



# Murrayville Community College

## Newsletter

*From the Principal*

### Local Solutions Year 12 retention fund –

I am very pleased to announce that the College has been successful in securing \$30,000 for 2014 and 2015 for the project "Broad Horizons – Pathways to work and study". This project is aimed at our senior students to motivate and raise aspirations and to enhance their employability post school. It will be used to cover the costs of Careers trips to visit Universities and TAFE colleges, courses such as *Food Handling, Coffee Making and First Aid*. We also intend to invite Motivational Speakers to the school and to heavily subsidise the costs of trips to Melbourne, Ballarat and Bendigo for VCE revision and study specific lectures and programs.

### Last week of school -

It is hard to believe that next week is our last week of the 2013 school year. Students and staff have been busy preparing for **Presentation Night**. Presentation night is a special night in the school's calendar and is an opportunity for the school to recognise the achievements of our students. We have a number of invited guests attending, including Peter Corkhill our guest speaker. Peter was a graduate teacher in Murrayville in the 1980s and is now the Principal of The John Monash Science School in Melbourne. **Students are expected in full uniform and to be at the hall by 7.30pm ready for the program to commence at 8.00pm (Victorian Time)**. Reports and magazines will be distributed to families of secondary students at the of Presentation Night.



Those families with children only in P-6 should receive their reports with their eldest child on Wednesday afternoon.



### 2014 REMINDERS

#### Text Payment/Collection

Secondary students  
Wednesday 29th January  
9:30am to 1pm

#### Term 1 Commences as follows:

Years 10-12 : 29th January  
Years 7-9 : Thursday 30th January  
Years 1-6 : Friday 31st January  
Foundation : Monday 3rd February

#### House Swimming Sports

Wednesday 12th February

#### Student Free Days

Thursday/Friday 13-14th February

### Staff appointments –

I have much pleasure in announcing that we have made two further appointments for 2014. Mrs Diane Finn will be returning 4 days a week to teach Hospitality, Health and Human Development and Humanities. Mrs Julie Cowley will also be returning 2 days a week to teach Geography and Science.

### Departing Staff –

It is with much sadness that we will be farewelling a number of staff at the end of next week. They have all made very special contributions to our school and will be sorely missed.

**Bruce Armstrong** is leaving to take up a position at Karoo Primary School in Melbourne. He has made an enormous contribution to our college, especially in the Primary sector. I would like to make special mention of his work with HPV from its establishment to the position of strength in 2013.

**Bradley Sheridan** is taking up a position at St Patricks Technical School in Adelaide. His work at the college has been outstanding and

we wish him all the very best in his future career.

**Baldev Josan** will be moving back to Melbourne to be closer to his family. We wish him all the very best in his teaching career.

**Maria Vouis** will be returning to Adelaide and is hoping to pursue her music further and is considering further study, as well as returning to her previous employment. We thank her very much for her efforts with English and Humanities and wish her well.

**Jaimi Willersdorf** will be taking family leave in 2014. We wish Jaimi and Josh all the very best with the arrival of their baby. We look forward to seeing lots of Jaimi and baby in 2014.

### CRE Concert –

This Thursday the P-6 students presented their Xmas concert, with plays and songs related to the Nativity. Special thanks to Colleen Heintze, Kym and Faye Kingdon and Kylie Armstrong for organising this. A very special thanks to Kylie for her contributions, volunteering as an instructor for a number of years at our college.

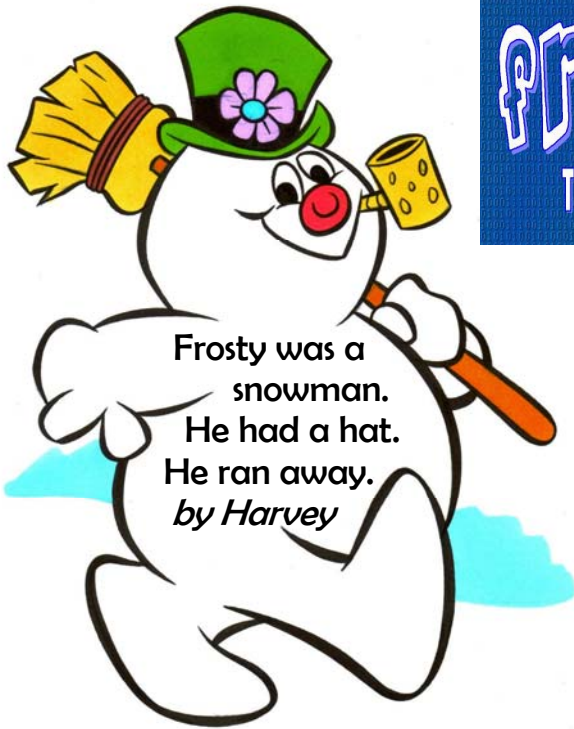
### Prep Gifts -

Today the Prep class took home a picture story book presented to them by Hammertons Jewellers of Mildura. Each year Hammertons donate a picture story book to children in the Mildura region who graduate from the Prep class.

*I wish you all a  
safe and happy  
Christmas and  
New Year season*

*Natasha Mudie  
Principal*





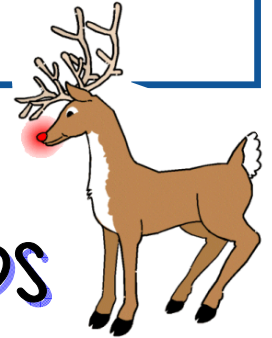
# FROSTY

## THE SNOWMAN

The children made a snowman and Frosty melted. He had a mouth and a broom. He played with the children. He melted and went away.  
*by Jai*

Frosty was a snowman.  
He had a hat.  
He ran away.  
*by Harvey*

The children made a snowman. He came alive. They put a magic hat on him. The boy gave him a broom. They gave him a scarf and two gloves. He melted.  
*by Brooklyn*



# PRIMARY GOLD AWARDS

Prep :

**Matilda Wyatt & Harvey Crane**  
for reading over 200 nights this year

1-2 :

**Lila Oakley**

for being brave and confident in all performances

**Shania Heintze**

for consistently working without distraction on everything

**Alex Tzokas**

for showing more maturity in dealing with difficulties

3-4 :

**Jaylen Barford**

for improving his writing

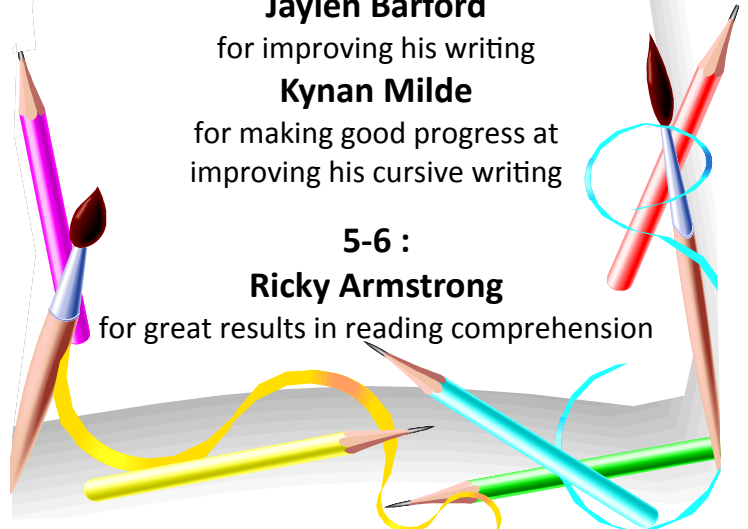
**Kynan Milde**

for making good progress at improving his cursive writing

5-6 :

**Ricky Armstrong**

for great results in reading comprehension



They made a snowman and they put a hat up on top of him. He came alive and they played. They went to town. The wind blew his magic hat off and Frosty melted.  
*by Steffinie*

The children made a snowman. It was Frosty. He came alive. The children jumped and yelled 'Yeah!' They played with him. He had a magic hat and came alive. He melted and his hat blew off.  
*by Matilda*

# 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

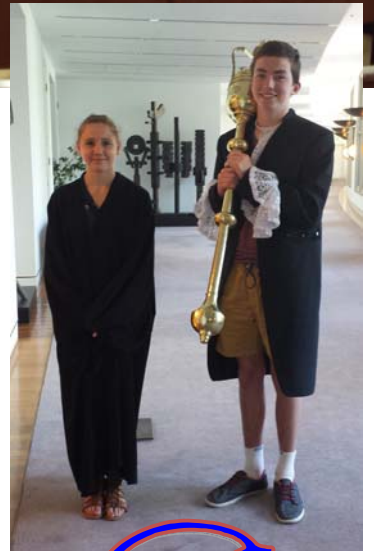




*Learning about our Parliament*



**MUSEUM  
OF AUSTRALIAN  
DEMOCRACY**  
OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE



*Our Canberra Trip*



We appreciate the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate provided by BUSY At Work to assist our students with funding for their excursion to their National Capital

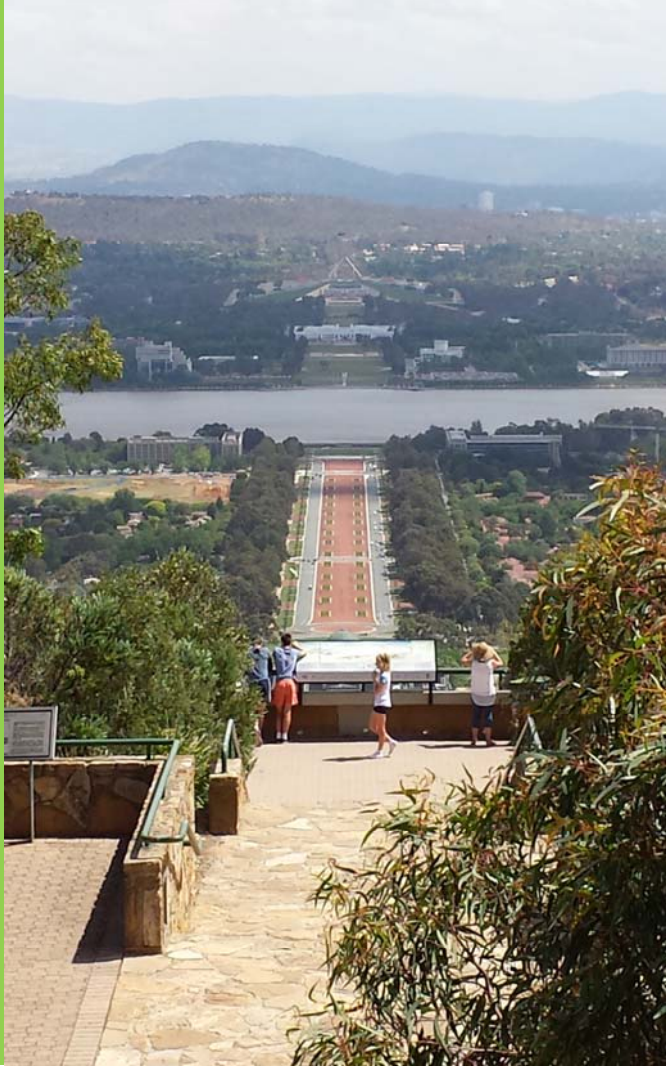




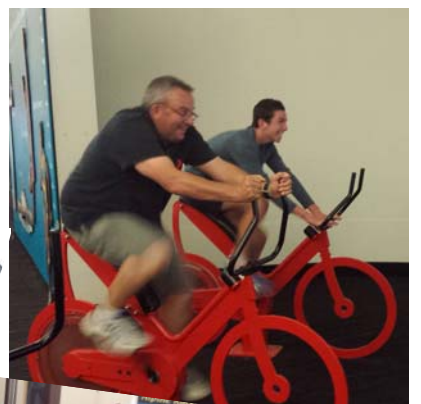
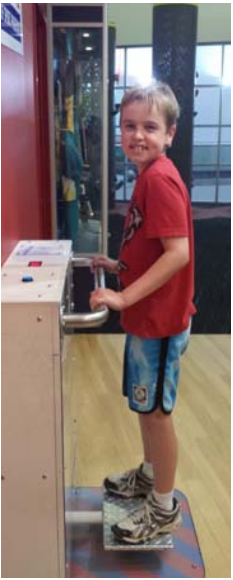
Australian War Memorial



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# COLLEGE CALENDAR

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



### 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

When having a debate with yourself, let your conscience win

# Community Notices



**MYCENTRE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES for students in Years 7 to 12**

Monday 6/1 : Laserforce  
10am-1pm : Cost \$15 (lunch provided)

Tuesday 7/1 : Indoor Sports  
10am-3pm : Cost FREE (lunch provided)

Wednesday 8/1 : Tradies Day  
9am-3pm : Cost \$10 (lunch provided)

Thursday 9/1 : Surf's Up  
1pm-4pm : Cost FREE (afternoon tea provided)

Friday 10/1 : Exquisite Corpse Workshop  
10am-3pm : Cost FREE (lunch provided)

Monday 13/1 : Learn to Box  
10am-1pm : Cost \$10 (lunch provided)

Tuesday 14/1 : Rollerama  
10am-1pm : Cost \$10 (lunch provided)

Wednesday 15/1 : Cup Cakes Galore  
10am-3pm : Cost \$10 (lunch provided)

Thursday 16/1 : Mega Splash Pool Party  
1-4pm : Cost FREE (afternoon tea provided)

Friday 17/1 : Papier Mache Masks  
10am-3pm : Cost FREE (lunch provided)

Monday 20/1 : Dance Moves  
10am-2pm : Cost FREE (lunch provided)

Tuesday 21/1 : Movies and Pizza  
9:30am-1pm : Cost \$15 (lunch provided)

Wednesday 22/1 : Masterchef  
10am-3pm : Cost \$10 (lunch provided)

Thursday 23/1 : Putt Putt & Aqua Coaster  
10am-3pm : Cost \$15 (lunch provided)

Friday 24/1 : Clay Sculptures  
10am-3pm : Cost FREE (lunch provided)

*For further information contact  
Mildura Rural City Council Youth Services  
on 5018 8280*

You are invited to celebrate Christmas at the Murrayville Lutheran Church from 5-6pm on Christmas Eve Drama by Youth and Children Carol Singing and Bible Readings  
*Everyone welcome*

## Christmas



**FAREWELL to Armstrong Family**  
**CHURCH SERVICE @ 10:30am**  
Uniting Church combined with Lutherans  
Pr Dan Rooney and David Shepherd  
**POOLED LUNCH @ 12 noon**  
at Senior Citizens Clubrooms where anyone from the community is welcome to share in a time of reflection and thanks for the contribution the Armstrong family has made in our community  
*All welcome  
Please bring a plate of food*

## COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- (\* Return from parents required)
- Years P-6 students - details of last few days of school  
*Please check that you have received this information and contact the College if you require another copy*



➔ On Monday P-5 students will receive details and a timetable re testing on Thursday 30 January 2014