recycling, sustainability, heat energy, energy transfer.

The younger students will also be able to do mini greenhouses with them and germinate seeds for the garden beds.

Thank you



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WEDNESDAY LUNCH ORDER MENU

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY

TO ORDER: Ring **0475 434 714** before 10am Tuesday.

Payment can be made directly to the shop or sent into school in a clearly labelled envelope.

HOT FOOD

Chicken nuggets & chips \$6.00

Chicken strips – each \$2.00

Loaded toasted sandwich \$7.00

Pie, Pastie, Sausage rolls \$5.00

Crinkle cut chips \$2.50

SANDWICHES & WRAPS



Ham or Chicken salad sandwich \$6.50

Ham or Chicken salad roll \$7.50

Ham or Chicken salad wrap \$8.00

Sandwich – 2 fillings \$5.00

Extra fillings \$0.50

Fillings: chicken, ham, cheese, lettuce, carrot, tomato, onion, beetroot

DRINKS

Fruit box \$2.00

Nippy juice \$3.50

Flavoured milk – small \$2.00

Flavoured milk - 500ml \$4.00

Oak milk 750ml \$5.50

Sparkling water \$1.50

Water \$2.00



MANANGATANG MARKET & TAKEAWAY

Manangatang Improvement Group

MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE HELD MONDAY 28TH FEBRUARY, 6PM AT MANANGATANG HOTEL



Mallee Track Road Trauma Prevention Forum

Join Ouyen Inc., Victoria Police, Mildura Rural City Council and local sporting groups for a community discussion regarding road and community safety.

Topics will include community concern about drug and drink-driving across the Mallee Track region, presentations from Dr Travis Taggart and Victoria Police with real life scenarios based on the impact of driving whilst using drugs and alcohol.

This event is for people aged 16 and older, and will include the presentation of sensitive and potentially confronting material.

Thursday 3 March, 6.30pm
Ouyen Community Centre

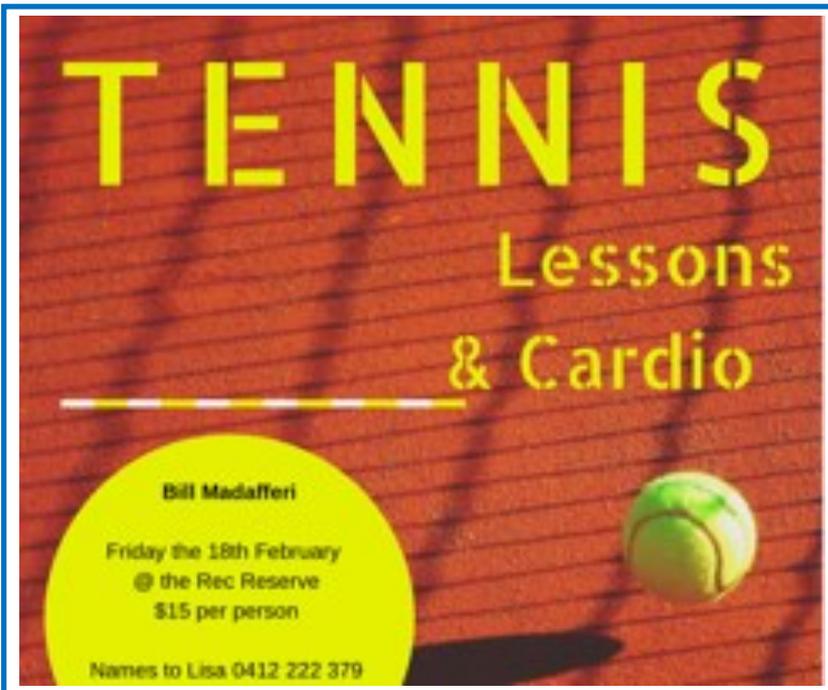


Library News

It is recommended that students provide their own headsets and mouse.

Due to COVID health regulations, please take note that headset and computer mouse will not be available to borrow from the Library.





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Bill Madafferi

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If you have recently changed your address, phone number, or email address, please contact the school and make sure your details are accurate.

If you no longer wish to receive Linkup please contact the College for your name to be removed from the email list.



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acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander peoples as the first
peoples and traditional custodians of
the lands where we live, learn and
work.***

