



Murrayville Community College

Newsletter

From the Principal ...

AO Blitz –

As previously stated the Australian Open Blitz is visiting Murrayville on Monday. A flyer went home on Friday promoting this event and encouraging all students to register. If you would like the school to register your child please send the return slip back or contact us by phone. We are in the running for prizes not only at a club level, but also for the school and town. All students will be attending from 11.30am until 2.00pm and a barbeque lunch will be provided, however students should bring ample snacks, a drink bottle and hat. Parents may collect students at 2:00pm if they wish. All remaining students should bring their bathers for a swim at the end of the day, as Monday is forecast to be warm.

Code Red Days –

On the back of this newsletter there is a

fact sheet relating to Bushfire planning and Code Red Days, please tear this off and keep it in a prominent place for the bushfire season. The main point to remember is that on days declared **Code RED** our school will be closed to students and staff, and the buses will not operate. Parents will be contacted and advised prior to any school closures due to bushfire risk.

Year 12 Dinner -

On Friday 15th of November, parents and staff celebrated the with the current Year 12 students the completion of their school education at our college. The night was a very enjoyable one, with some very memorable toasts to our students, by their teachers. Although it is extremely sad to see these wonderful young adults leave our college, I know that they are all destined for success in the next phase of their lives. Thank you to the Pinnaroo Golf Club for providing us with a delicious meal.

Mock Interviews –

Last Wednesday the Year 9/10 Careers class participated in Mock Interviews. These were run by Sunraysia Murray Group Training (SMGT), special thanks to Elizabeth Hunt who travelled from Mildura to conduct the interviews. The students applied for apprenticeship and traineeship jobs that they could realistically apply for from about the age of seventeen. They were on the whole very well prepared for their interviews, having prepared cover letters and resumes, and studied interview techniques in class. Many of the students also dressed appropriately for their interview. Elizabeth rated each student's performance and expressed to me how impressed she was with their interview techniques. These types of experiences are invaluable and we are extremely lucky that SMGT have been so supportive of this program.

Absences -

As the year is drawing to a close it is important for audit purposes to ensure that our school rolls are up to date. Mrs Willersdorf will be sending letters to families that still have unexplained absences, please ensure that these are returned promptly to form teachers so that this process can be completed.

*Natasha Mudie
Principal*



Persuasive writing



Grade 1 and 2 have been working on persuasive writing for several weeks and the children completed their

final task for the unit with a piece explaining their viewpoint on the topic, 'Children should be allowed to sit where and how they want'.

I think they have done an excellent job (even though I will still be allocating their seats!) *Ms Morehouse*

Dillon

I think children should sit where they are told because the teacher might tell them off because they fiddle with something.

Zac

We should always get to choose where and how we sit. If we get comfortable then we will listen better and we won't talk. So I think we should sit where we want.

Cooper

I think children should sit where they want to. If children sit comfortably then they will listen. When children sit with their legs crossed their legs might hurt. Also children could get annoyed if they sit next to people they don't like. Therefore I think children should sit where they want.

Shania

I think we should sit where we are told. If we sit where we are told then we will not talk to friends or other people. When we sit where we are told we will not get distracted. Also we can get more work done. So I think we should sit where we are told.

CANTEEN

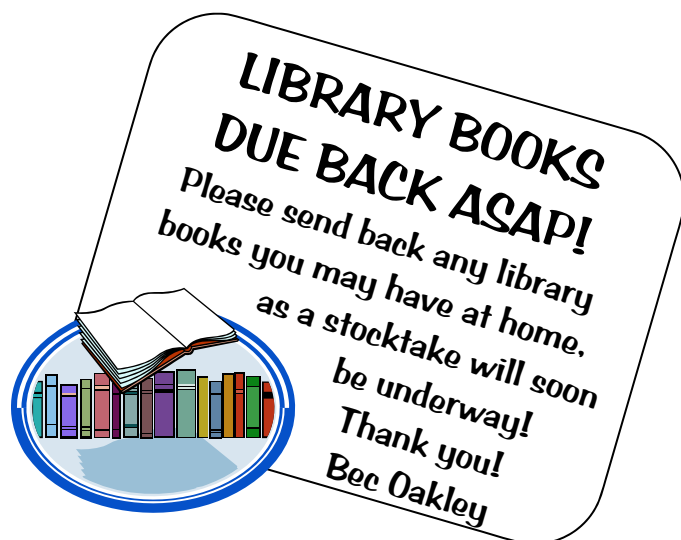
AVAILABLE MONDAY-FRIDAY

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



PRIMARY GOLD AWARDS

Prep :

Steffinie Ammerlaan

for excellent dramatic skills shown in the class play

Ivy Beckmann

for good skills shown in measurement activities

1-2 :

Zac Kelly

for consistently concentrating on his work

Shania Heintze

for her excellent persuasive writing piece

3-4 :

Amelia Peers

for writing beautifully in cursive

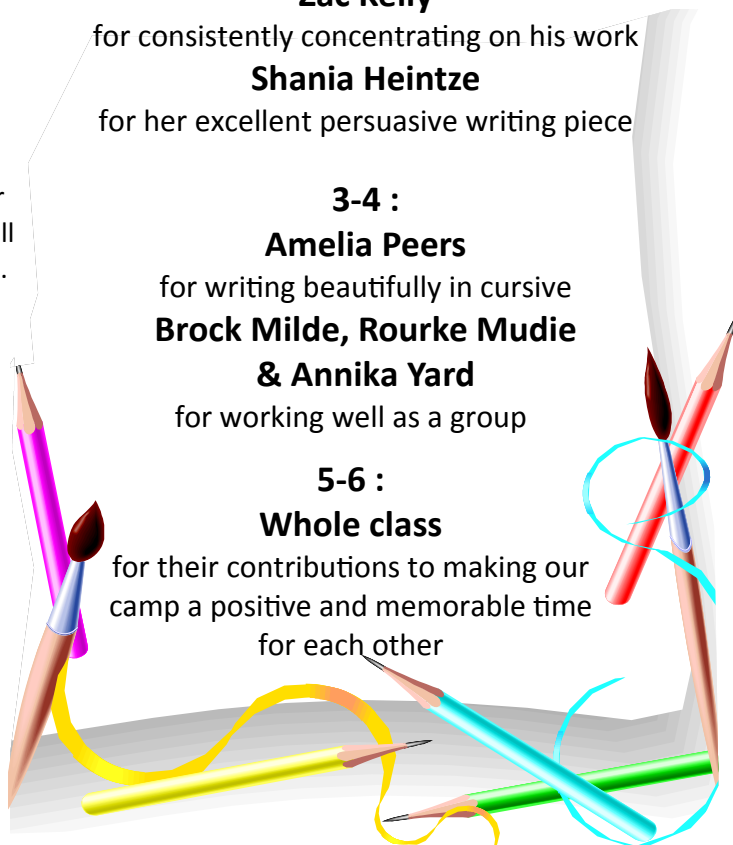
**Brock Milde, Rourke Mudie
& Annika Yard**

for working well as a group

5-6 :

Whole class

for their contributions to making our camp a positive and memorable time for each other



On the 4th of November we went to Mt Arapiles for a Sport and Rec camp. On this camp we went rock climbing and bike riding. This was fun and a great experience for all of us. The best part of the camp would have been riding down Mt Arapiles on our bikes.

Kobe, Ryan and Randall

It was a long way up to the summit but it was worth it on the way down. Riding was way harder than rock climbing. Remember to take water, you may die on the way up.

Bonnie, Jayme-Lee and Sarah

Facing our fears was challenging and scary, but worth it. It made us more confident in rock climbing and in life, knowing that it's possible to do something you never thought you could do. It was fun swinging out of the rocks. We hope to face many more challenges like this in the future.

Tori and Ella

sport & rec camp



mt arapiles



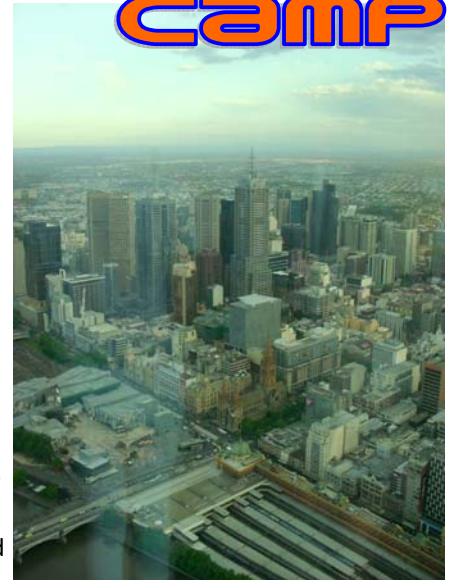
On Wednesday the 20th of November the grade 5/6 left the Urban Camp in Melbourne, where we had been staying for the past two nights. The class travelled on the bus to Sovereign Hill where we would stay for the next two nights. After we got to Sovereign Hill we had to go straight to the gold pour demonstration. We sat down at the place where they did the gold pour. Lucy and George got to hold the gold that the man melted then made solid again. After that we had some free time to have a look about. Mrs W took the girls to the lolly shop to see how they make the old lollies. The girls met a man called Rob - he told us that his name was Anthony, but then someone who worked with him said bye Rob and that's how we knew his name. Later that night the class went tenpin bowling. We split into three groups and all had two rounds of bowling. Henry went to bowl on his first go and he fell over and the bowling ball went down the next lane and knocked over 8 pins. Hugh put the ball up to the line and gave it a tiny tap. The ball went half way down the alley and then stopped - it then started to roll back to him. We went back to Sovereign Hill and had some supper, then went back to the lodge and went to bed. In the morning we had breakfast at a café then headed off to the gold museum. At the gold museum we met a man who told us about the gold rush and we played a game that was a quiz about the gold rush. Ricky won and for his prize he got a small figurine. After that we had a look around the museum. Later we went to the education session about how life was for the Chinese and all the taxes they had to pay to pan for gold. We learnt how to write "New Gold Mountain" in Chinese. Next we had the Red Hill mine tour. We went underground and watched a film of the Welcome Stanger being found. After that we went to 'Blood on the Southern Cross', a sound and light show that had awesome affects like water spraying off the top of the roof. Yet it was freezing! We went around in a train like thing that had lots of carriages. We got back to the rooms at about 10, tired but now warm! In the morning we had breakfast at 7:15, packed all our bags and got them on the bus. We drove a bit over an hour to Ararat Gaol. It was very interesting and we spent about an hour and a half there. We made it home at Murrayville at about 4:30. It was good to see our parents again. It was an excellent camp and everyone had so much fun and we are very grateful to the teachers who made this camp happen.

By Kirsty, Lilly and Lara

5/6 CAMP



On Monday the 18th of November the 5/6 class travelled 7 long hours on a crammed bus to the city of Melbourne. When we arrived at the Urban Camp, where we would spend the next two nights, a lady talked to us about rules and regulations. We then unpacked and set up our rooms. After that we went for a look around and the lady gave us a tour of the building and the places that we could



go and relax. Next Mrs Willersdorf took Lilly, Kirsty, Emma, Lara and Miranda to the State Netball and Hockey Centre, which was just down the road. We got to see hockey and netball teams train and the big stadium where famous netballers had played. Then we went back to the Urban Camp and had tea. After that we got ready to go to the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC) at 7 o'clock. We got on the bus and travelled about 10 minutes to get there. We had 2 instructors, Matt and Sarah. First we went in the wave



pool and played keepers off. We stopped when the waves came on but continued the game when they stopped. After that we played it in the really warm pool. Then we got to go on a big inflatable obstacle course type thing. We had to try and jump from the blue bit to the other blue bit and if we did, we were given a Mars Bar from our teachers! Sadly nobody made it, it was a big jump! Clay and Ricky almost made it, but they fell down. Then we went on a big slide. It was really fun because it was dark and you didn't know which direction you were about to go in. We were about to leave but had 5 minutes left so we got to go on the diving board. When we got back at the camp we had supper, which was Milo and biscuits. In the morning we had breakfast and got ready for Scienceworks and Planetarium. We arrived there at about 9:30. We were about half an

hour early so we walked down to the river. We took lots of pictures and saw a ship that we believed had come from Germany. We made our way back to Scienceworks and a man told us about rules and other things. We locked our bags in big cupboards. He took us to Sportworks which was really awesome. There were things like Race against Cathy Freeman and riding a bike while a skeleton would do the same. It was really fun. We walked over to the maths area and did some of those activities. Next we went into a big cinema like thing in which the roof was a whole screen. We looked at stars and seasons. The chairs moved back so we could sit back and watch the show. It was very good and interesting. Lastly at Scienceworks we had a show called "Cool Stuff". We learnt about Liquid Nitrogen and the effects of it. We had our lunch on the bus to Federation Square where we had a tour led by a lady called Sarah. She took us around and told us about the history and importance of Federation Square. It was quite a warm day of over 30 degrees. After that we walked to an alley where street art was perfectly legal and beautiful. We were all amazed by it and the detail in it; we were taking lots of pictures of the artwork. Next we went and had a bit of a look around and had a tram ride that was free and went around Melbourne. It was really long but it was still to the



really good. Then we went back to Urban Camp and had tea. Next we went and got our jumpers and left to go to the Eureka Tower. When we arrived we went into the gift shop and bought some stuff. There was a big screen that was touch and we looked at that for a while before getting into the elevator. We reached the 88th floor much quicker than we thought. The walls were covered in glass and it was an amazing sight. Some people chose to go on the edge which is a glass box that hangs out the side of the building. We left at about 9:00. We had supper and went to bed. In the morning we had breakfast and packed our bags to leave for Ballarat. Melbourne was really great and we had awesome experiences.

By Emma Allan and Kirsty Heintze



*Must be nearly
Christmas ... the
Hospitality class
has been busy
making
gingerbread
houses*





Mock interviews by SMGT for our Careers students



congratulations



Kayley Beer and Elly Thomas were recently notified that they had been awarded a Kwong Lee Dow Scholarship. The Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program is an academic enrichment program designed to support high-achieving Victorian and select New South Wales and South Australian border school students. It provides them with a taste of university life, the chance to meet and connect with like-minded students, the opportunity to develop their leadership and community involvement skills, and access to University resources, academics and events at Melbourne University's Parkville campus. Well done!

COLLEGE CALENDAR

- 2-6/12 7-9 Canberra Trip
- 5/12 P-2 Ballet : Mildura
- 6/12 Last day for Year 10 students
- 9/12 College Council
- 10/12 Transition : K-10
- 12/12 CRE Concert at 11:15am
P-6 Sleepover
- 18/12 Presentation Night
- 2014**
- 28/1 Staff return
- 29/1 Years 10-12 return
- 30/1 Years 7-9 return
- 31/1 Years 1-6 return
- 3/2 Foundation students start

2014 HPV DATES

- Pre Season warm up - March 9
Mt Gambier
- Round 1 - May 3 - 4 Loxton
- Round 2 - June 14 - 15 Victoria Park
- Round 3 - July 26 - 27 Victoria Park
- Round 4 - September 20 - 21
Murray Bridge

You will be judged
by what you
finished,
not by what you
planned

Community Notices



Coming to Murrayville on Monday 2nd December 11:30am - 2pm
Australian Open Trophies
Free speed serve, tennis twister, giveaways and more

GET THE FACTS on ICE (Crystal Methamphetamine)

The Northern Mallee Community Partnership is offering FREE information sessions covering:



- What is ICE?*
- How ICE works*
- How ICE affects the body*
- Short and long term harm*
- Overdose signs and symptoms*
- Treatment and support options*

4:30-5:30pm - Sunraysia Community Health, Mildura
10 December, 14 January, 11 February, 11 March
Phone 5021 7671 for more details



EMPTY

CHRISTMAS TREE

Cowangie Uniting Church
Sunday 8th December
at 9:30am
Children's gifts
(given to
Mallee Family Care,
Mildura)
can either be brought
to church or left at the
Murrayville Newsagency
*All donations
gratefully accepted*



Murrayville Early Learning Centre AGM

Wednesday 4th December
5pm : At the Centre
Everyone welcome



teddy bears' picnic





Highest bushfire risk schools

November 2013

Prepared by
Department of Education &
Early Childhood Development
Emergency Management

School procedures for the bushfire season

The way schools in Victoria respond to bushfires is being constantly revised.

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools – and children’s services – identified as being at highest bushfire risk have been included on the Bushfire-At Risk Register (BARR) and will be closed on days determined by fire authorities to be Code Red. Our school has been identified as a school at highest bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to three days notice of a planned closure following the issue of a Code Red warning by the CFA. We will contact you directly by email or letter sent home with your child and SMS with advice on planned closures and will confirm the decision to close by 12 noon the day before the planned closure.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child.

- No staff will be on site on days when the school is closed by the risk of fire.
- Out-of-school care will be cancelled on these days.
- School camps will be cancelled if the area where the camp is taking place is at risk.

There may also be changes to school bus routes. Depending on routes, this may also occur on days when the school is not closed.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days, children should never be left at home unattended or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire-prone area, the safest option when a Code Red day is declared may be to leave the night before, or early in the morning of the Code Red day.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family’s Bushfire Survival Plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements for your children in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website www.murrayvillecc.vic.edu.au and by phone or SMS.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you’re planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family’s Bushfire Survival Plan.

You can access more information about school closures on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/emergencies.aspx>

For up-to-date information on this year’s fire season and Bushfire Survival Planning, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.