



Marian College Newsletter

'Smaller Community - Big Opportunity'

Wednesday 21st February 2024

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8am - 4pm

Acknowledgment

Marian College acknowledges the Minjambuta People as the traditional custodians of this land.

Marian College is founded on the charism of the Presentation Sisters 'In Deeds Not Words'.

Marian College is an inclusive and Child Safe school.

Marian College is committed to Democratic Principles

Principal's Report – Cath Watter



Last week, we entered the season of Lent, with an Ash Wednesday Mass shared with St Mary's Primary School and our Parish. It was a very special coming together of our whole faith community. Lent is

an important time for us as we prepare for Easter. Traditionally we seek to do with less, giving more generously to those in need. 'Seek not to have more, but to be more'. Our Year 9 students engaged in picking sunflowers at Pepo's Farm last week as part of their Alternative Programme to raise money for Caritas. VCEVM students have also contributed to raising awareness as well as funds with a sausage sizzle at our annual swimming carnival. Their efforts will help ensure that others are supported with the basic necessities of life. What is 'loose change' for us, means a world of difference to the lives of others.

The Lenten message is also a time for spiritual renewal when we are encouraged to engage in 'housekeeping for the heart'. It is a time of contemplation when we can ask ourselves how we can simplify our lives, let go of the things that are holding us back and focus on the things that are truly life-giving. It is a time to de-clutter and spring clean our hearts in readiness for Easter. It is a time to let go of grudges, disrespect, greed and injustice. A time to grow forgiveness, love, kindness and generosity. In the words of our College banner this year, 'New Day, New Hope, New Beginnings'.

So, as we journey together through Lent, let's pick up the challenge to make our hearts and our world a better place.

Cath Watter

Cath Watter
Principal

Prayers - A Pilgrim's Prayer

God, you are never far away from those who seek you.

Be with us on our pilgrimage of life and guide our way.

Be a companion for us along our journey,

**A guide at crossroads,
Strength in our weariness,
Shelter on the way,
Light in the darkness,
Comfort in our loss.**

Through your guidance may we arrive safe at the journey's end.

Amen



Absentees

Students are expected to attend and be punctual to all classes and events. School starts at 8.45am each day with Learning Mentor (LM).

- If a student is absent, it is important that parents/guardians inform the school by 9am on the day, **providing a reason.**

PAM: pam.mcm.vic.edu.au

Email: info@mcm.vic.edu.au

Phone: (03) 5752 1596

- All absentees are recorded at morning LM. If the College has not been notified of a student's absence, both parents or guardians or custodial parents will be notified by text message to let them know that their child is not at school. ***The reason for the absence will be requested as it is a legal requirement that the College notes this on the absence register.***
- **If a reply is not received from the students' parents, the office will ring parents contact number. If a reply is still not received emergency contacts will be notified**
- Attendance is taken at the start of each period.
- Parents are not required to notify the office if students are attending excursions and sports carnivals as excursions and sports carnivals are part of the school's planned learning activities.

If a student is late

- Students arriving late are required to sign-in at Student Reception.
- A note or telephone message from parents/guardians is required to support the reason for the lateness if signing in more than 15 minutes late

Covid-19

There has been an increase in the number of COVID19 cases across North East Victoria in recent weeks.

So just a few reminders about some actions that we can all take to keep our community safe.

- **Air purifiers can be used and windows and doors opened to provide ventilation.**
- **Students can also be given the opportunity to work outside when appropriate.**
- **Good hand, cough and sneeze hygiene continues to be important, as does physical distancing where possible.**
- **Students who are confirmed cases should isolate at home for at least 5 days and only return to school when they are well.**

We have a number of staff and students with vulnerable health. Staying at home if you are unwell will help protect all members of the College community.

- **Anyone who is a close contact of a confirmed case is encouraged to wear a mask. Masks are available from reception for those who would like them.**
- **RATs are also available at reception for testing if you develop symptoms and for daily testing of close contacts.**
- **We continue to ask parents and carers to report positive cases to the School.**

As always, if you are unwell, please do not come to school until your symptoms resolve.



Calendar 2024

Wednesday 21st February	Year 11 & 12 VCE Information Evening 6.30pm
Wednesday 21st - Friday 23rd February	Year 7 Camp - Alexandra Adventure Resort
Friday 23rd February	G.R.O.W Up! Production After School Rehearsal 3.30-5.30pm
Wednesday 28th February	O&M Swimming Wodonga
Wednesday 6th March	Welcome Whole School Assembly
Friday 8th March	G.R.O.W Up! Production After School Rehearsal 3.30-5.30pm
Monday 11th March	Public Holiday (Labour Day)
Wednesday 13th March	Hume Swimming
Wednesday 13th March	Advisory Council Meeting 6pm
Wednesday 13th - Monday 18th March	NAPLAN

Term Dates 2024

Please find below the school term dates for 2024

Term 1

Finish: Thursday 28th March

Term 2

Start: Monday 15th April

Finish: Friday 28th June

Term 3

Start: Monday 15th July

Finish: Friday 20th September

Term 4

Start: Monday 7th October

Students Finish: Tuesday 10th December

Staff Finish: Friday 20th December

Absentees - Please Let The Office Know

All Student absentees must be reported to the office via one of the below three methods

Phone – 5752 1596

Email – info@mcm.vic.edu.au

PAM – pam.mcm.vic.edu.au

It can be helpful for parents to follow up with teachers, but the first point of contact should always be the office. It is not the responsibility of the teacher to pass on messages to the Administration team.

Thank you.



Jaz Rossato



Maria Fin



Artwork by
Isabelle Cooke

Opening School Mass

The opening school mass gave the school an opportunity to come together for the first time this year and share together in a Eucharist. It also allowed our new students, new staff and year 7s to be introduced to our Parish Priest, Father Tony and experience how we celebrate mass at Marian College. It was a great morning that brought together our students, teachers and parishioners, and it was nice to start off the year united as a community.

Jaz Rossato | School Captain

As we stepped into a new academic year filled with excitement and anticipation, we came together as a school community on Wednesday 7th February, to mark the beginning of our journey for 2024. The Opening School Mass, served as a reminder of the values that bind us together. The theme for this year, 'New Day, New Hope, New Beginnings' resonated with our aspirations and goals. It inspired us to embrace our individual talents and strengths while recognizing the importance of collaboration and support within our community and allowing change to enter our lives.

I extend heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to the success of this event. I look forward to the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead as we face them together, as one community, guided by faith and knowing the power of hope and love.

Maria Fin



Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday was a great way to kick off our annual Swimming Carnival. We thank the staff who donated pancake toppings and to Coles who generously donated our pancakes. Our SRC members served the eager swimmers with pancakes to fuel them for the day ahead. With full bellies and smiles all around, Shrove Tuesday was an excellent way to raise awareness for Project Compassion.

**Lily Cuskelly | Deputy Captain,
Leader of Youth Development**

Shrove Tuesday – the Feast before the Fast!

At the beginning of Lent certain foods were given up for the duration of Lent. These foods included egg, milk, meat and rich buttery dishes. So, on Shrove Tuesday these foods were used up. It is from this that the tradition of making pancakes on Shrove Tuesday began.

Maria Fin



Lily Cuskelly



Maria Fin



Newsletter Emailing List

Are you a member of Marian College's wider community and you would like an electronic version of the newsletter emailed to you so you can stay up to date with the latest news?

Email me at mia-larni.saric@mcm.vic.edu.au and we will gladly add you to our emailing list so you can receive our latest newsletters directly into your inbox :)





Michelle Barker

Swimming Carnival

The Marian College Swimming Carnival for 2024 has been swum!

Once again the carnival fell on Shrove Tuesday so the leadership group began the day serving some delicious pancakes.

We had multiple records broken throughout the day! Nina Fortaliza broke 5 records which was an outstanding effort. Lily Cuskelly broke 1 record and the Gomez Year 7 Girls Freestyle Relay also broke a record.

It was very close this year between the first and second communities, with only 9 points between them. Congratulations to the winning community Gomez with 1660pts. The very close second place went to Nagle with 1651pts and coming in third was Romero with 1035pts.

Thank you to all our students who showed terrific community spirit with great participation across all year levels! The swimming carnival is always a fun day not only due to the swimming but with the Year 12s community colours dress ups, the student and staff relay and the 'Sausage Sizzle' lunch cooked by our great VCE VM class!

Michelle Barker | Sport Co-Ordinator

Age Group Champions

Under 13s

Charles Herbert | Mila Corcoran

Under 14s

Ashton McManus | Gemma Corcoran

Under 15s

Benjamin McMasters | Nina Fortaliza

Under 16s

Benjamin Russell | Skylah McPherson

Under 17s

Tyler Sacco | Edith Café

Under 20s

Fearghus Jones | Lily Cuskelly







Isabelle Cooke



Maria Fin

Ash Wednesday/Combined Schools Mass



Last Wednesday, Marian College attended the Ash Wednesday Mass alongside St Mary's Primary School and Parishioners. There we listened to Father Tony and participated in a beautiful liturgy. The mass started with an educational video on the history and meaning behind the Ash Wednesday tradition. It was a great way to connect traditions and their meanings for the students. The mass was a wonderful experience that allowed all students to get involved.

Isabelle Cooke | Leader of Community

Ash Wednesday is an invitation to 'come back to earth,' to become grounded again.

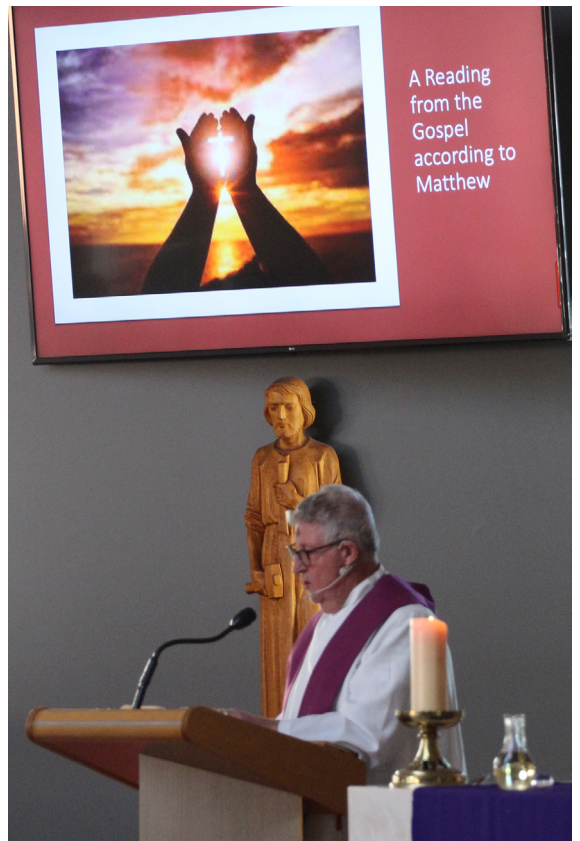
The Ash Wednesday Mass marked the beginning of the solemn season of Lent.

As we gathered in prayer, students, staff and parishioners received the sign of the cross in ashes on their foreheads, a visible symbol of our mortality and our call to repentance.

The readings challenged us to examine our hearts, to seek forgiveness for our shortcomings, and to recommit ourselves to lives of **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**.

As we embark on this journey of Lent together, let us carry the spirit of Ash Wednesday with us, allowing it to guide our actions and intentions in the days and weeks ahead. May it serve as a reminder of the power of **repentance and renewal**, and the **hope** that springs from the promise of Easter.

Maria Fin



Year 9 Sunflowers Fundraiser

As part of the Year 9 Alternative Program at Marian College the class rode their bikes out to Pepo Farms at Ovens to pick sunflowers.

This was part of the fundraising effort the school is undertaking to raise money for Caritas Australia.

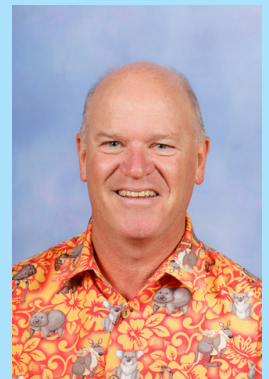
Pre orders were taken and the students were required to pick 200 stems which they then sold for \$1 each. At the end of the day there were a few buckets left over which were donated to the Myrtleford Lodge.

This is only one of the fundraisers the College will run to raise money for Project Compassion during the Lent season. The money raised from this event can provide a family with a safe toilet in Malawi.

Nothing beats a sunflower to bring a little joy to someone's day!! Huge thanks to Pepo farms who allow us to pick the flowers for free as part of their Social Enterprise initiative.



Davina Perkins



Tony Cuskelly





Bridget Goodyear

English Update

The English classes have begun in full swing this Term. Students are being challenged to read and view complex texts that challenge their thinking on all sorts of societal views and values.

In Year 7, students will soon begin a novel study of a class text, 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. This young adult novel explores themes such as, the power of fate to determine events in our lives, the benefits of friendship, the destructive nature of cruelty and the importance of history in everyday life.

In Year 8, students have begun a novel study of, 'Between Us', a story of an Iranian asylum seeker, Ana, who is only allowed out of detention to attend school at Darwin High School. **On Tuesday, students used symbol and paint to explore what it would be like have the colours of your life and identity stripped from you and replaced with a number, such as Ana's detainee ID 'KIN016'. The students came up with excellent reflections on what would be lost, such as our family, our history, our traditions, our dreams for the future and our hope.**



In Year 9, students are exploring the aftermath of nuclear testing gone wrong.

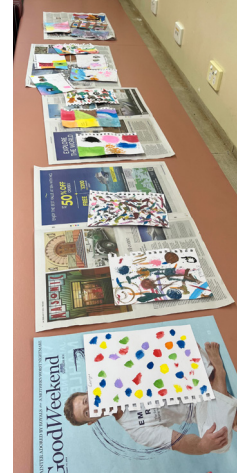
'The Sky So Heavy' by Claire Atkins takes place just outside of Sydney and the main characters are young adults that need to survive without the assistance of adults. What are good people capable of, when pushed to desperation?

In Year 10, students are studying 'Night' by Elie Wiesel about a studious Orthodox Jewish teenager living in Hungary in the early 1940s who is sent to Auschwitz, concentration camp. In Auschwitz, Eliezer struggles to maintain his faith, bearing witness as the other prisoners lose faith and humanity.

In Year 11, students are studying a classic Hitchcock film, 'Rear Window', which tells the story of a globe-trotting photo-journalist who is confined to a wheelchair in his New York apartment with nothing to do all day but look out the window at his neighbours. Hitchcock was known for his fascination with psychology and the darker side of human nature. In this film, he delves into the idea of observing others without their knowledge or consent.

In Year 12, students are studying, 'High Ground'. Set against the stunning landscapes of 1930s Arnhem Land, the film chronicles young Yolngu man Gutjuk, who in a bid to save the last of his family teams up with ex-soldier Travis to track down Baywara—the most dangerous warrior in the Territory, who is also his uncle. Students are analysing the impacts of colonisation and the frontier wars on a country and both its First Nations and immigrant peoples.

English Update



When we read, we live a thousand lives. We hope students are enjoying the opportunity to engage with these texts and extend their deeper understandings of the world around them.

Bridget Goodyear | Literacy Coach

Skylah McPherson - Murray Bushrangers

Late October early November we started training/tryouts for the Murray Bushrangers, the final squad was announced last week. Our head coach is Emma Mackie who played AFLW. The U16 & U18 girls train together 2 nights a week in Wangaratta with a hub every Friday in Wodonga or Shepparton.

We are training at an elite level and the focus is on the development, skill and strength of the player. Over the summer holidays we had to follow a strict personal training schedule to keep up our fitness. Murray Bushrangers have a really good support team with Coaches, wellbeing support & Physio. I'm really enjoying it and excited to play our first game in a few weeks in Melbourne Vs Gippsland.



Skylah McPherson



Vicky McGowan

Year 10 Religious Education

In Year 10 Religious Education students were asked to write a prayer inspired by Leaia's Story. With the support of Caritas Australia's 'Project Compassion', Leaia and her family were given access to a reliable source of clean water.

Creator God.

We pray for Leaia and her family in Samoa.

We pray that she can have clean water and an everyday supply as well as the inhabitants of Samoa.

We give thanks to Caritas Samoa, and the help they have provided for Leaia's community, to make sure they have a clean and healthy water supply.

Bless their efforts and their willing men and women to help open up opportunities the community never had before.

We pray that Caritas can make water tanks at all neighbouring schools so all children can benefit by having clean water.

We pray that kids of Leaia's community can have the opportunity to be given an education and have a chance to create a better functioning society.

We pray that other countries may unite together to help one another build a society with shared resources.

Bless those who are putting in the time and effort to take account of the lack of water in these communities.

Bless the women who have travelled long distances to provide for their family.

Please keep the assets that Caritas has put in to these communities safe and free from any damage – giving them a long-life cycle.

Please keep their water and their work free from diseases and severe illnesses.

Bless the community and their courage to push through difficult times.

We give thanks.

Graham Halloran

Dear Mother Earth,

I give thanks to you that I am lucky enough to have safe drinking water everyday.

Thank you for protecting my community and giving us such a privilege.

We pray for Leaia and her community who have scarce access to clean water.

We pray we can help their hardship they are enduring.

May Leaia and her five children be able to complete daily tasks with no water risks.

We Thank Caritas Samoa for donating a tank to Leaia and her family.

We also thank those who donate to Caritas Samoa and make such things possible.

We pray that the help Leaia was provided with can now reflect on the wider community and eventually everyone will have the opportunity to have the water they deserve.

We ask that her children and the children of her community can continue to be educated and attend school.

May we be able to help those less fortunate than ourselves by donating and supporting the people of Samoa.

May everyone in this world have access to the water they deserve.

Amen

Gemma Bodsworth

Careers Update

Tax File Numbers

If you are planning on getting a part time job, or later when you might apply for a Commonwealth Supported Place at university, you will need a Tax File Number. This number identifies you to the tax department, when you earn money or defer payment of study.

Link for more information: [Tax file number | Australian Taxation Office \(ato.gov.au\)](https://www.ato.gov.au/Tax-file-number/)



Scholarships

Year 12 students should start looking at the VTAC website (www.vtac.edu.au) and individual university websites to see when scholarships will open during the year. You can research the types of scholarships available. Some are based on academic achievement while others are interested in your community involvement or leadership. Rural students and those on lower incomes are also provided for. This is relevant to students studying the VCE VM, as some scholarships are specifically for students heading into vocational training at TAFE or an apprenticeship.

Two examples of scholarships are: The Hansen Scholarship, offered at The University of Melbourne (unimelb.edu.au) and the Tuckwell Scholarship Program, offered by ANU. ([Home | Tuckwell \(anu.edu.au\)](http://anu.edu.au))

What is it like to be a builder?

Builders oversee, coordinate and work on the construction, repair and renovation of homes and other buildings. They may also manage entire projects. Builders must comply with strict safety regulations, including using and wearing protective equipment and ensuring the construction site is safe.

For more information see this link: ([How to become a Builder - Salary, Qualifications, Skills & Reviews – SEEK](#))



Keep the Date – Residential Colleges OPEN HOUSE

Future university students and their families may be interested in attending an OPEN HOUSE at the University of Melbourne Residential College. It is planned for **Saturday 11 May 2024**.

How do I start researching courses?

There are several places you can start researching courses for a particular career field. Individual university and TAFE websites are a good place to start. You can also use the Good Universities website, which includes TAFE as well as university courses. It also provides general information about careers, so is a good place to look if you are not sure what courses would be suitable.

Link to try it out yourself: <https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/careers-guide>



Where do I get careers and pathways help?

Any students, from year 7 to year 12, are welcome to make an appointment to talk with me about possible careers and how to get started on a particular pathway. The school also has a dedicated careers website (<https://mcmcareers.com>) that contains a wide range of information.

Michael Guinane
Pathways Leader



Michael Guinane



Community Announcements

LET US HELP YOU BECOME AN EXCELLENT DRIVER

- Manual & Automatic Vehicles
- 0-120hrs Learners Driving Design
- Under Instruction Training (Overseas licence holders)
 - Older drivers skills review and rules update
 - Servicing Myrtleford & Surrounding District



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DRIVING SCHOOL

Hugh Clasby
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WOMENS SOCCER 'COME AND TRY' SESSIONS

Are you inspired by the Matildas?

The Myrtleford Savoy Soccer Club is running 'Come and Try' sessions for girls aged 10 to adult, Wednesday nights 5.30pm to 6.30pm during February. Why not come down and get fit, make a new friend or two and be a part of the MSSC in season 2024. Raine, Sukey and Leanne will all be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

To express your interest please
click the link below.

<https://form.jotform.com/240141292061039>



Save the Date!

Sat 23 March 2024



Myrtleford Showgrounds



If you, any young people/families/young at heart would like to come on by, have some fun and a run/jog/walk/skip/shuffle, we'd love to have you join us!

- Community event and open to all
- Al's Skate Co will be joining us with accessibility friendly skating equipment & a grip art workshop.
- We'll have music entertainment, lawn games, health & wellness providers present and something to snack on
- Free event, registration for participants

Please see the event times below:

Event length:	09:00 – 13:00
Bump in:	08:30
Fun run start:	10:00
Bump out:	13:30

We are also looking for volunteers to man the stations or roam around on the day. We would love to involve as much of the Myrtleford community as I can. The colour stations would be 'in operation' from 9:45am till approx 11:30am.

EVENTBRITE LINK TO SIGN UP COMING
SOON!

Community Announcements

FREE QUALIFICATIONS AND SHORT COURSES

The Future Proof program offers FREE CERTIFIED QUALIFICATION opportunities to 16-25 year old's, equipping you with the skills needed to build a successful career and contribute meaningfully to your community

- ✓ FEES COVERED
- ✓ COURSE COMPLETION SUPPORT
- ✓ ASSISTANCE WITH TRANSPORT
- ✓ HELP FINDING THE RIGHT COURSE
- ✓ SPECIALISED INTEREST SUPPORT

FREE Certificates

- Cert II in Fire Fighting
- Cert II and III in Animal Care
- Cert III in Horticulture
- CERT III and IV in Agriculture
- Cert IV and Diploma of Community Services
- Diploma of Counselling

PLUS MORE!

FREE Short Courses

- Drone Piloting
- First Aid and CPR
- Traffic Control
- White Card
- Basic Wildlife Awareness
- Safe Food Handling

PLUS MORE!



Calling all 12 to 17 boys and girls not yet registered.

We need to finalise which teams we will field in 2024 by Friday (23/2). Please register today!

Go to www.playfootball.com.au/register and follow the prompts.

P.S. Training is now underway for all ages. Visit myrtlefordsoccer.com.au for training times

For any questions please contact MSSC registrar Pene Cook on 0409 545 583 or via email at registrar@myrtlefordsoccer.com.au

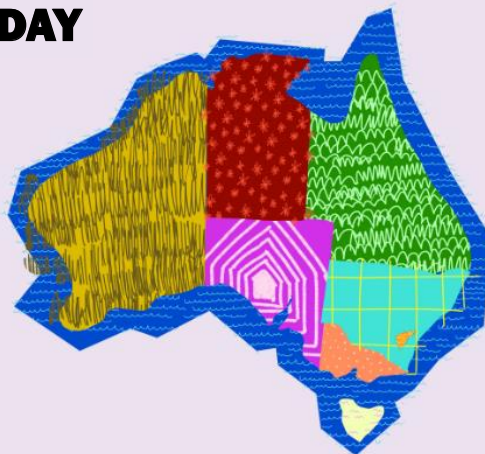
COUNTDOWN TO KICK-OFF: 24 DAYS!

myrtlefordsoccer.com.au
facebook.com/myrtlefordsoccer

Contact us today to enrol
 Call Mackenna on 0487 032 913
 or scan here →



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY



**9:30AM SUNDAY
 3 MARCH 2024**

**ROTARY PARK,
 MYRTLEFORD**

BRING GLOVES, HAT & BOOTS

**STAY FOR MORNING TEA WITH
 MYRTLEFORD LANDCARE**

**REGISTER NOW:
 CLEANUP.ORG.AU**





Tuning in to Teens Emotionally intelligent parenting

This free six-week program aims to help parents and carers of teenagers to understand their child's experience and connect with and support their child.



If you are a parent or carer of a teenager this program will help you to:

- understand what your child is going through at this stage in their life
- help your child manage their emotions
- communicate more effectively
- build a closer more connected relationship
- build on your skills as a parent.

Location	Date and Time	Cost
Via Zoom	Monday 12th February - 25th March 5.30pm - 7.30pm	This is a free program

To Register

Scan the QR Code or [click here](#)
Please register by Friday 9th February



For further information contact parenting team on 0457 279 796



Bookings are essential

gatewayhealth.org.au

Please note this information applies to Term 1 2024

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FCJ COLLEGE BENALLA

International Women's Day Breakfast



**Friday 8th
March 2024**

7.15am - 9am

\$25 Per Person

Tickets available via QR code:



Breakfast will be served from 7.15am.
Guest speaker Clare Hanlon will present from 7.30am followed by a Q&A session.

VENUE:

FCJ College Marie Madeleine Centre
52-54 Arundel Street Benalla 3672



Professor Clare Hanlon

**Susan Alberti Women in Sport Chair,
Victoria University
Co-Chair Inclusion & Diversity Advisory
Group, AusCycling
FCJ College Alumni**

Clare is known for breaking down barriers and increasing opportunities for women and girls as leaders and players in sport. As an internationally recognised scholar, collaborations span from global giants including PUMA to local sports clubs, alongside partnerships with federal, state and local governments. Clare's journey is marked by triumphs, support networks, and personal hurdles, all shaping her pathway to success.

Parenting Programs - Term 1 2024

*There is no cost to attend these programs

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Location	Program	Duration	When	Where	Register
Wodonga	Mother Goose (0 - 2 years)	Full Term	Wednesdays 31st January - 27th March 10.30am - 11.30am	Gateway Health 155 High Street Wodonga	Scan the QR code to register
Wodonga	Parenting after Separation	5 weeks	Tuesdays 20th February - 26th March 10am - 12pm	Gateway Health 155 High Street Wodonga	Scan the QR code to register
Wodonga	Tuning into Kids Emotional intelligent parenting	5 weeks	Mondays 19th February - 25th March 10am - 12pm	Gateway Health 155 High Street Wodonga	Scan the QR code to register
Ovens & Murray Region	Tuning into Teens Emotional intelligent parenting (10 - 17 years)	6 weeks	Mondays 12th February - 25th March 5.30pm - 7.30pm	Via Zoom	Scan the QR code to register
Lavington	Dads Tuning into Kids Emotional intelligent parenting (2-10 years)	6 weeks	Tuesdays 20th February - 26th March 6.30pm - 8.30pm	Orana Community Centre 40 Cardo Drive Springdale Heights	Scan the QR code to register
Lavington	Mother Goose (0 - 2 years)	Full term	Mondays 5th February - 8th April 10.30am to 11.30am	Orana Community Centre 40 Cardo Drive Springdale Heights	Scan the QR code to register

For more information on our programs phone 0457 279 796

gatewayhealth.org.au

ARE YOU A YOUNG PERSON?

WANT TO WORK WITH OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE TO MAKE REAL CHANGE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

JOIN R.A.Y.S

EMAIL YDO@ALPINESHIRE.VIC.GOV.AU @RESILIENTALPINEYOUTHSQUAD ON INSTAGRAM

SOFT LAUNCH

Bright Youth Hub

February 21st

Free Snacks!

The Lighthouse

Meet support services

Safe Space for Young People aged 12-24 Years Old

2.00 PM - 6.00 PM
1 RAILWAY AVE, BRIGHT
The Old U3A and Adult Education Centre

ALPINE SHIRE YOUTH

Learn to X-COUNTRY SKI

Wangaratta Snow Sports Youth Development Group
Years 7 to 12

Term 2 - Rollerskiing - Mon & Wed 3:45-5:30pm
 starts 22nd April @ Barr Reserve (netball courts)
 progress to hilly terrain as skills develop & continues in Term 3
 (\$100 per year)

Term 3 - XC ski camps at Mt Hoiham & Falls Creek
 + introduction to biathlon & competitions
 (additional costs)

INTERESTED? Check out our Facebook page
 PLEASE CONTACT: Peter - 0407 500 870 - peterdeweze@bigpond.com
 Matt - 0427 282 056 - himattandlisa@gmail.com
 Rob - 0429 848 013 - robert.findlay@galen.vic.edu.au

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CAMPS, SPORTS, AND EXCURSIONS FUND

- Please find Application Forms attached at the end of this newsletter
- Application forms are also available from the College office
- Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession must be valid with Centrelink on 29 January 2024.
- Completed Application Forms along with a copy of the Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card should be handed in at the College office prior to Thursday 29th February.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund APPLICATION Form

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

Foster parent* **OR** Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders.

I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____

Camps, Sports and Excursions fund eligibility

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a mature minor of sixteen years of age or over, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
 - on the first day of Term two.
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
 - b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
 - c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Eligibility | education.vic.gov.au](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef/eligibility)

Mature minors or parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and seventeen years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and eighteen years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooling, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on **29 January 2024 and/or 15 April 2024**.

Payment amounts

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$150.00 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$250.00 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Payment amounts | education.vic.gov.au](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef/payment-amounts)

Foundation and Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents, so please register your interest at the school.

How to complete the application form

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2024 closes at the end of term two 2024.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.