



Murrayville Community College

Newsletter

From the Principal

Swimming Sports –

Congratulations to all of our student competitors on Sports Day. I felt the participation levels were very high and it was great to see so many of our students even giving the hardest of strokes a go. Special congratulations to the Lowan House who broke a significant drought of Swimming Sports wins to take the shield, and to our age group champions and runners-up for their consistent efforts across a number of events. Thank you to all of the spectators who braved the heat to cheer the students on. Thank you also to Josh Willersdorf for his organisation of the day and to all of the staff and student helpers that ensured the events ran smoothly and the canteen catered adequately for everyone.

MMM Swimming –

Each year our first and second place getters in years 7-10 travel to Mildura to fight it out for a place in the MMM team that represents the small schools of Werrimull (Millewa), Manangatang and Murrayville. They then compete as a secondary team against the larger schools of Robinvale, Ouyen and Tyrrell at the Mallee Division Swimming. This qualifying event was held yesterday, with a number of our students making the MMM team. Congratulations to the following students who were awarded age group champions - Clay Kingdon, Maddison Mudie, Ben Finn, Brooke McNeilly and Ryan Hawthorne, and runner-up age group champions Kirsty Heintze, Henry Gibson and Jack Sharrad.

UDSSA Swimming –

The Underbool and Districts School Sports Assembly Swimming Sports are the primary equivalent of the Mallee Division Swimming. They will be held next Thursday in Ouyen. I wish all of our competitors the very best of luck in these events. Any students who win a final, qualify for the North West Regional Swimming sports which are held later in March.

Staff Learning –

The teaching staff travelled to Melbourne at the end of last week to carry out professional development around Formative Assessment. (pg 2)



*Proud Lowan captains -
Sam Wurfel and Ellen Fearnside*

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Secondary medal winners -

*Back: Maddison Mudie, Ryan Hawthorne, Matthew Beer, Clay Kingdon, Nic Bridge
Front: Jayme-Lee Brown, Thamsin Sharrad, Kirsty Heintze, Ben Finn,*

Brooke McNeilly, Ella Gibson



From the Principal continued ...

The presenter 'Dylan William' was amazing, he was both entertaining and thought provoking. Each teacher has come back with a range of practical strategies to assess the learning that is occurring within the classroom at any time. They can use these strategies to not only assess the students, but also to assess the effectiveness of their own teaching. They can then make timely adjustments to their program to ensure that all students are ready to move on. I am thrilled to say that our teachers have already trialed a number of these strategies and the feedback from both staff and students has been overwhelmingly positive.

Leap into Engineering –

Yesterday Matthew Beer took up the opportunity to experience what it might be like to study Engineering at University. He travelled to Latrobe University in Mildura and met with

other interested students to carry out hands-on activities in a workshop that was designed to give students a new perspective on the Engineering profession. I would encourage all students to take up opportunities like this when they are presented.

VCE PE Trip –

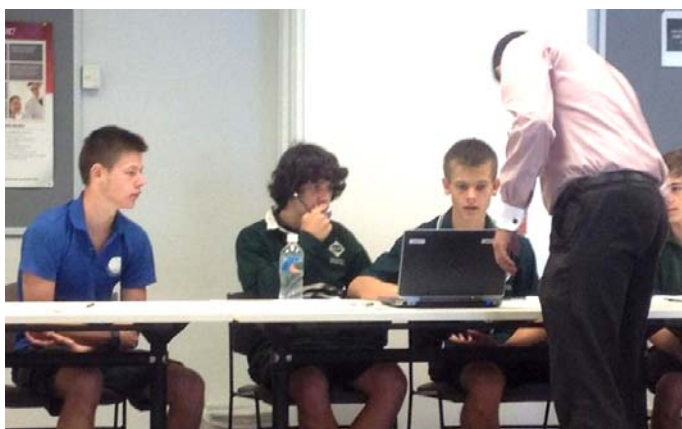
On Sunday a number of our Year 11 and 12 PE students travelled to Ballarat to carry out activities related to their VCE course work at Federation University on the Monday. Many of the activities

were practical and involved using specialised equipment. This work will set them up for the remainder of the semester in PE. Thank you to Josh Willersdorf and Jacqui Gibson for taking them and making this opportunity possible.

Council Elections -

A reminder to anyone interested in being involved as a member of our College Council that the nominations close today at 4pm.

*Natasha Mudie
Principal*



Are you a book or movie buff?

- ◇ Mrs Parker's Year 8 English class is running a competition for staff, students, parents and members of the community.
- ◇ Each week they will publish 5 questions about books and films for you to answer.
- ◇ Place your answers in the box in the library.
- ◇ Remember to write your name on your entry!
- ◇ This week's questions are on the genre of horror and were devised by Mitchell and Colby.
- ◇ *Good luck!*

competition

CANTEN

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

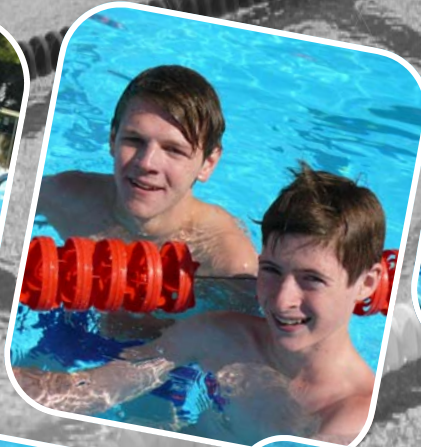
Questions ...

1. Which book by Stephen King was turned into a movie made in 1980, and has the saying 'Here's Johnny'?
2. Which author wrote the popular novel 'The Turn of the Screw'?
3. Who directed 'Wolf Creek'?
4. Which author wrote the popular kids series called 'Goosebumps'?
5. Who wrote the book and the screenplay of the movie 'The Exorcist'?

Remember to write your name on your entry



medal winners



house swimming

HOMESWORK

HOMEWORK CLUB

Afternoon homework club will start next week (week 5). This will run every Monday and Thursday from 3.30pm til 4.30pm in the G1 classroom. Students from all year levels are welcome and encouraged to attend.



ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS

COMMENCED THIS WEEK

- * Wednesday 3.15 - 4.15
Swimming (when warm) or games in the gym. (Pick-up at school)
- * Thursday 3.15 - 4.15:
Hot Shots Tennis at the Murrayville Tennis Courts. (Pick up at courts)

SWIMMING RESULTS



A win to Lowan (2456 points) by just 11 points! Congratulations to all competitors, particularly the champions:



Boys

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| 12-13 Clay Kingdon | R/up Jaxon Brown |
| 14 Ben Finn | R/up Mitchell Parker |
| 15 Ryan Hawthorne | R/up Jack Sharrad |
| 16 Matthew Beer | R/up Kobe Henderson |
| 17 Nic Bridge | R/up Randall Watson |
| 18-20 Rafe Bridge | R/up Damon Herbert |

Girls

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| 12-13 Kirsty Heintze | R/up Emma Allan |
| 14 Maddison Mudie | R/up Lillian Moyle |
| 15 Brooke McNeilly | R/up Lexi Thomas |
| 16 Jayme-Lee Brown | R/up Celeste StClair |
| 17 Ella Gibson | R/up Kayley Beer |
| 18-20 Thamsin Sharrad | R/up Sarah Hawthorne |

Record Breakers

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| 10 YO Brock Milde (25m Freestyle) |
| Suzie Beckmann (25m Freestyle) |
| (25m Backstroke) |
| Kynan Milde (25m Backstroke) |
| 12-13 Lara Mudie (25m Backstroke) |
| 15 Ryan Hawthorne (50m Breaststroke) |



NAPLAN

Dear Parent/Carer

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2014 for Years 3,5,7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday 13 May, Wednesday 14 May and Thursday 15 May 2014. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals which can be used to improve student achievement.

All students are expected to participate in NAPLAN tests. During test week, catch-up tests will be available for individual students who are absent on test days. These students may undertake catch-up tests on the days in the test week after the scheduled test, up to and including Friday 16 May 2014.

Support can be arranged for students with disabilities, if the student regularly uses similar support for classroom assessment tasks.

Large print, braille, electronic and black and white versions of the tests are available for students that require them.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the principal. If, after consultation, you decide to withdraw your child, you must sign a Student Withdrawal form. These forms are available at school.

Later in the year you will receive your child's personal NAPLAN report. This report will describe your child's particular skills in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAP website at www.nap.edu.au or speak to your child's teacher, myself or the principal.

Fionna Edwards

Goldfields Gap Year & Student Exchange Expo



**WED 12
March 2014
7 to 8.30 pm**

VENUE

Catholic College Bendigo

**Marian Centre
Cnr. Wright & Valentine Streets
Bendigo**

In Year 12 or at University and considering a GAP YEAR?

In Years 9 - 10 and considering an EXCHANGE YEAR?

Don't miss this expo!

Find out about a variety of options including information about:

- Travel
- Organised Gap Year Programs
- Secondary School Exchange Programs
- Overseas Work
- Traineeships and Employment at home and MUCH MORE

7.00 to 7.30 pm

Welcome & Introduction

A panel of people including representatives from La Trobe University and Careers Teachers from the Bendigo Regional Careers Association will speak about the key issues you should think about when considering a Gap Year.

7.00 to 8.30 pm

Student Exchange & Gap Year Expo

Approx 20 stallholders available to answer your questions and provide information. If your key interest is student exchange programs, please visit the Expo from 7.00 pm instead of the Gap Year talk.

CONTACT PERSON
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**GROW YOUR OWN
FRUIT & VEG!!!**

**WANT TO BALANCE
THE BUDGET?**

**LEARN TO COOK
USING YOUR
GARDEN PRODUCE.**

**WANT TO WORK
IN A NURSERY??**

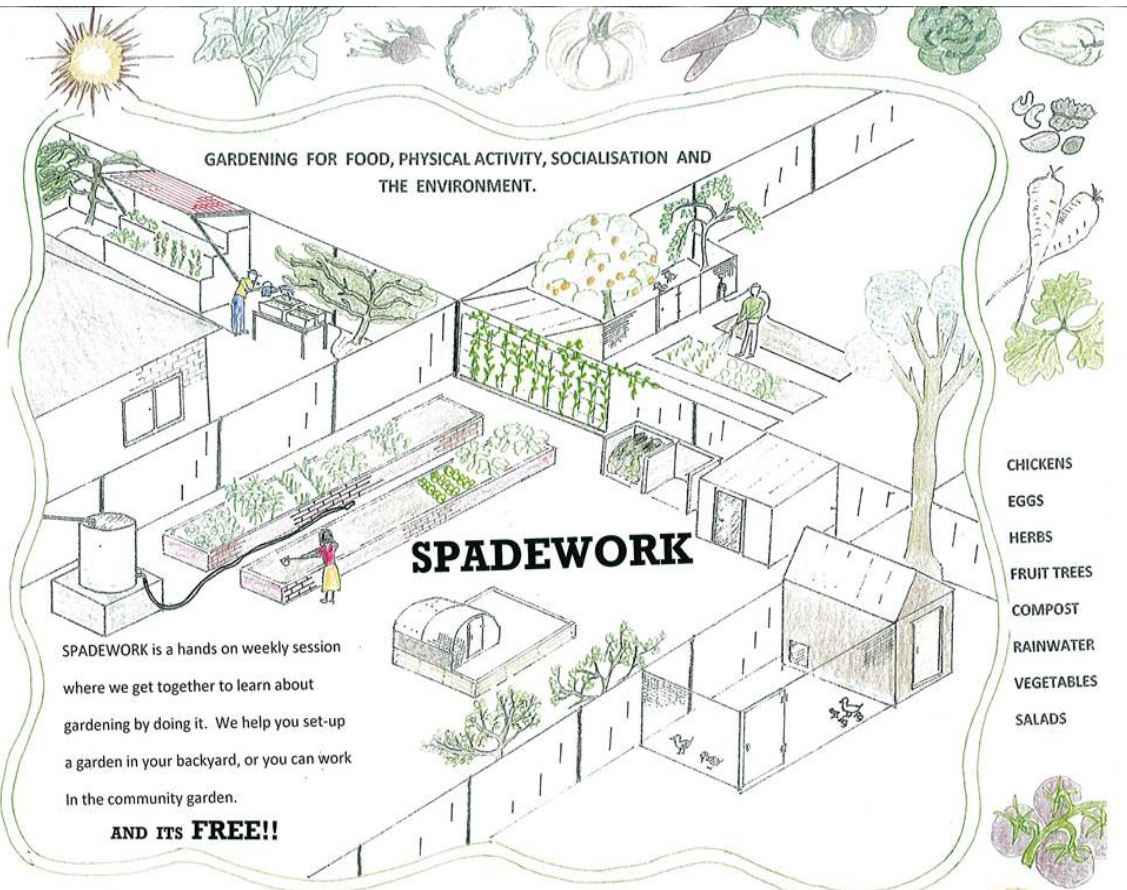
We show you how to raise seedlings, what to plant and when, how to make the soil fertile, and how to control pests.



From February to June: each Wednesday 10-12am.

You can join anytime: Contact Chris 0448415933

Venue: East End Community Garden, 8 Dove Place.



SPADEWORK is a hands on weekly session where we get together to learn about gardening by doing it. We help you set-up a garden in your backyard, or you can work in the community garden.

AND ITS FREE!!



**SUNRAYSLIA
THE URBAN FARMER**



We are excited to have received a donation of footy jumpers no longer needed by the Blackwood Football Club. This means our students will have a complete set of jumpers to wear when they are representing the College in inter-school competition such as 9-A-Side. Thanks to David Bradley, SANFL junior development officer, for organising this.



SCHOOL CHOIR

is running on
Monday lunchtimes.
ALL students welcome

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**.

COLLEGE CALENDAR

Community Notices

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)
3-4/5	HPV Round 1 at Loxton
9/5	House Cross Country
13-15/5	NAPLAN Tests
16/5	Mallee Division Cross Country UDSSA Cross Country
3/6	Loddon Mallee Cross Country
11/6	UDSSA Lightning Prems
14-15/6	HPV Round 2 - Adelaide
23-27/6	Author Visit & Workshops Year 10 Work Experience
27/6	End of Term
14/7	Start of Term 3
22/7	Immunisation : Years 7 & 9

Success is not
forever and
failure is not fatal

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

Are you interested in Coaching in 2014, if so please contact Lisa, Jacqui or Carly

Pre Season starts 6/3/14, working bee at 4.30pm followed by training

Contact Carly Heintze asap to get your Bulldogs dress & socks ready to start the season.

SAVE FUNDS FOR EDUCATION

The College has information on a scheme to match your savings, up to \$500, for educational costs including - uniform, texts, computers, excursions, sports gear, music fees

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18, have some regular income from work and have a child at school or study yourself

Contact the College for details

MALLEE YOUTH

Fri Feb 28th Jacob’s Well Retreat, Murrayville 6pm (Vic time)
Swimming Pool Fun & Games

Fri Mar 14th Pinnaroo Lutheran Hall, 5.30pm (SA time)

Fri Mar 28th Jacob’s Well Retreat, Murrayville 6pm (Vic time)

For further info please contact Pastor Dan Rooney 08 8577 8094

PINNAROO WETLANDS

"Day on the Green"

Official Opening
Sunday 4th May
Free Family and Children’s Entertainment

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME

- (* Return from parents required)
1. P-6 students - details of Active After Schools and Parent Info sessions
 2. 7-9 students involved in MMM Swimming
 3. 7, 9 & 10 students - English course details for 2014
 4. 5-6 students - 2014 information and teacher introduction

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

