



Murrayville Community College

Newsletter

From the Principal ...

Pathways Night –

Last week I wrote about our upcoming Pathways Night to be held on Monday 19th of August. I wrote that it is targeted at Year 9 and 10 students. This was a mistake, as it is targeted at current Year 10 and 11 students who are moving into Year 11 and 12. As I said last week anyone is welcome to come along, but it is very important for Year 11 students to attend and discuss their options with their subject teachers.

House Athletics –

All of our students and PE and Sport staff have been very busy this week preparing for Sports Day on Wednesday. The long distance races have been run and won! At this stage the forecast looks quite promising, so if the farmers are content with the current soil moisture, we might cross our fingers for some sunshine on Wednesday. Please come along and support the students.

The book fair is set up in the primary gallery, so parents are welcome to make their purchases from now on.

They just have to write down their order on the little wish list and this year they're able to pay online.

Mrs Oakley will then gather their books up for them.

We're aiming to hit \$1000 which will mean great rewards for the library!

PRIMARY STUDENTS ...

Remember it's also a dress up day on Monday with a Superhero/villain theme.



Bogong –

Years 9 and 10 have been snow skiing this week at Falls Creek and staying at the Bogong Education Centre. Although they would have experienced some very cold and windy weather, I'm sure that they have enjoyed the challenge that is associated with learning new skills in a new environment.

Thanks to Mrs Inglis & Mr Sheridan who accompanied the students onto the slopes.

John Monash Science School -

Jessica and Kayley returned last weekend after their three week stint at JMSS. Mr Sheridan also spent last week at the school as a Professional Development exercise. He will be assisting the students prepare their presentation for the Science Fair later in the year. I think that this has been a highly successful and engaging program for our students to be involved in and recommend other students to take up the opportunity if it is offered in the future.



Farm Safety Day –

On Tuesday our 3-4 students travelled with Mr Armstrong to attend the Farm Safety day. They were alerted to many of the dangers that exist on farms and shown how to avoid putting themselves at risk. They were also treated to the Chris Humfrey Wildlife Show while they were there and got to see and pat a wide variety of our native birds, animals & reptiles.

UDSSA Athletics -

All primary students have today been involved in this competition at Ouyen and we look forward to hearing reports of their achievements. Thank you to the many parents who supported this event.

Natasha Mudie - Principal

The Year 5&6s skyped Lois in India this week as part of our Globe Trotting unit. Lois is a nurse who has been working in India for about 9 years.

We were very interested in her research work on treating snake bites and how India will soon have the worlds' biggest population.



SUPERHERO / VILLAIN



As part of this year's Book Fair primary students are urged to dress up as a superhero or villain on **MONDAY**

HPV TRAINING

begins this Friday
and will continue until the race
on September 21st-22nd
Training will be on every
Monday and Friday after school

CANTEEN

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

Wraps / Sandwiches / Rolls

Ham & Cheese or Chicken & Cheese Hot Rolls

HOT FOOD AVAILABLE AS FOLLOWS

MONDAY - Pizza (\$1.50)

Ham & Pineapple / Cheese & Bacon

WEDNESDAY -

House Athletics

FRIDAY - Pies & Sausage Rolls

Pie 200g (\$1.80)

Sausage roll 120g (\$1.40)

Party pie (50¢)

Sauce (20¢ or 2 for 30¢)

Prices may
vary with new
deliveries

**ALL ORDERS ARE TO BE PLACED
BEFORE SCHOOL**

Please - no more than \$5 in your envelope

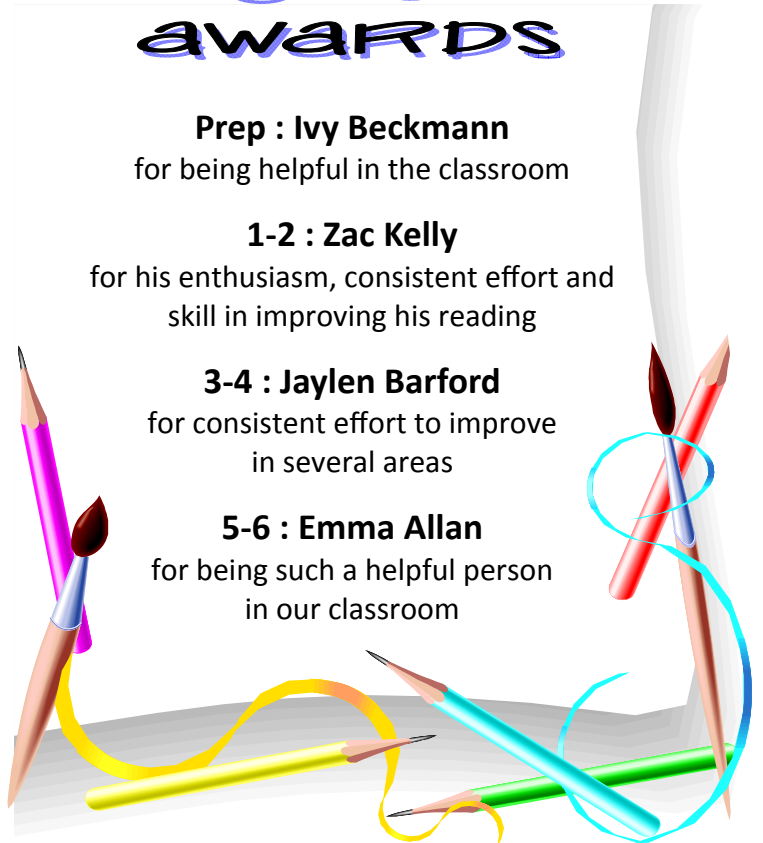
PRIMARY GOLD AWARDS

Prep : Ivy Beckmann
for being helpful in the classroom

1-2 : Zac Kelly
for his enthusiasm, consistent effort and
skill in improving his reading

3-4 : Jaylen Barford
for consistent effort to improve
in several areas

5-6 : Emma Allan
for being such a helpful person
in our classroom





Grade 1/2 news

The grade 1 and 2 students have been focusing on understanding the structure of non-fiction texts. We have looked very closely at the structure of one particular book, Arctic Life. The students were asked to make connections between what they already knew from other reading and the new information in this book, a very useful strategy for understanding and retaining new information.

Here are some of the responses:

Shania:

When I read about how polar bears eat seals, it reminded me of how penguins eat fish to get fat.

Cooper:

When I read about snowmobiles being used in the Arctic, it reminded me of when I read about snowmobiles in Alaska.

Dillon:

When I read about polar bears eating seals, it reminded me of how dinosaurs also ate meat.

Emma:

When I read about how Arctic hares need to run away from owls and foxes, it reminded me of when I saw a hare.

Hannah:

When I read about the Arctic fox's fur it reminded me of Hachiko. (Connecting to the Arts Council Performance).



We have also been looking at homes and shelters and the students have worked in cooperative groups to disprove the story of the 3 Little Pigs, by building houses of straw, sticks and bricks that could ALL withstand a wolf attack! Lots of cooperation and creativity, but in the end the strong winds on the weekend were too much for the mini-houses!



For three weeks Kayley and I went to the John Monash Science School in Melbourne. We joined in with the year 10s there, as well as having specialist programs on Wednesday afternoons. John Monash is a select entry senior secondary school, with a focus on maths, science and technology. Each student has an iPad and a computer, with which they access all their online resources. Each exchange student had a homestay family – a family that they stayed with after school – and a school buddy, who took them to classes and showed them around. There were four lessons in the day, each 75 minutes long. Each student participates in an Enrichment Science class, such as Quarks to Quasars (Astrophysics) which I did and Pharmaceuticals, which Kayley did. We developed ideas for our EEI (extended experimental investigation) project to be developed over the rest of the term and presented at the John Monash Science Fair on the 28th of October. We also spent some time on the Monash Uni campus, looking at their weather prediction work and their BioEyes program, which is a program developed for rural schools. One of our specialist



programs was on how to develop ideas and products from these ideas through looking at the specifics of a zombie apocalypse and how we might survive it, as well as building prototypes of the products we came up with.

It was an incredible experience to see how a new, modern school operated - especially having a three story open plan building – and both Kayley and I made many new friends whom we look forward to seeing at the science fair.

Jess Armstrong

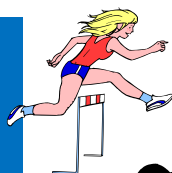


Secondary events from 9:15am

Primary events from 11:30am

Buses will run as normal

Can all students please wear appropriate sports clothing (in House colours) and footwear



FOODS ON SALE
will include
Sausage Rolls, Pies
Hot / Cold Rolls
Cakes
Tea /Coffee / Juices / Water

PRIMARY EVENTS

11:30am	<u>Sprints</u> (12 → 6 Year olds)		
	<u>Hurdles</u> (12 → 6 Year olds)		
FIELD EVENTS ...			
2:15pm	<u>Long Distance</u> (6 → 12 yo)		
<i>EVENT</i>	<i>6, 7 & 8 Year olds</i>	<i>9 & 10 Year olds</i>	<i>11 & 12 Year olds</i>
1	Discus	Long Jump	Shot Put
2	Shot Put	High Jump	Long Jump
3	Long Jump	Discus	High Jump
4	High Jump	Shot Put	Discus

House Athletics Wednesday 21st August



Ouyen farm safety

Our 3/4 students visited Ouyen on Wednesday to learn a variety of safety aspects related to working and living on farms



COLLEGE CALENDAR

21/8	House Athletics
22/8	Arts Council : P-6
27/8	Barista Course : Hospitality
28-30/8	3/4 Camp : Swan Hill
3/9	Mallee Division Athletics
16-20/9	Dance & Author
20/9	Open Day 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
9/10	Pinnaroo Show Day
10/10	Region Athletics : Bendigo
25/10	Final round of immunisations
4-8/11	Outdoor Ed : Mt Arapiles
18-22/11	5/6 Melbourne Camp
29/11	Last day for Year 11 students
2-6/12	7-9 Canberra Trip
5/12	P-2 Ballet : Mildura
6/12	Last day for Year 10 students
12/12	P-6 Sleepover
18/12	Presentation Night


Community Notices

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Murrayville Swimming Pool**
 Notice is hereby given to all members of the Murrayville Community that the AGM of the Murrayville Swimming Pool will be held on Monday 26th August, at 7pm (AEST) at the Murrayville Swimming Pool
Everyone Welcome

Murray Village Soccer Club
 Games on Wednesdays
 4.10pm for kids / 4.45pm for adults
 Sundays 2.30pm
 (subject to numbers)
 Phone Nic 0407 343 405
 or Kym 0429 184 841



PARILLA SEASONAL MARKET
 Sunday 18th August 10am-3pm
 Large array of stalls selling local produce, handicrafts, jewellery, glassware, honey, eggs, cakes & slices, wine tasting, plus small item garage sale ... and much more
 Bacon and eggs + sausage sizzle
 Icecream van
 Come and enjoy a fun day
 Enquiries to Debbie Hyde 8576 6062



**Responsible Service of Alcohol
Course – Ouyen**
 SuniTAFE Mallee Campus
 Wednesday August 25th
 from 5pm – 10pm
 Cost - \$80 per person
 Places limited
 Call 5091 0400 to book your place.

**AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT MOBILE
SERVICE CENTRE ASSISTANCE**
 In Pinnaroo (adj Golden Grain Hotel)
 on Thursday 22nd August
 from 9:30am to 3pm
 Providing face-to-face information for older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people re Centrelink, Medicare, Australian Hearing and Child Support payment and service options
 For more details, go to
humanservices.gov.au
 (Mobile Service Centre)
 or call 132 316

Its always worth
the time to get
the right tool

**BOOK
WEEK
at MCC!**

**READING
GIVES YOU
SUPER POWER!**

Books on sale in the Primary Gallery from the 19th – 29th August!
 Parents feel free to come and check them out!
 Primary kids please come dressed up as your favourite superhero or villain on Monday 19th August!

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