



Murrayville Community College

Newsletter

From the Principal

It is important to remember that children learn in multiple ways and as a school we need to provide diverse learning opportunities. Some of children's best learning experiences occur outside of the classroom. Over the past week there have been a number of diverse learning experiences that have taken our students out of their regular classroom environment.

Medieval Feast –

Last Friday the Year 8 students immersed themselves in Medieval culture. They prepared, cooked and enjoyed Medieval fare and played Medieval games. See page 4 for further details.

HPV –

Congratulations to all involved in Round 3 on Sunday at Victoria Park Racecourse in Adelaide. Our students did

themselves, their school, teachers and parents proud, achieving a number of personal bests! Thank you to all involved, especially Eryn Wyatt and Ken Menzel for their ongoing efforts towards making HPV run so smoothly. Please see Eryn's report for details.

Winter Games –

On Tuesday a number of our senior students travelled to Robinvale to compete in Netball, Soccer and Football competitions. Our Netballers formed a standalone team and were very competitive with three wins. Our students combined with Manangatang students to form our soccer and football teams. Our football team lost narrowly to Robinvale and defeated Ouyen, and our soccer team also lost narrowly to Robinvale and were able to post a very good win against Ouyen. All students enjoyed the day immensely and it was a great chance for them to connect with

the other senior students in the Mallee Cluster.

Careers Night –

On Wednesday evening a very successful Careers night was held for secondary students. Chris Mitchell (Vic) and Chris Marks (SA) kicked off the night by discussing Apprenticeship and School Based Apprenticeship opportunities within our region. Mrs Inglis ran a session for Year 9-11 students about choosing VCE subjects and planning a program that will meet individual career needs. These students then had the chance to discuss their choices with individual subject teachers. I ran a session for Year 12's and their parents around applying for University and TAFE. The night was finished off with a presentation from Flinders University. This presentation included insights from a current student. His message to the students was very clear – to be



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competitors/helpers

successful in senior school you need to plan early and set yourself up for success and you can always work harder than you are!! A big thank you, to Mr Willersdorf and Mrs Heather Willersdorf for organising the night. I would appreciate it if 10 & 11 students could return their subject selections by next **Friday the 8th of August.**



Neva Denham from Suni TAFE leading students in the RSA course

RSA Course –

On Thursday our Hospitality Students completed their Responsible Service of Alcohol Certificates through Sunraysia TAFE. The Year 12 retention funding has made it possible for us to offer this course free to those students as it will assist their pathway to work in the future. Thankyou to the Community Centre for allowing us to use their premises for this course.

Parent Opinion Surveys –

Just a quick reminder to those families who received and have not yet returned their Parent Opinion Surveys that these are due back to school by next **Friday the 8th of August.** I would also like to thank those parents that returned the slips about the sports jacket proposal. The hoodie option was quite popular and will be discussed at uniform committee and college council at our August meeting.

Social –

A reminder to all that the SRC social is also next **Friday the 8th of August.** It would be great to see as many students there as possible to have some fun together.

Natasha Mudie - Principal

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 or Pumpkin Soup \$2
or Lasagna \$3.50 (Limited supply)

FRIDAY :

Sausage Rolls \$2.50

(only larger sausage rolls available)

Party Pies 50c

Pies / Pasties \$3.50

Sauce 20c or 2 for 30c

**ALL ORDERS ARE TO
BE PLACED BEFORE SCHOOL**

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 :
Ethan McKee
for always being organised in class

1-2 :
Lila Oakley
for being a prolific writer

3-4 :
Jasper Standley & Amelia Peers
for their increasingly positive attitude towards reading

5-6 :
Hayden Beckmann
for working hard and showing creativity during Integrated Studies



CAREERS NEWS

Monday 1st September 2014

Quantum Victoria in partnership with Engineers Australia and La Trobe University presents an Engineering Experience for Year 9-10 students. This event is **FREE** and includes **travel assistance** for **all rural government students**.

The students will also have an opportunity to learn about the varied career opportunities available to them through the multi-faceted discipline of Engineering. Quantum Victoria is in Macleod West (a suburb of Melbourne).

A complimentary lunch will be included.

The program will commence at **9.30 am (Registration)** for a **10 am start and will conclude at 2 pm**.

PLACES ARE LIMITED SO BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

Registrations close on Monday 25th August.

For bookings and enquiries please email : admin@quantumvictoria.vic.edu.au or call : (03) 9223 1460

Discover Engineering Day @ Quantum Victoria
Engineers Australia, LaTrobe University & Quantum Victoria



ENGINEERS
AUSTRALIA



WHERE are they now?

*LISA
NUSKE*

Since graduating from Murrayville Community College in 2007, I have been on a huge and exciting journey. I'd decided during my time at MCC that I wanted to be a teacher. I was inspired by teachers such as Mr Sunyl Vogt and Ms Dianne Wyatt and have a passion to see kids being nurtured and encouraged to achieve their best. When I left MCC, I also took a big step of leaving my family and friends in Pinnaroo and headed out to explore our country. My sisters had moved to Cairns while I was at school so I headed up there for a gap year. I tried a few different jobs before taking up an administration job at a fish farm. This was an interesting experience, and while I have no desire to be a fish farmer, it taught me some valuable things about working in a team and gave me a greater respect for the barramundi that ends up on my dinner plate! Living in Cairns also increased my appreciation for the outdoors and the wonderful natural environment we have such easy access too. This further motivated me to take up my deferred position in a Physical and Outdoor Education course at university. It was then that I moved across the country again to take that course in Latrobe University, Bendigo. The next four years was a mix of education lectures and outdoor adventures. Hiking through mountain ranges, paddling along peaceful rivers and many nights sheltering in a tent. At the end of the course I was left with the daunting task of finding a job in a highly competitive area. I applied for a number of jobs and was beginning to worry. I had been praying for a job and was offered a position in Darwin at Marrara Christian College (another MCC!). I'd had an interview with them earlier, but at that point there wasn't a position available. However, they were very keen for me to work with them and created a position for me teaching PE, Health, Business Studies and year 10 Pastoral Care. So it was a case of packing up the car again and driving to the Top End. In

my first year here I hiked part of the Larapinta trail near Alice Springs with the year 9s and went on a 3 week bus trip through, SA, NSW, ACT and QLD with 70 year 10s (CRAZY!!). This year I am teaching Outdoor Ed instead of business studies and have a couple of camping trips to do as well as the year 10 trip.

While I am a long way from my family, I have made a number of strong friendships up here and have people that support me when I need it. The weather is beautiful, massive lightning storms in the wet season and perfect blue skies in the dry. The most exciting thing though has been getting engaged, and planning a wedding for the October school holidays!

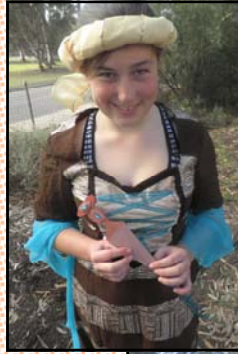




Students in Mrs Finn's Year 8 Humanities class celebrated the completion of a unit on Medieval History last Friday with a Medieval Feast.

The students have been studying life in Medieval times covering topics such as feudalism, village life, towns and trade, feasts and festivals, Christianity, courts and justice, Joan of Arc and the Black Death. Last Friday the students were able to present the projects that they had been working on, participate in a cooking activity, dress up in Medieval costumes and play some Medieval games.

Everyone had loads of fun and full bellies by the end of the day, after eating a feast organised by Maddison. Great work everyone!



Children in the prep class read 'Silver Buttons' – This book has been shortlisted as Picture book of the year for Children's Book Council of Australia awards. The story looks at all the things that happen at 9.59 when Jodie was drawing a silver button on her picture. The children wrote about the things they thought people would be doing at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

Lachlan ... My Dad sprays the wheat in the paddock with the tractor.

Seth ... My Dad is fencing at Jack's house.

Reece ... My mum buys food in the shop at Pinnaroo.



Liam ... My grandma and granddad went on a holiday to Mildura.

Harvey ... My grandma and granddad are going on a holiday in the caravan. I hope they have a good time.

Evie ... My mum is working in the library and she is signing books and she is working with Thamsin.



HPV Round 3 at Victoria Park



Sunday
27th July



On Sunday the 27th of July we were blessed with fantastic weather in Adelaide for Race 3 of the HPV Super Series. We competed in the 6 hour race at Victoria Park Racecourse. Having previously raced on the track 6 weeks before, the riders were prepared to take on the other 180 cars on the track. Momentum, our senior secondary car, started off brilliantly with Nick setting the bar high with fast laps and over an hour's stint in the car. Maddison jumped in the car after and once again posted consistent times and another long period in the car. The group was desperate to improve on their 11th finish in Race 2 and this awesome start seemed to spur them all on. All secondary riders improved upon their times and longevity in the car finishing 34th overall and 8th in their category. A great team effort and fantastic individual results as well. The primary team in Hot-M was keen to chase down Crafers who they came 3rd to by 1 second in Race 2. The primary team raced extremely well and each rider managed at least half an hour in the car, which is their challenge. Unfortunately a flat tyre slowed them down a bit, but didn't dampen their spirits as they pushed on to finish 79th overall and 6th in their category. Both teams rode extremely well and reaped the rewards from their training. HPV has an excellent community feel, with many people pitching in to make it a valuable and worthwhile program for students of MCC. Thank you to Brenda, Ken and Andrew Menzel for all the time and effort they put into the cars, ensuring they are in great condition for training and race day, as well as the many other things you do to help make the HPV program fantastic for all involved. Thank you to Natasha, Brett, Maddison and Lara for organising the transfer and scrutineering of the vehicles as well as your assistance on race days. HPV would not be available without your generosity. Thanks to the families that support the team during training and especially on race day. Thanks go to the crew of helpers on the day who worked in the pits, recording times and marshalling; Ken and Brenda, Natasha and Brett, Joylene, Jill and Colin, Helen and Sam, Darren, Brad and Shilo. It is an awesome atmosphere on race day and I sincerely thank all the students and parents for their support and enthusiasm for HPV. The teams are looking forward to a few weeks off and then preparing themselves for the 24 hour challenge in Murray Bridge on Saturday the 20th and Sunday the 21st of September. Both teams are looking for extra riders for this amazing event. So if you are interested in building your confidence, working in teams whilst still having your own individual goals, improving fitness and having lots of fun whilst representing your school, please let me know by week 5, Friday the 15th of August. Thank you. *Eryn Wyatt*

Heart Of The Mallee



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Go Faster

Momentum



COLLEGE CALENDAR

6/8	'Keys Please' at 2:15pm
8/8	SRC Social
12/8	Mathematics Competition
14/8	UDSSA Athletics in Ouyen : P-6
18/8	College Council
21/8	House Athletics
26/8	Arts Council : P-6
27-29/8	3-4 Camp to El Shaddai
3/9	Mallee Division Athletics
4/9	School Nurse visit re Preps
8-12/9	Digital Dance
12/9	Open Day Yr 12 PE session in Mildura
15/9	'Wunder Kammer' : Years 7-9
17/9	P-2 to PPS production
20-21/9	HPV Round 4 : Murray Bridge
12/9	Open Day
19/9	End of Term 3 Casual Day
20-21/9	HPV at Murray Bridge

Community Notices



MURRAYVILLE LAWN TENNIS CLUB AGM

Tuesday 12th August - 7:30pm at the Clubroom
All intending players and junior parents are urged to attend
Paid Caretaker Position Available - approximately 3 hours per week
Contact Carly Heintze on 0427 952 049 for details

COWANGIE CEMETERY & COWANGIE S.M. HALL AGM

At Cowangie Hall
Tuesday 5th August at 7pm
All welcome to attend

FREE LEGAL ADVICE - CHILD SUPPORT

Mildura - Thursday 14th August
'Phone 1300 792 387 for an appointment

MALLEE YOUTH

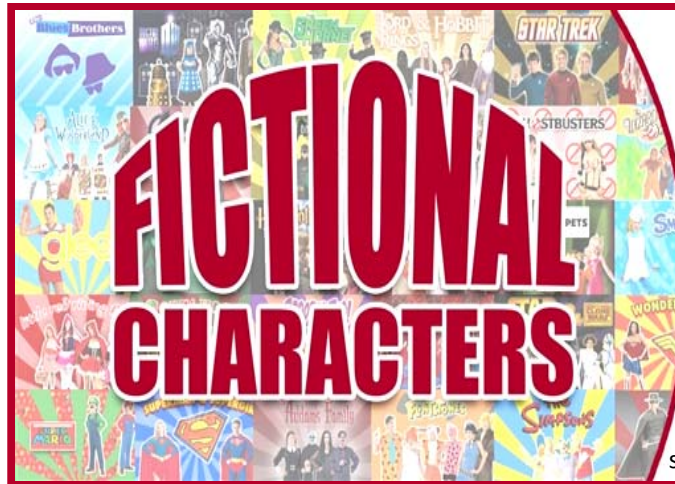
Meeting scheduled for 8th August CANCELLED
due to a class with the school social

CRIMESON >> Son of God

One man's journey from a world of crime, drugs & a violent lifestyle to a life filled with purpose, hope & a passion to see others walk in destiny
This Saturday, 2nd August at 6.30pm
Loxton Living Waters Church
AN AMAZING TESTIMONY
Contact Kym 0429 184 841 or Faye to car pool

TREE PLANTING/GUARDING DAY

Tuesday 5th August
at Cowangie Landcare Site
From 11am – 5pm
Opportunity for anyone interested to participate
Come & go as it suits you
All Welcome
Contact Kymbo 0429 184 841



SRC SOCIAL

Friday August 8
Theme : Fictional Characters

\$4 in costume
\$6 no costume

Year 6 students, as part of their transition into secondary, are invited to stay to the end of the social

PRIMARY STUDENTS 7-8:30pm SECONDARY STUDENTS 8-11pm

Parents requested to come to the door to drop off and pick up their students

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

(* Return from parents required)

1. Prep students - school nurse visit *
2. Years 1&2 - term 3 programme
3. Years 5 & 6 - items required, events coming up



Please check that you have received this information and, if not, please contact the College for another copy

Life is a
journey.
Don't stroll ...
STRIDE.