



Murrayville Community College



Newsletter

From the Principal

Student Opinion Survey –

This week we received the results of the student opinion survey that was administered during Term 2. The results for Years 7-12 were a marked improvement from 2012 and 2013 in all areas. The survey measures students' perceptions around student relationships, wellbeing and teaching and learning. I have published the 7-12 results in graphical form at the back of this newsletter. Although not visible on this graph it was also pleasing to see Murrayville Community College exceed state and region benchmarks in all areas. The great results in the areas of relationships and wellbeing may be partially due to the programs that have been run by our school Chaplains, but they also reflect the positive steps we have made to build a culture of inclusivity within our school. The strength of student satisfaction with teaching and learning, I feel is a reflection of the dedication of our staff to make the learning engaging and the success of our adoption of Formative Assessment as a whole school approach.

Parent Opinion Survey –

Parents now have an opportunity to reflect on the performance of the school in 2014, through the Parent Opinion Survey. This survey does not go to all families as students are randomly

selected by the computer and their families will have received surveys. It should be completed in reference to the child named. The survey results are used as an important measure of how the school is performing. I urge all parents that receive a survey to complete it and return it by **Wednesday 30th of July**. We value your feedback as we are about to undergo our review, and parent feedback will help to inform our direction over the next four years.

Sonya Ryan –

The cyber-safety presentation by Sonya Ryan held on Tuesday was extremely informative. She spoke to the students, parents and teachers in our language and connected with everyone in attendance. She also gave out many simple and concrete tips around settings and choices around technology use, that can keep us and our children safe. She also had a number of free resources containing information and tips around using a number of the most popular Social Media tools. If you were not able to make it on Tuesday, I suggest that you take a look at the Carly Ryan Foundation website www.carlyryanfoundation.com. Thanks Barb and Paul, for organizing this.

12 Outdoor Education Trip -

This week the Year 12 Outdoor Education class spent the week exploring the Chowilla region of the Murray River by kayak and houseboat. Thankfully some

of the very fresh mornings cleared to sunny days for them. The students will use this fieldwork in their studies in the second semester. Thank you to Mr Willersdorf and Mrs Inglis for making this trip possible.

Tree Planting Day -

Today students from P-6 travelled to the Cowangie Railway Reserve to participate in the school's National Tree Planting Day. Thank you to Murrayville Landcare for organising the day and the activities.

Sports Uniform –

So far we have had little response from last week's newsletter in regards to parent opinions on the inclusion of an **optional** Sport jumper/jacket in the school uniform. I have investigated some options and there are two main possibilities. Firstly we could have a navy & white zip-up hoodie (with embroidered logo) for around \$45-\$50 or we could have a quality Rugby top like the Year 12s for about \$90. Cheaper Rugby tops that have been purchased in the past are very thin and fade very quickly. I would like to gauge opinion from families and will be surveying students also. If you could take the time to complete the tear off slip on the last page and send it back to school by Friday the 1st of August, the uniform committee can consider your opinions when they make a decision.

Natasha Mudie - Principal

CAREERS EVENING

Wednesday 30th July

- Apprenticeships at 4pm (Workplace Learning Coordinator from NMLLEN)
- 2015 Subject Selection at 4:30pm (Senior Handbooks will be distributed to students)
- Flinders University at 6pm (information provided by Prospective Student Advisor)

Years 10-12 to attend, Year 9 encouraged, all secondary students welcome : parents requested to be present also





Student Banking

The following children are eligible for rewards because they have accumulated 10 or more banking tokens: Amelia, Maddison, Hugh, Mitchell, Annika, Daniel, Emma, Cooper, Steffinie, Matilda, Hannah, Alex. They may wish to discuss what is available with Mrs Oster.



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 the 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 for Semester II, please contact the school office to complete an EMA application form before July 31st 2014.

Please note:

If you applied in Semester I, and your card is still current, you do not need to reapply, your application will carry over to Semester II.

Mathletics achievement certificates have this week been awarded to:

- ☺ Steffinie Ammerlaan
- ☺ Ivy Beckmann
- ☺ Matilda Wyatt
- ☺ Jai Standley
- ☺ Mya Jenzen
- ☺ Lila Oakley
- ☺ Jonathon Peers
- ☺ Alex Tzokas



CANTEEN

AVAILABLE MONDAY-FRIDAY

Wraps / Sandwiches / Rolls

Ham & Cheese or

Chicken & Cheese Hot Rolls

HOT FOODS next week

MONDAY : Pizza

(Ham & Pineapple or Cheese & Bacon)

Price \$1.60

WEDNESDAY SPECIAL :

Jackpot Casserole \$4

FRIDAY :

Sausage Rolls \$2.50

(only larger sausage rolls available)

Party Pies 50¢

Pies / Pasties \$3.50

Sauce 20¢ or 2 for 30¢

ALL ORDERS ARE TO BE PLACED BEFORE SCHOOL

Please - no more than \$5 in your envelope

Please do not order items unless they have been advertised as available. Check this section of each newsletter. Wednesday specials are advertised as available.



PRIMARY GOLD AWARDS

Prep : Evie Oakley

for being able to write stories independently in class

1-2 : Brooklyn Morzer-Bruyns

for his positive attitude and creative thinking in approaching all tasks

3-4 :

Rourke Mudie

for tackling more challenging texts with enthusiasm and persistence

Dermott Boston

for demonstrating a strong desire and determination to complete quality work within the time set

5-6 : Kristen Spannon

for making strong choices for her learning in all classes

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CAREERS NEWS

FUTURE CAREERS EXPO OPEN DAY

2014 Future Careers Expo @ SuniTAFE



Discover your future career and course options at this FREE community event! It is open to ALL plus you have a chance to WIN an iPad. *Conditions apply.

Visit SuniTAFE's Mildura Campus between 10am & 3pm on Tuesday, July 22 to talk with our expert trainers and exhibitors: Victoria Police, Defence Force, Australian Apprenticeship Centres, SMGT, Universities, Cristal Mining, Mildura Base Hospital, Banks, CSIRO plus many more employers. See you all here!

To learn more contact us

Phone 5022 3666

Visit us on Benetook Ave, Mildura
Learn more at sunitafe.edu.au



Explore your career & course options @ SuniTAFE on Tuesday, July 22 (10am to 3pm) - phone 5022 3648

@ Swan Hill Campus on Wednesday, July 23 (3pm to 7pm) - phone 5036 0220



WHERE are they now?

*EMMA
THOMSON*

I spent my first 17 years living in Murrayville and very much enjoyed my upbringing.

On leaving Murrayville, I completed my year 12 studies at Scotch College. I then went on to study my Bachelor in Design, majoring in Landscape Architecture. After study I felt I needed a break and travelled the USA and Europe for five months. On my return I felt very inspired and wanted to take a hold of my future with two hands. I knew I wanted to do something creative. To support myself financially I got a job and began to make my own jewellery on the side. My jewellery business was successful and eventually I decided to start my own business full time – this was a little daunting at first. I was accepted into the New Enterprise Initiative Scheme – NIES. The NIES program is a great government initiative that offers financial support for young people in the first stages of starting a new business.

Whilst designing my jewellery line I gained employment at a fashion institute called Australian Fashion Labels. Australian Fashion Labels is a company that designs clothing for five labels. I initially worked for their online store casually. I am very fortunate to have moved from casual employment to full time at Australian Fashion Labels. I am now the set designer for photo shoots. In other words, I design the back drop for every clothing brand. These include Cameo, Keepsake, Finders Keepers, Jaggar and The Fifth. Each label promotes their new clothing range with a photo shoot each month. The photos gained during the shoots are made into a Look-book which is sent around to agencies who sell the clothing. Once the Look-book is created I have the role of translating the results into window displays for the company's online flagship store in Rundle Mall. During my time at Australian Fashion Labels my creative ideas began to evolve. I wanted to combine my independent creative design with the knowledge I gained through my landscape studies.

As a result, I rebranded my own business and gave it a focus on Greenery. 'Emma Sadie Thomson' (EST) offers a unique range of products and services to add a touch of greenery to your home or office space. With a background in landscape architecture EST has now branched out into homewares - Terrariums, Furniture and Green Walls. I balance my position at Australian Fashion Labels with running my own business which keeps me very busy. I enjoy my work as I can continue to enjoy my love of creation in my two jobs. Looking back at my time at MCC I think the education I received was a great starting block to where I am now and I feel very lucky to have been raised in the mallee. A few weeks ago I came home and explored many local arrays of succulent plants which gave me great ideas and inspiration for new ventures. The landscape of Murrayville, particularly the desert and beautiful gardens, continues to encourage me and will continue to in the future.

Visit: www.emmasadiethomson.com.au to see my work online.





Leaving the car in reverse is not a good idea...

Locking the doors is a good habit to get into for city driving.



For failing to stop at a STOP sign...



Visit this website before purchasing a car for your teenager: www.howsafeisyourcar.com.au



Remember to adhere to the signs.

It is important to release the clutch slowly to avoid stalling the car.

Only a FOOL breaks the 2 SECOND RULE (The correct following distance)



Year 9, 10 & 11 Charlton Driver Education Course



Imbibing too much alcohol impairs your ability to catch a ball.



Brian

Julie

Having too many drinks seriously affects your judgement.



John

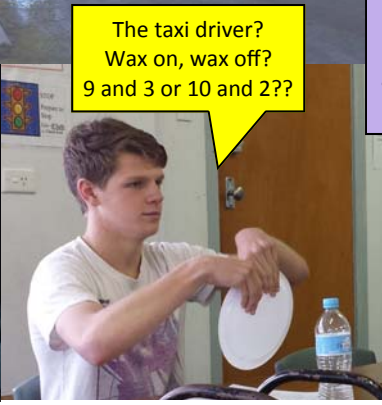
DRIVERS WHO TEXT MESSAGE SPEND 4 TIMES MORE TIME WITH THEIR EYES OFF THE ROAD COMPARED TO DRIVERS WHO ARE NOT DISTRACTED



What does it mean if a vehicle has it's left signal going?
It means the indicator light is working.
It does not guarantee it is turning.



Changing from 5th gear to 1st is not good for the gear box!



The taxi driver? Wax on, wax off? 9 and 3 or 10 and 2??



Remember to drive around a round-about in a clockwise direction.

EACH YEAR IN VICTORIA approx. 120 road users aged 18-25 ARE KILLED over 2,300 SERIOUSLY INJURED

SRC SOCIAL
Friday August 8
Theme :
Fictional
Characters
\$4 in costume
\$6 no costume

Times to be advised next week

Chaplaincy Matters

We are fortunate to have had Sonya Ryan, cyber safety campaigner and founder of the Carly Ryan foundation, visit the school on Tuesday.

Students from years 6-12, staff, parents and interested community members heard Sonya share a powerful personal story in her loss of a precious daughter at the hands of an internet predator. Out of that terrible loss Sonya has dedicated her life to promoting people's awareness of the potential dangers in the online world.



Key Points:

- Any photograph or post shared on an offshore site eg Facebook or Snapchat, becomes their property and can be used or shared as they see fit. Images remain accessible to these sites even if they have been deleted from a profile.
- any images of a person under 18 nude or semi nude posted or shared can see children charged and convicted on either producing child pornography or distributing child pornography under federal law. If convicted, jail terms of up to ten years apply and a lifetime addition to the sex offenders register.
- employers are using the internet as a referee, googling the names of applicants to see what appears.

ACTION PLANS

For everyone with an online presence:

- Keep your online profile as anonymous as possible, be aware that you cannot know who your actual audience is.
- TURN OFF LOCATION SERVICES - every photo taken with location services enabled contains a digital address, accessible within minutes.
- NEVER send or share nude or semi-nude images.

For parents /carers:

- establish some boundaries in your family's use of the internet. eg all phones/computers/tablets switched off and out of reach at a certain time every evening, switched back on in the morning.
- use the technology to your advantage eg Skype or Google image search can help to identify people online.
- draw up an online contract with your children establishing guidelines of usage (contracts can be downloaded from the CRF website).

Sonya has left some great resources including practical instructions on how to adjust settings on phones and Facebook. These are here in the Chaplains' room for anyone who would like to access them.

Working together for the well being of our young people,

Paul and Barb

Pictured are Sonya Ryan and Kiya Buckley of the Carly Ryan Foundation

COLLEGE CALENDAR

26-27/7	HPV Round 3 - Adelaide
28/7	English Competition
29/7	Winter Games - Robinvale
30/7	Flinders Uni Outreach : 6:30 Parents & Students Yrs 10-12
31/7	RSA Course - Hospitality 11am
6/8	'Keys Please' at 2:15pm
8/8	SRC Social
12/8	Mathematics Competition
14/8	UDSSA Athletics in Ouyen : P-6
21/8	House Athletics
26/8	Arts Council : P-6
27-29/8	3-4 Camp to El Shaddai
3/9	Mallee Division Athletics
8-12/9	Digital Dance
12/9	Open Day
15/9	'Wunder Kammer' : Years 7-9
20-21/9	HPV Round 4 : Murray Bridge
12/9	Open Day
19/9	End of Term 3

Principles are
your principles
only if you stick
to them when it's
inconvenient

Community Notices

COWANGIE CEMETERY & COWANGIE S.M. HALL AGM
At Cowangie Hall
Tuesday 5th August at 7pm
All welcome to attend



**TONIGHT - FRIDAY 25th July
Mallee Youth QUIZ NIGHT**
6pm – 9pm (Vic time)
Bring the family along for a
fun filled night of trivia...
...and the not so trivial!
Cost \$2, Tea provided
Jacob's Well Retreat
Poole St Murrayville
Phone Kym or Faye
03 5095 2199 / 0429 184 841

National Blood Donor Week
(July 27 – August 2)
Murrayville neighbourhood house will be taking
a bus to Mildura for donation of blood.
Remember 1 in 3 people will require blood in
their lifetime. You never know when you or
your family may require blood.
PLEASE DONATE.
Phone Jacqui on 5095 2205 to book a seat

Summer-5-A-Side
Information/Registration pack available to
download at www.threecolours.com.au
Register your team today
For more information email
summer5aside@outlook.com

FREE LEGAL ADVICE - CHILD SUPPORT
Mildura - Thursday 14th August
'Phone 1300 792 387 for an appointment

MURRAYVILLE FOOTBALL CLUB
THE WEDDING OF THE YEAR
Saturday 9th August at the Murrayville Hotel

RESPONSIBLE SERVICE of ALCOHOL COURSE in HOSPITALITY
on Thursday 31st July - cost \$80 - contact Di Finn for more details

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP OUT?

The College occasionally requires someone to replace our Canteen
Manager in the preparation of lunches for students and staff.

A 'Working With Children' card is required
and can be arranged by contacting the school.

The task normally involves around 2½ hours of work (paid).
Please let us know if you are able/prepared to assist in this way,
or would like to discuss the issue further.

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

(* Return from parents required)

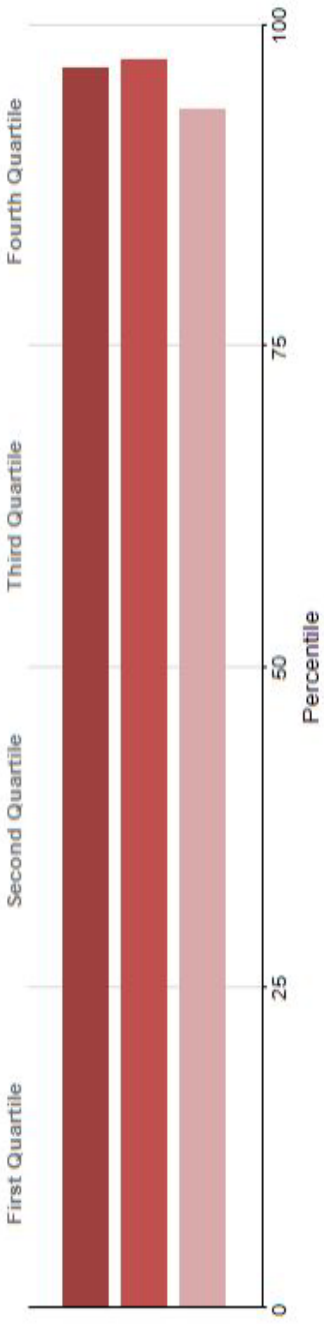
1. HPV participants - arrangements for this weekend *
2. Primary parents - catalogue of craft items
3. Years 10-12 - students attending Winter Games *



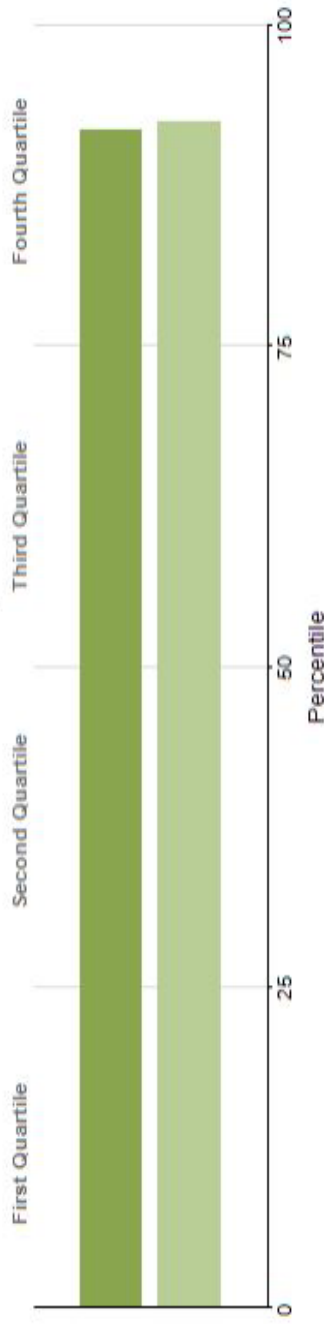
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for another copy*

**Attitudes to School Survey Results, Percentile - 2014 - Years 7-12
Murrayville Community College (5433)**

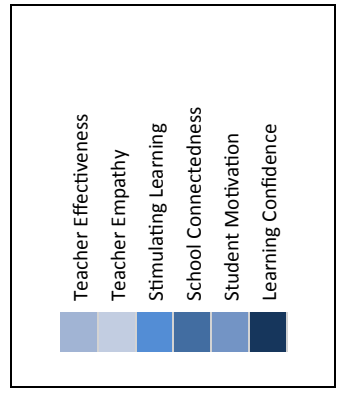
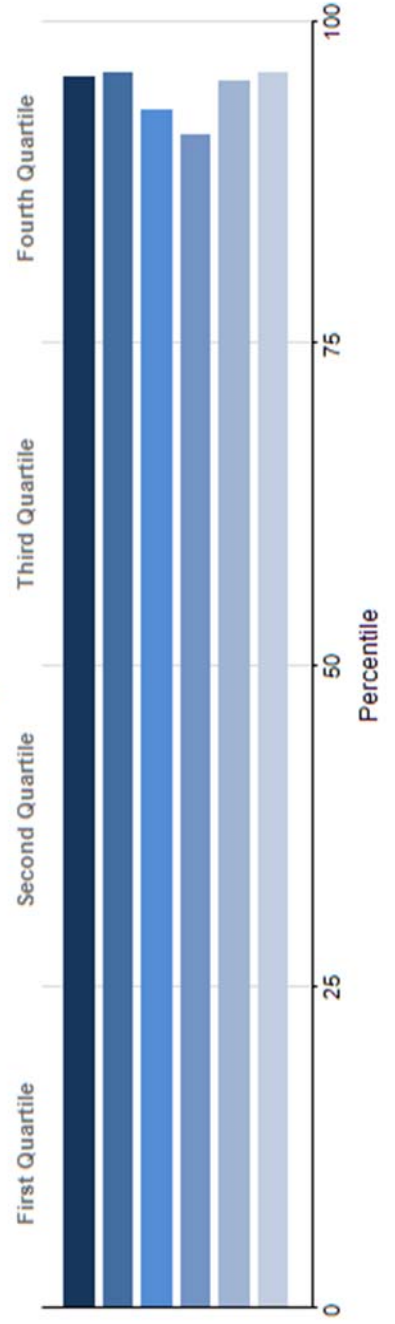
Student Relationships



Wellbeing



Teaching and Learning





Family Name :

- Option A –
Our family would purchase the hoodie as pictured, if it was part of the sport uniform.
- Option B –
Our family would prefer to purchase a quality Rugby Top, if it was part of the sport uniform.
- Option C –
Our family would not purchase a Sport jumper or Jacket

Please return by Friday 1st August