

Corryong College

Keeping In Touch

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

School Council Representatives

DET (Staff) Member Elected to Council:

There was one DET position vacant for the new School Council. At the close of nominations one staff member submitted a completed nomination form. I declare this DET member duly elected to School Council 2018-2019. Congratulations to Neill Nichols for nominating for this important role.

Parents Elected to Council:

There were four 2 year parent positions and one 1 year parent position vacant for the new School Council. At the close of nominations four parents submitted their completed nomination forms. I declare these parents duly elected onto School Council for 2018 - 19. Congratulations to Ms Nicole Martin, Mr Barry Cadle, Ms Leanne McKimmie and Mr Neville Nugent for nominating for this important role in the function of the College.

I am happy to declare that all four 2 year Parent Positions to School Council are filled.

There is a 1 one year parent position that remains vacant. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Failure to disclose Failure to Protect Information

Following the 'PROTECT: Protecting Children from Abuse: For Parents and Carers' handout attached to the 2nd March KIT, you will find the 'Betrayal of Trust Factsheet: The Failure to Disclose Offence' handout. I apologise for the confronting nature of this information, however as adults we have a community-wide responsibility to ensure all children are safe. This article particularly outlines the responsibility we (every adult in the community) have a reasonable belief that a sexual offence has been committed by an adult against a child under 16 has an obligation to report that information to police. A failure to do so is a criminal offence. The term 'reasonable belief' is outlined in the handout and should be read. This also outlines fear of safety, what is not a reasonable excuse for failing to report. Whilst this is not the most pleasant read, it is important that we are all aware of our responsibilities towards the children in our community. Next week, I will include the 'Failure to Protect' article. These articles and resources will be made available on the college website under 'Information' > 'Policies & Processes'. Thank you in advance for reading these articles.

Parent Teacher Interviews - changes for 2018

A reminder that the Parent Teacher Interviews will be held Wednesday 28th March. The Foundation to Year 4 will be held in the junior school grounds within your child's classroom. The Year 5 to Year 12 will be held in the Hub on the Senior Campus. Information on how to book your interviews will go home with your child's report next week. The online booking system will be open next Friday 23rd March.

Community meeting regarding junior campus

A community meeting will be held at the Youth Club Hall on Tuesday 20th March at 10am and 6:30pm to ensure that all members of the community are informed about the new building for F-4 on the Senior Campus site and the future of the current Junior Campus. Information provided will be general, however it will bring our community up to date with what we, as a college, have been told by the department. This will allow us to gather and discuss this in an open and transparent manner. Looking forward to meeting you all and having an open and transparent to share all information.

Parents Gathering Monday

Don't forget the parent gathering Monday 19th March 1:00pm at Legends Café. It will be a lovely treat to have the benefits of essential oils. We are all looking forward to it.

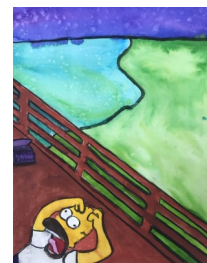
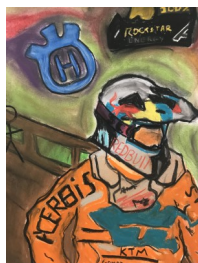
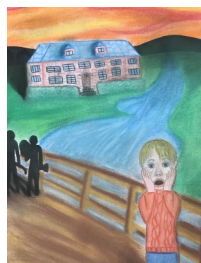
Artists at Work

It is great to see the skill develop in the art classrooms as students work on rendering tone with both grey lead and colour. Students appropriated, recreated an existing image to make it their own, which was a style used during the art era of Modernism and Post-Modernism. Great work to all the students. Many works will be presented, along with other samples work across varying subjects, in the Hub and junior classrooms for Parent Teacher Interviews.

Wishing you all a great week ahead.

Fran Heath

College Principal



CALENDAR OF EVENTS Term 1, 2018

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|--|---|--|--|--|
| Mon 19th Parents Club meeting at Legends 1pm | Tues 20th Hume Swimming (Senior) | Wed 21st | Thurs 22nd OM Junior Sport (Senior) | Fri 23rd Interschool Shooting |
| Mon 26th Music Camp | Tues 27th Music Camp OM Junior Sport | Wed 28th Music Camp Parent/Teacher Interviews | Thurs 29th Last day of Term 1 2.30pm finish | Fri 30th GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY |

CALENDAR OF EVENTS Term 2, 2018

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|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Mon 16th | Tues 17th | Wed 18th SSV State Swimming | Thurs 19th | Fri 20th |
| Mon 23rd | Tues 24th House Athletics | Wed 25th ANZAC DAY | Thurs 26th | Fri 27th |

Homework

| Home Group | Subjects | Homework |
|------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| 9A 9B | Maths | Math Mates due every Friday |

OP Shop Roster March 2018

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|--|--|---|--|
| 19 Di Breennan PM Lorna & Sam | 20 Rowie & Ann PM Lorna & Rowie Julie Matheson | 21 Judi & Rowie PM Melissa Humphrey Lorna & Rowie | 22 Redel Whitehead PM Kate Butler | 23 Fiona Miles Petrina Hewatt PM Kelly Jarvis | 24 Sarah O'Connor |
| 26 Di Brennan PM Lorna & Sam | 27 Rowie & Ann PM Lorna & Rowie | 28 Judi & Rowie PM Melissa Whitehead Lorna & Rowie | 29 Louise Middleton Tania Costello PM Kimb Heycox RECYCLING | 30 CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY PM | 31 Sally Permezel PM MORE HELPERS FOR BUSY EASTER |

If you can't work your roster day? Please arrange a swap with another volunteer or call an emergency worker from the list below.

Judi Mercer 02 6076 8382 Redel Whitehead 02 6076 8232 Joanne Bennetts 0427 762 276

Teigan Klippel 02 6076 2038 Mert Bennetts (Not Thursdays) 0447 761 294 Any queries regarding the roster call Sally Permezel 60760529 or email sallypermezel@bigpond.com;



Corryong College Council Meeting Dates:

The next meeting for Term 1 2018 will be held Monday 19th March and Facilities and Finance Committee Meetings will be held during the week prior to Council Meetings.

F-4 HAPPENINGS



Upcoming Events

Thursday 22nd March - Code Information session

All parents with students from Foundation to Year 6 have an opportunity to join staff for lessons in action on the "Write to Read" program. The informed session on the "Coding World" will be in Room 1 at the Junior campus from 4 – 4.30pm.

Thursday 29th March—Picnic at the Park

All students from Foundation to Year 6 will be walking down to Attree Park for a Picnic. They will be learning some Bush Dances and some classes will be presenting poetry. An information flyer to be sent home next week.



Tuesday 24th April—House Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 2nd May—School Photos

REMINDERS

BUS NOTES

With Basketball and Swimming winding down and Netball and Gymnastics commencing could all parents please arrange to bring and updated bus note of any changes in your child's bus schedule.

MATHLETICS

All students will be participating in Mathletics which is an amazing online resource that students can access anytime even weekends and holidays. The cost for this program is \$12.50.

BANKING

An information pack has been sent out to all students in relation to the Commonwealth Bank school banking program. All students that open new accounts will be given a special gift. The School Banking program provides a fun, interactive and engaging way for young students to learn about money and develop good saving habits. School banking day is Tuesdays.



FOUNDATION TO YEAR 3 LIBRARY TIMETABLE

F/1 N- Tuesday

2L- Tuesday

F/1 B- Thursday

3- Friday

Students need to return their borrowed books each week. Students need to also have a Library Bag. This minimises any damage caused to the books.

Year 3 Great Narratives

Hook the reader with a great starting sentence.

Use both short and long sentences and;

Use adjectives to describe characters and setting.

Have you ever met a silly minion? Well in this story you will. Kevin was a Minion that could not stop being silly. **Tess Paton**.

Have you ever been lost in the woods and found a weird tree house? That's never happened to me but it has happened to these rabbits. This is their story. **Lauren Zimmer**

Have you ever walked through the jungle and got lost? This is exactly what happened to Lauren, CC and Ruby. It all took place on Saturday the 3rd of March. **Ruby Jean Klippel**.

Have you ever eaten a vegetable? So disgusting! Well this happened to Tilly. It all took place at the park when the question came from Jess – What is your favourite vegetable? **Sienna Moore**.



Students from Year 3 were very busy harvesting Yellow Zucchinis from the Stefanie Alexander Kitchen Garden.

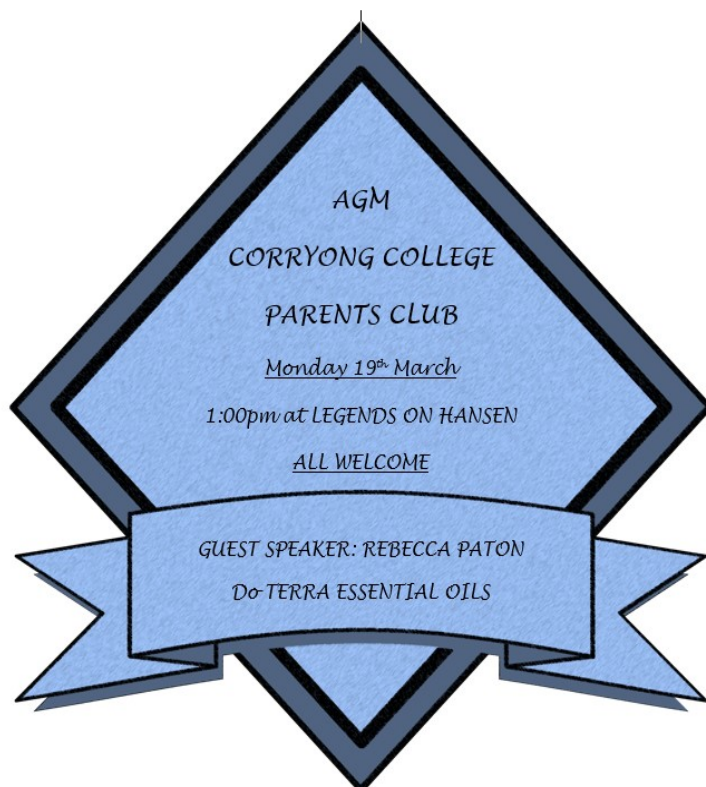




It was a beautiful day at the Wodonga shooting range last Friday. We had 7 boys from Year 8-10 participate in the grading day. The boys were very passionate about their shooting and with a bit more practice, they will be ready for Competition day. This will be happening at the same place on the 23rd of March. If you didn't participate in the grading day and are still keen to join us, talk to Mr Melhuish or Miss Ross. Notes for the day will be out soon and we are looking forward to what we can achieve on the day.



The Shooting Team: Tyler Humphries, Jack Ross, Charlie McKimmie, Ben Hewatt, James Whitely, Sam Harrison, Georgie McKimmie.



Parents Club desperately need new members to continue our valued contribution to our school and students. We also need volunteers for both the canteen and Op Shop rosters.

Currently, if no new parents are willing to assist we stand to lose over \$12,000 in funding for projects which benefit all children in our school.

If you feel you would like to contribute, please come along, or contact us to discuss further.

Melissa Humphrey (President) – 0438 761374

Petrina Hewatt (Secretary) - 0427 761494



Faulty Towers is a Training Restaurant for VET Hospitality students located at Corryong College

Look out for us in March & April

Breakfast: Sunday 8am- 11am - 29.4.2018

Corryong College, 69 Towong Road.

Espresso Trailer: Easter Saturday 9 am - 1pm

Attree Park

Man From Snowy River Bush Festival: Our espresso trailer will be in the following venues at the following times and locations...

Wednesday 4.4.2018 Attree Park for the night market

Friday 5.4.2018 The Re-enactment 8am -1pm

Saturday 6.4.2018 Attree Park for the Bush Idol 9am - 2 pm

All money raised by our students pays for their ongoing education and training in the Hospitality field. They are "earning to learn".



Garden Express Fundraising

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| \$7 Spring Basic Packs  Daffodil King Alfred 3 Bulbs for \$7 | 4  Anemone Poppy Mixed 12 Bulbs for \$7 | 7  Tulip Red 2 Bulbs for \$7 | \$10 Exquisite Bulb Packs  Allium Drumstick 7 Bulbs for \$10 | 13  Freesia Refracto Alba 15 Bulbs for \$10 | \$15 Bulk Bargain Packs  Ranunculus Mixed 40 Bulbs for \$15 |
| 2  Ranunculus Reservoir Mixed 12 Bulbs for \$7 | 5  Iris Mixed 12 Bulbs for \$7 | 8  Dutch Iris Dark Blue 5 Bulbs for \$7 | 11  Ranunculus Dwarf Mixed 15 Bulbs for \$10 | 14  Crocus Mixed 7 Bulbs for \$10 | 17  Daffodil Mixed 12 Bulbs for \$15 |
| 3  Freesia Fragrant Mixed 10 Bulbs for \$7 | 6  Grape Hyacinth Blue 12 Bulbs for \$7 | 9  Spring Star Mixed 12 Bulbs for \$7 | 12  Ranunculus Parrot Mixed 25 Bulbs for \$10 | 15  Woodland Blue Bells 7 Bulbs for \$10 | 18  Tulip Mixed 6 Bulbs for \$15 |

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Freesia Mixed
 30 Bulbs for \$15

22

Daffodil Yellow
 12 Bulbs for \$15

20

Jonquil Giltcheer
 12 Bulbs for \$15

23

Grape Hyacinth Mixed
 15 Bulbs for \$15

21


Dutch Iris Mixed
 10 Bulbs for \$15

24

Hyacinth Vase Kit - Blue
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It's that time of year again!
Registrations open online to join...

Upper Murray Auskick

First session on Sunday 15th April 10-11am
8 week program. For 5-12 year olds
Cost - \$91

More info and registrations online at
www.aflauskick.com.au

For rego help: Nadia Edwards 0439 466 839



'Pic of the Crop' PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



For photographers 18 years and under

Your 'take' on growing and eating healthy local food

\$400 in prize money

- Primary (10 and under) \$50
- Junior (11 – 13yo) \$50
- Intermediate (14 – 15yo) \$50
- Senior (16 – 18yo) \$50
- Overall 1st prize – \$100
- People's Choice prize – \$100

Entries close on March 23, 2018

Exhibition dates and times – 9 am to 5 pm Mon to Fri
9 April – 1 June 2018

With the Exhibition Launch and winners awarded –
6 pm Tue 24 April 2018

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BETRAYAL OF TRUST: FACTSHEET

The 'failure to disclose' offence

Reporting child sexual abuse is a community-wide responsibility. Accordingly, a new criminal offence has been created in Victoria that imposes a clear legal duty upon all adults to report information about child sexual abuse to police. The offence commenced on 27 October 2014.

Any adult who forms a reasonable belief that a sexual offence has been committed by an adult against a child under 16 has an obligation to report that information to police. Failure to disclose the information to police is a criminal offence.

1. What is a 'reasonable belief'?

A 'reasonable belief' is not the same as having proof. A 'reasonable belief' is formed if a reasonable person in the same position would have formed the belief on the same grounds.

For example, a 'reasonable belief' might be formed when:

- a child states that they have been sexually abused
- a child states that they know someone who has been sexually abused (sometimes the child may be talking about themselves)
- someone who knows a child states that the child has been sexually abused
- professional observations of the child's behaviour or development leads a professional to form a belief that the child has been sexually abused
- signs of sexual abuse leads to a belief that the child has been sexually abused.

2. Are there any excuses for not reporting child sexual abuse to police?

A person will not be guilty of the offence if he or she has a *reasonable excuse* for not disclosing the information. A reasonable excuse includes:

- fear for safety
- where the information has already been disclosed.

Fear for safety

A reasonable excuse exists in cases where a person has a reasonable fear for their own safety or the safety of another person (such as a child or another family member) and they do not report to police due to those circumstances.

This defence may apply, for example, if a mother decides not to disclose information about her partner sexually abusing her child due to fear of violence to her or her child.

The person's fear must be subjectively reasonable, that is, it must be reasonable from the perspective of that person in those circumstances. This recognises that the person in question is best placed to judge whether their safety is in danger.

The court or jury will consider whether it was reasonable for the person not to report in the circumstances.

Where the information has already been disclosed

It is a reasonable excuse to not disclose where a person believes on reasonable grounds that the information has already been disclosed to police and they have no further information to add.

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An important example of this exception is where the person has already made a report under the mandatory reporting obligation specified in the *Children, Youth and Families Act 2005*. This obligation requires teachers, doctors and other professionals to report concerns about child welfare to child protection authorities within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Under the existing mandatory reporting system, DHHS already passes on all allegations of child sexual abuse to police, so it will be a reasonable excuse for not reporting to police if a person has made a report to DHHS or reasonably believes a report has been made to DHHS. This ensures that people are not required to make multiple reports to different agencies.

3. What is not a reasonable excuse?

A person does not have a reasonable excuse for failing to disclose sexual abuse if they are only concerned for the perceived interests of the perpetrator or any organisation. 'Perceived interests' includes reputation, legal liability or financial status.

For example, minister's concern for the reputation of a church where the abuse happened will not be regarded as a reasonable excuse.

4. Are there any other exemptions to the offence?

There are a number of other exemptions, which include:

- the victim requests confidentiality
- the person is a child when they formed a reasonable belief
- the information would be privileged
- the information is confidential communication
- the information is in the public domain
- where police officers are acting in the course of their duty.

▶ The victim requests confidentiality

The offence respects the position of a victim who does not want the offending disclosed and who is sufficiently mature to make that judgment. The obligation to report therefore does not apply where the information comes from a person aged 16 or over and this person requests that the offence not be reported. The law recognises that a child under 16 is not able to make this kind of decision and sometimes lacks the capacity to fully understand the effects of sexual abuse.

A person will still be required to disclose information to police if:

- the victim who requested confidentiality has an intellectual disability, and
- the victim does not have the capacity to make an informed decision about a disclosure, and
- the person who received the information is aware or should be reasonably aware of those facts.

▶ The person is a child when they formed a reasonable belief

If a person was under the age of 18 when they formed a reasonable belief, they will not be obliged to make a disclosure when they turn 18. This protects children from the burden of knowing that they will have to disclose to police when they turn 18.

▶ The information would be privileged

People will not be required to disclose where the information would be privileged. This includes:

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- client legal privilege
- journalist privilege
- religious confessions.

For example, if a priest obtains information made in good faith through a rite of confession (as long as the admission is not given for a criminal purpose), the priest is exempt from disclosing.

» The information is confidential communication

A registered medical practitioner or counsellor is not required to disclose information to police if the information is obtained from a child whilst providing treatment and assistance to that child in relation to sexual abuse. However, under the mandatory reporting obligations, a registered medical practitioner would still be required to report to DHHS if they form a reasonable belief that a child has been sexually abused and is in need of protection. This exemption is not designed to prevent the reporting of child sexual abuse, but rather to protect the registered medical practitioner or counsellor from criminal liability.

If an adult provides information to a medical practitioner or counsellor regarding the sexual abuse of a child, the medical practitioner or counsellor would be required to disclose that information to police unless another exemption applies.

» The information is in the public domain

A person does not have to disclose to police if they get the information through the public domain, or form the belief solely from information in the public domain such as television or radio reports.

» Where police officers are acting in the course of their duties

A police officer acting in the course of their duty in respect of a victim of child sexual abuse is exempt from the offence.

5. If it is compulsory for everyone to report child sexual abuse, why are there exemptions?

We need to ensure that we do not put children and their families at even greater risk of harm, especially those who may be experiencing family violence.

6. Won't child sexual abuse continue to occur if exemptions are allowed?

Certain exemptions are required to avoid any unintended consequences of this reporting obligation. It is not intended, for example, that this offence criminalise victims of family violence who don't report due to fear for their own or someone else's safety.

For example, women in family violence situations may have a reasonable fear for the safety of their child or another family member, especially in cases where threats have already been made. They may fear that making a report to police will escalate the situation, putting their child or another family member at even greater risk of harm – or even death.

Preventing the sexual abuse of children is a community responsibility. Other people connected with the child will still be required to make a report, unless they have a reasonable excuse not to do so.

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7. Doesn't this offence discourage people from seeking help where they have experienced child sexual abuse?

The law does not require a medical practitioner or counsellor to disclose information to police when it has been obtained from a victim during treatment for sexual abuse.

Disclosures for the purpose of obtaining legal advice will also be protected by client legal privilege. There are also other exemptions which have been listed above.

8. The offence requires 'any adult' to report suspected child sexual abuse. Isn't this too broad? Won't it lead to people reporting unfounded suspicions?

The offence requires a person to report to police where they have information that leads them to form a 'reasonable belief' that a sexual offence has been committed against a child under 16. Under the offence, people will not be expected to disclose unfounded suspicions as a suspicion does not constitute a 'reasonable belief'.

The failure to disclose offence is a big step towards preventing child sexual abuse in our community and ensuring people understand that protecting children and preventing sexual abuse is a community-wide responsibility.

9. How will I be protected if I make a disclosure to police?

Your identity will remain confidential unless:

- you disclose it yourself or you consent in writing to your identity being disclosed
- a court or tribunal decides that it is necessary in the interests of justice for your identity to be disclosed.

10. Will any person who knows of child sexual abuse happening in the past be required to report?

A person who knows of child sexual abuse having occurred in the past will not have to report to police unless the victim was still a child when the offence came into effect on 27 October 2014.

11. What is the penalty for failing to disclose child sexual abuse?

The maximum penalty is three years imprisonment.

12. How do I contact Victoria Police to make a report?

If you want to report a child in immediate risk or danger of sexual abuse please call [Triple Zero \(000\)](tel:000). Alternatively, you can [contact your local police station](#)

If you or someone you know has experienced child sexual abuse in an institutional context, we encourage you to contact Victoria Police's Sano Taskforce via email at sanotaskforce@police.vic.gov.au