



Murrayville Community College

Newsletter

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From the Principal

Tranquillity Garden Opening –

Our special Tranquillity Garden was officially opened following morning tea on Monday morning. Congratulations to Darcy Weckert and Barb Ireland on the organisation of the ceremony. It was both simple and special. The whole process has been a fantastic learning experience for Darcy, organising the project start to finish as part of her VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning) studies. There are many people to thank for their part in the development of the garden. Darcy has included her speech as a full account of proceedings on page three, where all of these are mentioned.

Transition –

This year our main transition was held over two days. Students transitioning into Prep to Grade 4 were involved in transition activities on Tuesday, while those transitioning into Grade 5 to Year 11 spent Wednesday in their respective 2015 classes. There were a number of new faces in the school, which is always exciting for both the students and the teachers.

P-2 Ballet and Sleepover

Wednesday was a very busy day for our P-2 class. They travelled to Mildura and attended the Mildura Arts Centre to witness the Mildura Ballet and Dance Guild production of 'Coppelia'. Whilst in Mildura they also had the opportunity to play at the Mildura Park for Play on Eleventh Street. After travelling

home through the thunder storms the students enjoyed tea from the Take-away and drove around the town to look at the Christmas lights, before sleeping over. A huge thank you, to Mrs Willersdorf and Ms Morehouse for giving up their time to make this excursion and sleepover possible and to Mrs Oakley for driving some children in the car.

Last Day for Year 10 –

Today is the last day for our Year 10 students. They can finish on the 5th provided they have employment. All Year 10 boys will be working over this period.

Carmen's Last Day –

Today is also Carmen's last day at MCC before she travels back to Germany on the weekend. I'm sure that not only has she had an enjoyable time staying in the Mallee, but she has picked up a lot about the Australian way of life. We have all learnt a lot from her and have thoroughly enjoyed having her as part of our school community and she has become a close and special friend to a great number of our students. We wish her all the very best for her future and

hopefully if she returns to Australia one day she might pop in and see us.

Camp to Warrnambool/Mt Gambier

Next week students from Years 7 to 9 will travel to Warrnambool and Mount Gambier. They will experience the natural wonders of the Great Ocean Road, Tower Hill, Mt Schank, the Blue Lake, the caves and sinkholes around Mt Gambier. They will also visit sites of general and historical interest along the way, as well as challenging themselves at the SA Police Noorla Yo-Long outdoor adventure centre. I'm sure that the students and staff will have a great time in this region, where there is so much to see and do.

Newletters –

This will be the second last newsletter for the year. The final newsletter for 2014 will come out on Monday the 15th of December when our secondary students have returned to school.

Natasha Mudie - Principal



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.



Look what we made in the Home Ec centre during our transition this week



- Wednesday 28/1
Staff return
Secondary booklist collection 9:30 to 1
- Thursday 29/1
All Year 10 students return - First Aid
Staff Anaphylaxis training
- Friday 30/1
Years 7-12 commence classes
Primary testing by appointment
- Monday 2/2
Primary students commence

PRIMARY GOLD AWARDS

- Prep :**
Riley Musgrove
for great improvements with his speaking skills at school
- Liam Wisneske**
for working hard at school and home to improve his reading
- 1-2 :**
No award this week
- 3-4 :**
Allea Heintze
for her openness to new experiences; and for her ability to respond with genuine wonderment and awe
- 5-6 :**
Luka Morzer-Bruyns
for staying focussed on his learning and completing quality work



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



Good morning everyone.
I would like to welcome everyone and especially my invited guests, to the opening of the memorial / tranquility garden.

Darcy's Speech

This garden was built so that people can talk, sit and plant plants in memory of people or to mark a memorable event or occasion.

If anyone has been through a hard time like losing someone they love, they will know how important it is to remember that person in a special way.

The garden can be used as:

- ☺ a calm place where people can talk softly to each other, or you can sit and relax.
- ☺ It is available for anyone in the school community to use.

I feel a sense of excitement when I see people using the garden.

Some people have already placed plants in the garden in memory of their loved ones. This makes me feel very pleased to see them using it in this way and I know it has helped them too.

"Thank you" ... I would like to thank all of the people who have helped in any way with my garden. In particular, I would like to thank:

- ☺ The School Council for allowing me to build the garden
- ☺ Mrs Mudie for her support and encouragement
- ☺ Mrs Moyle for her budgeting wisdom and for opening the garden today
- ☺ Mr Sporn and Damon for all of their work doing the borders and irrigation
- ☺ Milde's Ag and Hardware for donating the irrigation materials
- ☺ Mrs Sporn and Mr Mag for helping me make the seats
- ☺ Mr & Mrs Day for donating lots of the plants
- ☺ Mrs Edwards who also donated plants and inspired me with her beautiful garden
- ☺ Lynette Heinicke for the special ingredient
- ☺ Anne Standley for ideas and inspiration
- ☺ Ms Luckman for gardening wisdom
- ☺ Paul and Barb Ireland - without your help this garden may not have happened.

Thank you for helping me get this garden up and running; it has been a pleasure working with you both as you have a wonderful, caring nature.

Without all of you, this garden would not have been possible. Thank you again.

I would now like to ask Mrs Moyle to come and officially open the garden and cut the ribbon.



Tranquility Garden Opening

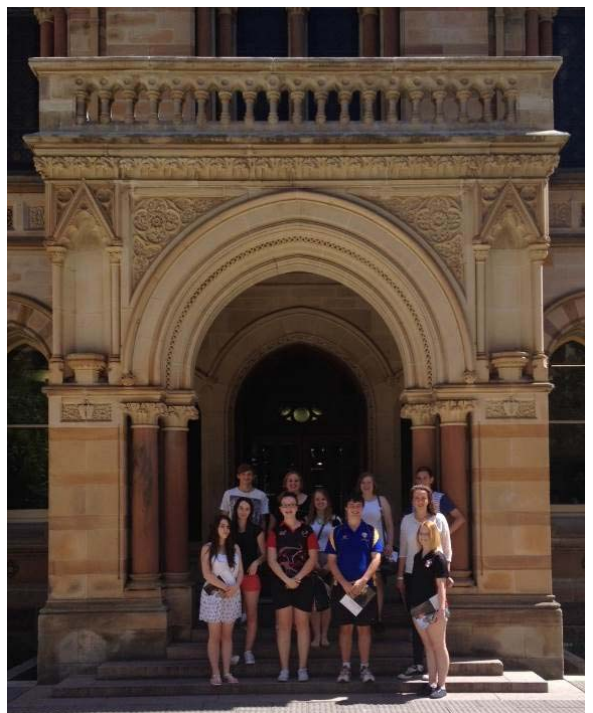
YEAR 11 RETREAT

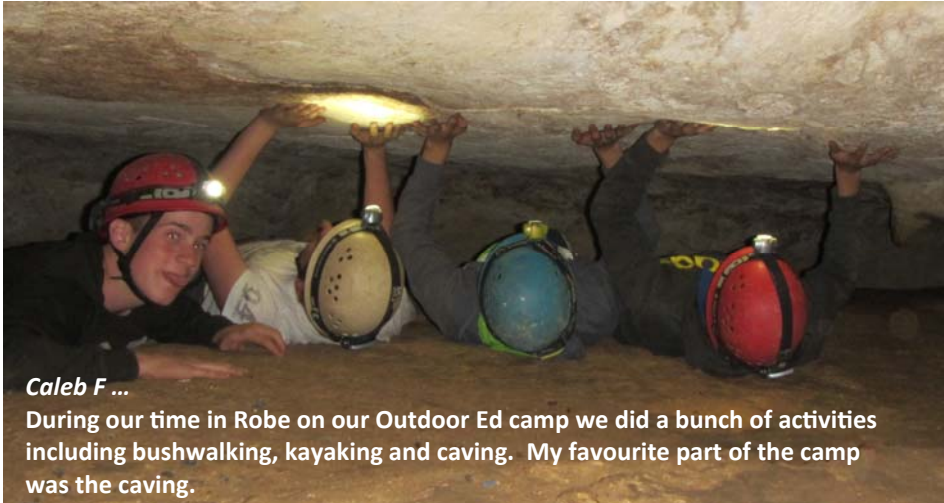
On the Thursday and Friday of week 6, Murrayville Community College future year 12 students enjoyed our stay at West Beach for a retreat, where we discussed all aspects of our upcoming Year 12 experiences with Josh Willersdorf and Julie Cowley.

We welcomed newbies Chelsea and Jaylen Luttrell in a game of chicken at the water park and a few games of bowling at Marion. We were also treated to a tour of the University of Adelaide, and were provided with helpful tips on how we are going to survive adulthood. We all believe after this trip to West Beach, that we are armed and ready to smash out Year 12 and are looking forward to becoming mature adults.

Phoenix Moore

2015
The Class Of





Caleb F ...

During our time in Robe on our Outdoor Ed camp we did a bunch of activities including bushwalking, kayaking and caving. My favourite part of the camp was the caving.

Ryan L ...

During our time away we went caving, kayaking and bushwalking. All three of them were very interesting and tiring, but most of all they were a great fun experience.

Ben F ...

On our camp we took part in a range of activities including caving, hiking and kayaking. I believe I am a contender for the world's worst kayaker, as not only did I tip my own kayak, when Kobe arrived to save me I managed to tip him as well.

Kobe H ...

During our Outdoor Ed camp we completed a series of activities, including kayaking, bushwalking and caving. While kayaking I literally risked my life attempting to save Benjamin Finn from drowning. As a result of this I tipped my kayak and almost died.



Tara H ...

I enjoyed the Outdoor Ed camp, as we did lots of activities that I would not usually do. We went caving, and saw the bats at night. We also went bushwalking and kayaking. My favourite part was bushwalking, as we saw lots of beautiful coast.

Brooke McN ...

The camp to Robe was the best camp I have been on. The first day we went caving, which probably wasn't my favourite part. Then the next few days consisted of bushwalking, kayaking or just hanging around the caravan park. The experience was amazing and I would recommend it to anyone.

Carmen P ...

I had a great week in Robe - heaps of fun and good activities. I loved how we had a lot of free time where we could decide on our own what to do. My highlights were probably bushwalking, the pool and the chicken parmi.



Ryan H ...

The week we had in Robe was a great experience. We went kayaking, bushwalking and caving. The caving was my favourite activity and I would like to do it again.



Ethan L ...

In the time we went away for a week we went caving, kayaking and bushwalking. I liked all three of them but the caving was my favourite.

Jack S ...

On the Outdoor Ed camp we went caving in Naracoorte, then we went to Robe and did some kayaking and bushwalking. My favourite was bushwalking because we got to explore different things.

Outdoor Ed



They were great fun and it was good to experience new things.



Year 8 Science

Rat Trap Racer Investigation

The Year 8 students have been investigating energy and undertook the task of designing, constructing, testing, modifying and then entering their Rat Trap Car into a competition.

Designed for Speed

1 st	Taylah Beer	(166 cm/sec)
2 nd	Tristan Jackson	(103 cm/sec)
3 rd	Stephanie Ford	(68 cm/sec)

Designed for Distance

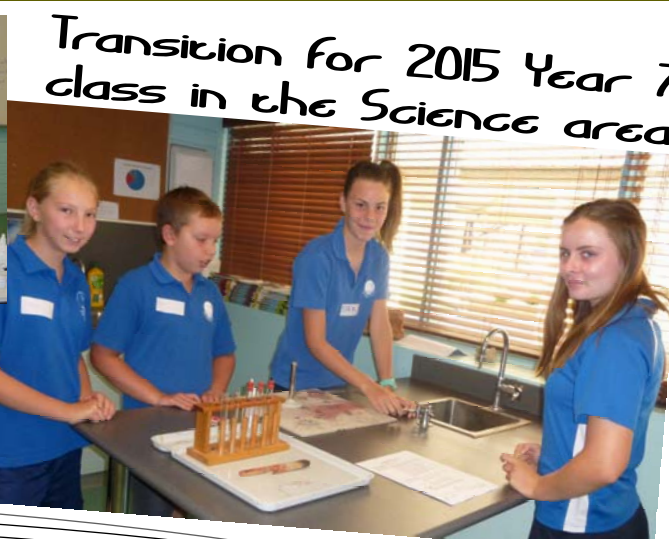
1 st	Maddison Mudie	9.2 m
2 nd	Colby Hawthorne	7.1 m
3 rd	Jaxon Brown	5.4 m



Bunsen Burner



Current Year 10s supervised students as they worked towards their bunsen burner licence



Transition for 2015 Year 7 class in the Science area



WHERE are they now?

**DANIELLE
TAYLOR**



When I was at school, I never really knew what I wanted to do as a career. I always enjoyed English, I was interested in Law and found during VCE studies that I was also enjoying Psychology. After completing year 12 in 2009, I moved to Adelaide and commenced study in a Bachelor of Arts/ Law degree. Whilst studying, I was also working for a Law firm and doing odd shifts in the hospitality industry. Early into my studies, I found that my study time and work were conflicting and I wasn't completely sure that I wanted to continue studying so I deferred. After a year of living in Adelaide and working I moved to Mildura and obtained a position as a trainee Court Registrar at the Mildura Law Courts. This role involved a combination of clerking in multiple jurisdictional courts such as the Magistrates court and Children's Court as well as working in the registry handling legal applications and documents. I found this job to be interesting and I enjoyed working with the Judiciaries, the police and other legal professionals. I was supported in this position with ongoing training where I usually travelled to Melbourne. Working in this role gave me a better understanding not only of the role of the legal system, but the role of a lawyer and other stakeholders in the legal system such as the police force, department of human services and community correctional services.

I worked in the courts for two years until I applied for the position of Leading Community Correction Officer with the Victorian Department of Justice. This role involves supervising high risk offenders with complex criminogenic needs who are subject to parole and community based dispositions. Although challenging at times, this is a highly rewarding job as it allows me to assist people who want to better themselves, to live crime free lives and address factors contributing to their offending such as mental health issues and drug and alcohol issues. I have found this work to be extremely satisfying and interesting and I recommend this area to anyone interested in the criminal justice system.

I feel fortunate that my job involves the three subjects I enjoyed most at school, English, Legal studies and Psychology. When your teachers tell you to choose subjects that you are interested in, not what your friends are doing, listen to them. Finally if you ever wondered if you would need to write a report after leaving school let me tell you that I write reports every day. I never did go back to studying Law but I haven't dismissed the idea for the future. I believe that working was right for me at the time.



What a life!
Years 9 & 10 students who enjoyed a week of Outdoor Education activities (mainly caving, bush-walking and kayaking) in the Naracoorte and Robe area.
Back - Ethan, Ryan L, Caleb, Kobe, Ryan H, Jack, Ben
Front - Tara, Brooke, Carmen
(See page 5)



**Must nearly
be Christmas!
9/10 Hospitality
students have been
getting very festive
making Christmas
cakes and
honey biscuits**

COLLEGE CALENDAR

- 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
- 10/2 Immunisation : Years 7-10
- 16-17/2 Biology/Chemistry Excursion
- 20/2 MMM Swimming in Mildura
- 4/3 Mallee Division Swimming Sports
- 17/3 LM Swimming in Swan Hill
- 27/3 End of Term I

The trouble with having a fertile mind is that the weeds grow as prolific as the pastures

Community Notices

END OF YEAR NOTICES:

- Please note that next week's newsletter will be out on Monday 15th December and will be the last for this year. Any public notices relating to the holiday period will need to be provided by the end of school next Wednesday.
- If you are needing to use the community bus during the school holidays (19/12 to 27/1) please make your booking with the school by 18th December).

Murrayville Football Club invites players, members and families to 'Meet the new A Grade coach' and enjoy a free pre Christmas BBQ this Sunday 7th December at the oval from 12pm-2pm. All welcome!



Fun in mildura



UNITING CHURCH NEWS

Sunday
30th November
... No service ...

Sunday 7th December
Empty
Christmas Tree
at Cowangie
Parker & Pritchard

2014



COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

(* Return from parents)

1. Years 5-6 : End of year after school celebration *

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