



Murrayville Community College

Newsletter

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From the Principal

Victorian School Garden Awards –

It was my pleasure to travel to Melbourne with Ms Luckman, Darcy Weckert, Annika Yard and Allea Heintze to receive our Regional Award in the Melbourne Botanical Gardens yesterday. We were delighted to be in such a beautiful location and to have the developments in our school garden recognised, alongside so many other schools that have also developed fantastic gardening programs. We were very privileged, after being recognised as a regional winner, to also be awarded the specialist award of 'Best Edible Garden'. Along with the recognition we were also awarded a \$350 dollar voucher for being a regional winner and a \$1000 voucher and two large bottles of liquid fertiliser for winning the 'Best Edible Garden' award. I would again like to reiterate; the success in these awards is due to the hard work and dedication to our garden by a number of teachers and volunteers over the years. However, the 'Edible Garden Award' is directly attributed to the excellence of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden. This is a credit to

Kim Luckman, the Kitchen Garden students from Grades 3 to 6 and the band of volunteers, of which Janine Crane deserves a special mention. Congratulations to Kim, who put our entry together and will now have

some extra money to put towards developing the garden even further.

Year 11 Transition –

Our Year 11 students have had a taste of Year 12 this week and have followed a timetable that has had a heavy emphasis on English and Mathematics. Not only have they begun their Year 12 work, but they have also dressed as Year 12s and acclimatised themselves with the Year 12 room. Today is their final day of Year 11, I'm sure they are now well set up to make the most of the holidays to ensure that they are completely prepared for Year 12 when they return at the end of January.

Year 9/10 Outdoor Ed –

The students completing the Outdoor Education elective have spent the week at Naracoorte and Robe, carrying out the expedition component of this course. They kicked off the week caving in the Naracoorte Caves and have been bushwalking around the

coastline at Robe and kayaking in the local waterways (not to mention camping out and planning and cooking all meals for themselves - an excellent way to develop that school value of independence). I'm sure they have had a fantastic week.

Whole School Transition –

A reminder that our whole school Transition Day will be held next Wednesday the 3rd of December. All students from 4 to 10 will go into classes from 5 to 11. Our Prep, 1, 2 class will be in Mildura on Wednesday for the Ballet, so they will do their Transition on Tuesday the 2nd. All students from P-7 should have received a detailed letter about the program for their Transition days. Please contact the school if you have any queries.

Natasha Mudie - Principal



congratulations



The Portsea Camp is a community run, activity-based, holiday camp situated at the seaside town of Portsea. It offers children between 9 and 12 years the social advantages of being a part of a group of over 200 children, with a program run by trained leaders and support of a team of leaders from Mildura. The camp is being offered to children in our local area from 28 March to 2 April 2015, which corresponds with the first week of school holidays. Expressions of interest and further information can be made through Karen Willersdorf or by phoning Mike Saunders on 5023 1466. The cost of \$285 includes all accommodation, meals, transport and activities.



Early notice for students in 7/8 Home Economics next year ...

As part of their learning to use a sewing machine and overlocker, students will be making a pair of boxer shorts.

Mrs Pritchard has patterns for all sizes, but students will need to supply their own material.

Before the term starts, could parents please supply 1½ metres of fabric - a soft, light-weight cotton, satin, or cotton blend.

Neutral threads are provided at school, so if you require matching thread, that will also need to be supplied from home.

Note ...

if long PJ pants are required, please supply 2 metres of fabric.



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



PRIMARY GOLD AWARDS

Prep :

Ethan McKee

for being a kind and caring person in the Prep class

Riley Musgrove

for showing great improvement in all areas of Maths

1-2 :

Brooklyn Morzer-Bruyns

for consistently using exemplary manners

3-4 :

Daniel McDonald

for great improvement of his reading and comprehension skills this year

5-6 :

Miranda Walker

for commitment to SRC – showing leadership with organising the ‘Make a Difference Box’ for the primary school

Zetlin Oakley

for showing a real commitment to finishing his school work during lessons



WHERE are they now?

*JESS RELJICH
(nee Inglis)*



While attending High school at Murrayville I undertook a VET course along with usual high school studies. The VET course I initially tried was certificate in Hospitality, but I soon found that this wasn't for me. I changed to Certificate 3 in Aged Care & Community Services, starting the course in year 10 and finishing it before I graduated from Murrayville in 2003. It was while completing my field placements for the course that I discovered my love for the health profession. So, I applied and was accepted to Flinders University to study a Bachelor of Nursing.

I had a 'gap' year before I started uni and thanks to my TAFE certificate, I was easily able to find work in a nursing home and begin my career in health.

I studied for 3 years at Flinders university and whilst on a 2nd year placement at a rehabilitation centre I was surprised and thrilled to be offered a job, where I worked until graduating in 2007.

When finishing my degree I was lucky enough to have job offers in both city and country hospitals. In the end my love for open spaces got the better of me and I completed my Graduate year at Renmark Hospital.

Fast forward to today, I am married and have two beautiful children. I am currently working in Clare and I love the unpredictability and diversity you get when working in the country. The best part of my job is that I can specialise. A nurse can potentially become... a researcher, work in theatre, the flying doctors, become a midwife or even an educator! I would like to do all of the above! With so many possibilities, I am still searching for my niche and it may take a while before I find it.

I credit my time at Murrayville for giving me the opportunity to not only find this fulfilling career, but also for giving me the tools to succeed in achieving it.

DATES FOR THE START OF THE 2015 SCHOOL YEAR



Please make a note of the following so you are aware of the dates on which students will commence school next year.

Wednesday 28/1

Staff return

Secondary booklist collection

9:30am to 1pm

Thursday 29/1

All Year 10 students return

for First Aid course

Staff Anaphylaxis training

Friday 30/1

Years 7-12 commence classes

Primary testing by appointment

Monday 2/2

Primary students commence

*** *There have been changes to the dates previously advised due to staff being involved in anaphylaxis training*



Bonnie Richman proudly displays the TV unit she has made as her project in Product, Design and Technology



On Wednesday afternoon parents of 2015 preps and children from prep to year 2 participated in a range of maths activities involving teddy bears. Earlier in the day children had participated in a teddy bears' picnic with their toys. Children enjoyed the variety of maths activities available and it was great to see so many parents there helping their children solve the problems.



MATHS PROBLEMS



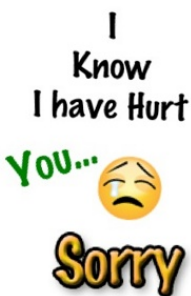
Chaplaincy Matters

The 'Friendly Kids, Friendly Classrooms' group have been talking about qualities of a good friend. On Monday they showed their pictures of 'Friendship Soup' at primary assembly. The ingredients of friendship soup are: kindness, respect, safety, fun, honesty, trust, goofiness and a 'special ingredient' that is unique to each of us. Arguments are a part of friendship too, when we learn to say sorry and overcome differences.

We had story time in the Chaplains room for year 3-6 girls and read the book 'My Secret Bully' by Trudy Ludwig. This led to a discussion about friendship and ways we can be good friends.

The book had a list of ten ways to be a better friend:

- It's okay to be mad.
It's not okay to be mean.
- Don't respond to bullying by bullying back.
- Be a hero bystander.
Reach out to kids who are being bullied.
 - Don't put others down to build yourself up.
 - Be accepting of others' differences.
 - Hang out with friends who make you feel good about yourself.
 - Don't just say "Sorry!" Show you're sorry.
 - Take responsibility for your hurtful behavior by making amends.
 - Know the difference between tattling and reporting.
(*Tattling gets someone in trouble when no one is being hurt.*
Reporting keeps someone from getting hurt.)
 - Report bullying to a grown up you can trust.



Working together for the well being of our young people,

Paul and Barb



My teddy is called Spiderman Rabbit. I like him because I sleep with him.

Reece



My teddy is called Brown Bear. He plays a lot with me.

Liam



My toy is called Owl. I like him because he plays with me.

Riley



My teddy is called Lilly. I like it because it has words on its foot.

Evie



My teddy is called Fluffy. I like him because he can climb on sticks.

Samantha



My teddy bear is called Bulldog. He likes to play with me.

Farren

My teddy is called Pilot. I like him because he sails on a ferry.

Lachlan

My teddy is called Matthew and he's cool because he can kick a ball. He can play on me.

Harvey



My teddy is called Rabbit ...

Seth



COLLEGE CALENDAR

- 1-5/12 Whole School Transition takes place over the week
- 3/12 P-2 to Mildura + Sleepover
- 5/12 Year 10 finish
- 8-12/12 7-9 Mt Gambier Camp
- 11/12 College Council Meeting
- 16/12 P-6 Pool Party
- 17/12 Secondary Pool Party Presentation Night
- 2015**
- 28/1 Teachers Return
Secondary Booklist Collection
- 29/1 Year 10 First Aid
Staff Anaphylaxis Training
- 30/1 Years 7-12 Return
Primary Testing by Appointment
- 2/2 P-6 Students Commence
- 27/3 End of Term 1

Community Notices

Mallee Youth
Fun & Games & All Things Israel
Friday 28th November at Murrayville
27 Poole St (Kym & Faye's)
6 – 9pm Vic time
Phone 03 5095 2199 or 0429 184 841



Murrayville St Peter's Lutheran Church
ADVENT EVENING SERVICE
Sunday 30th November 2014 at 6.00pm (Vic time)
at MURRAYVILLE SENIOR CITIZEN'S
Come along and celebrate together with the whole community as we prepare for the coming of Jesus – our Saviour and King
A night of songs, readings, fellowship & food
Everyone is welcome so invite your friends and neighbours!



Coming to our region - child support legal advice sessions for parents
A Victoria Legal Aid Child Support Lawyer will be visiting Mildura on 22 January and 16 April 2015 to provide free, confidential and independent legal advice to parents about child support and paternity testing
Legal advice is also available over the phone by contacting (03) 9269 0408

The Primary SRC are raising money over the next few weeks to go towards purchasing life changing gifts for poor children and families in Africa.



Please donate any spare change into the "You Can Make A Difference Box" which is in the Primary Gallery (at the end of the computers near the 1/2 room).
We will be sending this money to World Vision on Wednesday 10th December to make a difference.

Thank you!



The optimist sees opportunity in every danger:
the pessimist sees danger in every opportunity