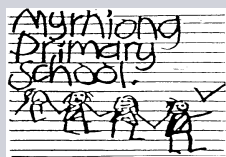


MYRNIONG PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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MYRNIONG SCHOOL VALUES

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

This will be our final newsletter for 2020 – and what a year, hey!! I want to take this opportunity more than ever to thank you all – students, parents and our staff – for the energy and support this year. Parents were put into the most foreign of situations and expected to take on the role of pseudo-teachers in partnership with teachers and support staff who had been thrust into a remote learning environment with very little preparation. Whilst there were challenges and things to improve on along the way, I feel as a community we have done so well despite these. So, thank you all. A hard-earned Christmas break is upon us.

End-of-year events and 2021 Starting Arrangements

I would like to take this opportunity to explain a few end of year arrangements and then what our start of year will look like:

2020

- Friday 11th December – Class Party Day & Kelly Sports Incursion – COME DRESSED IN YOUR FESTIVE GEAR!
- Monday 14th December – Year 6 Excursion
- Tuesday 15th December – 9AM – Final Assembly - ** Only parents of Year 6 students and those students receiving awards are allowed to attend due to numbers**
- Wednesday 16th December – Year 6 Graduation Evening @ St Anne's Winery: ** 2 adults allowed to attend per student for the Presentation part of the evening
- Thursday 17th December – Final Day of School - early dismissal @ 2:30PM (buses running)

2021

- Wednesday 27th January & Thursday 28th January: Teacher's return to school/planning days
- Friday 29th January – ONLY Year 3-6 Students returning (OSHC will run all day if required for Junior siblings – should you need to book for the day, please contact OSHC ASAP to book). On this day our junior teachers will be running some student assessments via invitation to parents.
- Monday 1st February – All F-2 students return

** A reminder that finish times will change to 3:15PM from Friday 29th January, 2021.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and the most relaxing of holiday breaks. Please travel safely and look after each other.

Until I see you in person,

David Garner

“Every moment is a fresh beginning.” ~ T.S. Eliot



Student of the Week



Monday 30 November



FW

Alan Mc - for his attention to detail when drawing his comic.



FS

Ava W - drawing an amazing comic strip about Pigeon.



1/2BL

Jack T—for his dedication and enthusiasm for improving his handwriting.

3/4W



1/2s

Edward L - for trying really hard in reading and writing.



3/4L

Sebastian K - for fantastic improvement in his writing.



Milly V - for her creative and Imaginative poetry.



Johnny B - for taking such great care of our school gardens.



5/6NG

Hayley S - for being a friendly and responsible class member.



5/6M

Lazarus A - for his fantastic effort on his Maths project.



Michael C
- for creating an amazing box robot.



Dexter W



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD



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Jaxson B - for trying really hard to master independent Japanese tasks.



None Given



Cooper O - for his exceptional leadership.



Student of the Week



Monday 7 December



FW

Tyson G - for being a kind and helpful friend.



FS

Aiden C - for taking his time with his work. Keep up the great work!



1/2BL

Alannah O - for being a good friend to others.



1/2s

Layla D - for always offering to help others without being asked.



3/4L

Rhys Mc - for displaying excellent leadership skills.



3/4W

Isaac S - for being an excellent role model of our school values.



5/6NG

Annaya K - for approaching all learning tasks with a positive attitude.



5/6M

Lois L - for her positive and enthusiastic approach to her learning.



Sinead Y - for a creative box constructed robot.



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Flynt B - for trying his best to work independently.



Sinead Y - for incredible knowledge about rocks and minerals.

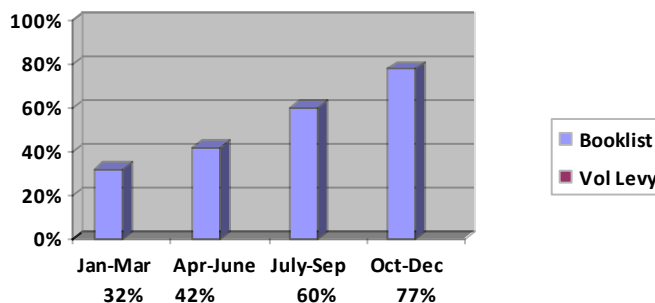


PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

James C - for supporting other students.



TOTAL LEVIES PAID TO DATE:



UPCOMING DATES

Dec 11th Fri Class Parties and activities

Dec 14th Mon Grade 6 Excursion

Dec 15th Tue Last assembly and awards

Dec 16th Wed Grade 6 Graduation

Dec 17th Thu Last Day school
Early finish 2:30pm

Dec 18th Fr Student Free -
Planning & Curriculum Day

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Max M

Sinead Y

Louis P

Sam A

Zaine C

Lee M

Magenta G

Flynn B

Milly V

Angus P

Max P

Panagiotis S

Tyler W

CALENDARS—are due in this week, we will send these home with your children.

SCHOOL BANKING 2021

From Term 1, 2021 the Victorian Government has ceased school banking programs in Victorian government schools. As a result, the CommBank School Banking program will no longer operate at our school after the end of this term. If you are unsure of other methods of depositing to your child's account, please feel free to contact the Bank's general enquiries hotline on 13 2221 or alternatively visit your local CommBank branch.

If your child is eligible to receive a reward, please notify our School Banking Co-ordinator <insert how> prior to the 11th December 2020.



SCHOOL STATEMENTS

Final statements were emailed out on Monday, if you have a credit on your account you can use this towards the EOY activity (\$2). Please send an email to myrniong.ps@education.vic.gov.au or give the school a quick call. It can be used for excursions, uniforms, raffle tickets, graduation tickets etc.

SCHOOL BOOKLISTS & LEVIES FOR 2021

Booklists and Payment Levies were sent home last week. Levies are not due until next year. On the back is your child's booklist of items you need to purchase.

2021 LATE COLLECTION POLICY—OSHC

In 2021 we are asking **all** families to complete an Outside School Hours Care enrolment form, even if you may not regularly use our service. This ensures that any late collections during our bell time (3:15pm) transition can be properly supervised and accounted for. The initial half hour of our OSHC program **will not be charged** to help families with this transition, but must be recorded. If there is even a small chance you will be late to pick up your child throughout 2021, please ensure this enrolment form is completed. The OSHC enrolment form was sent home last week for each student returning in 2021, and ask that it be completed and returned by the 16th of December. This is a white form with a heading - CONFIDENTIAL Enrolment Form. It is not the same as your school enrolment form.

Farewell from Mrs van

Due to Covid restrictions I am unfortunately not able to say Goodbye to you in person. I would like to thank everyone for your support over the years I have taught here. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching your children and have loved watching them learn and grow in independence. I am appreciative of the assistance I have had from classroom helpers and from you parents who have truly been partners in teaching your children. Thank you everyone.



XMAS RAFFLE—Drawn Monday 14th December @ 1:30pm **LAST CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS**

THANK YOU to everyone who has donated to our raffle.

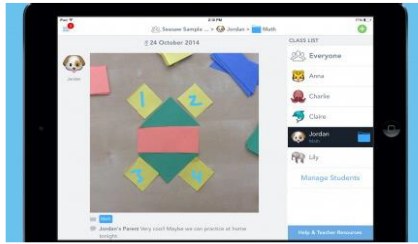
AMAZING donations have come in.

Tickets are on sale until Friday 11th December

If you need more tickets please call the office



2021 Bring your own Device



In 2021 our Grade 1-2 students enter our BYOD (Bring your own device Program)

Students bringing their own iPad in Grade 1 is optional and a decision made at parents' discretion. Each child is unique and develops at different rates. We know that many of our grade 1 students are capable with the guidance of their teacher, of looking after and using an iPad as a tool in their learning.

Why BYOD iPads only?

For a number of years we have been utilising iPads across our classrooms and more recently in our 1-2 classrooms. Our students and teachers enjoy working with this device because it has;

- A great range of learning through SeeSaw- Digital portfolios and timely communication between school and home
- Quick and easy access digital books, Reading Eggs
- Great built in features (camera, microphone and speaker) to record and document learning
- Connectivity to other school devices (projectors, interactive whiteboards, computers and the school network)

Why use iPads for learning?

The key success factor for Pad program is not necessarily the selection of the device but rather is the use of devices by engaged, supportive and prepared teachers within the context of a broader pedagogical change program. (Keane, Lang and Pilgrim 2012)

Digital technologies are increasingly transforming the way we work, live, learn and play, offering new opportunities, better tailoring educational choices, and unprecedented access to services and resources. Social media, online games, multimedia, cloud computing, interoperable systems and mobile learning have become a pervasive and necessary part of everyday life.

BYOD @ Myrniong Primary School iPad models

Student wishing to participate in the schools BYOD program will need to have an iPad that meets the following requirements:

1. iPad Air or above
2. Wi-Fi only (No 3G/4G sim cards are to be installed in any device while at school)
3. No iPad mini's, as the screen is too small
4. No first issue iPad 2's as the current IOS is not compatible with many new APPS.
5. The iPad needs to be in a protective case to prevent accidental damage (preferably a drop rated case)
6. A screen protector to stop the screen from becoming scratch and broken

Please Print off and Return to school by Monday 13th of November

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR GRADE 2 students in 2021

Name: _____

My child will/will not be entering into the B.Y.O.D Program in 2021.

Regards Mrs Burquest

Dear Parents/Guardians



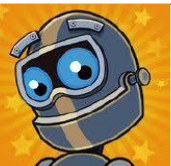

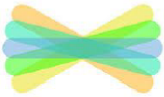
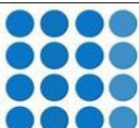
Please see the attached parent information for our 2021 **bring your own device Program B.Y.O.D.**

At Myrniong, we strongly believe in removing the walls of the classroom to allow for anytime learning. I pads are one of the fundamental tools needed to do this. Teachers will be using the iPads in the following ways to;

- Support the Inquiry Curriculum in Grade 1-2, by documenting our Inquiry through pictures and videos, using the SeeSaw App
- Support testing using Essential Assessment for Numeracy and PAT testing
- Allow access to Mathletics and differentiated based Mathematic activities
- Provide a digital library of books using targeted 'good fit' books found in the RAZ Reading App
- Support our 'Reading and Phonological awareness as well as our word study practice using the 'Reading Eggs' App.
- Use virtual classroom tools to set tasks and goals for students using See Saw
- Record learning, work samples, pictures, videos and student thinking using the real time learning app... See Saw

Regards Kathy Burquest and the team at Myrniong

These Apps and websites need to be installed by you ready for the 2021 School Year.

 Myrniong Pat https://oars.acer.edu.au/myrnion-g-primary-school This is website based and needs to be added to the home screen	 Mathletics	 Raz Kids _Kids A-Z
 Reading Eggs	 CLASS See Saw Class	 Essential Assessment This is a website and can be added to the home screen through the web browser



Why iPads?

iPads have been chosen as a platform because our school network is not like a home network. We are an iPad platform school. We have a network set up to support iPads and our infrastructure is such, that all students have a unique WIFI username and password. This ensures your child is protected. It is not at all like a home network, where you just place in a password and any device works and fits all users.

The cost of an iPad does not need to be exorbitant- we expect parents to hunt around for the best deal. Like they would with any purchase. For example KOGAN have refurbished iPads at affordable prices, so don't think you need to pay \$700 for a brand new one. These come with a warranty.

We have offered BYOD in grade 1- Grade 6 because we simply don't have enough devices and class sets to be 1to 1. This impacts on our whole class activities. As such, students need to share devices and have to be rostered on to share and work with these. Staff need to timetable sharing of iPads, which takes away from other classes abilities to run small, short group reading sessions- reading egg or Mathletics session and their ability to

access virtual libraries and other educational tools. Students without a

device don't have as much regular access to upload their portfolio work samples or goals to seesaw. We currently have an average of 5 additional classroom iPads per class across the school.

Finally, as I haven't heard from any further parents by email or phone call this term, I'm assuming we have all parents on Xuno, which is

fantastic! Just to reiterate Xuno is a replacement of FlexiBuzz, that is also linked to attendance. It is a whole school system that allows us to record incidents, wellbeing and educational documentation about each child. As we move forward, we will gradually release some of its many features that involve parents.

Seesaw will continue to be the main source of classroom communication to show portfolio work, newsletters, students of the week, additional home learning and celebrations of children's work. They do not replace each

other as they serve completely different functions. Xuno is for whole school and community communication, although we often send

communication in both seesaw and xuno that is identical, as we want to reach parents and keep all informed.

As always, I am more than happy for you to contact me directly with any further questions or concerns.



SES Bacchus Marsh – Rotary Bacchus Marsh Christmas Tree Sale 2020

This year buy your *freshly-cut* Christmas Tree
from SES Bacchus Marsh-Rotary Bacchus Marsh.

When: Saturday 5th December & Sunday 6th December
Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th December

Where: SES HQ, Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh

Cost: Freshly cut local trees from \$60.00

HOME DELIVERY: \$10*

HOME PICK-UP:\$10**

** Same day home delivery.*

*** Pick-up on Saturday 9th Jan. 2021-place tree curb-side prior to 7am.*

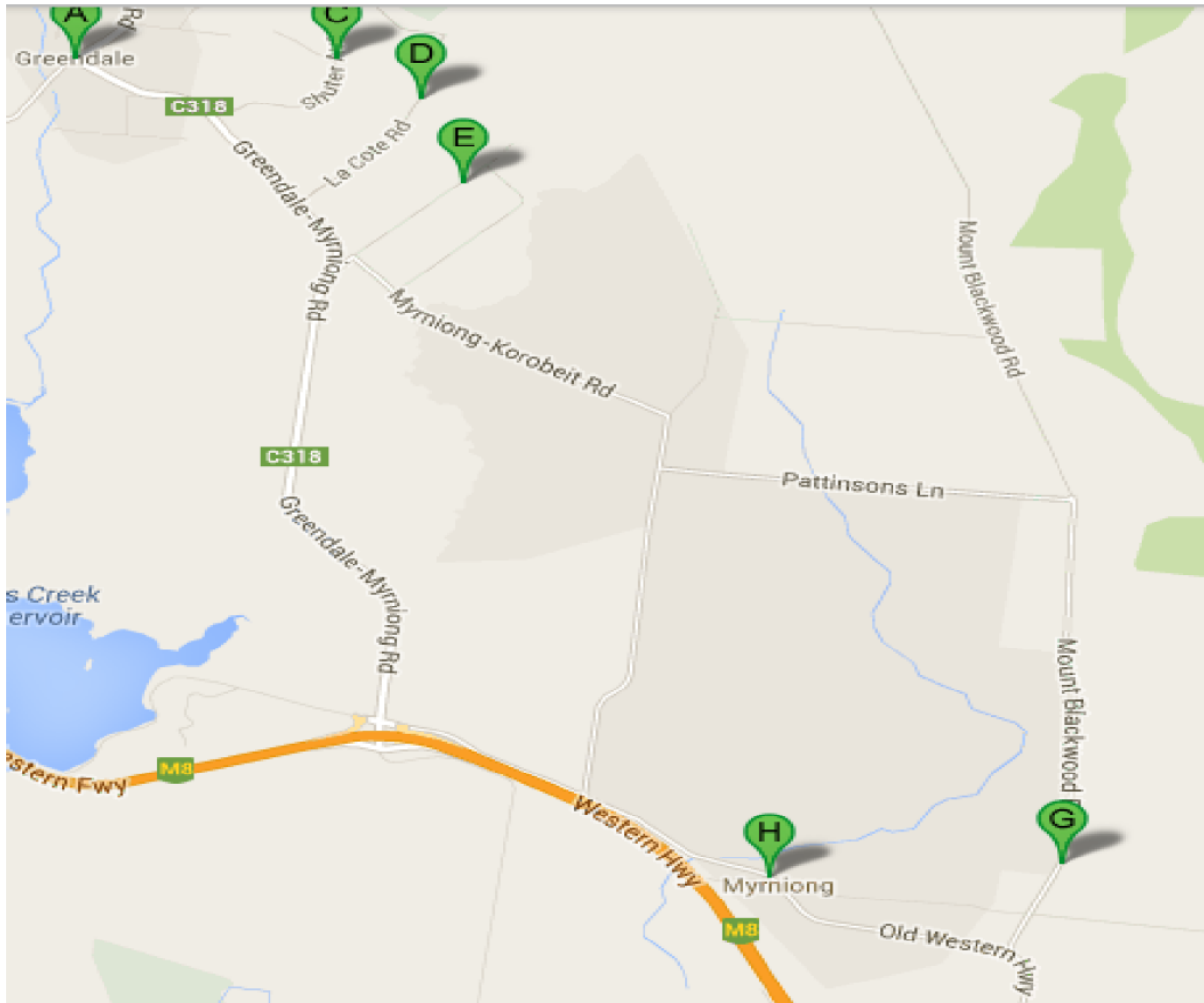
Stands: Small: \$30.00 (suit 4' to 6' trees) Large: \$40.00 (suit 6' to 10'+ trees)

Pre-orders: **Bacchus Marsh Rotary 0452 587 973**

Take-away / Home Delivery /Home Pick-up

2021—NEW BUS TIMES

GREENDALE – MYRNIONG PRIMARY SCHOOL - Driver



ROUTE AM:

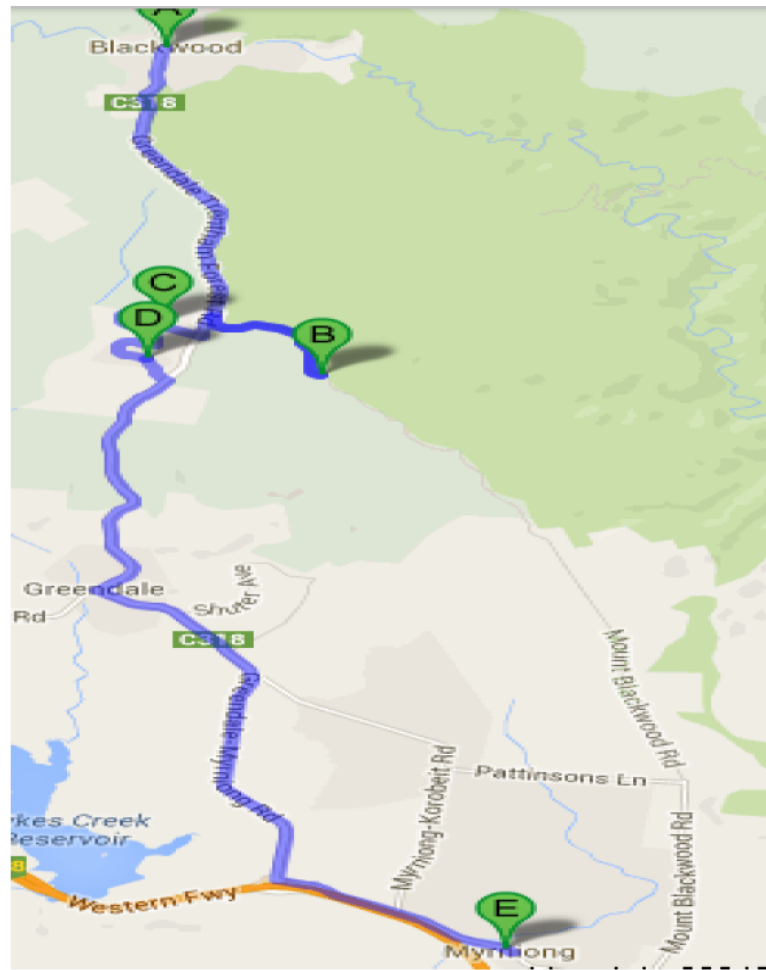
8:22 GREENDALE HOTEL
8:23 NAPOLEON STREET,
8:25 SHUTTER AVENUE
8:27 LA COTE ROAD
8:28 HASTINGS ROAD
8:31 MUIRS & KOROBEIT ROAD
8:34 MUIRS & MT BLACKWOOD ROAD
8:40 ARRIVE - MYRNIONG PRIMARY SCHOOL

ROUTE PM:

3:20 ARRIVE MYRNIONG PRIMARY SCHOOL
3:25 DEPART MYRNIONG PRIMARY SCHOOL
3:32 MT BLACKWOOD ROAD & MUIRS ROAD
3:34 MUIRS & KOROBEIT ROAD
3:38 HASTINGS ROAD
3:40 LA COTE RD
3:42 SHUTTER AVENUE
3:43 NAPOLEON STREET
3:45 GREENDALE HOTEL

2021—NEW BUS TIMES

BLACKWOOD – MYRNIONG PRIMARY SCHOOL - Driver



ROUTE AM

8:15	BLACKWOOD CENTRE
8:21	MOUNT BLACKWOOD ROAD
8:22	COWANS DRIVE
8:25	DALES CREEK AVENUE
8:40	ARRIVE MYRNIONG PRIMARY SCHOOL

ROUTE PM

3:20	ARRIVE MYRNIONG PRIMARY SCHOOL
3:25	DEPART MYRNIONG P.S
3:40	DALES CREEK AVENUE
3:43	COWANS DRIVE
3:44	MY BLACKWOOD ROAD
3:51	CANN STREET
3:53	COBB & CO. TEA ROOMS
3:55	BLACKWOOD CENTRE

tutor learning initiative: Information for Parents, carers and families

This information is for parents, carers and guardians about the Tutor Learning Initiative, which will support students in learning in 2021.

The 2020 school year has been an extraordinary and challenging one for every school community.

Many Victorian students spent much of Terms 2 and 3 this year learning remotely and Victorian schools and their communities have made an exceptional effort to provide continuity of teaching and learning to our students during this time.

During Term 4, schools across Victoria have been focused on supporting students' mental health and wellbeing, in addition to assisting students to readjust to on-site learning. Teachers have also been focusing on assessing student learning, addressing individual learning gaps and identifying those students who need extra support for their learning, using classroom-based observation and assessments.

We know that the remote learning experience was different for every student. While some students thrived, some students may not have engaged as fully with remote learning. For most of our students, regular high-quality teaching in 2021 will be enough to help them progress to the expected level of learning. Some students will benefit from additional intensive learning support in 2021.

As you may be aware, in response to this, the Victorian Government is investing \$250 million in the Tutor Learning Initiative to enable schools across Victoria to engage around 4,100 teachers as tutors in 2021 to support students who need extra assistance with their learning. Schools will determine how this initiative is best implemented for their students and will ensure that students will get this support in a way that minimises disruptions to other learning or school activities.

By engaging additional teachers to support children with intensive learning, classroom teachers will have greater capacity to ensure that all other students' achievement, engagement and wellbeing needs are met, so that all students receive the support they need in 2021.

Further information about the Tutor Learning Initiative, and how it will be implemented for students who need individual learning support in our school, will be issued before students begin tutoring in 2021.

During Term 4, schools will be working with students to understand their experience of remote learning and their return to on-site schooling.

If you are concerned about your child's engagement in their learning, while learning at home or following their return to school please contact your school.

Write to Santa

What a strange year 2020 has been! Send a letter to Santa with your present wishlist and tell him how different 2020 has been to other years.

Drop the letter in Santas mail boxes located at our [libraries](#) in Bacchus Marsh and Ballan from Monday 30 November.

- Letters will be kept in a time capsule to be opened in 2050*
- You may include your full name, town and age, but full address is not required.

More information and privacy statement: www.moorabool.vic.gov.au/christmas



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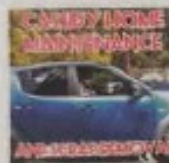
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