



Murrayville Community College

Newsletter

From the Principal ...

Active After Schools –

This term the Active After Schools program is going to run in conjunction with the Tennis Club and the Basketball Club. This is an excellent opportunity for our school to partner with our local clubs for an effective outcome for our students. Students will have the opportunity to participate in the Aussie Hoops program on Mondays and Hot Shots Tennis on Thursdays. The Active After Schools grant will cover the costs involved in running these programs, including afternoon tea for the participants. It will also enable the purchase of any required equipment. I would encourage any students who have not yet registered this year, to fill out a registration form and make the most of these opportunities. Registration forms will be sent home with this newsletter.

Aussie Hoops will begin on Monday 21st from 3.30 – 4.30 and will be coordinated by Terri Walker.

Hot Shots Tennis will begin on Thursday 24th from 3.30 - 4.30 and will be coordinated by Carly Heintze. The tennis will be at the town courts, from where parents are requested to collect children at 4:30pm

Sporting Success –

Congratulations to George Heintze, who travelled to Bendigo on Monday to compete in High Jump in the regional athletics carnival. He had qualified in two events, High Jump and Discus, unfortunately these were scheduled at the same time. George jumped an impressive 1.35m and finished 5th for his age group. Well done, George.

Congratulations also to Lachlan Parker, who just missed out on selection for the State under 12 cricket team.

Lachlan had passed selection trials at Ouyen, Ballarat and Melbourne before being cut out of a final squad of 13 from 32 hopefuls in the final trials in Melbourne on Sunday. Well done, Lachlan.

Thomas Hawthorne was also selected in the state cricket squad in South Australia, in the under 17 team. He, like Lachlan, was cut when the squad was finalised, but also a huge achievement!

VCE Revision Lectures –

Last weekend fourteen Year 11 and 12 students travelled to Melbourne to attend a variety of revision lectures run in various locations in Melbourne. All students found them very worthwhile. Those Year 11 students who were not involved in lectures on the Saturday visited the Victoria Markets, the Royal Exhibition Building (pictured) and the Melbourne Museum. These programs are very advantageous and I would encourage as many students as possible to take up this opportunity in the future.

Year 12s Last Week –

Next week is the last week for our Year 12 students, with their final official day of school on Friday. Their first exam is English on Wednesday 30th October.

Canberra Trip -

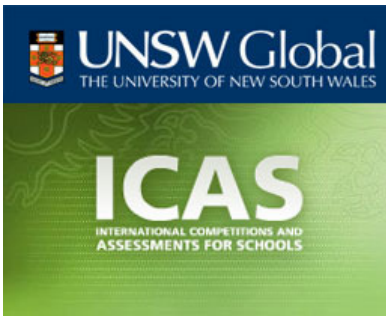
The students in years 7, 8 and 9 have received letters notifying them of their camp to Canberra from the 9th to the 13th of December. Deposits for that trip are now due and numbers need to be finalised. Please return the form indicating a commitment to this trip with your deposit on Monday if you haven't already done so.

UNSW Competitions -

Congratulations to all students who were selected to participate in the Maths and English competitions this year. Well done, to those who were awarded credit and distinction certificates.

Natasha Mudie - Principal





English Competition

Each year, the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) invite schools to participate in the

English Competition. The test is designed to assess students' academic ability in aspects of English, in particular reading.

The competition comprises multiple choice comprehension tasks that require completion in a set time frame. General information about ICAS is available by visiting the website www.eaa.unsw.edu.au.

This year, all students in the primary sector participated in the competition, while students in the secondary area were encouraged to take part. Participants receive a certificate, as well as an individual student performance sheet which graphs their accomplishments in each of the different areas assessed. Students will be bringing these sheets home this week.

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded certificates of achievement at yesterday's assembly:

Credit

- Year 3: Dermott Boston
- Year 5: Ricky Armstrong, Lara Mudie, Benjamyn Plum
- Year 6: Emma Allan
- Year 7: Stephanie Ford, Henry Gibson
- Year 8: Jessica Allan, Mariah Daniel, Lexi Thomas

Distinction

- Year 7: Carrie Armstrong
- Year 8: Tara Heintze, Abigail Sparnon
- Year 10: Elly Thomas



PRIMARY GOLD AWARDS

Prep :

Matilda Wyatt

for independent story writing

1-2 :

Jonathon Peers

for outstanding work in completing Mathematics puzzle challenges

3-4 :

Daniel McDonald

for his hard work and improvement at doing addition

5-6 :

Hugh Parker

for great efforts in reading activities



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



Garden News

The primary garden has been undergoing a flurry of activity over the last two weeks, as the gardens are made ready for new plantings and the war on snails is begun. A big thank you to Mr Ian Musgrove for his generous donation of 3 bags of sheep manure to help us with the garden bed preparation.

If anyone else has any sheep/horse/cow manure that they could donate to feed our very hungry soil we would be most grateful.

Brilliant Broad Beans

Ingredients: Olive oil
 1 onion
 3 rashers of bacon
 Feta (optional)
 Fresh broad beans (approx. 350g)
 Fresh mint
 1 tsp salt
 Pepper (optional)

Procedure:

- Shell the broad beans from their pods.
- Boil the beans in salted water for about 7 minutes.
- Drain the beans and peel off the tough outer skin.
- Sit the peeled beans aside till needed.
- Dice an onion and fry it in some olive oil until it caramelises.
- Remove it from the pan and set it aside.
- Add chopped bacon to the pan and fry it until cooked.
- Add the onion and peeled broad beans into the pan with the bacon, and stir gently until mixed.
- Remove the pan from the heat.
- Gently toss in some chopped fresh mint and add a little extra olive oil if desired.
- Transfer the beans to a serving bowl and serve with crumbled feta cheese and cracked black pepper.



Brilliant Broad Beans

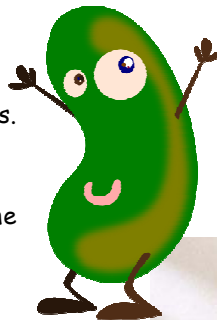
Last week, the Year 3/4 class picked the last of the broad beans in their garden and cleaned out the finished beanstalks.

The next morning started with an impromptu math lesson as we weighed, podded and re-weighed our beans.

With lots of yummy fresh broad beans to use, Year 3/4 tried out a recipe for

Brilliant Broad Beans.

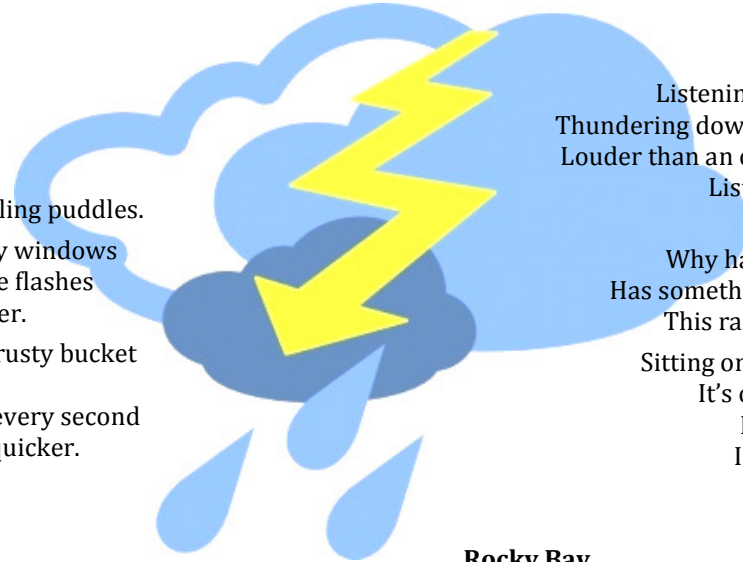
We hope you like it as much as we did!



Storm

Flashing skies
Cracking lightning
Looking into the dark clouds
Watching rain drops fall into rippling puddles.
Waiting, staring through the foggy windows
Counting the seconds between the flashes
Listening for the rumble of thunder.
Tapping of water dripping into a rusty bucket
Slowly filling to the lip
The leaking roof getting damper every second
The tapping getting quicker and quicker.

By Ryan Hawthorne



Storm

Listening to pounding rain
Thundering down on the pavement
Louder than an orchestra of drums
Listening in darkness.

I am curious
Why have we lost power?
Has something bad happened?
This rain makes me think.

Sitting on this concrete step
It's cold, hard and grey
Rain surrounds me
I sit here and listen.

By Abigail Sparnon

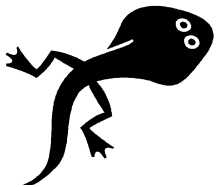
River-Side

Talking to friends by the crystal, clear water,
Fishing on the river bank,
Swimming in the hot weather,
Listening to the howling wind coming off the bite of the river.
Curious how nice the water is,
Wondering what the weather is like outside,
Curious if it will rain this afternoon,

Wondering if the water will settle enough to go skiing.

The little tadpoles swimming in the harsh waters,
The little tadpoles swimming in groups,
Trying to catch the tiny tadpoles,
The wave crashes and they swim away.

By Caleb Francis



Rocky Bay

White waves,
Rocky bay,
Huge intimidating rocks,
Foaming water smashing against rocks,
Crashing,
Violently,
Where are the sharks?

Alone in the Desert

One house,
Remote location,
No one there but you,
Where are the people?
Golden sand,
All alone,
Lonely.

By William Venning



WET & DRY LANDSCAPE

Blue Lakes

Clear horizon,
Hilly river,
Green grass, calm skies,
Nice, peaceful place,
Colours reflecting off the water,
Still,
Undisturbed.

Dirty Deserts

Hot desert,
Dry outback,
Old trees, big hills, camels,
Large landscape,
Clear sky, beautiful horizon,
Thirsty,

By Kobe Henderson

POETRY FROM YEARS 7 & 8

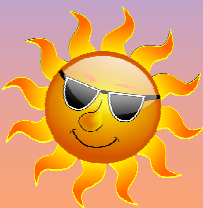
Wet and Dry Poems

Calm ripples,
Rocky beaches
Noticeable orange boulder
Good place to stay
White clear sand
Still



Relaxing.

Sunny,
Sandy ground
Orange sand that crickets love
Annoying noises at night
Big rounded sand ball
Plague
Blue sky.



By Ryan Lewis

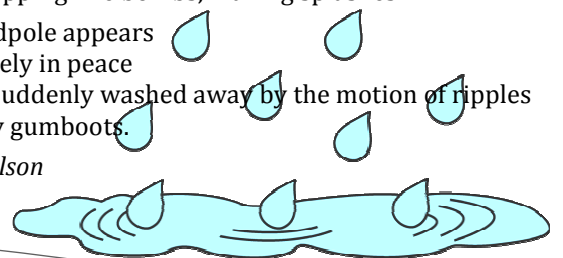
Walking Through, After Rain

Ripple appearing before my eyes
Flicks of water jumping everywhere
Reflections of colour
Blurred by motion.

The refreshing feel of cold water flicks on my face
Enjoyment of random shapes in water, created by movement
Gumboots dropping like bombs, making splashes.

Suddenly a tadpole appears
Swimming freely in peace
A little body, suddenly washed away by the motion of ripples
Created by my gumboots.

By Candice Wilson



Umbrella Weather

The clouds turn angry,
I'm shivering, cold, miserable,
Huddled by the fire inside,
Remaining safe from the storm.

The weather makes me hide,
Alone, silence surrounds me,
Only hearing the rain,
That's thundering outside.

Hugging the cushion closer,
Its warmth heats me,
It reminds me I'm safe,
From the storm outside.

By Jessica Allan



My Haven

Bullets of rain,
Thundering down on my umbrella,
It keeps me safe, dry,
Protects me from pelting rain.

I am unseen, hidden,
Behind my curtain of rain,
I'm happy in my world,
Standing alone in the weather.

I walk to the house,
On the concrete steps,
My rain curtain breaks,
My little world is gone.
What Not to Do On a Rainy Day

By Tara Heintze

Wet and Dry Poems

Still water,
Australian Outback,
Old grey trees, casting shadows,
Picnic paradise, cool, quiet,
Green grass, eroded banks,
Inviting,
Old life.

Cracked earth,
Central Australia,
Black bush fencing the land,
Flat plain, wasted land,
Tiny archipelagos of salt,
Reaching,
For moisture.

By Lexi Thomas

YEARS 7&8 POETRY

The Strange Day and Night

It's raining so loud,
Lots of noise outside - Bang! Bang!
Scared with fear,
Bang goes the power; dark.

Kept secrets from my friend,
She was very upset,
I said sorry to my friend,
I'm now her friend.

I have found a back-pack,
Who owns it? What's inside?
It's green; is there a snake,
Is it a trap?

By Darcy Weckert



Why Do I Sit Outside

Sitting on the front porch,
Watching the rain come down,
Making giant puddles,
And rivers on the road.

Don't know what to think,
Should I go inside?
I'm wasting too much time,
I need help to decide.

The cushion on the chair,
So comfy I could sleep,
Don't want to get up,
Can't make up my mind.

By Ben Finn



Water Poem

Waking up on the river,
I look over the river,
The sun,
Shining over the river.



I get out of my swag,
Excited for the day ahead,
Wind brushing past,
The thrill of the boat ride.

I look down in the water,
I see the tadpoles swimming,
They seem so free,
The river is a wonderful place.

By Jack Sharrad

Remembering

Laughing, playing, squealing in the mud
Splash, splash, covered in sludge
Gumboots go squelch, squelch
Going inside, drip, drip, Mum yells.

Slowly, hiding behind people
Run, run, run, no I can't
Stop talking to me
Finally, she stops.

Run to my room, grab my cushion
I want to go back outside
But no, it's too cuddly
Smell my childhood, come back.

By Brooke McNeilly



My Poem

The water drips to my sock,
As I splash through the mud,
Slipping and sliding,
My boots heavy with its extra cargo.

There is a puddle right at my feet,
Unsure whether to jump in,
Will I face my Mum?
With mud all over, I don't know.

I climb the first step,
Ready to face her wrath,
The mud slips from my boots,
Staining Dad's precious concrete brown.

By Matthew Beer

COLLEGE CALENDAR

21/10	College Council
25/10	Final round of immunisations
29/10-1/11	Year 11 Outdoor Ed : Pt Elliot
4-8/11	Outdoor Ed : Mt Arapiles
14/11	P-6 Plays at 11:15am
15/11	Year 12 Dinner
18/11	College Council
18-22/11	5/6 Melbourne Camp
20-21/11	Mock Interviews : Year 10
27/11	P-6 Science afternoon
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
10/12	Transition : K-10
12/12	P-6 Sleepover
18/12	Presentation Night

Community Notices

BLOOD DONATION BUS

Mildura trip on Monday October 21st CANCELLED
Rescheduled to Monday 4th November
We have had to cancel our last 2 appointments due to lack of numbers, please consider donating! 1 in 3 people will need blood during their lifetime but only 1 in 30 gives blood.
Contact Jacqui Gibson on 5095 2205 at the Neighbourhood House to book your seat.

Murrayville Netball Club AGM

Tuesday 29 October
4pm at Community Centre
President position needs to be filled
Apologies to Lisa Crane
0418 835 210

Murrayville Football/ Netball Ladies Auxiliary AGM
to follow

FOUND

A size XL Murrayville Football Club fleecy jacket was recently left on one of the buses
Please contact the College front office if it is yours

MURRAYVILLE SWIMMING POOL

LIFEGUARD COURSE (at Murrayville Pool) -\$234

Friday 8/11 (5-9pm); Saturday 9/11 (8am-6pm); Sunday 10/11 (8am-6pm)

LIFEGUARD UPDATE - \$102

Monday 11/11 (9am-5pm)

Anyone completing the Lifeguard Course must have their Level 2 First Aid

LEVEL 2 FIRST AID COURSE

Saturday 26/10 (9am-5pm) - at the Community Centre

APPLIED FIRST AID LEVEL - \$140

CURRENT FIRST AID HOLDERS

needing to refresh - \$130

CPR - LifeGuard Updates - \$45

Those requiring CPR update only, which is required every year for those with a Lifeguard Certificate, please attend at 9am when CPR assessments will be done.

First Aid course open to anyone who needs Level 2 First Aid.

More info - Merryn (0422 022 610) or Penny (0427 952 191)

Numbers needed by 15/10 please



GARDEN DAY IN UNDERBOOL - 25th October - 10 gardens will be presented

Cost is \$30 per head, which includes bus, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea

If you would like to book a seat to attend the day please call Jacqui at the Neighbourhood House on 5095 2205

When things are steep, remember to stay level-headed

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

(* Return from parents required)

1. Years 5 & 6 - camp information *
2. Year 11 Outdoor Ed - re Pt Elliot camp *
3. Sport & Rec students - re Mt Arapiles camp *

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

