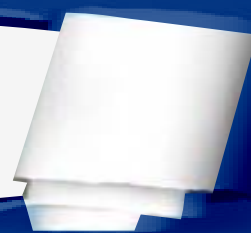




# Murrayville Community College



## Newsletter

### From the Principal

#### Community Meeting –

Thank you to those parents, students, councillors, community members and staff that attended the community meeting on Monday night to discuss our future school vision and values. It was agreed that the school needed a motto, vision statement and values that were both simple to remember, but also reflects what our college is trying to achieve for its students and community. After a short presentation on what other schools have, we broke into groups and brainstormed a number of ideas for a school motto and values statement especially. The product of these groups was displayed on Open Day for parent and community comment and will remain pinned up in the student centre for consideration and comment by the rest of the student body. It is hoped that we can complete the consultation and refinement process by the November meeting of College Council.

#### NAPLAN –

Results of the NAPLAN tests conducted in May went home to parents last week for those students in grades 3, 5, 7, & 9. It is pleasing to see that we again have a high proportion of our students across all year levels performing well above the National Minimum Standard in both literacy and numeracy. If you have any questions regarding your child's results or performance in NAPLAN, please don't hesitate to contact their teachers.

#### UNSW Writing Competition -

We had a small number of students opt in to complete this Australia wide competition. Congratulations to those students who were rewarded with

distinctions, credits and merit awards (details on page 4).

#### Dance –

The students from years P-8, plus an elective group, have been practising hard over the course of the week to learn their class dance. The college is a very vibrant place when we have music pumping through it, for the majority of the day. Sue Howard-Denton has once again done a marvellous job to bring these students up to such a professional standard. She has had to deal with the extra complexity of many students being afflicted with a couple of nasty viruses that are 'going around' and have missed days and lessons because of it. I very much look forward to the performances on Friday, and trust those who are here for Open Day will enjoy them immensely. Rehearsal photos of 3 groups are included on page 5.

#### OPEN DAY –

I would like to thank all staff and students for their efforts in showcasing what is happening at the school. Special thanks also to the school councillors who cooked the barbeque lunch for everyone and to Karen Willersdorf for her organisation of the whole day. Thank you to those parents, grandparents and community members that took the opportunity to come into school to support the students and staff and make the day a success.

#### Attendance –

Congratulations to Grade 5 who achieved the best attendance in August. It is great to see the majority of our classes achieving above 90% attendance despite considerable levels of illness over the last month.

#### Interim reports -

These were sent home with students in 7-12 today. Parent-teacher interviews are held by request in Term 3. If your child's report has interview requests or you would like to meet with their teachers please contact the school so that this can be arranged for next week.

#### End of Term -

Next Friday will be a Casual Day, and we will also celebrate 'Fresh Face Friday' with special activities. School will conclude at 2:30pm - bus travellers will therefore be home earlier than normal.

Natasha Mudie - Principal



**MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY.**

#### August Attendance at MCC

|             |       |
|-------------|-------|
| Year 5      | 99.2% |
| Year 8      | 96.3% |
| Year 9      | 94.4% |
| Year 10     | 93.4% |
| Year 2      | 92.8% |
| Year 12     | 91.4% |
| Year 7 & 11 | 90.4% |
| Year 6      | 89.8% |
| Year 3      | 88.7% |
| Year 4      | 88.4% |
| Year 1      | 88.1% |
| Prep        | 87.9% |

*Congratulations - again  
- to Year 5!*



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**CASUAL DAY**

Friday 19th September  
(last day of term)

Come dressed in your  
favourite AFL  
footy colours  
\$2 donation

**MATHLETICS**  
*Inspiring Better Results*

Mathletics certificates awarded for the past two weeks were:

Silver -  
Mya Jenzen, Zac Kelly, Jonathon Peers

Bronze -  
Jonathon Peers, Shania Heintze,  
Lila Oakley, Alexander Tzokas,  
Steffinie Ammerlaan, Brooklyn Morzer-Bruyns, Jai Standley, Matilda Wyatt

**CANTEEN**

AVAILABLE MONDAY-FRIDAY  
Wraps / Sandwiches / Rolls  
Ham & Cheese or  
Chicken & Cheese Hot Rolls  
HOT FOODS next week

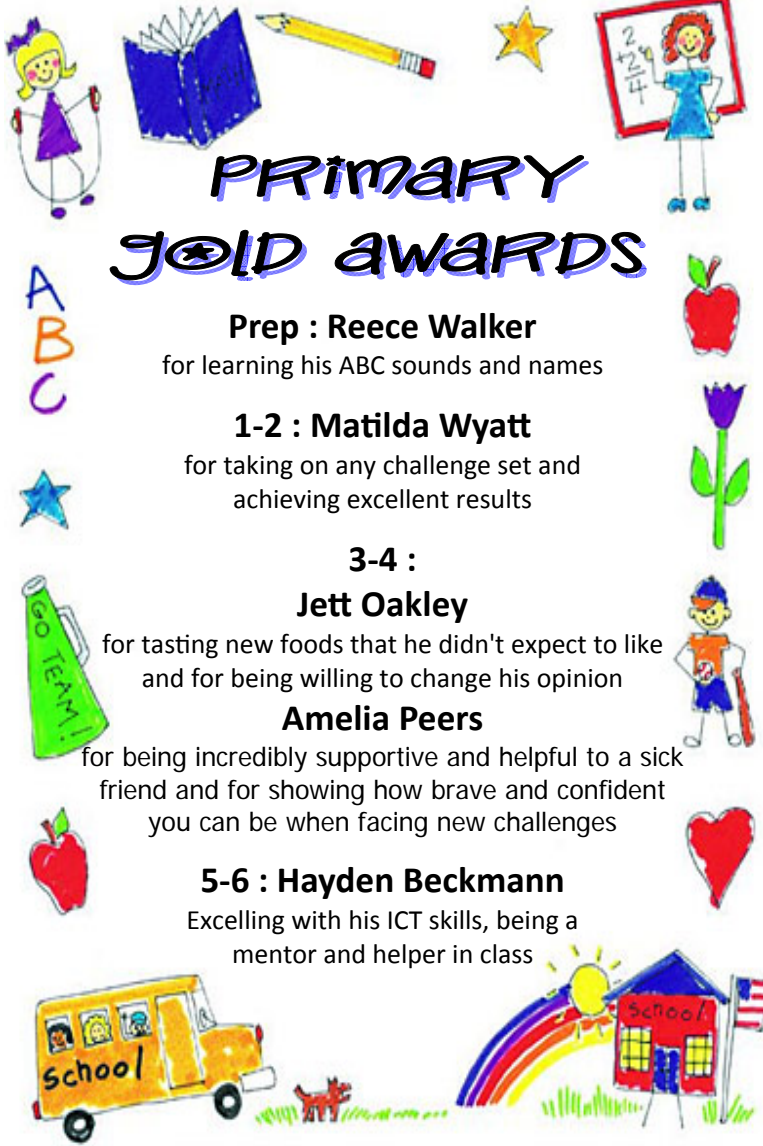
MONDAY : Pizza  
(Ham & Pineapple or Cheese & Bacon)  
Price \$1.60

WEDNESDAY SPECIAL :  
Jackpot Casserole \$4  
Please order Tuesday

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 - no more than \$5 in your envelope



**PRIMARY  
GOLD AWARDS**

**Prep : Reece Walker**  
for learning his ABC sounds and names

**1-2 : Matilda Wyatt**  
for taking on any challenge set and  
achieving excellent results

**3-4 :  
Jett Oakley**  
for tasting new foods that he didn't expect to like  
and for being willing to change his opinion

**Amelia Peers**  
for being incredibly supportive and helpful to a sick  
friend and for showing how brave and confident  
you can be when facing new challenges

**5-6 : Hayden Beckmann**  
Excelling with his ICT skills, being a  
mentor and helper in class



Students from all year levels were involved in an afternoon of cricket led by players from the South Australian Cricket Association. Despite the warm and windy conditions, the kids were well motivated and very keen to participate in the activities introduced. They were divided into 3 main groups to maximise instructions received - one of our youngest students was overheard saying he'd had a 'wonderful' time! Our thanks to Scott Houston, Sam Willis and Amir Latifi (pictured top right) for making the time to include MCC in their busy schedule of school clinics.



## ICAS Writing Competition

Students achieved excellent results when they participated in ICAS Writing this year. Entries for this competition are accepted from schools in Australia and New Zealand. Those students whose achievements were outstanding were rewarded with Certificates of Merit, Credit, Distinction and High Distinction.

Students were expected to write a narrative in a 30 minute time slot; to write a series of events that developed into a problem or complication. Students had to base their story on one of the following sayings: never judge a book by its cover, one good turn

2014  
**ICAS**  
International Competitions  
and Assessments for Schools



deserves another and every cloud has a silver lining. The task was assessed by trained markers. Eighteen students, from Years 3-12, participated in the competition at Murrayville this year.

We commend the students on their effort and achievement, as well as their willingness to challenge their abilities.

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded certificates:

Merit :

Molly Gibson

Credit :

Kristen Sparnon, Lara Mudie, Taylah Beer, Mariah Daniel

Distinction :

Lexi Thomas, Kirsty Heintze, Emma Allan, Abigail Sparnon, Jessica Allan

*Fionna Edwards (KLA Language Coordinator)*



# WHERE are they now?

*TIM  
BROWN*

After completing year 12 at MCC in 2003, I joined the Royal Australian Air Force as an Avionics Technician. I spent the first 12 weeks at RAAF Base Edinburgh in Adelaide where I completed my recruit training at 1 Recruit Training Unit. After graduating, I was posted to the RAAF School of Technical Training in Wagga Wagga where I completed a CERT IV in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering. In June 2005, I was posted to 11 Squadron at RAAF Base Edinburgh, as a qualified Avionics Technician. While posted to 11 SQN I was put through further training to complete my aircraft specific (AP-3C Orion) courses. These courses aided in my promotions and saw me cross trained as a Weapons Specialist.

I spent 7 years at 11 SQN which I can honestly say, were the most rewarding and challenging years of my life. I was fortunate enough to travel around the world to places I never thought I'd go to, some places I had never even heard of. These trips were for both exercises and operations. I was lucky enough to have been deployed to the Middle East Area of Operations three times, as well as numerous deployments as part of Australia's border protection task force. The deployments to the Middle East were probably the most challenging as I'd never experienced such a high rate of operational tempo along with such extreme environmental conditions.

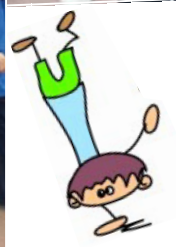
Since leaving 11 SQN in 2012, I've taken up a position in Melbourne as part of the Air Force Improvement team. It's been a great change of pace and has given me the opportunity to study at both the University of New South Wales and the University of Technology in Sydney.

My career in the Defence Force has exposed me to experiences I could not have had in any other workplace. I've enjoyed meeting and working with people from all kinds of cultural backgrounds and having the opportunity to travel and continually learn. I plan on staying with the Defence Force for the foreseeable future as I am given many opportunities to develop my career and experience challenges regular careers don't offer.





# DANCE DANCE



# COLLEGE CALENDAR

# Community Notices

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| 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<br>Casual Day - Fresh Face Friday     |
| 20-21/9  | HPV at Murray Bridge                                |
| 8/10     | Pinnaroo Show                                       |
| 9/10     | LM Athletics : Bendigo                              |
| 31/10    | Primary Plays : HPV Fundraiser                      |
| 4/11     | Casual Day  |
| 4-7/11   | 5/6 Camp : Adelaide                                 |
| 14/11    | 6/7 Cricket Carnival at Lameroo                     |
| 17-21/11 | Years 10 & 11 Exam Week                             |
| 24-28/11 | 9/10 Outdoor Ed Camp<br>11 Maths/English Transition |
| 1-5/12   | Whole School Transition                             |
| 3/12     | P-2 to Mildura + Sleepover                          |
| 8-12/12  | 7-9 Mt Gambier Camp                                 |
| 17/12    | Presentation Night                                  |

### Enrich Your Home With A WEP Exchange Student

World Education Program is inviting Australian families to experience another culture within their own homes by becoming volunteer host families. Choose a student from Italy, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands or South America and get a glimpse into the life of another culture without having to leave the comfort of your home! Our exchange students are just as excited about sharing their own culture and life experiences as they are about being a member of an Australian family. Check out [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au)

### Murrayville Museum & Heritage Society HERITAGE HOUSE/GARDEN WALK

Thursday 18th September  
Meet at 12:45pm at Museum  
6 places to visit  
Finish at Museum for afternoon tea  
Plant stall  
Cost \$10  
Cars available for those not walking  
Tickets to be purchased prior, at ...  
Commonwealth Bank,  
Val's Newsagency or  
Sue Kalms (5095 2025)

### Murrayville Lawn Tennis Club

All intending senior players for the upcoming season must notify Carly Heintze ASAP. Numbers are vital to decide how many teams can compete this season.

Friday night Junior tennis involves teams of 4, playing against Pinnaroo and Lameroo.

To enter or for more information please contact Carly Heintze or Brett Mudie ASAP.

Thursday night Hot shots tennis will also commence when the season begins.

All junior players from kinder age upwards are welcome to come along to learn and practise tennis.



### Murrayville Basketball Club AGM

Monday 15th September  
7:30pm at Murrayville Hotel  
Please consider taking an executive role as without enough to fill executive positions there is no club  
Any queries to Terri Walker  
0408 334 539

### Murrayville Neighbourhood House School Holiday Program

During the holidays there will be craft classes running each Tuesday (23 & 30 September)  
11am to 2pm : Cost is \$8 per session, which includes materials to design and make an item to take home, plus lunch  
Please call Jacqui on 5095 2205 to confirm, as materials have to be purchased beforehand

### Murrayville Football/Netball Clubs

Good luck to our D & E grade netballers and B grade footballers playing in the grand final. Head back to the rec hut after footy and enjoy a schnitty and salad tea with fruit salad and icecream for dessert. Cost \$8 per adult, \$5 per child.

Happy hour from 6.30pm-7.30pm!!!!

Presentation Day this Sunday starting at 12.30pm for a BBQ lunch - ladies please bring a salad or sweet to share. Let's all get together and celebrate the end of a great season!!

## COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

(\* Return from parents required)

1. 5-6 students - end of term information
2. 5-6 students - movie viewing permission \*
3. Students qualified for Zone Athletics - seeking interest in attending \*
4. HPV competitors - details re Murray Bridge event \*



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

Selfishness must  
always be  
forgiven,  
because there is  
no hope of a cure