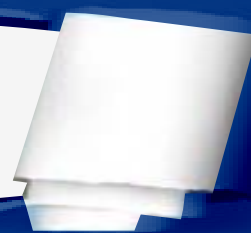




Murrayville Community College



Newsletter

From the Principal

Interim Reports & Parent Teacher Interviews Tuesday & Wednesday 25th & 26th March –

Today the secondary students will have brought home their interim reports. These are designed to be a snapshot of how the students are performing in their subjects and a conversation starter for interviews. Interviews for P-6 students have been scheduled and parents are asked to please be prompt for their interview to ensure that this schedule runs smoothly. Interviews are running slightly differently for secondary students this year. Families from N-Z are asked to come on Tuesday and families from A-M are asked to come on Wednesday between 3.30 and 5.30 to meet with their children's teachers. It is an expectation that all families attend and students are more than welcome to join in their interview. We also ask that the interviews be kept to five minutes to ensure that the afternoons run smoothly.

Working Bee Saturday 29th of March from 9.30am –

It is very rare that parents at our school are asked to come in and directly assist with improvement to the school. However, there are a number of things that the Agriculture Committee of council and the staff have identified need to be done to get the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program into full swing and to complete the finishing touches to the Agriculture area. We are asking that parents can put this date

aside and come into school and assist with the following:

Paint and stand up feed silos, oil the decks on Ag & Art room, move chook sheds from the back to the Primary garden and fox proof these, prepare for the installation of 3 large rainwater tanks, install water pipes, spread rubble, modifications to Primary garden area, re-roof igloo, create compost bays & general clean up.

Although the school has some tools it would be appreciated if parents could please bring gloves, rakes, shovels, pliers, etc to assist.

Swan Hill Swimming –

Congratulations to George Heintze, Luka Morzer-Bruyns and Suzie Beckmann who travelled to Swan Hill on Tuesday to compete in the North West Regional Swimming Championships. It is an excellent achievement just to qualify for this competition and to swim against the seven other best swimmers from our quarter of the state.

Breakfast Club –

This initiative has been kicked off this week with fruit, toast bread and spreads provided for all students. The toast & spreads will be on a self-serve basis and available before school every day. Fruit is placed in the student centre and can be accessed during any breaks throughout the day. From next week students will be rostered on every morning to assist with the packing up during form assembly. Many thanks go to Jacqui Gibson and the Neighbourhood house for organising this through St Vincent de Paul in Mildura.

School Council –

The Annual Reporting Meeting and the first regular meeting of School Council were held on Monday night. Congratulations to the following councillors who were elected office bearers: Stacey Morzer-Bruyns (President), Colin Beer (Vice-President), Michelle Thomas (Treasurer) and Josh Willersdorf (Assistant Treasurer). The Annual Report was tabled and adopted at the Annual Reporting Meeting. This report measures the school's achievements against schools with similarities and this will be available on our website. The Annual Implementation Plan, which is the plan for how the school is planning to improve over the course of the year, was ratified at the regular meeting. The Agriculture Committee met beforehand and outlined at the meeting what needed to be done at a working bee to support Agriculture and the Kitchen Garden program. Randall Watson on behalf of the SRC reported from the planning meeting that was held on Monday afternoon/evening. A casual day for the end of term and the purchase of SRC tops were approved. The SRC certainly have an industrious year ahead of them. Finally the Anaphylaxis policy and the Sun smart policy were amended and brought into line with current guidelines.

*Natasha Mudie
Principal*



SCHOOL PHOTOS - Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th March.

Please ensure students are in full uniform on both days - class and school photos will be on alternate days.

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open. The Challenge encourages families to be actively involved in supporting their children to read a set number of books and record their efforts online.

A parental consent form has been sent home with your children to be completed and returned to the school to enable their registration.

For more information contact **Bec Oakley**

or visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc



National Simultaneous Storytime is an important annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 14th successful year it is a colourful, vibrant and fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children's book that explores age appropriate themes and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Grades 1 to 6.

medical FORMS

There are still outstanding quite a few of the medical forms sent home for students who have an indicated health issue. Please return these to school as soon as possible so our First Aid records can be updated.



Year 8 English competition

Last week's answers ...

genre of Comedy

1. Harry and Lloyd
2. Eddie Murphy
3. Andy Griffiths
4. Cleveland
5. Stewie

JUST CRAZY

DOCTOR DOLITTLE

The winner was ...

Stella Willersdorf

- congratulations Stella!



... I think Stella may have had a little help ...



PRIMARY GOLD AWARDS

Prep :

Harvey Crane

for learning his magic words

Reece Walker

for matching his words when reading

1-2 : Matilda Wyatt

for her patience and caring attitude

3-4 :

Allea Heintze & Suzanne Beckmann

for encouraging others

5-6 : Luka Morzer-Bruyns

for creating interesting and sophisticated pieces of narrative writing in class and for homework

A
B
C



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



Planting out the new herb garden



The zucchini glut continues



Composters at work



Our first ears of corn



Mulching our two newest garden beds

Harvesting the last of the Lebanese cucumbers

What's new in the KITCHEN GARDEN?

Our new 5/6 garden near the Ag shed



5/6 discussing watering systems for their new gardens

Corn for fruit break



Our harvest table display

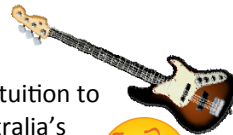


Professional Guitar & Keyboard Tuition at School

We have an amazing opportunity to offer professional guitar and keyboard tuition to students starting in Term 2, 2014. The program is run by Music Stars – Australia's leading provider of school music tuition. Music Stars provides:

- Group guitar and keyboard tuition
- Weekly 30 minute sessions
- Very Affordable! \$110 per term
- End of year reports and certificates
- **Guitars and keyboards supplied for use during lessons**
- Caters for all grades & music levels
- Convenient! Lessons at school!
- 70% less than out-of-school lessons + early bird & family discounts available

Register online via www.musicstars.com.au Fortnightly and monthly payment options are available. If minimum numbers are not met the program will not be able to run. If you require more information or would like to discuss the program in more detail please phone 1300 889 179 or email info@musicstars.com.au



On Monday evening, the 2014 SRC met for their annual planning and fun night. They watched a DVD on ideas for an effective SRC and brain-stormed ideas that had come from the different classes. They also had a session of team bonding games in the gym, and lots of laughter was heard as they tried to stand on a mat then turn the mat over without anyone touching the floor!

Everyone walked down the street for tea and, following this, the second half of the meeting commenced. They worked out a list of proposed dates for Casual Days and the Social, and the SRC President, Randall Watson, then attended his first College Council meeting and put these ideas forward.



UNSW MATHS COMPETITION

The University of New South Wales once again invites students in Years 3-12 across Australasia to enter the Mathematics Competition.

The Maths Competition is similar to the English Competition in format. It is a multiple choice test that investigates a student's ability to use both basic and more sophisticated knowledge of mathematics to answer a range of questions in a number of contexts. The test time period is different for different year levels, varying from 45 minutes to 75 minutes.

The competition is marked externally. Students receive a certificate which outlines their strengths and weaknesses, as well as how they performed in relation to the cohort that sat the tests. Participation, Credit, Distinction and High Distinction certificates are awarded.

The Maths Competition is challenging, and has always been seen as an extension program for students who enjoy academic challenges. Participation in the Mathematics Competition will continue to be voluntary. However, students in Years 3-12 will be encouraged by their Maths teacher to participate. We encourage parents to talk to their child/children about the Maths Competition and complete the request form the students will be given shortly. We need to have a parent signature on each request form of Primary students. Secondary students may sign and submit their own request to enter the Maths Competition.

More information can be found by accessing the following website, or please contact the appropriate classroom teacher, or myself, at the school. Students can request to access practice tests from previous years.

www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/subjects/english

Brenda Menzel (Maths Coordinator)



Grades 1 and 2 students have been using the Mathletics website to really power up their maths!

With opportunities to gain points at school at lunchtime and before school as well as accessing the site at home, a few children have already gained their first bronze certificates. That's over 1000 points worth of mathematics.

Several are aiming to make the top 100 Australian students leader board at some stage. Good luck!!

Winners so far are:

Jai Standley
Jonathon Peers
Alex Tzokas
Matilda Wyatt



National Ride2School Day 19 March 2014

National Ride2School day on Wednesday was a great success. Thank you to everyone who got involved.

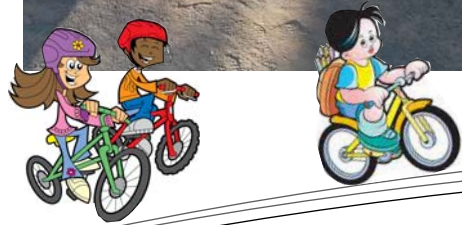
On the day 45 students walked or rode to the bus stop, whilst 31 students walked or rode to school. As well as fresh fruit being provided for the active students, those with bikes enjoyed having their speed checked on the radar by Ross Huxtable. Thank you to Ross who gave of his time to be involved with the event.

The students really enjoyed the patrol car, lights, siren and riding as fast as they could to have their speed checked.

*Eryn Wyatt
(Ride2School Coordinator)*



Luka, Suzie and George competed in the primary schools regional swimming championships held in Swan Hill this week - a great experience for them!



COLLEGE CALENDAR

Community Notices

25-26/3	School Photos Parent/Teacher Interviews
31/3	Arts Council : P-6
1/4	Immunisation : Years 7 & 9
2/4	Prep visit Preschool
4/4	End of Term
22/4	Start of Term 2 (Tuesday)
25/4	Anzac Day
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
19/5	College Council
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

Murrayville Early Learning Centre - Ladies Day

Murrayville Hall : 4th April from 6-9pm
2 course meal
Stalls - great food - bar facilities - fashion parade
Fashion parade by LamiSaru from Loxton at 7pm
Stalls include:
LamiSaru, Tupperware, Body Shop, Psychic, Massage and Nails by Nikki & Mel, Two Little Moos, Flaschengeist, Naturopath Merryyn, Rellinquish, Phoenix Trading (cards/stationary), Just Wrapped, Lorraine Lea Linen, plus many more
Pre-paid tickets \$20 from:
CBA Murrayville, ANZ Pinnaroo or kindy mums Sally, Christine, Lisa, Belinda, Melissa, Katharine, Kasey
Price at door \$25
Tickets include free entry into door prize

Find out more about Wills and the different types of Powers of Attorney to see how you can give instructions to your family about your legal and medical preferences should you fall ill or lose the capacity to make those decisions yourself.

The Murray Mallee Community Legal Service together with the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria will be offering free advice and information on wills and powers of attorney in Murrayville on Tuesday, April 1st
Information session to start at 6pm
To be held at Murrayville Neighbourhood House
Please RSVP to Jacqui on 5095 2205

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)

At Jacob's Well...

Prayer & Bible Study
Wednesdays at 8pm

Prayer Mornings
every Monday,
Wednesday & Friday
at 6.30 - 7.30am



Prayer requests welcome
All meetings in chapel room
- all welcome
Parking on Poole St under the pines and pedestrian entry through front gates

PINNAROO BASKETBALL CLUB

Secondary's Wind Up - Trophy Night
Golden Grain Hotel - Schnitzel Night
27th March 6.30pm
Players and Families welcome
Please return all uniforms on the night

To make someone's day is the best way to have a successful day

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

(* Return from parents required)

1. 7-12 students : Interim Reports & Interview nights
2. P-6 students : Interview dates & times

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

