



Murrayville Community College

Newsletter

From the Principal

Agriculture News –

The stud sheep have been on agistment at the Thomas farm. A big thank you to Tanya, Tony, Greg and Michelle for this. We are looking at bringing the remainder of the flock back into school next week, before they begin to lamb again in April. If any farmers have been grading seed and have excess or unwanted screenings available, they would be greatly appreciated. With our small landholdings we constantly need to supplementary feed the sheep and the alpacas.

Somers Camp –

This Tuesday two of our Grade 6 students left for Somers school camp on Westernport Bay, south east of Melbourne. Lara Mudie and Henry Wallis were both very excited about their 9 day adventure. They will participate in a wide range of outdoor education and other activities that will provide them with a unique personal development experience.

12 Geography Fieldtrip –

Today seven boys who are studying Year 12 Geography travelled on a round trip through the Sunraysia and Riverland to look at the use and management of water in the Murray Darling Basin. They stopped at sites at Hattah lakes, Kings Billabong, Noora Evaporation Basin and Lock 4 in Loxton. They looked at the natural river environment at Hattah. At Kings Billabong they were shown by the Mallee Catchment Management Authority the problems associated with irrigation and salinity. At Loxton the students saw how regulation of the river works at Lock 4 and how salinity is managed through the salt interception schemes. Thanks to Mrs Julie Cowley for organising this trip for the students.

Medical Forms –

A number of students who have indicated on their enrolment information that they have a medical condition other than anaphylaxis have been sent a Medical Advice Form or Asthma Action Plan and a Health Support Plan. For those who require medication a Medication Authority Form has also been sent home. Department policy is clear that medication cannot be given without this form being completed. Students should supply their own medication, including Ventolin.

Anaphylaxis Policy –

A new ministerial order around Anaphylaxis comes into place next month. This has required a review of our current Anaphylaxis policy. I have made some substantial changes to the current policy - if you would like to have any input in drafting the policy please contact the school for the current draft. I am hoping that the amended policy can be ratified at the next School Council meeting on the 17th of March.

Anaphylaxis Risk –

We currently have students and staff attending our school who are at risk of anaphylaxis from bees and nuts. It is important that we all work together to minimise the risk. Our school endeavours to be allergy friendly and we ask that parents refrain from sending foods to school that contain nuts and encourage your children not to share their food. Our staff are regularly trained on the management of anaphylaxis, however we definitely prefer the prevention of such an incident.

Swimming Success -

Congratulations to Suzie Beckmann, Luka Morzer-Bruyns and George Heintze, who have been selected to participate in the Primary Regional Swimming Carnival to be held at Swan Hill on Tuesday 18th March. Also to Henry Gibson and Clay Kingdon on their selection for the Loddon Mallee Swimming Sports to be held on the same day.

Labour Day -

A reminder that Monday (10th March) is a scheduled public holiday. This also coincides with the SA holiday for Adelaide Cup.

School Photos -

Gary Boseley will be visiting school for our annual photos on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th March. All students should have received envelopes to place orders.

*Natasha Mudie
Principal*



Entries are now open for the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards. Registration and poem submission can be done via:
<http://www.dorothea.com.au/index.php/awards/enter-online/>
I encourage students who have enjoyed writing poetry, either with the visiting authors, or in English, to enter this competition.

*Fionna Edwards
(English Coordinator)*

Proudly participating in

National Ride2School Day

19 March 2014



Our school has enrolled in the National Ride2School Day, to be held across Australia on Wednesday 19th March.

Students are encouraged, where possible, to participate in this activity by riding, walking, scooting or skating to school.

National Ride2School Day is about celebrating active travel within the school day and encouraging those who haven't started to give it a go. It's a great way to get fit, healthy and contributes to the 60 minutes of daily recommended physical activity for students.



PEDAL PRIX

Training will commence on Wednesday 12th March at lunchtime, and will be on Mondays and Fridays after school (to 4:20pm), as well as endurance training on Wednesday lunchtimes.

Cross Country runners who want to train and prepare for their upcoming race in term 2 will also be able to train on Wednesday lunch time with the Pedal Prix group.

See Mrs Wyatt for further details.

Please ensure the notes sent home this Wednesday are returned promptly to enable students to participate.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th March. Envelopes went home with all students earlier this week. Please read instructions carefully and return no later than Friday 21st March.

- WANTED -
FOR USE IN THE PRIMARY SECTOR

- ◆ Icecream containers
- ◆ Margarine containers
- ◆ Foam trays




PRIMARY

GOLD AWARDS

Prep :

Evie Oakley

for working hard in class all the time

1-2 : All of Grade 2

for their kindness, patience and attention to the Preps in helping them on the computers

Ivy Beckmann

for determination to do an excellent job in all areas

3-4 : Dermott Boston

for achieving more during lessons and improving at avoiding distractions when working

5-6 : Hugh Parker

for showing fantastic sportsmanship at the UDSSA Swimming Carnival

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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

The First Fleet: one mishap after another, or the journey that shaped our nation? What could possibly go wrong?

Regional Arts Victoria touring program brought this piece of Australian classical theatre to our secondary students on Tuesday, introducing a variety of characters from the pages of early Australian history. The actors revealed little known facts about the beginnings of Australia, including that Captain Cook was NOT on board the First Fleet, and that NO convict EVER settled at Botany Bay.

Set in 1787, when mad King George of England decided to send 1500 convicts to the other side of the world to Botany Bay, the stories were told of events that took place in that period of time.



An enjoyable way to learn our early history!



A Sunburnt Country



We are very pleased to announce that Murrayville Community College is now a member of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. The program, referred to as SAKGP, provides a clear and worthwhile philosophy for pleasurable food education for our primary students with an emphasis on the flavours and health benefits of fresh seasonal food, grown by the children in their organic gardens and prepared for the table by the children in kitchen sessions. The three learning spaces of the garden, the kitchen and the classroom work in harmony to

support learning across all curriculum areas.

The students in years 3 to 6 will be involved in all aspects of the program. Ms Kim Luckman will be conducting both the kitchen and the garden classes on a regular basis. The Prep, 1 and 2 children will be involved through lead up activities that develop their understanding of plant growing conditions, seasons and basic kitchen concepts and skills within the context of their current classroom program. Over the coming weeks and months we will be asking for your support in a variety of ways as we further develop the garden aspect of the program. You can already see from the photos that the garden is looking pretty inviting!

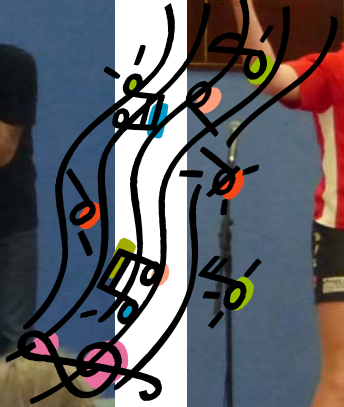
Jeanette Morehouse



Carpe Idiotus

There were gales of laughter from the Student Centre last Friday as Dennis and Tony entertained

students across all year levels in a very audience-inclusive afternoon performance



This week's questions ...
Classical Romance theme
(from Taylah Beer and Stephanie Ford)

1. Who did Elizabeth Bennet fall in love with in *Pride and Prejudice*?
2. Who wrote *The Great Gatsby*?
3. Who killed Tybalt in *Romeo and Juliet*?
4. Who played Anna Karenina in the 2012 film?
5. Who was the author of *Wuthering Heights*?



Year 8 English competition

Last week's answers ... *genre of kids*

1. Mr Impossible and Little Miss Quick
2. Invisibility, and Force-Field
3. Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
4. Fergus, Farkle and Felicia
5. Zebra



Mr Willersdorf won - again ...
- congratulations!

COLLEGE CALENDAR

10/3	Labour Day
18/3	Loddon Mallee Swimming Primary Regional Swimming
25-26/3	School Photos
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
26-27/7	HPV Round 3 - Adelaide
29/7	Winter Games - Robinvale

Community Notices



MURRAYVILLE RECREATION RESERVE

CAR BOOT SALE

\$50 per site -
sell your own items!
Sunday 16 March from 10am
Bookings essential
Book with :
Graham Wyatt (5095 2240)
Carly Heintze (0427 952 049)
or Lisa Crane (0418 835 210)

HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT

Volunteer to host an international high school student through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Carefully selected students will arrive in July 2014 for one term, one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain. They will attend a local secondary school, have their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit www.scce.com.au, to request international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.

PINNAROO WETLANDS

"Day on the Green"



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



PINNAROO LIONS CLUB

AUCTION

Sunday 30th March at 1pm
South oval at Pinnaroo Showgrounds
7am registration at the oval
For more details contact
Bill Venning (0427 778 462)
or Sharon Phelps
(0428 581 485)



MURRAYVILLE FOOTBALL CLUB

UNDER 13s & AUSKICK (Under 9s)
Training starts 20th March at 4pm
Tea provided afterwards
Parents encouraged to attend



Presentation on

COMMUNITY SAFETY

by Inspector Simon Clemence
in conjunction with the Murrayville
Liaison Committee meeting on
Wednesday 19th March at 7:30pm
in the Murrayville Hall
All welcome

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME

(* Return from parents required)

1. VCE Geography students - field trip 7/3 *
2. ALL STUDENTS - school photo envelopes *
3. Pedal Prix students - participation notes *
4. Secondary students - details of after school homework club
5. 9/10 students - gauging interest in Charlton Driver Education course *
6. SRC - Planning meeting on 17 March after school *

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



How people treat
you is their karma;
how you react
is yours