
Merrijig Primary School No. 1379

Newsletter 7



**SPORTING SCHOOLS—ORIENTEERING TO
CARTER'S MILL**

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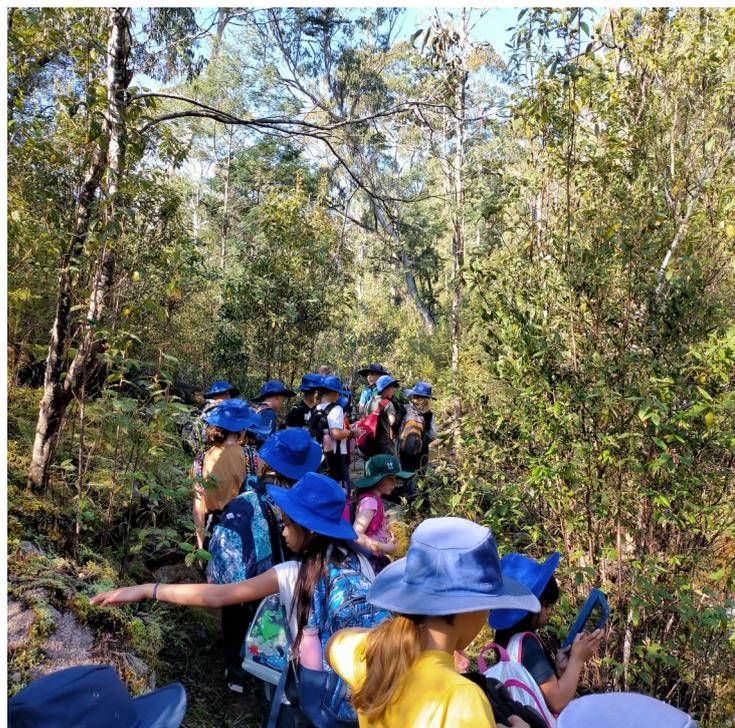
May 11, 2021



**NAPLAN
Tests for
Years 3-
5 begin
today**

We have started on the first of our four orienteering sessions with Simone Richardson from Mansfield Bushwalking. This project is supported by the Victorian Government's Community Recovery and Resilience Funding, AND Sporting Schools.

This Thursday we will be going on a historic walk of Bonnie Doon. Bonnie Doon guru Nola Evans will be our guide, together with our own Doon resident Kristy Wells!



Term 2 Important Dates

Wednesday May 12	MARC Van
Thursday May 13	Orienteering—Years P to 6. Trip to Bonnie Doon
Wednesday May 26	MARC Van
Thursday May 27	Orienteering—Years P to 6. Mansfield.
Wednesday June 9	MARC Van.
Thursday June 10	Orienteering—Years P to 6. Timbertop.
Monday June 14	Queen's Birthday holiday. No school.
Wednesday June 23	MARC Van.
Thursday June 24	Orienteering—Years P to 6. Sheeppyard Flat.
Friday June 25	End of Term 2.
Monday October 11—Friday October 15	Year 3-6 Camp at Beechworth.

Absence Notes

A reminder that the government requires all absences to be approved via a **written communication** with the school. Remember 'It's Not OK To Be Away'. **You can enter your child's absence on uEducateUs, or on the telephone also.**

**ALL CHILDREN SHOULD BE SENT TO SCHOOL WITH A BOTTLE CONTAINING WATER PLUS FRUIT.
WATER ONLY—NO FRUIT JUICE OR CORDIAL.**

SUSHI LUNCH: Place your orders by Tuesday pm in box in the foyer please.



Respect for Self, Others
and the Environment

PARENTS/FRIENDS

Please remember to put your points at Marks' IGA towards Merrijig PS

FINANCE

Parents with outstanding accounts are able to pay off your invoices through Bpay. Our reference code is on your invoice.

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Last week we had a community visit by three members of the Victoria Police. The children tried on the weighty protective vests, blew into the breathalyser and of course played cops and robbers with real cops!



A reminder to parents that lollies should not be sent along in lunch boxes.



CROSS COUNTRY RUN

The annual 3-6 Cross Country run was recently held in fantastic conditions along the Mansfield Rail Trail.

The change of venue was necessary, as construction works are happening at the Mansfield Botanic Park.

Great work by all students. Students from most of the local schools participated, with some good results. Matilda Cronin being one of our stars!



Tuesday's are now Pie Day. Pies, pasties, etc. are to be wrapped in foil with your child's name written on it (NB. write on the foil before you wrap it up is a good tip)

MacRob Outreach Program

The MROP is an extension program for bright minded students. It is mainly based around maths and science but sometimes there are elements of philosophy. This year on the 25th of March I went to Melbourne with 2 students from Merrijig to do the program.

I had done this program before – 2 years ago – yet it was nothing like this year's.

We arrived at 9AM and were organised into groups. I was in group 6. We then did workshop 1: An Ethical question. At the end of that day we did a trivia and my group won! We then met our roommates and slept. The next day we had pancakes for breakfast, mmm, then we went to the Melbourne Museum and watched Apollo 11 in Imax, then we had a little explore around the museum. We then went back to the CYC (Christian Youths Campus) and then went to MacRobinsons Girl Highschool and did workshop 2: Mars soil and workshop 3: create a Mars Rover.

The next day we went to MacRob and had a presentation made for us by 2 scientists. Then we did workshop 4: Create a rocket and then workshop 5: Rover Landing (egg drop). We then were told to make a presentation about what we learnt at the MROP. After that the mentors made a race. We had to go around Mac Rob and complete tasks such as lime and spoon race (we used all the eggs on Rover Landing), jellybean guessing, paper plane throwing, a quiz, etc. Our group came 3rd. We then said goodbye to our mentors and went back to CYC and presented our presentations.

The next morning we packed up and left. I had a great time.

By Abi (Jamieson Primary School)

The Merrijig students who attended were Kirra Follett and Ryder Shook-Edwards.



Pomegranate and Pumpkin sales by the Years P/2

Last year students planted several pumpkin plants which had been supplied by Mum Alicia Follett. Over the holidays the plants were watered by our school's neighbour and friend Helen Deutscher. This care resulted in a great crop, so Mrs Cousins thought this would be good way to teach the children about money and selling their own produce.

Recently, Mrs Squires brought in some wonderful pomegranates grown on her property. This became our second fundraising project.

Overall we raised \$198.75.



Welcome to RSPCA Victoria's first storybook collection!

RSPCA Victoria is delighted to provide primary schools in bushfire affected communities with copies of a new storybook series linked to our AWARE (Animal Wellbeing: Awareness, Responsibility and Education) program.

The entire series of levelled texts can be integrated seamlessly into your book collections and classroom literacy programs. We have provided each school with class sets of 36 allowing one book per child within an instructional reading group, plus one for the teacher.

The focus of each original story is to teach core animal care and wellbeing lessons, through engaging, emotive and thought-provoking stories, while increasing children's reading mileage and supporting the development of their reading skills and strategies.

With a website link located within each book, children and their families are directed to the relevant sections of our Kids' Portal. Here children can read further factual information already introduced by the stories, watch videos, take a quiz, interact and share - making it the perfect tool to link homes, schools and RSPCA Victoria.

Free teaching notes, including post-reading activities for each of the six books are also available to teachers on the free teachers' portal. Our teaching notes suggest ways teachers can use the texts in instructional settings to support the learning needs of their students. Our post reading activities help to extend and consolidate children's understanding of selected key animal care concepts, increase their empathy for the animal characters within the stories and of course support the development of their reading skills and strategies.

Details on our AWARE program can be found at <https://rspcavic.org/services/education-and-learning/aware>. Please remember to register to find teaching resources and Australian Curriculum aligned units of learning that you can use in your classrooms today, for free! The teachers' portal provides real life, meaningful contexts to explore learning areas of the Australian Curriculum, through engaging, values orientated, inquiry based projects.

RSPCA Victoria hopes that your school will welcome these valuable teaching resources into their classrooms. By working together with schools, we are confident that we can inspire our communities to think, learn and act together to achieve positive, empathetic and compassionate outcomes for the humans and animals of our society.

We would also like to offer your school access to our new Virtual Schools Program, <https://rspcavic.org/services/education/primary-education/virtual>. Your class can join an RSPCA Education Officer for a number of Live Learning sessions. Please contact us at education@rspcavic.org.au to discuss further. We would love to connect to your school and with your students.

Kind regards,



Rebecca Cook
Head of Prevention
RSPCA Victoria



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Local Produce

Our new School Council President is Kimberly Harwood, strongly supported by Vice-President Donna Tremmel, Secretary Alicia Follett, Treasurer Rhyll McCormack. Committee members are Lara Pelka, Andrea Cousins and Carole McCluskey.

In this role Kimberly recently attended the Community Rewards Ceremony, held annually by Marks IGA. Our school received a cheque for \$555.00. Thanks to Marks IGA and to everyone who put their points towards our school.

MUSIC LESSONS – Expression of Interest

Mansfield Music have offered the possibility of running instrumental lessons here at school. Depending on interest, they are able to offer several instruments including violin, guitar, drums, piano and vocal. Lessons are held weekly for 30 minutes. They can offer private lessons which would be \$35, or small group lesson (2 students) would be \$22.50 per child. If interested, please email a analic.squires@education.vic.gov.au

**Music Lessons at
Merrijig Primary**

**Guitar, Bass, Drums,
Vocals & Piano**

Enrol Here →

03 5775 2159

mansfieldmusiclessons.com.au

From Diagnosis to OAM

A Personal Autism Journey

Benalla

Wednesday 2 June 2021: 6:30 pm
(2 hour seminar plus question time, doors open at 6 pm)

Daniel and 'Daniel's Dad' (Daryl) will discuss Daniel's journey from diagnosis to present day giving an insight from Daniel's personal perspective of living life as an Autistic individual.

Topics include diagnosis, school journey, independent living, employment and strategies used to achieve the best outcomes.

There will also be an opportunity for questions.



Presented by

Daniel Giles OAM

Order of Australia
Medal Recipient
and Autistic Self-Advocate

Daryl Giles

Parent Advocate



ABN: 11 945 440 100

Venue

Benalla Bowls Club
25 Arundel St, Benalla

Tickets (*Includes \$0.50 booking fee for online bookings)

Individuals on Autism Spectrum, family & carers **\$30.50***

Professionals
Teachers/Caseworkers/Therapists - incl. CPD cert. **\$60.50***

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