



Marian College

A Kildare Education Ministries School in the Brigidine tradition

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Principal: Mrs. Carmel Barker





From the Principal's Office



Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Students of Marian College,

❖ *We encourage excellence and perseverance in learning,*

❖ *We strive for continuous improvement*

Happy St. Brigid Day! 1st February.

Saint Brigid's feast day on February 1, 2020, marks the beginning of spring in Ireland and the return of the light after winter. The date lands approximately halfway between the winter solstice and the spring equinox. Happy Saint Brigid Day to all our Brigidine Sisters.



Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Welcome back to 2020 and a special welcome to new families that join our community this year and Happy St Brigid Day. I love the anticipation that comes with the start of a new school year. As I wandered the grounds this morning I could hear a definite 'buzz' of excitement in the air as students greeted each other after the long break. We welcomed more than eighty new Year 7 students to the college this morning. This is an exciting time for the students and the college as they begin their 'Marian journey'.

We begin 2020 as the Year of Justice - making the need of the vulnerable paramount. We may not be able to change the world, but as Mother Teresa once stated: *"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."* In our Year of Justice, our theme for 2020 is 'The little things matter'.

With Christmas now a distant memory, the words of Michael Dougherty remind us of our ongoing work beyond the Christmas season.

The Work of Christmas Begins

***When the carols have been stilled,
When the star-topped tree is taken down,
When family and friends are gone home,
When we are back to our schedules
The work of Christmas begins:
To welcome the refugee,
To heal a broken planet,
To feed the hungry,
To build bridges of trust, not walls of fear,
To share our gifts,
To seek justice and peace for all people,
To bring Christ's light to the world.***

- by Michael Dougherty, a variation on Howard Thurman's 'When the Song of the Angels is Stilled'

Justice is acceptance of all. It is about listening to the voices of the vulnerable and acting with sensitivity, compassion and integrity. This year you will hear more about our Kildare Ministries Living Justice Framework. Each term, Teacher Advisor groups will focus on one of the following four aspects of Justice: Welcome without Prejudice, Walk in Solidarity, Build Right Relationships and Call to Action.

New Parent Information Night

We welcome all parents of new students to the college next Tuesday 4th February for our first Information Evening. This will be an opportunity to meet your child's Teacher Advisor. This evening will begin in the Brigidine Centre at 6.30 and conclude with a session on distribution of the iPads, the camp, and routines to assist students settle smoothly into secondary school. We look forward to seeing all new Parents/Guardians on the night.

Year 12 Retreat

This Monday our Year 12 students travel to Cave Hill Creek for three days of Retreat. This is an important time for students to understand their important role within our college and the values they hold in the palm of their hands. We wish them every success in this time of reflection and growth.

'Off and Away'

By now you would have heard of the 'Off and Away' policy implemented across the college. I sincerely thank the very high number of parents who provided feedback and valuable comments on our survey last year. All students and staff were surveyed at the same time.



Based on the feedback and our observations of phone use in the college, our decision has been to implement a conservative approach rather than full ban on phones all day. From the beginning of 2020, students are not permitted to bring a phone or listen to music during any structured learning time: classes, Teacher Advisor times, assemblies, class meetings, retreats

or camps during activities, or any other scheduled learning periods. It is important that students provide a lock to secure their phones during the day. The college cannot take responsibility for unsecured equipment. Students will be permitted to use phones at lunch and morning tea only. **Please see the full policy enclosed within this Newsletter for further details.**

In very rare circumstances, permission will be granted by the Principal for medical monitoring. If you have any concerns please contact the college to discuss any individual circumstances directly with the Principal. We know this will be an adjustment for many students but working together I am sure we can greatly improve learning engagement across the college and support the wellbeing of all students.

Staff Changes for 2020

It is exciting to warmly welcome a number of new staff to the College in 2020. New teachers to the college include Mr Robert Armstrong (Humanities and PE), Ms Tenaya Richards (English), Ms Emily Lindsay (Religion and Psychology), Ms Sheridan Whatley (Art) and returning teacher Mrs Susan Wilson (Textiles and Art). Other new staff members include Debra Wilson (Counsellor one day per week), Ms Jordyn Finch and Ms Nikki Slorach (Learning Support Officers) and Mrs Leonie McGuckian (Administration, Compliance and Organisation). I am sure all new staff will settle in well as they get to know our community and the needs of the students in our care. We congratulate Mrs Michelle Finch on her appointment to the role of Principal at St Patrick's Stawell for 2020. While we will miss Michelle, I know Michelle will do an excellent job in this role. We wish her all the best.

Have a wonderful week.

Carmel Barker

2020 LEADERSHIP TEAM AT MARIAN COLLEGE



PRINCIPAL
CARMEL BARKER



HEAD OF WELLBEING
STEPHANIE SARAVANJA



HEAD OF LEARNING
AND TEACHING
MATTHEW SUMMERS



HEAD OF ORGANISATION
AND STUDENT PATHWAYS
LUCY EDWARDS



HEAD OF STUDENT
DEVELOPMENT
GEOFFREY PARKER

FACULTY HEADS & COORDINATORS



Religious Education Coordinator
STEPHEN EAST



Head of Humanities
MATTHEW SUMMERS



Head of Science
TREVOR HUNT



Head of Physical Education
PAUL McLOUGHLAN



Head of Sport
MICHAEL HARRICKS



Head of Maths
JOHN COGHLAN



Head of Technology
MEGAN SHEA



Head of English
STEPHANIE MANSELL



Head of Music/Drama
TERESA TONKS



Head of VET/VCAL
DANI SMITH



Head of Learning Diversity
NATALIE WIRPER



Learning Diversity
Coordinator ROSE ROWE



Assistant Learning Diversity
Coordinator
JENNY WILKINSON



Year 7 Transition
RHONDA NORTH



Justice & Democracy
ERICA McCONACHY



Bus
RUSSELL BARKER

2020 HOUSE LEADERS



Ms. Erica
McConachy



Mr. Matt
James



Mr. Nick
Lloyd



Mrs. Donna
Spalding

2020 STUDENT LEADERS SCHOOL CAPTAINS



AMY HARRIS



AIDAN NEWSON

HOUSE LEADERS



JAMEELA DAY NICHOLAS McINNES



ANNIE FELINI GRACE CALVIRD



FREYA HART ALICIA LINSLEY



HAYLEY LITTLE CHARLIE PRESTON

LEARNING CAPTAINS



BRIDGET McGUCKIAN



JASMINE JAGAN



TYLER WINEBERG



DAINA JERRAM

BARRON



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FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Welcome back to our Barron students and families! This year we welcome our new year seven cohort to the college, as well as several students new to Marian entering Barron at other year levels. Our House Captains for 2020, Jameela Day and Nick McInnes, have commenced duties and made plans for our house assembly today.

In 2020, we have moved from seven TA groups to six. As a result, some students are joining a new TA this year. With some staffing changes, our Barron TA teachers are: Carmel Barker, Matthew Summers, Teresa Tonks, Elysia Weir, Emily Lindsay (welcome, Emily!), and Stephanie Mansell. They are your first point of contact at the college, and students' go-to person for questions, concerns, and celebrations. Students can seek out their House Captains as well for a chat or to share ideas and experiences. As their House Leader, I will connect with students over house events, competitions, and celebrations, as well as when things may be going less than smoothly for students... students are always welcome for a chat or to check in - just knock on my door (BD corridor) or shoot me an email.

On February 25th, Barron will be defending our title at the Marian College swimming carnival. It is always a fun day of swimming, cheering, and hilarious year 12 costumes! Parents/guardians are welcome to attend (Ararat Outdoor Pool) and cheer for their Barron students. GO RED!

Erica McConachy
Barron House Leader

FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Welcome back and Welcome!

Firstly I would like to welcome to the brand new members of our Clancy house community. It was certainly a hot start for everyone with the extreme heat to start the new school year. I hope all students have returned fresh and ready to make the most of what the new year brings.

As House Leader of Clancy I am excited to see what wonderful things Clancy students will achieve in 2020. It's important to note that term One hats are required in the yard at both recess and lunch times as we are a Sun Smart School. The new phone policy has been introduced and we are hoping to be supported by students in this transition.

Term One is an extremely busy and jam packed one with many exciting opportunities for all students to be involved in and also feel the Marian College spirit. We have sports carnivals both Swimming and Athletics which are sure to be amazing days, our opening mass as well as many year level camps and retreats.

Welcome back to our current Year 12 students, the year ahead is an exciting yet important one. Starting the year with a positive balance in relation to school, study, work and external commitments but also taking enough time out for yourself. I am looking forward to seeing the wonderful things these students will contribute to Marian College history over the next year.

Tuesday night we have our meet the T/A's night for our 2020 new students. This is a great opportunity for parents and carers to make connections with the staff member that will be the number one port of call for any concerns.

Can't wait to see what the year brings for our Clancy crew!

Mr. Matt James

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FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Welcome to 2020 the year of JUSTICE - the quality of being just, righteousness, equitableness, or moral rightness. For us as part of the Marian College community it means for us to act or treat justly or fairly. My grandmother would often say 'Treat people how you would like to be treated'. Perhaps we can all try hard to achieve this, not just for 2020 but for the rest of our lives.

Kelly House now has 6 TA groups:-

Kelly 1 Ryan Casey MC4
Kelly 2 Nathan Baker Science Lab1
Kelly 3 Natalie Wirper MC5
Kelly 4 Geoff Parker BD3
Kelly 5 Ben Naus Science Lab2
Kelly 6 Olga Milne Computer Lab2

Tomorrow night your parent(s) will come and meet your TA teacher and visit your TA room. I will be stepping in for Mr. Casey, Mrs. Milne, Mr. Parker and Ms. Wirper because they are unavailable. The parent(s) will be given a demonstration on how to get onto PAM and given a little insight to our TA system.

I am very pleased to announce our 2020 School Captains because both come from the Kelly Gang Amy Harris and Aidan Newson. I wish them all the best for this year. Our Kelly House Leaders are Freya Hart and Alicia Linsley. They are excellent role models and I am confident that they will be strong leaders for our house. Go Kelly.

The Year 12's go on retreat this week. From my own experience and the feedback given by both staff and students this would have to be one of the most rewarding 3 days. They will remember many aspects of the Retreat for years to come.

We welcome the following students to Kelly:-
Year 7 Stella Alexander-Fraser, Georgie Carra, Bradley Carter, Asher Dunks, Jacob Dunn, Ella Gray, Jack Kuchel, Grier Lennie, Ashlyn Lewis, Ayden Linsley, William Machin, Savannah MacLeavy, Tahliyah McAdie, Haylee Nicholson, Blake Parry, Imogen Pinniger, Reuben Sladdin, Jai Smith, Jack Stevens and Maxton Ta Hau.
Year 11 Jan Tejada.

Let's make these students feel welcomed into our school community.

2020 we're in for a good year. Please remember you must have your hat on when outside, for Term 1.

Cheers Mrs. Spalding

FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Dear Marian College Community,

Welcome to 2020. One of the first things I'd like to mention is to take the opportunity to welcome all students back for the year. A special welcome to all the Year 7 Synnott students. We hope your introduction to Marian College is a smooth one and filled with joy and learnings. I hope you have a great time meeting new people and settling into your new classes.

The theme for 2020 across the college is Justice. A suitable follow on from our year of hospitality last year. There are many wonderful events and initiatives across the College from a House perspective that will give us a chance to explore the theme of Justice throughout the year.

With every year comes a fresh start for students. New goals and objectives, a progression in their schooling life. I encourage students to work hard at all times to endeavour to always strive for your full potential. I've said before there are many exceptional opportunities available at Marian College and a number of different pathways. I encourage students to focus on finding what is right for them as an individual. Your teachers and staff are here to help and guide you.

I look forward to leading Synnott House into 2020 and am excited for what the year will bring. I'm sure our Leaders, Charlie Preston and Hayley Little are excited too. All the best for the year to the students in Synnott House.

Nick Lloyd
Synnott House Leader.

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SCHOOL PROCEDURES FOR USE OF MOBILE PHONE, EARBUDS, EAR PHONES AND SMART WATCHES CURRENT AS AT 2020.

Background.

Marian College, like all schools, grapples with the use of mobile phones and other forms of technology as educational learning tools and as a distraction to learning.

With the current State Government's Legislative position, Marian College has taken this opportunity to gather feedback from our three major stakeholders: Parents, Students and Staff.

As you would be aware when such broad feedback is gathered you will never create procedures that will in fact keep everybody happy. However our response is in keeping with the feedback of those surveyed. We ask for family support in this.

Procedures for the use of mobile phones, earphones, earbuds and smart watches for Marian College Ararat.

"Off and Away".

For the purpose of this document, the term Mobile Phone includes but is not exclusive to Apple and Smart Watches, Ear buds and Ear phones.

1. The school discourages students from bringing Mobile Phones to school.
 - a. We are, however, aware that phones will come to school for a variety of reasons.
2. If a student chooses to bring their Mobile Phone to school, it MUST remain in their locker and be turned off during all class times. This includes, but is not limited to Teacher Advisor time, House time, Wellbeing, Assemblies (group or whole school) liturgies and other ceremonies, incursions and guest speakers, exams, study and tutorials.
 - a. Exceptions to the above can be made at the discretion of the classroom teacher for specific application, with prior approval from Head of Learning & Teaching.
 - i. An example of exceptions (but not limited to); class based learning activities that involve using 'apps' that students have on their phones.
 - b. Failure to charge an Ipad or computer at the appropriate time is not a legitimate reason for permission to use a phone in class.
 - c. The school takes **NO** responsibility for damaged, lost or misplaced phones if the locker is not locked.
3. In cases of extraordinary circumstances, Parents may apply for an exemption for their child directly to the Principal. An example of an extraordinary circumstance includes (but is not limited to) students with medical diagnoses reliant on the use of phone applications for health monitoring and assessment.

A breach of these procedures will result in the Mobile Phone being taken by the schools representative and stored at the front office for the remainder of the day.

If the breach becomes a regular occurrence a school representative will make contact home.

Marian College

cordially invites our College Community
to celebrate the College's

Opening Mass and the Commissioning of Student Leaders 2020

on
Friday 21st February 2020
at 11.00 am

Sr. John Spurr Multi-Purpose Centre
(cnr King and Moore Streets Ararat)

Following Mass, you are invited to join
us for a light lunch

RSVP by Friday 7th February to
principal@mcararat.catholic.edu.au
or call Marian College on 5352 3861



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BUSHFIRE PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION

As we enter the bushfire season for another year it is important that the guidelines regarding school arrangements for CODE RED days, Total Fire Ban days and bushfire alerts are clearly articulated to all parents. These are as follows:

1. **No** school buses will run on any days that are declared CODE RED to Marian College. This includes the Halls Gap, Pomonal, Moyston, Amphitheatre, Elmhurst, Buangor, Beaufort, Concongella, Stawell, Navarre, Landsborough, Maroona and Willaura routes. All of these buses run through areas that are on the **At Risk Register**, and as such, are unable to transport students on CODE RED days because of the high potential of bush fires.
2. On CODE RED days, parents are asked to ensure students who are remaining at home because their bus is not running are **never** left at home unattended or in the care of older children.
3. **Marian College has not been identified as being at high fire risk**, and as such it will remain **OPEN** on a CODE RED day unless it is directly threatened by fire.
4. If a fire starts during the day that affects a bus route home, the College will be notified by the bus Coordinators at either Stawell or Ararat College. It may be possible that students are not permitted to travel home on the bus in such a situation. Parents will be notified if this occurs, and students will be cared for at school until transportation home can be arranged.
5. While our school has not been identified as being at high fire risk, we do plan offsite activities – such as camps and field trips – during the fire season. If such activities are considered to be at risk from fire, or occur on a Total Fire Ban day-they will be rescheduled or cancelled.
6. If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan – particularly if you are planning day trips or holidays to fire-prone areas.

Please feel free to contact the College if you require further advice or information.

Secondary School Vaccinations in 2020

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to Year 7 and 10 students. These vaccines provide protection against:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough – one dose for Year 7 students
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – two doses for Year 7 students
- Meningococcal – one dose for Year 10 students

Parents/guardians of Year 7 and 10 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet coming home from school with your child. You need to read the information, complete and return the card regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

The Ararat Rural City immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school by 21 February 2020 if you do not want your contact details given to the Ararat Rural City immunisation service.

To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to: immunehero.health.vic.gov.au or call the Maternal and Child Health Centre on 5355 0224.

Year 11 or 12 students who have missed their Meningococcal vaccine in Year 10 still have an opportunity to be vaccinated under the program. Please contact the school office to obtain a consent card.





SWIMMING CARNIVAL

BARRON KELLY SYNNOTT CLANCY

The Marian College Swimming Carnival is approaching. All students have the opportunity to choose events to enter. The aim of the carnival is for everyone to participate and enjoy themselves, and get into the spirit of their team. The keener swimmers also have the opportunity to progress to compete in the Black Ranges Swimming Championships.

- What: Marian College Inter-House Swimming Carnival
- Date: Tuesday 25nd February 2020
- Venue: Ararat Outdoor Pool
- Time: Students to meet at the pool at 8.50am.
Dismissal 3.10pm
- Clothing: Dress in house colours or PE uniform.
- Food: BYO lunch and drinks.
Pancakes available for purchase (Shrove Tuesday).
Food/drinks available for purchase from the Gardens Cafe.
- Buses: Arrangements have been made with the Stawell and Ararat bus companies to drop off and pick up students directly to and from the Pool.
- Must bring: Hat, sunscreen, lunch, drink, suitable swimwear, towel, warm clothes to wear between swims, all medications required including EpiPens, Asthma inhalers etc.

This is a compulsory school day.

Any parents wishing to assist on the day please contact the College- 5352 3861.

MEET TA AND PARENT iPad INFORMATION EVENING

TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 6.30 PM

Parents of new students are invited to attend an Information Evening to be held on Tuesday 4th February at 6.30pm in the Brigidine Centre. The evening is an important event providing new parents the opportunity to discuss:-

- ♦ Responsibilities in relation to the school provided iPad; And
- ♦ The Parent Access Module.

You will meet your child's TA teacher, who will demonstrate how to access the Parent Access Module – an informative online portal that you use to access vital information on your child's progress and assessment.

This evening is a vital initial step in opening up clear communication lines between you and your child's TA teacher, remembering that the TA teacher is the person you need to initially contact with any concerns you have in relation to your child.

The evening is for parents only. Supper will be provided. It is anticipated the evening will conclude by 8.00pm. We look forward to welcoming you.



Dental Van Visit

The Victorian Mobile Health Services Dental Van is visiting Marian College for the week starting 16-20 March, 2020.

All students that participate will receive dental education in a fun and safe environment, a dental examination and preventative treatment if required, and an oral health report.

The Victorian Mobile Health Services operate under the Medicare Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS), therefore there is no out of pocket expense for eligible families. If your child is not eligible under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, the Dental van can still offer a free dental examination if you wish to participate in the program.

A consent form will be given to your child/ren during their TA for you to sign and return to the school by Wednesday 19th February if you would like your child to participate in the program.



From the Business Manager



2020 Fees

Marian College endeavours to keep its fees affordable and as such we have limited our fee increase in 2020 to only 2%, which is close to the annual increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The new fees will be as follows:

No Students	2019 Fees	2020 Fees
1 st Student	\$1,850	\$1,890
2 nd Student	\$1,365	\$1,390
3 rd Student	\$1,110	\$1,130
4 th Student	\$860	\$880

Depending on the year level there are also a number of other charges relating to electronic books/resources plus the \$100 per student iPad cost for Years 7-10. In respect of the iPad, parents will own the iPad at the end of Year 10.

As in previous years where parents/guardians are entitled to claim the State Government Camps Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) we will credit this against your fee account.

If you have any fee concerns or would like to discuss payment options, please contact me.

Russell Barker

Business Manager

Term 1



3rd - 5th February	Year 12 Retreat
4th February	Meet TA, iPad Evening (Parents of new students)
10th - 14th February	Year 7 Camp Week
21st February	Opening School Mass
24th February	School Photos
25th February	Swimming Carnival
26th February	Ash Wednesday
3rd March	Black Ranges Swimming Carnival
5th March	Year 7 and 10 Immunisations
9th March	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
11th - 13th March	Year 8 Retreat
16th - 20th March	Mobile Dental Van Visit
17th March	VCE Parent/ TA Meeting
20th March	Greater Western Swimming Carnival
24th March	Athletics Carnival
27th March	Stations of the Cross End of Term 1 Early Dismissal 2.15pm

Tuesday	4th February	HELP NEEDED
Wednesday	5th February	HELP NEEDED
Thursday	6th February	C. Woods
Friday	7th February	A. Cameron, A. Browne
Monday	10th February	HELP NEEDED
Tuesday	11th February	HELP NEEDED
Wednesday	12th February	HELP NEEDED
Thursday	13th February	K. Little, M. McGeoch
Friday	14th February	S. Rigby, J. Cameron



Please contact the Marian College Office to advise of your child's absence. If the office has not been notified, we will contact the family via SMS.

Please phone: 5352 3861 or send an email to: tmason@mcararat.catholic.edu.au



Marian College is a "SunSmart School".

The wearing of hats is compulsory during Terms 1 and 4.

Replacement hats can be purchased at the Office for \$5.00.



East Grampians Health Service

East Grampians Murray to Moyne
Cycle team presents

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WITH SPECIAL GUEST: **CHARLOTTE HARWOOD**



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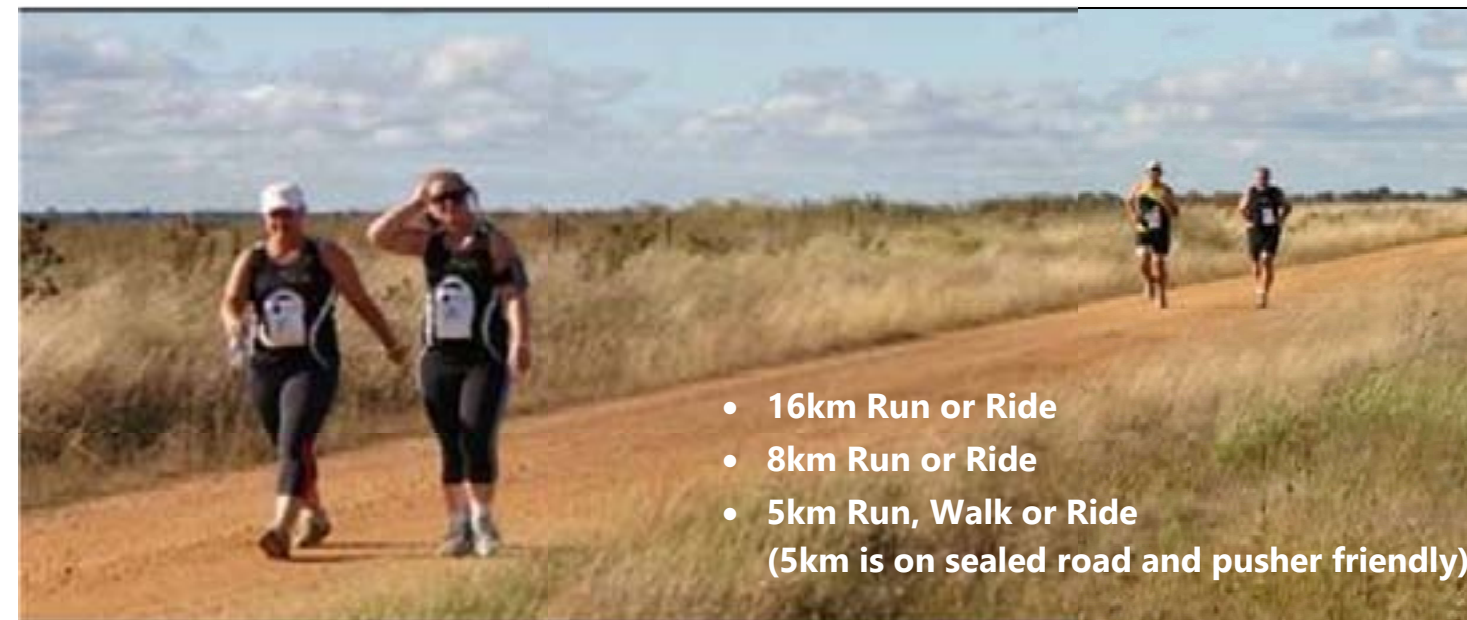
TICKETS \$30
AVAILABLE AT EGHS FRONT RECEPTION (CASH ONLY)
OR \$35 AT THE DOOR (CHILDREN 12 & UNDER FREE)

BYO Drinks and Nibbles
Delicious Dumplings available for purchase

All proceeds from this event will go towards the purchase of a new bladder scanner
and ECG for 70 Lowe St and Garden View Court

WILLAURA Farm To Pub

RIDE · RUN · WALK



Saturday 22nd February 2020

- A family friendly event concluding with a free Jumping Castle & Mini Golf at Willaura Recreation Reserve
- Children 14 Years and Under- \$10
- Adults- \$20
- Bar open at 4pm
- Meals available from 5:30pm

For full details and to enter go to: www.farmtopub.org

—Profits to Red Cross Bushfire Appeal

—Raffle proceeds to



February 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4 YEAR 7 MEET TA & CYBER SAFETY PARENT EVENING	5	6	7
YEAR 12 RETREAT				
10	11 INTERMEDIATE/ SENIOR TENNIS	12	13	14
YEAR 7 CAMP 1		YEAR 7 CAMP 2		
17	18	19	20	21 OPENING SCHOOL MASS
24 SCHOOLPHOTOS	25 SWIMMING CARNIVAL	26 ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY	27	28