



# Murrayville Community College

## Newsletter

*From the Principal ...*

### **AO Blitz –**

On Monday our students were joined by students from Pinnaroo, Walpeup, Underbool and Lameroo for the AO Blitz roadshow. They completed a number of challenges that will count towards gaining points for Murrayville, a large proportion of these were filmed by the Tennis Australia film crew. Some of this footage was filmed from the air thanks to David Lloyd and his plane. You may even catch a glimpse of this footage on channel 7, while the Australian Open is being played in January. Students also had the opportunity to get up close and personal with the 2014 Australian Open trophies, participate in Cardio Tennis, Speed Serve and Tennis Twister. Every student also received some give-aways for being involved in the day. It was great to see so many young people in one place being active and enjoying themselves. It was also great to see many from the local community taking the opportunity to be part of this event. Sue Dundas, the Community Tennis Officer who organised this event, congratulated the staff on the participation levels of our Mallee kids. She said out of all of the Blitz events she had organised in western Victoria, Murrayville's was the best. Thank you to Tennis Australia and the Murrayville Tennis Club for providing us with this great opportunity and a wonderful lunch.

### **First Week of 2014 –**

After discussion at leadership and staff meetings and with the School Council, we have decided to run the first week of school a little differently to the past.

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Public Holiday

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Teachers return (state-wide pupil free day)

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan** –

First Aid Training - Teachers plus Years 10,11 & 12 students who do not have a current First Aid certificate.

Secondary Book collection

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan** –

Year 12 Retreat - Adelaide (Bonding/Goal setting/Motivation).

Years 7-11 commence normal classes.

Years P-6 come in at appointed times for diagnostic testing.

Primary book collection.

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan** –

Year 12 Retreat continued.

Years 1-11 normal classes.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb** –

Foundation (Preps) commence. All classes as normal.

### **Primary Science Afternoon -**

Last Wednesday afternoon our P-6 students, next year's Foundation students and some parents were treated to a science extravaganza. Thank you to Mr Sheridan, Mrs Thomas and the Years 9 & 10 science students who organised a wide range of experiments and activities for the students to undertake in small groups. Events such as this are excellent opportunities for our senior students to be active contributors to the learning process and build relationships across both sectors of our school.

**Year 10 Exams** – Year 10 students have been completing exams for Maths, English,

Geography and Science, over the course of this week. These exams have been run under full exam conditions and are designed to prepare students for the experience of Year 12 exams. A large proportion of these students will be undertaking a Year 12 study in 2014, so this is very important practice for them.

### **7-9 Canberra Trip –**

Reports from Canberra, are that the students and staff have been having a fantastic time experiencing the highlights of our national capital. This is an excellent trip that reinforces the work done at school in Humanities, Science and Physical Education. Fortunately for our students the cool change was a day later in Canberra and should provide them with a comfortable trip home. A big thank you to Mrs Chaplin, Mrs Andrews, Mrs Pritchard, Mrs Edwards, Mr Magnisalis and Mr Josan, for accompanying the students and driving the buses to, from and around Canberra.

### **P-2 Trip to the Ballet –**

On Thursday the Prep to year 2 students travelled to Mildura to attend a performance of 'Peter and the Wolf'. Thank you to Paul and Barb Ireland for attending with our students and to Paul for assisting in driving the bus.

*Natasha Mudie  
Principal*



## PARENTS OF JUNIOR STUDENTS

Please note that

### ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS

concluded for 2013 this week

Please watch the newsletter

early in term 1 for details

of when it will resume

A reminder that

### STATIONERY ORDERS

for the local newsagencies need to be returned to the school or the newsagency (Murrayville by Monday, Pinnaroo by Friday) so that stock can be ordered

## PRIMARY Reading award

Allea:  
for being the most dedicated reader in 3/4 and reaching 200 nights of reading.  
A fantastic effort!



## 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

## LIBRARY BOOKS DUE BACK ASAP!

Please send back any library books you may have at home, as a stocktake will soon be underway!

Thank you!  
Bec Oakley



### Please note : 2014 dates

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
12/2	House Swimming Sports
13-14/2	Student Free Days for Staff PD

## PRIMARY GOLD AWARDS

Prep :

**Harvey Crane**

for continued good work with his Magic Words

**Jai Standley**

for excellent skills shown solving addition problems

1-2 :

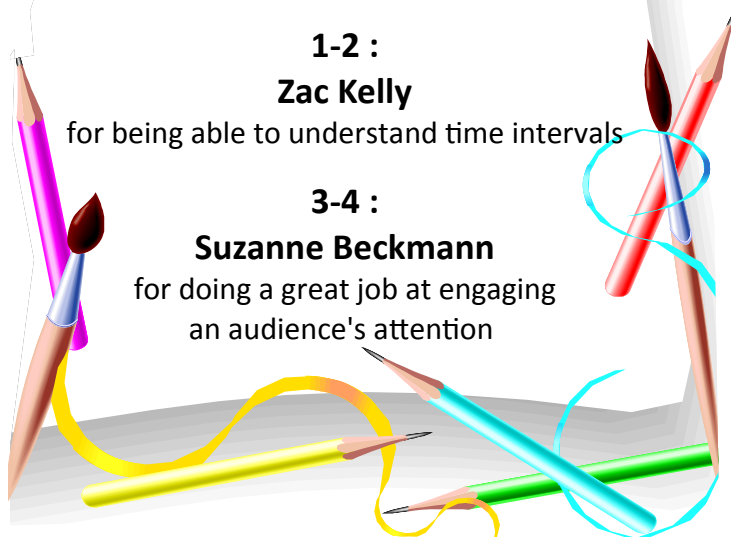
**Zac Kelly**

for being able to understand time intervals

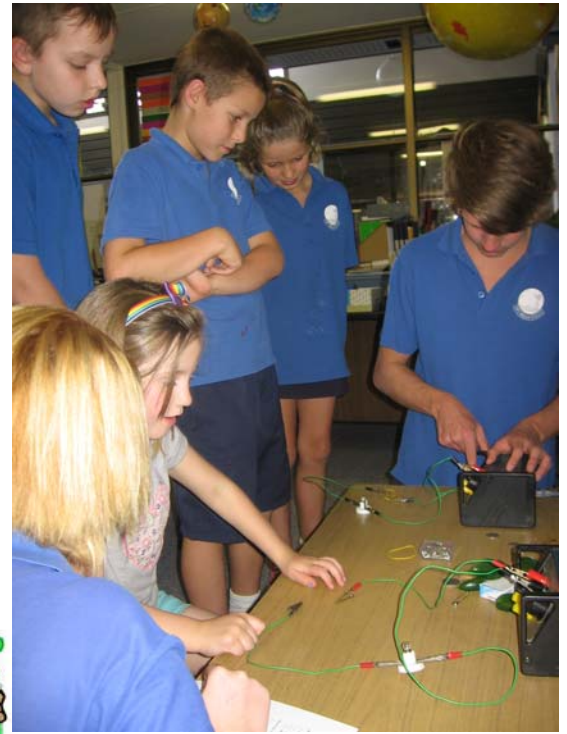
3-4 :

**Suzanne Beckmann**

for doing a great job at engaging an audience's attention







# SCIENTISTS OF THE FUTURE



Primary students enjoyed an introduction to Science last week, with activities led by Mr Sheridan, Mrs Thomas and several Year 9/10 students. They were really excited when Mr Sheridan demonstrated his 'volcano' (above left).



# VET AUTO NEWS

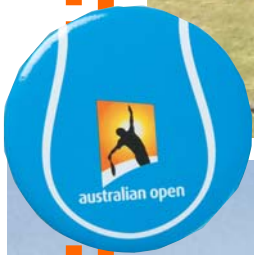
Danyon with a new 2011 Holden V6 ecotec engine kindly donated by Sunraysia TAFE Mildura



From all reports, our Years 7-9 students are having a great time learning about our nation's capital, Canberra. They are seen above during their visit to Cockington Green, and at left when the group attended Parliament House. We look forward to more photos and stories when they return to school next week.



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