



*The Wisdom
of the Lord Teaches us*

Mary MacKillop College

Newsletter

Term 3
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*"Let our Courage
Rise."*

Mary MacKillop

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www.mackillopleongatha.catholic.edu.au/newsletter
also available on the College Parent Portal - PAM

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome back to all our families and students for second semester. I hope you had a pleasant break and all students are feeling refreshed & ready for the term. Term three is often the time of year when the most substantial concepts and topics are studied, when students consolidate their learning from the first half of the year and are ready to move onto new things.

There has been a happy buzz around the College this week with the preparation for the musical, the cast and crew have been in for most of the holidays, bringing the show to readiness, excitement around school has certainly been building. Last night was the opening night of High School Musical and it didn't disappoint: it certainly is a great show. We are privileged to have so many students participating in this year's musical, we certainly have a lot of talent at the school, also each member of the production team has done an outstanding job pulling the show together. Thank you to all the parents and volunteers who have assisted in the many roles over the past few months. There are still a few tickets left to shows over the weekend, so move fast if you haven't already got yours.

We have just held our Walkathon Launch Assembly. The Mary MacKillop Walkathon is a great tradition in our College. It incorporates three key elements: Firstly, it is an exercise in awareness raising – our community is helped to learn about issues faced by others in our midst and in the wider world. We also raise our awareness of the most effective ways that help can be delivered to the causes selected. Secondly, we offer practical support by sharing what we have – the fundraising.

The third element is also very important: our walkathon is an expression of solidarity with those we are seeking to help. We identify with them and publicly show our support by all walking together. It is a demonstration of our concern, a public acknowledgement of the old sentiment "there but for the grace of God, go I..." Soon our students will come home with their walkathon sponsorship cards. I urge you to support the walkathon, not just by financial sponsorship, but by talking with your son or daughter about who we are supporting and why. What we learn by the walkathon process is just as important as the money we raise. Thank you in advance for your support.

Over the next week, the Insight SRC surveys will be completed by students, staff and a selection of families. We try to allocate a random sample of families to respond to these surveys, they are an important tool in gauging how well Mary MacKillop College is serving the needs of its community. You are most welcome to request a survey. If you have been sent one, please make a point of completing and returning your responses – your views are important to shaping the future growth of our College.

There are a number of families in our community who have seriously ill loved ones at present. Please keep those sick and those close to them in your prayers these coming weeks.

**David Leslie
Principal**



This Weeks Prayer

Family Prayer

God be with our family,
From the youngest to the oldest,
Lighting up our relationships,
Sowing grace into our troubles.

God be with our family,
Weaving love into our work,
Our rest, and our play.

Amen.

We are now on
Instagram!

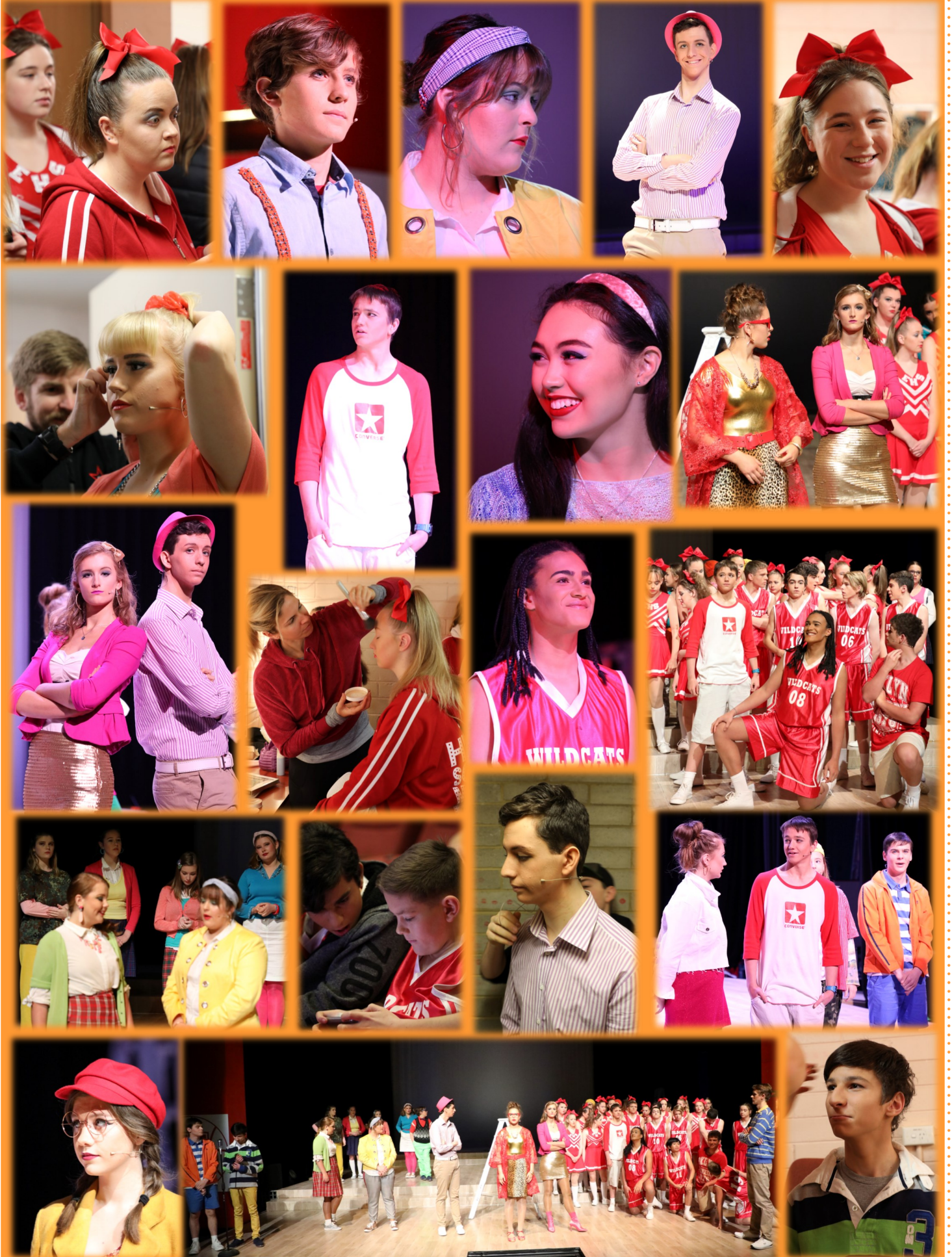
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PRODUCTION NEWS - HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL—WELLBEING AND ORGANISATION

This Statement is intended to provide the central focus for child safety across Mary MacKillop College Leongatha, which is built around a unified understanding of the moral imperative and overarching commitments that underpin our drive for improvement and cultural change.

Our College sets out to be a school for the human person and of human persons. 'The person of each individual human being, in his or her material and spiritual needs, is at the heart of Christ's teaching: that is why the promotion of the human person is the goal of the Catholic school'. (Congregation for Catholic education 1997, par.9)

Our College holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility. This commitment is drawn from and inherent to the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the sanctity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel.

Our College has a universal expectation about the protection of children. It is resolutely committed to ensuring that all those engaged in school life at our College promote the inherent dignity of children and young people and their fundamental right to be respected and nurtured in a safe school environment. This is particularly so for the most vulnerable children, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds and children with a disability.

Our College has a moral, legal and mission-driven responsibility to create a nurturing school environment where children and young people are respected, their voices are heard and where they feel safe and more importantly are safe. When allegations of abuse concerning children and young people are raised, our College staff, wellbeing team and leadership will take prompt action to have these allegations appropriately investigated. While the context and reality at our College will differ from other schools, the fundamental issues of understanding effective practices in child safety and identifying and responding to child harm remain the same. Our College will strive for continual improvement, initiating practices that respond to emerging thinking, evidence and practice, so as to eliminate the possibility of abuse occurring in the first place.

Creating child-safe school environments is a dynamic process that involves active participation and imposing responsibilities on schools, families and the broader community. Effective child – safe environments are underpinned by collaboration, vigilance and proactive approaches across policies, procedures, curriculum and practices.

Every person involved in our College has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively in ensuring that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make. Ministerial Order 870 defines the 'children and young people' in this document as those children and young people enrolled as students in Catholic Schools in Victoria.

In accordance with Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd, our College commits to providing a safe and nurturing culture for all children and young people in its care by:

1. Upholding our highest priority for the safety and wellbeing of children and young people

At all times, the ongoing safety and wellbeing of all children and young people will be the primary focus of care and decision-making, with particular attention paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability.

To create and maintain a safe and nurturing culture, our College will actively and continually develop and review all policies, processes and practices, informed by emerging thinking and evidence.

2. Empowering families, children, young people and staff to have a voice and raise concerns

Our College in partnership with families, will ensure children and young people, are engaged as active participants in decision-making processes, particularly those that have an impact on their safety.

This means that the views of staff, children, young people and families are taken seriously and their concerns are addressed in a just and timely manner. Children and young people are also provided with the necessary skills and knowledge to understand and maintain their personal safety and wellbeing.

3. Implementing rigorous risk-management and employment practices

Our College will systematically and continually identify and assess risks to child safety and will eliminate (where possible) or reduce all potential sources of harm. Effective risk management will be embedded in school life through effective, transparent and well-understood policies, procedures and practices.

Our College will employ highly competent professional staff who are informed and challenged to maintain the safety of all students. The high-quality of staff appointments will be upheld through rigorous employment and staff review processes and practices.

Our College will stay abreast of current legislation and will meet their legislative duties to protect the safety and wellbeing of children and young people in their care, including the Victorian Child Safe Standards (Victorian Government 2016), mandatory reporting, grooming, failure to disclose and failure to protect requirements.

Adhering to this commitment will ensure that Mary MacKillop College Leongatha will be a safe and nurturing culture for all children and young people attending the school.

Kieran O'Dwyer
Deputy Principal
Wellbeing and
Organisation



SSV GIPPSLAND CROSS COUNTRY



**U 13 Girls
Ada Hill - 1st**



**U 14 Boys
Harrison
Garlick - 1st**



**U 14 Girls
Kelsey
Donohue - 3rd**



**U 15 Boys
Kelsey Dal
Pozzo - 3rd**



**U 16 Boys
Brock Stefani
- 2nd**



**17-20 Girls
Chantelle
Petrie - 1st**

Congratulations to all students who participated in SSV Gippsland Cross Country that was held at Mary MacKillop Catholic College on Monday 28th May. All students that were placed in this event will continue on to Regional Cross Country to be held on Thursday 14th June.

YEAR 8 SCIENCE

This week, the Year 8 Science classes got the opportunity to dissect a cow's eye focusing mainly on the structure of the eye and how various components work separately and together.

We learnt how to use different scientific instruments (scalpel, tweezers etc.) and how to handle them safely.



My group worked together well and found the constituent elements of the eye fascinating.

Although I am usually squeamish, this task really diverted my original opinion on dissections, and overall was a really fun task.

Maddison Foss – 8D



SSV REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY



Talei Falkingham
and Zara Littlejohn



Harrison and Caeleb Garlick



Ryan Giliam



Oscar Plenkovich

SSV Regional Cross Country took place on Thursday 14th June at Lardner Park, Warragul.

The following students have done extremely well and will be off to State Cross Country to be held on Thursday 19th July.

Under 13 Boys - Caeleb Garlick and Jack McNally

Under 13 Girls - Ada Hill

Under 14 Boys - Harrison Garlick

Under 14 Girls - Lily Maxwell

Under 15 Boys - Kelsey Dal Pozzo

Under 15 Girls - Talei Falkingham

Under 16 Girls - Alicia Marshman

17-20 Girls - Chantelle Petrie



Kelsey Dal Pozzo

Student Absences

Please contact the College before 8.50am.

Messages can be left on our answering machine

Please telephone 5662 4255 or

email:- attendance@mmcrc.catholic.edu.au

on the flexibuzz app

Or via PAM before 8.50am

Please also complete an absence note (in the back of your child's planner) on his/her return to school. Please see your child's planner for more information. Thank you

WORKING WITH CHILDRENS CHECKS

It is compulsory for anyone coming into the College, including parents who volunteer in the Uniform Shop or Canteen, to have a current Working with Childrens Check (WWC).

You can apply to get a free one through this website <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/> by clicking volunteer in the application process, and putting our College down as the school.

For further information please contact College Reception.

WALKATHON LAUNCH ASSEMBLY

The Walkathon Launch Assembly was held on Wednesday with several guests attending and speaking to the students.

This year our following fundraising charities will be:-

Access For All Abilities - Provide better facilities, equipment and opportunities for the profoundly disabled in Wonthaggi. Without Access for All Abilities is an initiative of the Wonthaggi Table Tennis Association

We Help Ourselves (WHO) - Over 25 years the WHO group have provided practical assistance and advocacy for people with disability across South Gippsland. The WHO group are advocates for disabled giving strong voice for their needs.

Possible Dreams International - Provide emergency relief aid and sustainable development projects in Swaziland. Funds raised contribute to a variety of medical, food and income generation projects.

Riccardi Family - Matteo Riccardi a student from St Laurences's and was badly injured early in 2018, requiring 24 hour per day attention. After the worst year imaginable for the family, raised funds will give the Riccardi's better options to restore normality to their lives.

The MacKillop Foundation - has been allocated to support the work of the Josephite Sisters in Australia.

The Trinity (Bishop's Family) Foundation - has been allocated to assist families throughout Gippsland, irrespective of background or belief.

The Annual Walkathon will be held on Wednesday 8th August.



IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

CANTEEN NEWS

TERM 3	
Monday 23 July	Paul Wilson
Tuesday 24 July	Kerrie Fleming
Wednesday 25 July	Deb Menary
Thursday 26 July	Louise Keily
Friday 27 July	Beth Hill Smith

TERM 3	
Monday 30 July	Emmanuel Vella
Tuesday 31 July	Cathy Waldron
Wednesday 1 August	Chris Ruigrok
Thursday 2 August	Nena Caithness
Friday 3 August	Belinda Brennan

TERM 3	
Monday 6 August	Rebecca Little
Tuesday 7 August	Anna Hudson
Wednesday 8 August	WALKATHON
Thursday 9 August	Jenny Delaney
Friday 10 August	Nadia Patton

TERM 3	
Monday 13 August	Kate O'Halloran
Tuesday 14 August	Kerrie Fleming
Wednesday 15 August	Tess Sweeney
Thursday 16 August	Robyn Colwill
Friday 17 August	Julie Schnoor

2018	
Thur 19 July	STUDENT FREE DAY
Thur 19 - Sat 21 July	HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL SCHOOL PRODUCTION
Wed 25 - Fri 27 July	Year 10 Retreat
Wed 25 - Fri 27 July	Year 11 Retreat
Wed 1 Aug - Fri 3 Aug	Justice Camp
Tue 7 Aug	Parents & Friends Meeting 7.30PM
Wed 8 Aug	WALKATHON
Fri 24 Aug	STUDENT FREE DAY
Tue 4 Sep	Parents & Friends Meeting 7.30PM
Sun 16 Sep - Fri 28 Sep	Central Australia Trip

2018	SPORT
Fri 27 July	Regional Badminton - Year 7 Girls/Year 8 Boys
Thur 2 August	Gippsland Senior Boys/Girls Basketball
Fri 3 August	Regional Boys/Girls Senior Table Tennis
Tues 7 August	Regional Year 8 Boys Soccer & Senior Boys Netball
Fri 10 August	Regional Year 7 Girls Netball
Wed 22 August	Gippsland Year 7-10 Boys/Girls Basketball and Table Tennis

UNIFORM SHOP & CANTEEN

Uniform Shop is open each Friday from 12.50pm - 1.35pm

P & F require helpers for Uniform Shop *Fridays 12.45pm – 1.30pm*

P & F also require helpers for Canteen which is open Monday - Friday

If you could lend a hand please contact the General Office with available dates and we will be in Contact.



MEENIYAN JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Meeniy Junior Basketball would like to invite any new players 7-17 years to come and join our competition.

**Section 2 & 3 from 4pm Friday nights
Section 4 Wednesday nights**

Season commences on Friday 10th August

Could all new players or any players not playing or unavailable 1st game please contact Kim on 0427 346 048/5663 6252 or Darlene 0417 640 035/5664 0035.

If you played last season you will be automatically put into a team, unless you have already advised us otherwise. Names must be in by Wednesday 1st August, late names will not be accepted.

Teams and times for Section 2, 3 & 4 will be published in the Star newspaper on Tuesday 7th August and on our Website/Facebook page.

Reminder: Fees are to be paid upfront
Section 1 - \$35, Section 2 & 3 \$40, Section 4 \$50
Registration must be paid online prior to the first game (unless paid at Leongatha)

Website - Meeniy Junior Basketball Association
Link - Register for Meeniy Junior 2018 Season
Any queries please contact us



Spring Season Registrations Now Open

Juniors & Seniors

Season Starts Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st August 2018

Registrations close Sunday 5th August

Monday Nights Girls U10, 12's & 14's : Boys U17 & Senior Men

Tuesday Nights Boys U10's, 12's & 14's: Girls U17 & Women
Children must be 7 years of age to participate

Registrations online at Leongatha Basketball Sports TG

http://websites.sportstg.com/assoc_page.cgi?c+1-822-0-0-0&SID=399615

Enquiries:

Seniors - Dan Monaghan 0458 641 234

Juniors - Joel Langstaff 0419 623 766

AMBULANCE MEMBERS

All families are encouraged to be members of the ambulance service. At times of accidents or illness, the First Aid trained staff member/s in attendance will make a decision as to whether or not they should request the attendance of the ambulance service.

In doing so, the health and safety of the patient will be the only determining factor. **Ambulance membership, or potential costs to families will not be a point of consideration.** Such a decision will always be made with a conservative 'better safe than sorry' attitude. Parents (or next of kin for an adult) will always be contacted as soon as possible so that they may be in attendance when the ambulance arrives. A familiar staff member will always accompany a student to the hospital if the attending ambulance officers approve. Thank you.



2nd LEONGATHA SCOUT GROUP

Need for more Leaders

WOULD YOU LIKE TO?

- **GIVE SOMETHING BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY**
- **SPEND QUALITY TIME TEACHING THE youth members ?**
- **DEVELOP YOUR OWN SKILLS ?**
- **HAVE FUN AND REDISCOVER ADVENTURE ?**

These are just some of the reasons why they help out at their local Scout Group. Our Scout group needs more adult support to keep us running smoothly.

Don't think you have any skills?

Well think again... everyone has something to give you may just not realise it! An interest or a hobby such as climbing, walking, sports, computers or knowledge of first aid, DIY, gardening, administration, the list goes on.....

For Our Cub and Scout Sections to keep growing we need more Assistant Leaders AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

So if you can think you can help us out please contact The Group Leader Barry Ferguson
0499233158 or
Email: gl.leongatha2nd@vicscouts.asn.au