



Murrayville Community College

Newsletter

From the Principal ...

- **Departing Staff –**

Farewell to Caroline O'Donnell who finished at MCC this week. I would like to thank Caroline for the effort she has put into her English and Literature classes, and for the work she has done in the area of Careers during her time here. I wish Caroline, Lucia, Claudia and Penny all the very best for the future. Mrs Parker has kindly agreed to take over the Year 11 English and the combined 11/12 Literature class until the end of term.

Peter Hillier and Daniel Murphy will also be leaving our school at the end of the term. Peter is taking up an appointment at Chaffey Secondary College in Mildura, and Dan is taking some time out from teaching to pursue some of his other interests, including his writing.

To cover these departures, we are now in the process of selecting four new teachers. The new positions are: Maths/ Science, English/Humanities, and two Primary Generalist positions.

- **Leadership Structure –**
To cover the deficit left by having no Assistant Principal

and by the fact that Karen Willersdorf (Leading teacher) is taking leave for the first half of term 3, we have decided to appoint 3 Acting Leading Teachers for terms 3 and 4. Congratulations to Bruce Armstrong, Sonya Inglis and Bradley Sheridan on their appointments to these positions.

- **Disability Awareness Program** Last Friday, Elena Nemtsas and Tania Wild from the Mallee Sports Association visited the school to run this program with our P-6 students. The program is designed to help students empathise with the everyday difficulties faced by people with disabilities.
- **Reporting –**
All teaching staff have been very busy compiling the end of semester reports. There have been some changes to the way teachers enter results at P-10, due to the adoption of the Australian Curriculum. However, the finished reports will look almost exactly as they have in the past, with the dots and A,B,C,D,E indicating whether your child is achieving at, above or below the level expected.

*Natasha Mudie
Principal*



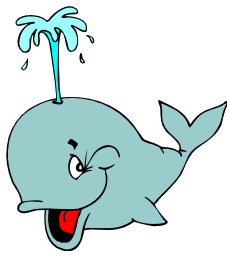
Geocaching Excursion

With guidance from Mr Stagg, our Foundation English students Shantelle Michell, Jyle McIntosh and Damon Herbert this week had their first experience at the world wide hobby of geocaching. After registering at www.geocaching.com they searched for caches in the vicinity of MCC and were lucky enough to find one within walking distance. Using borrowed GPS (thanks Mrs P) they entered the coordinates of the cache and set out to track it down. About 20 minutes later they discovered the cache and recorded themselves in the enclosed notebook. Back at MCC they signed in again and "logged" their find.



What we did on the long weekend

I went to Victor Harbor and I saw a whale.

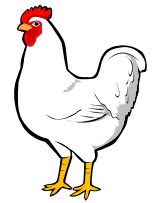


Ivy

I went to Nanna Jenny at Berri. I saw a goat. I rode a scooter.

Steffinie

I went to Dallas and Fionnas. I had lots of lollies and it was fun. I saw lots of hens.



Matilda

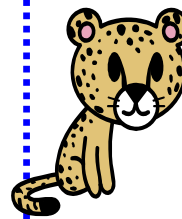
I went to Horsham and we were going to go fishing but my Dad didn't let us go fishing.



Penny



from the Preps



I went to the zoo. I saw a cheetah, and I saw meerkats. We went on a bus.

Jai

On Tuesday the 4th of June six students from our school travelled early in the morning to St Arnaud. It was very cold but a pretty successful day for the students. Suzanne Beckman from 9 year olds, Brock Milde from 10 year olds, Hugh Parker from 10 year olds, Kirsty Heintze from 12 year olds, Mitchell Parker from 13 year olds and Jordon Whalan from 15 year olds competed that day. The course was muddy and slippery. There were stones and things we had to run over. Not to mention the massive hills we had to run over! In the end the results were: Suzanne 30th, Brock 37th, Hugh 34th, Kirsty 20th, Mitch 57th, Jordon 35th. Suzanne, Brock and Hugh ran 2 kilometres and Kirsty, Mitch and Jordon ran 3 kilometres. It was a great successful day.

Kirsty

CANTEEN

Wraps / Sandwiches / Rolls
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

HOT FOOD AVAILABLE AS FOLLOWS

MONDAY - Pizza (\$1.50)

Ham & Pineapple / Cheese & Bacon

WEDNESDAY - Chow Mein (\$4)

Soup (\$2) / Lasagna (\$3)

FRIDAY - Pie Day

Prices may vary with new deliveries

Pie 200g (\$1.80)

Sausage roll 120g (\$1.40)

Party pie (50¢)

Sauce (20¢ or 2 for 30¢)

ALL ORDERS ARE TO BE PLACED BEFORE SCHOOL

Please - no more than \$5 in your envelope



On the 4th of June six students from our school went to cross country at St Arnaud. The kids were Jordon, Mitchell, Kirsty, Hugh, Brock and Suzie.

The first race was Jordon and he came 35th. Then was Mitchell he came 57th, Kirsty came 20th, Suzie came 30th, Brock came 37th and Hugh was 34th.

The course was hilly and there were puddles. There were around about 40-70 people in each race. The weather was cold, windy and wet.

Hugh

On Friday we went to the Chaffey Theatre to watch a play about a war in Pinjarra. It was a very long bus trip to this place. I got on the bus at Pinnaroo when they went past. When we got there we went straight inside and sat down to watch it. The play went for about 70 minutes then after that some of us went to McDonalds for lunch, then we got straight back on to the bus and went back to Pinnaroo or Murrayville then we went back home. I think that it was very good but I hated the bus trip.

By Henry Wallis

(More from this visit on page 5)

Chaffey Theatre

On Wednesday the 4-6 had lightning premierships when the boys played footy and the girls played netball. The boys didn't go too well in the footy but I'm guessing we all had lots of fun. The netball won, the other teams did not score more than 5 points against them and they won the grand final and now go to the next round. In the footy Robinvale won. Not everyone went on the bus. Everyone had a fun day but the boys didn't win a game. The trip wasn't the longest drive but it was worth going, but the other teams were really annoying because they would tackle you when you didn't have the ball, but it was really fun.

By Blake Henderson

Primary Lightning Premierships



On Wednesday the 5th of June the years 4 to 6 went to Ouyen to play footy and netball.

The footy team was beaten pretty bad in the first and second game, we played well, the other teams were more experienced and had bigger players. Blake and I were captains for both games and George was a great player for us. The netball team won every game they played awesome, they won every game and are up to the next stage. Well done netball girls and great try footy players. We all played as a team and played fairly. I hope the netball girls do well in Mildura and get through. It was a great sport day and I am pretty sure everybody liked it.

By Lachlan Parker

On Wednesday we went to lightning prem. Blake and Lachlan were captains for the two games and we lost both games. The umpires were bad because they went crazy. They called holding the ball out on the full. The bus trip was good but it could be better. It was very loud. The teams had one good player and I was the best for Murrayville. The goal umpire was not very good because he was staring at a bird, and someone had a snap shot at goal, and it went straight through the middle and he turned around and said it was a point. We would have won if the umpires were good.

By George Heintze

On Wednesday the 5th of June the year 5/6 and some of the year 4s went to Ouyen to compete in lightning premierships. In our team we had Lilly, Kirsty, Lucy, Lara, Miranda, Kristen, Lucia and I. We were told that we had 2 twelve minute halves. Our first match we played was against St Mary's B team and we won 29 to 0. The next team we played was Ouyen. We won by a fair bit but I can't remember the score. Next we played St Mary's A team. We won 5 to 3. After that we played Underbool and won 14 to 1. It was then that we had to play them again for the finals. We won again but I don't know by how much. Then we played St Mary's A team in the Grand Final. We won 21 to 2! We are now going to Mildura to play at the next stage. We were all quite proud as we were undefeated.

By Emma Allan



P-6 Visit to Hattah Lakes

On Thursday the 6th of June the Murrayville primary school took a trip to Hattah Lakes. We had group leaders and they were the grade 6s, so before we got on the bus we got into our groups. Lara was a group leader because Lucy was sick and missed out on the trip. We left the school at about 9 o'clock and set off to the Hattah Lakes. The bus ride was fun and also very loud and it went for about 1 hour and 45 minutes. When we got to the lake we all went for a walk to a shelter where an aboriginal man talked to us about his culture for a while and everyone was really interested and we all learnt a lot. When he finished talking to us we all went to have a look at the lake and took some photos for the school to see. Then we went back to the bus ready to go home to Murrayville. We all had a good trip but everyone was tired and there wasn't as much noise as on the way up, but some people still got headaches from the noise. When we got back we all had free time. All up we had a great trip and had lots of fun. I hope we do something like it again.

By Lillian Moyle

On the 6th of June 2013 year prep to 6 went on a trip to Hattah Lakes. Hattah Lakes is half way between Ouyen and Mildura. It was a 1 and a half hour trip there and an hour and a half hour trip back. All up there and back a three hour trip. When we got there we spent about half an hour in the toilet. Then we got settled in our group and packed our bags in the bus storage. We went in the big bus. After that we walked down the road a bit until we found an indigenous person named Mr Will. He had placed some indigenous tools on the ground and had a huge talk. That went for over an hour. Then we went down to the lake's edge. We answered some questions that everyone had. Then we went back to the bus to have lunch and go back to school. I was sitting in a seat next to behind a kid who would crawl under other people's seats. It was an incredibly sticky hot trip home. We got home with 10 minutes to spare. We had 10 minutes free time.

By Hayden Beckmann

On Thursday the 6th of June the whole primary went to Hattah Lakes for an excursion. The bus trip took about 2 hours. Everyone was very excited to get there.

When we got there it took a while to get into our groups. My group was Lara, Kirsten, Dermott, Harvey, Emma, Lila and I. We then went down to see Will.

Will told us what the aboriginals did to punish the people who broke the law. What they did was to get a special spear and stab it through their leg. The only way to get it out was to push it right through the leg. He also showed us their telephones and how to make a fire. Another thing that I found interesting was how they fished. First they find a back wash (a curve in the lake where the water all circulates) then get the leaves off a special tree and bash them, they then wash them in the water and the fish float to the top. Then they would collect the fish.

After the talk we went down to the lake where we did some activities. Over all the trip was fun. The bus trip was a bit loud but I got through.

By Ricky Armstrong

The way up to Hattah was a bit boring and was very loud. When we got to Hattah we put all the bags in the bottom of the bus and then we walked up to the lake. We stopped at a shelter and an aboriginal called Will talked to us about how they lived and how they were punished and he told us how they made stuff. Will was talking to us for a long time and then we went down to the lake. We all were in groups, Lillian was my leader and Lucia, Dillon, Jai and Amelia were the other group members. We had a list of stuff we had to take a picture of. After that we went back to the bus and got everyone's bags and went back on the bus and had our lunch. It was a long and loud trip home but we eventually got home.

By Miranda Walker



HPV TRAINING

..... will begin again on Fridays and Mondays until our next race. Straight after school until 5:00pm. Round 2 is on Sunday July 28th and will involve a primary and senior secondary team. The senior secondary team may require a few extra members so come along to training if you are keen to participate in July.



Tania and Elena from Mallee Sports Assembly visited children in the Primary sector on Friday. They spoke to children about what it means to have a disability. Children then had the experience of becoming 'disabled – being in a wheelchair, having poor vision' and how this affected them in the playground. They also discussed how people with a disability should be treated. The program was fantastic and children really enjoyed the presentation. Elena was one of the people responsible for the establishment of the Mildura Park, which children in 2012 Prep to Year 2 class visited.



Chaffey Theatre



Last Friday we went to Chaffey theatre and watched Bindjareb Pinjarra. It was about the massacre near the Murray River and how aboriginal people are no different than us. At the end they told us that they didn't even have a script, they just wrote down scenes. It was set in Western Australia. It was good because there was some funny sides to it and some sad sides. It also told us about how people can be really mean to aboriginal people. On the way back we went to McDonalds for lunch. I got really bored on the bus. It would have been good if I didn't have to sit behind the bus driver cause there was really no room.

By Lucy Brown

On the 31st of May the five, six class and the seven, eight class went to the Chaffey Theatre. We watched a play called Bindjareb Pinjarra. It was about the massacre at Pinjarra in Western Australia. The play was meant to be funny but it was also serious. The play went for about 70 minutes. There was four people in the play. Our school was up the back of the theatre. After it had finished we went to McDonalds for lunch we ate on the bus. I really enjoyed going to Chaffey Theatre. It was really interesting.

By Lara Mudie

On the 31st of May the years 5-8 went to the Chaffey theatre at Renmark to watch the performance of three men acting out the story of the massacre at Pinjarra, it was a mix of comedy and sadness. We left school at 8:30am and got to the theatre at 10:30 am. Our school sat at the back of the theatre, the performance went for an hour and 10 minutes and when it finished we went to McDonald's. We got back to school at about quarter to three.

By Clay Kingdon



COLLEGE CALENDAR

17/6	TFN Presentation for 9/10
20/6	Writing Competition
24/6	Immunisations
24-28/6	Year 10 Work Experience
28/6	End of Term 2
15/7	Start of Term 3
23/7	Hospitality Barista Course
27-28/7	Pedal Prix : Round 2
30/7	Arts Council : 3-12
31/7	English Competition Arts Council : P-6
12-16/8	9/10 Snow Camp : Bogong
13/8	Maths Competition
21/8	House Athletics
28-30/8	3/4 Camp : Swan Hill
3/9	Mallee Division Athletics
16-20/9	Dance & Author
20/9	End of Term 3
21-22/9	Pedal Prix : Round 3
Term 4	7/8 Canberra Camp (date TBA)
7/10	Start of Term 4
20/12	End of Term 4

Some people
pay a compliment
as if they expected
a receipt

Community Notices

GUEST SPEAKER

Come and hear **Ian Willersdorf**, share about the issues raised in the upcoming movie ABSENT. Ian lives in country New South Wales and runs a successful livestock management business. A Godly, committed, father and husband, Ian has a passion for helping men become better husbands and fathers. Ian will share a message for both men and women. Children welcome. Saturday 15th June. 6.00pm (Vic) Shared Tea. 7.30 Speaker. Jacob's Well. 27 Poole St Murrayville. Hosts: Kym & Faye Kingdon

WANTED

TILES & BROKEN CROCKERY
If you have any tiles or broken crockery that you don't want, could you please bring it to the school or let Helen Pritchard know and it will be picked up. Thanks very much.

**REMEMBER TO CHECK
THE CANTEEN SPECIALS
for next week on page 2**

Pinnaroo Primary School Parent Club is hosting a
Parent Sex Education Information Session for Parents of students in Years 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7

Monday 24 June 2013 at 6.30pm
At Pinnaroo Primary School in the old brick building (School Kitchen Building)
with Nurse & Health Educator Simone O'Driscoll

Simone will be present to outline what she will be covering in the sex education sessions which will commence in Term 3. Any questions or parental contributions can be contributed at this evening. One free book eg. Secret Boys' business & More Secret Girls' business & brochures will be distributed on the evening to take home & create dialogue between parents and their child.

A free crèche will be available in a School Classroom to give the opportunity for both parents to attend. Please let the school know by Friday 21 June if you would like to use this service. Sex Education Classes will commence on Mondays in Term 3 only by parental permission - a permission slip will go out to families following the 24 June Sex Education Workshop.

If your child does not attend Pinnaroo Primary School you are more than welcome to join the Parent Information Session & your child the Sex Education Sessions in Term 3, however you would be responsible to get your child to PPS to attend these sessions.

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME

THIS WEEK

(* Return from parents required)

1. Parents of Year 4,5,6 netballers - Sunraysia South Lightning Premiership at Red Cliffs next Wednesday (Mr Armstrong) *

Please check with your children that you have received this information and contact the College if you require another copy

