



# Murrayville Community College

## Newsletter

### From the Principal

#### Swimming Sports –

As you are probably aware Wednesday is forecast to be extremely hot. After careful consideration the staff decided that this event should proceed. However to make the day a little shorter than usual, the Individual Medley races for the secondary students were swum Friday in SPORT. I apologise to any parents who, for that reason, were unable to watch these races. This decision was made Friday morning in everyone's best interest for Wednesday. To try and beat the heat on Wednesday we ask:

- That all 3-12 students arrive in their bathers. Ready to commence the Lapathon at 9.00am.
- That all students have their bucket hat and a rash vest with them. Sunscreen will be provided for the students.
- That P-2 events are held from 11.30am. P-2 students are able to leave with their parents at the completion of their events.
- We anticipate that presentations will be around 2pm and all students may leave with parents at the completion of the presentations.
- Students who are travelling home by bus, will wait at school until 3.15pm, when buses will run as normal.

#### Human Powered Vehicles –

After a very successful year for HPV in 2013, Mrs Wyatt and Mrs Menzel have begun the preliminary planning for the 2014 Super Series. Students have been approached at school and asked to express an interest. I am very pleased with level of interest shown from the students in Grade 5/6, however the interest shown at a secondary level

*Michele Swanborough, Diane Finn & Julie Cowley are back on staff at MCC*



has been extremely disappointing. Considering the investment that the school community has put into this activity, over a number years, it would be devastating if we were not able to form a Secondary team. This is such a rewarding team activity to be involved with. Please urge your children to reconsider being involved regardless of whether they have been involved in the past.

#### School Council BBQ –

On Tuesday night, a very pleasant night was enjoyed by all who attended the annual School Council BBQ. It was a great opportunity to welcome our new staff and new families to our school community. The Year 12 and Foundation information sessions were very well attended. Thank you to the councillors and staff who helped out with the organisation and running of the evening.

#### Notice School Council Election –

It is that time of year again!! A number of our School Councillor's tenure is about to expire. They are Carley Heintze, Kym Kingdon, Michelle Thomas, Stacey Milde, and Josh Willersdorf. We thank them very much for their contributions to the College over

the last two years. Please consider nominating for this very important role in our school community. It is important to note that if you have already been on School Council, you can nominate again – this includes the members whose tenure is expiring. Nomination forms are available at the school.

#### TIMELINE FOR ELECTIONS

Notice of election : February 10  
Nominations close : February 21  
Ballot papers distributed : February 25  
Close of ballot : March 4  
Declaration of poll : March 7  
New Council meets : March 17

#### Pupil Free Days –

Just a quick reminder that this Thursday and Friday (13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> February) are pupil free days. The teaching staff will be attending a conference in Melbourne, based around Formative Assessment. This will then form the basis of our professional learning at school for the rest of 2014.

*Natasha Mudie - Principal*



*Newly-elected House Captains:  
WINJEEL - Thamsin & Molly  
LOWAN - Sam & Ellen*



Council President, Stacey Morzer-Bruyns welcomes all, particularly those new to our school community

Chefs in action!

Year 12 students/parents receive information on what's ahead



### Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive EMA.

The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

A pro-rata amount is payable for students turning 16 in 2014.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as; uniforms, excursions, textbooks, and stationery.

To apply, please contact the school office to complete an EMA application form.

Applications close on **28 February 2014**.

# CANTEEN

AVAILABLE MONDAY-FRIDAY

Wraps / Sandwiches / Rolls

Ham & Cheese or Chicken & Cheese Hot Rolls

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

Please - no more than \$5 in your envelope



## College Council BBQ



### SCHOOL CHOIR

will be running on Monday lunchtimes, commencing 24th February  
**ALL students welcome**

# Swimming Sports

## THIS WEDNESDAY

12th February

9am start for Years 3-12

P-2 events from 11:30am

Variety of foods on sale

(Rolls - Salad / Meat & Salad

Sandwiches - Mixed

Soft Drinks - Tea/Coffee -

Fruit Boxes)

Parents encouraged to attend and support your children

Please make sure students have hats, sunscreen,

water bottles

*Buses will run as normal*

# PRIMARY GOLD AWARDS

**Prep : Ethan McKee**  
for making a really good start at school this year

**1-2 : Alex Tzokas**  
for putting others before himself and showing great patience

**3-4 : Amelia Peers**  
for making an extra effort with her homework to improve her reading comprehension

**5-6 : Annika Yard**  
for showing a positive attitude towards learning

*'The goal setting and motivation activities will be really helpful in the year to come'*

*'I enjoyed the Challenge Hill obstacle course and the group discussions on goal setting and conflict resolution'*



*'The things we all learnt whilst on retreat will be effective in helping our class through Year 12'*

*'The personal stories helped make it more real'*



# YEAR 12 RETREAT

30-31 January : Challenge Hill (Woodhouse Activity Centre)  
Workshops (Year 12 workload / motivation / solving conflicts / setting goals)



*'I valued the time management information'*



*'Doing activities as a group was fun'*



*'Something I valued was learning how to set goals for myself, even if they are minor'*



# COLLEGE CALENDAR

# Community Notices

12/2	House Swimming Sports
13-14/2	Student Free Days for Staff Professional Development
16-17/2	VCE PE Labs : Ballarat
18/2	5:30pm P-6 Parent info
20/2	MMM Swimming
27/2	UDSSA Swimming
28/2	Mallee Division Swimming
10/3	Labour Day
18/3	Loddon Mallee Swimming Primary Regional Swimming
26-27/3	P-6 Parent/Teacher Interviews
31/3	Arts Council : P-6
1/4	Immunisation : Years 7 & 9
4/4	End of Term
22/4	Start of Term 2 (Tuesday)
9/5	House Cross Country
16/5	Mallee Division Cross Country UDSSA Cross Country
3/6	Loddon Mallee Cross Country
11/6	UDSSA Lightning Prems
23-27/6	Author Visit & Workshops
27/6	End of Term

**Children and Hot Cars**  
**No Exceptions. No Excuses**

On hot days, it is important to remember that children should never be left alone in a car.


The temperature inside a car on hot days begins to rise as soon as the door closes and within minutes the temperature inside can be double the temperature outside.

Leaving children in hot cars – even for a moment – can result in injury or death. Young children’s smaller body size and underdeveloped nervous system places them at a much greater risk of life-threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other serious health risks.

Victorian legislation makes leaving a child unattended in a car a criminal offence, with penalties ranging from fines of \$2165 or three months in prison.

If you are travelling with a child in a car and you need to get out, make sure you take your child with you. No exceptions. No excuses.

For more information, see: [Kidsafe Victoria](#)



**MURRAYVILLE NETBALL CLUB**  
General Meeting  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm  
Murrayville Community Centre  
Please come along if interested in playing, coaching or umpiring  
Apologies to Jacqui 0413 130 121 or Lisa 0418 835 210

**AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS BLOOD SERVICE**  
Murrayville Neighbourhood House is running a bus to Mildura on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February for donation of blood  
The bus trip is free, so please give blood and help save lives!  
Phone Jacqui on 5095 2205

**MALLEE YOUTH**  
First event for 2014: **Fri Feb 14<sup>th</sup>** Pinnaroo Lutheran Hall, Hensley St 5.30pm (SA time)  
*Winter Olympics Movie Night*  
Come dressed in the colours of a competing country (Not Australia –That’s too easy!!)

Other Term 1 dates:  
Fri Feb 28<sup>th</sup> Jacob’s Well Retreat, Murrayville 6pm (Vic ) : Swimming Pool Fun & Games  
Fri Mar 14<sup>th</sup> Pinnaroo Lutheran Hall, Hensley St 5.30pm (SA time)  
Fri Mar 28<sup>th</sup> Jacob’s Well Retreat, 27 Poole St Murrayville 6pm (Vic time)  
For further info please contact Pastor Dan Rooney 08 8577 8094

Words build.  
Words destroy.  
Be a builder.

## COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME

- (\* Return from parents required)
- Years 11 & 12 - details of 2014 English requirements and workload
  - Years 3-4 students - introduction to school year
  - Years 1-2 - more class information
  - Year 8 - English details for 2014
  - Year 7; Years 9&10 boys - immunisation cards\* **Return today**

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

