



Murrayville Community College



Newsletter

From the Principal

We have had a busy week to finish off a very productive term. There was an Arts Council performance for the P-6 students on Monday. Year 10s and 12s attended a presentation on Tuesday by the Murray Mallee Community Legal Service about Healthy and Unhealthy relationships. The Year 11s travelled to Pinnaroo to attend the annual Road Safety Information session presented by the South Australian Police Force. I trust that everyone enjoys a well-deserved break and returns after Easter refreshed and ready to commence the new term.

Holiday Homework –

There are expectations that a number of our students will use the holidays to consolidate their learning and prepare for the new term. This is especially the case for our senior students. Dedicating part of this break to study is crucial to achieving excellent results at the end of the year. It is preferable for all of our students to keep up their reading throughout the holidays and those that are aiming for excellent results in NAPLAN to spend some time practising these skills. Holiday homework is about giving our students an advantage and should be viewed as such.

A reminder that
DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS
on Sunday 6th April
at 3am

Working Bee –

Thanks to everyone that attended the Working Bee on Saturday. A great deal was achieved in a relatively short space of time, however those that attended worked extremely hard and I would like to thank them for their effort. A special thanks also to Richard Kalms who returned on Sunday to take the rubbish we had collected to the dump. Please see the detailed report on pages 3 & 4 for some photos of what was achieved.

Rural Youth Ambassadors -

On Monday our two Rural Youth Ambassadors, Samuel and Astrid attended the CEP (Country Education Partnership) Annual General Meeting and met with Minster Dixon to discuss the educational issues facing young people in rural and remote areas. This has been a fantastic opportunity for these students. Please take the time to read their reflection inside this newsletter (see page 7).

Term 2 -

Please be aware that school resumes on Tuesday 22nd April. It will be a short week because Anzac Day falls on the Friday of that week.

Natasha Mudie
Principal



March Attendance at MCC

Preps	97%
Year 1	95.6%
Year 2	96.72%
Year 3	97.37%
Year 4	94.74%
Year 5	96.93%
Year 6	97.08%
Year 7	98.13%
Year 8	96.58%
Year 9	96.15%
Year 10	84.22%
Year 11	91.3%
Year 12	92.27%

Congratulations to Year 7!





Primary students had a great lesson in the SOLAR SYSTEM when Jared visited on Monday. Using a combination of Science and fun he entertained us with models and characters to teach facts and theories about our earth and its place in the solar system.



Jacob Lemon Hall with his finished toy tip truck



CANTEEN

AVAILABLE MONDAY-FRIDAY
Wraps / Sandwiches / Rolls
Ham & Cheese or
Chicken & Cheese Hot Rolls
HOT FOODS from 2nd week of next term

ALL ORDERS ARE TO BE PLACED BEFORE SCHOOL

Please - no more than \$5 in your envelope
PRICE RISE:

Zooper Doopers will increase in price to 40¢ from the start of next term

As an incentive to keep the school yard tidy, there will also be a free Zooper Dooper at the canteen every time you hand in 5 whole Zooper Dooper wrappers.

What a bargain!
We suggest you remind your children to rinse out wrappers and perhaps keep them in a ziplock bag in their school bag until they cash them in.



PRIMARY GOLD AWARDS

Prep :
Liam Wisneske
for completing homework regularly
Farren Finn
for learning all his letters and sounds

1-2 : Brooklyn Morzer-Bruyns
for excellent effort in reading

3-4 :
Jett Oakley
for improving his attitude to work over the term and consistently making more of an effort in class

5-6 : Lara Mudie
for continually making strong choices for her learning and friendships

working bee



thanks to our helpers



working bee



Sincere thanks to our hard working crew ...
 Stacey Morzer-Bruyns; Richard Kalms; Colin, Jill & Matthew Beer; Kieran Kelly; Kim Hawthorne; Leon & Annika Yard; Greg Thomas; David Allan; Stacey Milde; Carly Heintze; Penny, Amelia & Jonathon Peers; Kim & Faye Kingdon, Brett, Natasha, Maddison & Lara Mudie; Joylene Moyle; Sonya Inglis; Tanya Thomas; Eryn & Shilo Wyatt; Helen, Hugh & Emma Parker; Kim Luckman.



Thank you to parents, students and staff who attended the working bee on Saturday.

The Primary garden is looking very smart and tidy after everyone's effort, and the surrounds have been cleared to make the adjoining scrub area less attractive to reptile inhabitants! Parents moved a small chook shed from the Ag area adjacent to the Primary Garden, and hopefully made this fox proof. Ms Luckman intends to source some chooks next term so that garden waste and scraps can be recycled. The elevated garden beds in the Ag area now have individual water connections in readiness for utilizing rainwater from two of the three tanks we will shortly receive as part of the FRRR Grant. This will allow the runoff from the Ag Shed to be used on the garden beds and in the igloo. The area surrounding the garden beds has been filled and compacted with crushed limestone to provide a solid level base in readiness for the Kitchen Garden classes to begin their winter vegetable crops. The Ag seed silos have been dynabolted to their new cement pads and will be painted shortly, and most of the Ag veranda was oiled. Thanks to the parents who have offered to complete this job when a new supply of decking oil arrives. Many thanks to Peers Motors for the use of their Kanga Digger, to Tony & Tanya Thomas for providing their whacker, and to Peers Motors and Milde's Ag and Hardware for donating pallets which were used to create bays in the Primary Garden for mulch and compost. All in all, a very productive day.



Children in the Foundation class came to school dressed up as a character beginning with a specific letter of the alphabet.



Can you guess the letter?





Humic Acid

Humic Acid

When plants die, and rot they can form a mild acid called humic acid. When humic acid mixes with ground-water it can dissolve lime rich rocks. In this experiment a beaker was half filled with potting mix and then filled up with water and left to rot for a week.

Once the mixture had decomposed it was filtered, through filter paper in a funnel, into a beaker. Once the acid had been separated from the potting mix, lime rich substances such as lime, chalk and marble chips were placed in the humic acid for ten days to slowly dissolve. After ten days the substances that were in the acid had become smaller. This is a form of chemical weathering.

Henry Gibson



Oxidation



Freeze & Thaw



Year 8 Science: Weathering of Rocks



Freeze and Thaw

For the investigation, six different rocks were chosen. These rocks were put in a container and the rocks were covered with water. The rocks were put in the freezer until the water was frozen.

The point of the experiment was to show physical weathering. Filling the container with water is the same as when, in some environments, water gets into cracks in rocks. When the water freezes it expands by 9%, it forces the cracks to open and thus over millions of years the rocks start to break.

Then the investigation group took the rocks out of the freezer and waited until it thawed. The group looked at the rocks and noticed that the sedimentary rocks had started to flake. This was likely to happen because sedimentary rocks are made up of layers, which allowed the water to easily get into the cracks. The investigation group repeated the cycle again, and the second time one of the sedimentary rocks broke in half. This was repeated; and each time the rocks were thawed out, any changes to the rocks were recorded.

After the cycle had been repeated several times, on the final inspection, three rocks had pieces broken off.

The experiment has shown that under intense weathering conditions physical weathering can happen quickly.

Stephanie Ford



Rust Formation

In this investigation the beaker is half filled with sand then a layer of steel wool and iron filings is put on top and then another layer of sand. It was sprayed with water to dampen the top layer. The sand was sprayed once every day over a couple of weeks.

Over time the sand began to change colour. The process that occurred is called chemical weathering. The chemical change iron oxide (rust) was caused because the oxygen in the water reacted with the iron filings to create rust. This has created layers in the sand because the iron filings and sand have turned a reddish, orange colour, which indicates oxidation.

Maddison Mudie



Year 8 Science

Planning for my garden

For part of my VCAL programme I need to plan an activity. I have chosen to build a 'tranquility garden' at the school, south of the BBQ wall, near the primary building. So far we have done a lot of planning. Mr Sporn and Damon have been clearing out the old sleeper edge and replacing it with new ones. Damon will be installing a watering system, which has been kindly donated by Milde's Ag and Hardware.

Next term I will be building 2 stone seats in Tech to place in the new garden area. Last Thursday, Mrs Ireland and I visited Mrs Edwards' divine garden. We talked about the history of her garden and the types of plants she has there. We looked in particular at hardy plants that can grow in shady areas, as these are the types of plants I will need to use in my garden.

I am now up to planning my garden, showing on a map where I will be placing the different types of plants. The soil also needs to be built up and we need some compost / manures / fertilizers to do this.

If you are able to help me out with donations of animal manure please contact me at the school.

Darcy Weckert

Throughout the year, Samuel and I, as rural youth ambassadors, along with 13 others year 11s from around Victoria, have attended four meetings regarding rural education. Our role was to advocate for rural students, and voice our opinion on what we thought needed improvement in education. Our meetings consisted mainly of refining our idea to allow for deeper analysis and planning. Our first meeting was held in Melbourne's CBD and the conference rooms of the Melbourne University overlooking the city peaks, where we got to know the other members of the group and came up with broad idea categories. Our second meeting was held in Creswick where we all attended the Rural Learning Summit. We were among around 200 rural teachers and principals, as well as CEP board members, where two others and I presented on our broad ideas. Our next meeting was again in Melbourne where we continued to refine our ideas and also spent time exploring the Melbourne attractions such as, the Eureka Sky Deck, the State Library, ACMI (Australian Centre for the Moving Image) and a non-profit organisation and radio station called SYN. On our recent trip to Melbourne we attended CEP's annual general meeting, where our group of rural youth ambassadors presented to the board members. We presented our ideas that our group had been working on since last year about changes in rural education that we saw had the potential to benefit many rural communities. Our three areas of focus were:



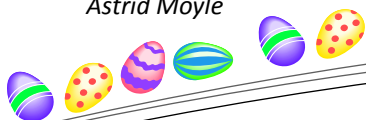
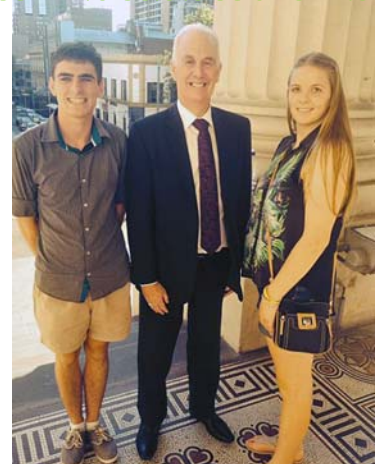
- high quality learning,
- access to opportunity
- perceptions, attitudes and stereotypes

The members at the conference were very impressed with the presentation and spoke with us about our ideas. After the conference our group spent a couple of hours condensing our ideas into small presentations to present to the Minister of Education, Martin Dixon, later on in the afternoon. We meet with him at Victoria's Parliament house where he gave us a tour and told us the history. While all seated in the Senate, the Minister listened to our ideas and gave us feedback. He was also impressed with our speeches as well as the amount of time and effort we put into them. After our meeting with the Minister, our group said goodbye for the last time as this was our final meeting. I strongly urge this year's year 11s to apply for this position because it was highly rewarding and a great experience.

Astrid Moyle



CEP youth ambassadors



COLLEGE CALENDAR

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
21/5	9-A-Side Footy : Years 7-9 Chaffey Theatre : Years 10 & 11
27/5	Arts Council : Years 7-12
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 Charlton Driver Ed
17/7	Ballarat Uni Outreach : 9 & 10
22/7	Immunisation : Years 7 & 9
26-27/7	HPV Round 3 - Adelaide

Community Notices



**LUTHERAN CHURCH
EASTER SERVICES**
Maundy Thursday
 Pinnaroo 7:30pm
Good Friday
 Pinnaroo 8:30am
 Murrayville 10:30am
Easter Sunday
 Pinnaroo 6:30am
 Murrayville 9am

**MOLESCAN BUS
TO ADELAIDE**
 Leaving from Murrayville on
 Monday May 5th
 Please ring Jacqui at
 Neighbourhood House
 to book
 Will make stops along the
 way if needed
 Phone 03 5095 2205

**MURRAYVILLE SOCCER
HOLIDAY GAMES - school oval**
 Wednesdays 4pm start
 Sundays 2pm start
 Fruit contributions welcome
 Kym 0429 184 841
 Nic 0407 343 405

**PINNAROO WETLANDS
"Day on the Green"**
 Official Opening
 Sunday 4th May
 Free Family and
 Children's Entertainment



MURRAYVILLE FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB
PRACTICE MATCH : Sunday 6th April
 Murrayville v Browns Well
 Paruna Oval 2pm (Vic time)
 Come for a sneak peek of senior footballers for 2014!
FOOTY MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE
 Mens \$65.00 Ladies \$55.00 Juniors \$25.00
 The Murrayville Football Club needs your
 memberships and commitment to accomplish
 great things this season - without your memberships
 our football club would not survive
 Please renew your membership for 2014
 All members will go in a draw each home game -
 you must be present at the draw to collect your
 prize, otherwise a redraw will take place
EFT payments can be made to
 Murrayville Football Club Inc at CBA
 BSB 063 673 : A/c 1000 1747
 Don't forget to put your name against your payment
Belinda Brown (Treasurer)

JACOB'S WELL
 Church this
 Saturday at 8pm
 Prayer/Bible
 Study 8pm on
 Wednesdays
All welcome
 Phone
 Kym or Faye

**MALLEE ARTS
SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN**
 Card making & crafts
 with Barb Ireland
 Tuesday 15th April
 at Pinnaroo Primary School
 Suitable for children 7 and over
 \$10/child : Sessions 10-12 & 1-3
 Book at Council Office
 Bookings essential

Every great
 accomplishment
 began with
 someone saying,
 'Let's try'



COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- (* Return from parents required)
- 3-5 students - re Maths & English competitions *
 - 5-6 students - re Term 2 activities
 - HPV students - details of Round 1 in Loxton

Please check that you have received this information
 and, if not, contact the College

