**2014 TERM 1 CALENDAR**

Please go to the McGuire College Website to view all Term 1 Calendar dates


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**SUNSMART**

Students are reminded that they must wear a broad brimmed hat at all times when outside at recess and lunchtime during Term 1 and Term 4. Thank you to the vast majority of students who ‘do the right thing’ are sensible and ‘Sunsmart’ by wearing their hat at all times when outdoors.

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**Signing in and out of school during class time**

Please be aware that the procedure for picking up your child from school during class times is as follows:

Students require a signed note from their parent/guardian to give permission to leave class at a specified time. The student must then come to the general office to be signed out by the person collecting them. Office staff are not able to call students on the loudspeaker during class time.

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**Education Maintenance Allowance**

The Education Maintenance Allowance (E.M.A.) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower income families to help with education related costs. If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

**In 2014 the annual E.M.A. amount per student is:**

- **$300** for Year 7 Students
- **$250** for students in Year 8 – until age 16*

*A pro-rata amount is payable for students turning 16 in 2014

**How to Apply:**

Please contact the General Office to apply for the E.M.A.

**Closing Date:** 28th February 2014 (Late claims cannot be processed)

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**College photos 2014**

College photos will be taken on Thursday February 20th. Students must be in full and correct school uniform to be eligible to have their photo taken.
PRINCIPALS REPORT

Welcome back! We have had a smooth start to the year despite the very hot weather. We welcome some new staff to our college: Miss Mikayla Millane (Psychology and Science), Mr Nathan Neff (Physical Education), Mr Andrew Nicholls (Outdoor Education), Mr Nick Pocknee (English and Humanities), Mrs Gabrielle Ryan (Music), Mr Reza Karnejat has returned to McGuire College as our LOTE – Persian teacher, and Mr Mahir Al-Mugotir who has been at our school working on the daily organisation and timetables is now also teaching LOTE – Arabic.

At the end of the year the following teachers left the College: Mr Chris Martin and Mr Shane Molloy retired, Mrs Jeanette Piastri has moved to Mooroopna Secondary College, Mrs Janet Melrose has taken leave, Ms Jess Craggs and Mr Jye Ledin have taken up teaching positions in Melbourne.

We welcomed the Year 7 students who have settled in well and are generally enthusiastic about school. There will be a Year 7 family night after the hot weather abates; so watch out for that date.

On the first day the school captains, Megan Bourke, Ezatullah Eiwaz Ali, Courtney Dorbie and Sam Hudson led the school assembly where new teachers and heads of Houses were introduced and the new house captains received their badges. I congratulate all of these new leaders.

The Heads of House and House Captains are:

**Crane** - Head of House - Mrs Axiante Knott  
Captains - Catherine Fonte & Damien Crowley  
Spirit leaders - Megan Kay & Adam Menzie

**Heron** - Head of House is Ms Krystal Herridge and Mr Cosimo Rando  
Captains - Razia Rezaee & Ibrahim Yazdari  
Spirit Leaders - Tiffany Martin & Michael Archer

**Swan** – Head of House – Ms Carly Hooper  
Captains - Kate Sidebottom & Liam Giddins  
Spirit Leaders - Lana Johnson & Ifty Mohammadi

**Teal** – Head of House – Mr Mike Frizzell  
Captains - Amissaty Whitlock & Joe Kudric  
Spirit Leaders - Anab Ahmed & Jason Cooper

Term 1 is always very busy and it is pleasing to see students settling down to their learning. To support the senior students’ learning we now have supervised private study in the Year 12 area and the library so that they can have assistance if needed and to ensure that students are using their time wisely.

Some of the activities this term are the swimming sports, the summer sports, the Year 7 camp, Harmony Day and the Deb Ball, please see the calendar of events on the McGuire website.

Over the last two days the Year 12 students have been on camp at Dookie College. The theme of the camp was motivation, study skills and team building. They all had a great time as well as helping them set the scene for their big Year 12 year. It was lovely to see former students: Billy Parker, Jason Archer, Dawood Baqiri, Jade Kay and Steve Granger attend the camp to speak to the Year 12 students about their experiences since leaving school and giving tips on how to survive and thrive in Year 12.

**Jan Gregory**  
Principal
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS

House Swimming Sports

Monday, February 17th, 2014
9.00am to 2.30pm

All students are expected to attend and either compete OR cheer on their competitors.
“Get in and swim” or “Barrack for your team”.
There will be lots of activities for students to participate in.

The following information is provided for your convenience for this day:

TRANSPORT
- Students will be bussed from school to Aquamoves at 9.15am and back to school by 3.00pm.
- Students will attend house meetings before catching buses to Aquamoves.
- Students will be returned to school to be dismissed.

LUNCH
- A kiosk will operate and students are welcome to buy their lunch and snacks from there. However, students are more than welcome to bring their own lunch. Remember to drink plenty of bottled water!
- No Passouts will be given to buy lunches elsewhere and any students having KFC brought to Aquamoves will have it confiscated.

SUNSCREEN
- Bring plenty of sunscreen even if it is a cloudy day! Sunscreen must be reapplied several times (eg. every hour), especially after being in the water.
- Some shade is provided for each House. Students need to stay in their house groups and sit under the shade when not competing in the swimming events.

CLOTHING
- Students and competitors should dress in house colours and in appropriate sports wear. Don’t forget your towel and bathers!
- HATS – NO CAPS are allowed. Bring a broad-brimmed hat.
- NO SINGLET TOPS, bare-midriff or halter tops. Students must wear an appropriate Sunsmart shirt/top for the duration of the day – except when competing.
- No footballs, soccer balls, etc. will be permitted at the pool. These items will be confiscated!

May the best team win!
McGuire College School Council Elections 2014

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided 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?

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 Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not employed at the school.

- **A mandated elected DEECD 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.

- **An optional Community member category.** Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire 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 shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the 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. In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. 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.
Self-Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a DEECD employee representative on the **McGuire College School Council**.

Name:…………………………………………………………………………………………

Residential address: ………………………………………………………………………
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Home telephone:  …………………………………

Business telephone:  ………………………………

Email:…………………………………………………………………………………………

I am the parent/guardian of…………………………………………………………..
who is/are currently enrolled at this school

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development:

Yes  /   No   (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not an undischarged bankrupt and that I am not currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence.

Signature of Candidate:  ………………………………………

Date:  ……………………

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Nominations close at 4.00 p.m. on Monday 24th February 2014
What can parents and carers do to help their child’s asthma at school?

- If your child is self-managing their asthma, or capable of taking their asthma medication independently, ensure that your child is always carrying their reliever medication (e.g. Ventolin, Asmol, Airomir and Bricanyl) as well as a spacer while at school.
- Ensure that you have provided your child’s school/preschool with an updated Asthma Action Plan.
- Ensure that your child knows how to recognise early symptoms of an asthma attack and check to make sure they are using their reliever medication properly.
- Ensure your child will seek help from school/preschool staff if they experience asthma symptoms.
- Ensure that your child’s asthma is being well managed and that their medication and management is reviewed annually by your GP (this is a good opportunity to also update the Asthma Action Plan required by your child’s school/preschool).

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or www.asthma.org.au.

Respiratory experts talk to parents about asthma

Ever wondered what the experts would say about a cure for asthma?
Or how to get your teenager to take their medication?
If you want to find out the answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about children and asthma, watch The Asthma Foundation’s new video series – available from http://forum.asthma.org.au/

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Community Announcements

The Walk on Water (WOW) competition is just one of the many features of the Nagambie On Water (NOW) Festival. Enter individually or as a team of four, the prize money is waiting for you if you are successful.

The NOW Festival is being held on Sunday March 1 this year from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm and is sure to entertain the whole family while celebrating our natural resource of water in beautiful Lake Nagambie and its environs. While many activities will be held on the water, such as the flyboard demonstrations, canoeing, paddle boats, sailing demonstrations and the amazing ski troupe Stars Down Under (formerly Moomba Masters), there will be even more activities on land to see and experience.

Whether it is a stroll around the many lakeside market stalls, perusing the art displays, enjoying the live music, having your face painted, experiencing the Aqua Orbs or barracking for the competitors in the 1.1km Park to Pub open water swim, an enjoyable day out is waiting for the whole family.

Entry forms for the Walk on Water competition and the Pub 2 Park swim and more information are available on the official website at www.nagambieonwater.com.au. Visit us on Facebook at facebook.com/nagambieonwater or email us on info@nagambieonwater.com.au.

Make sure to put 1 March in your diary to be lakeside at Lake Nagambie for the NOW Festival.

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**TATURA NETBALL ASSOCIATION**

Selection trials for teams representing Tatura Netball Association in the Shepparton Saturday competition.

Under 13s DOB 2001-2002  
Under 15s DOB 1999-2000  
Under 17s DOB 1997-1998  
Under 19s DOB 1995-1996

5.30-6.30 Tatura Netball Courts

*Please Note that extra trials have been arranged and the session times have been reduced to an hour.*

Enquiries contact: Fiona Boyer 0439385072

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**MOOROOPNA CATS NETBALL CLUB**

13 & Under, 15 & Under, 17 & Under

**REGISTRATION DAYS**

(VENUE TO BE ADVISED)

SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY ~ 10.30AM TO 12.00 NOON  
THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY ~ 4.00PM TO 5.30PM

COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS AND PAYMENT OF FEES TO BE HANDED IN ON REGISTRATION DAYS

All Information regarding registration venue and fees will be advised via email.

Trial dates and information will be available on registration days.

REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE BY EMAILING:

janene@kyabrambearings.com

**ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT:**

JANENE GATTUSO – PRESIDENT on 0438 252 283

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The CYCLE program is targeted at young people aged 14-25 years who are currently at risk of or disengaged from school. It takes a multi-faceted approach to develop a range of vocational and life skills to enable the participants to successfully engage in education, community, employment and training opportunities. The program is delivered in Cobram and Shepparton and includes youth from the Moira and Greater Shepparton Shires.

We currently have places available at our Cobram and Shepparton sites for potential students in Certificate of General Education levels 1 to 3 and Certificate II in Community Services.

If you or a family member are interested in continuing your education and believe that you would benefit from our alternative education methods, please ring the contacts below:

Debhrina Fuller Kayla Morris  
Manager Youth Educational Service Youth Worker & Training Facilitator  
dfuller@ucce.org.au kayla.morris@ucce.org.au  
58713018 or 0417113864 58713018 or 0400049083