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Newsletter

Murrayville Community College



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From the Principal

Welcome and Welcome Back

I trust everyone had a relaxing and refreshing break over the Christmas holiday period. It is great to see staff and students refreshed and enthusiastic to get back into the school's core business of teaching and learning. This year we welcome Jaimi Willersdorf into her new role of teaching Health and Human Development and Sandra McNally in the role of education support. We have a number of new students at our college this year, I trust that their first week has been both very enjoyable and productive.

Swimming Sports,

Year 12 Information & Primary Open classrooms

Next Thursday (12th) is our House Swimming Sports, please mark this on your calendar. It is always great for the students competing to have lots of parental support. I would like to use this opportunity when a number of parents are in town to have them come into the school for a short period after the sports. Firstly I would like to invite all Year 11 and 12 students and parents into school, for an information session about the rules and expectations of VCE. Secondly, the Primary staff would like to invite any parents that would like to touch base with them and see the renovations, including the new "Reggio Emilia" set up in the classrooms, to call in after the swimming sports. P-6 Teachers will be available in their rooms until 4.30pm.

School Review and Self Evaluation

The School is due to be reviewed in 2015 so that we can create a new four year "Strategic Plan" for improvement. Our reviewer is Graham Bastian, an experienced past Principal of a number of schools including Bendigo Senior

Secondary College. He will be visiting the school to conduct fieldwork in the last week of term. As part of the review process we have to complete a self-evaluation of how the school has performed in the past four years (2011-2014). The staff have already completed a detailed evaluation, as will College Council, however the whole school community needs to have the opportunity to contribute. I have attached the four outcome areas, with some prompt questions, to the back of this newsletter. I would appreciate it if families could discuss this and write some comments in these boxes and return them to school. Families need not identify themselves on the grid, however if they could return them to school by the end of February, I will be able to include family comments on the self-evaluation report.

Homework

It is recognised that effective revision of knowledge and practice of skills improves achievement. Since returning to school, staff have been working collaboratively to improve consistency and effectiveness of homework, in the secondary sector of the college. As the school values *independence*, we feel it is important to teach the students strategies to take responsibility for the completion of homework. We ask that parents support and encourage their children to complete their homework. Next week, we will publish in the newsletter a grid showing the days of the week that regular homework is due for students in Years 7-10. We ask that parents check and sign student's homework diaries weekly, as this is the first point of communication between teachers and parents. Teachers will monitor set homework closely and students will be expected to attend homework club if it is incomplete.

The development of effective homework and study habits is extremely important for all students.

Bully Stoppers

Students achieve their best at school in safe and supportive environments, where they are free from bullying and disruptive behaviour. We put a big emphasis on making sure we provide a great environment for our students – one that promotes tolerance and is inclusive, harmonious and free from bullying. We can work towards this goal through education in the classroom, intervention in the playground and a focus on promoting positive behaviour. However, with the rise of social media, bullying now occurs online, as well as in person. Cyberbullying is just as harmful as face-to-face bullying, and online actions can have real life consequences. Cyberbullying is an increasing issue in the wider community – and the best way to tackle it is for schools, students and parents to work in partnership.

Murrayville Community College is supporting the Victorian Government's Bully Stoppers campaign – which has just launched a new series of tools and resources for parents and students to support students in preventing cyberbullying and how to practice Netiquette. Available from 10 February, students in years 3 – 12 are encouraged to participate in an online quiz hosted on the Bully Stoppers website, where they will learn more about how to be good net citizens and go into the draw to win an iPad as well as other prizes for our school. These resources, called Bully Stoppers: Being Cool Online, are available on the Bully Stoppers website, at www.education.vic.gov.au/bullystoppers - visit the site to find out more.

Natasha Mudie - Principal

SWIMMING SPORTS

Available from the canteen at the pool

Bottled Water	\$1.50
Pop Tops	\$1.30
Fruit Boxes	\$1.50
Chips	70¢
Salad Rolls	\$3.50
Meat Rolls	\$4.00
Sandwiches	\$2.50
Chicken Wraps	\$4.50
Tea / Coffee	\$1.00



Any PARENTS wishing to form part of a Parent Swimming Team for the final race of the day are asked to contact Josh Willersdorf

NEXT THURSDAY

12th February
 9am start for Years 3-12
 P-2 events from 11:30am
 Variety of foods on sale (price at left)
 Parents encouraged to attend and support your children
 Please make sure students have hats, sunscreen, water bottles
Buses will run as normal



Our new primary students

WANTED FOR THE PRIMARY SECTOR

- ★ Old icecream / margarine containers
- ★ Old bathers / swim tops

Please leave at the front office or in the gallery

IMMUNISATION at SCHOOL

The Mildura Rural City Council Immunisation Team provides a free school-based immunisation program to all secondary schools in its area.

This year the following vaccines are offered:

- ★ Year 7 and new SA Year 8 - HPV, chicken pox, diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (boostrix)
- ★ Year 8-10 - diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (boostrix)

By now your Year 7-10 student will have received their consent cards.

Please ensure these are completed and returned to school by MONDAY (9 February) as the first session is next TUESDAY.

You may obtain further information via:

- ★ Mildura Rural City Council Immunisation Team
 email - immunisation@mildura.vic.gov.au
 phone 5018 8211
- ★ Better Health Channel website
www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au
- ★ Department of Health website
www.health.vic.gov.au



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



Science with Year 1 and 2

It's only day 2 and the year 1s and 2s are blocking their ears??

Yes, our first science unit is on our five senses and we began by looking at sound.

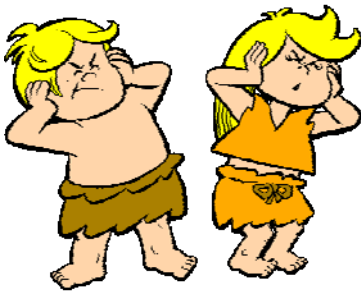
Our inquiry points include:

- how do we hear sound,
- can we still hear when our ears are blocked
- can we hear under water
- how does sound move to our ears?



Lots of thinking and talking going on! And plenty of listening! Gathering data through all of our senses is very important for science investigations. The year 1s and 2s will write their findings in their first science reports of the year.

Our pictures show testing whether we can hear with our ears blocked and Evie finding out how sound is different through a stethoscope.



... to our new secondary students ...

Back -
Jaylen, Chelsea,
Mitchell, Blake,
Bram, Joshua

Front -
Thomas, Darren,
Jade, Isabelle

Absent - Malcolm



Teachers with their bronze medallion are required to do an update, so after school on Wednesday Mr Willersdorf, Mr Magnisalis, Mrs Mudie, Mrs Inglis and Mrs Wyatt headed over to the pool for some more hard work. Several senior students did their CPR updates during the afternoon.



Congratulations to our newly elected house captains:
WINJEEL -
 Kobe Henderson and Henry Gibson
LOWAN -
 Phoenix Moore and Nick Bridge

The boys will be busy organising students in their respective teams for our House Swimming Sports next Thursday



Executive

Year 10/11

President Tara Heintze
Vice-President Lexi Thomas
Secretary Brooke McNeilly
Treasurer Matthew Beer

Year 12 Celeste StClair, Ella Gibson

Year 9 Henry Gibson, Taylah Beer

Year 8 Kirsty Heintze,
 Blake Henderson

Year 7 Hayden Beckmann,
 Miranda Walker

Year 5/6 Kynan Milde, Brock Milde,
 Suzie Beckmann,
 Kristen Sparron

Co-opted members - School Captains
 Ella Gibson and Tori O'Loughlin

2015
src student representative council





CANTEEN PRICE LIST as at 5th February 2015



FILLING

FILLING	SANDWICH	ROLL
Ham	\$1.80	\$2.40
Chicken	\$1.80	\$2.40
Ham/Salad	\$3.00	\$3.50
Chicken/Salad	\$3.00	\$3.50
Salad	\$2.50	\$3.00
Tuna/Salad	\$3.50	\$4.00
Ham/Cheese	\$2.50	\$3.00
Chicken/Cheese	\$2.50	\$3.00
Cheese	\$1.50	\$2.10
Cheese/Tomato	\$2.50	\$3.00
Ham/Tomato	\$2.50	\$3.00
Ham/Cheese/Tomato	\$2.80	\$3.20
Tomato	\$1.70	\$2.30
Vegemite	\$1.20	\$1.80

DRINKS

Long Life Milk	\$1.30
Long life juice	\$1.30
Water	\$1.50

SNACKS

Billabongs	\$1.20
Zooper Dooper	40c
Icy Poles	\$1.00
Crunchas	70c
Frozen yoghurt (tub)	\$1.80
Chips 27g (assorted)	70c



WRAPS

Meat & Salad	\$4.00
Salad	\$3.50



SALAD PACK

Meat/Salad/Bread	\$6.00
Salad only	\$5.00

Requests to Canteen Users

- * Please ensure that your children have at least enough money to cover the cost of whatever they order.
- * Please do not expect the canteen to change large notes. Definitely no more than \$5 should be tendered.

**please put this in a
suitable position
for easy reference**

Lunch order envelopes are available from the front office
Orders to be placed in the basket there
before school

COLLEGE CALENDAR

10/2	Immunisation : Years 7-10
12/2	House Swimming
16/2	Motivational Media
16-17/2	Biology/Chemistry Excursion
20/2	MMM Swimming in Mildura
24/2	College Council BBQ
27/2	UDSSA Swimming in Ouyen
4/3	Mallee Division Swimming Sports
5/3	Arts Council : 7-12 at 2pm
	3-6 Sleepover at school
17/3	LM Swimming in Swan Hill
18-19/3	P-6 Parent/Teacher Interviews
	School Photos
23/3	P-6 Harmony Day Lunch
24/3	Immunisation
27/3	End of Term 1
3-6/4	Easter
13/4	Term 2 Starts
15/4	VCOP Sessions : P-6 parents

Community Notices

Introduction to the Christian Faith
Pastor Dan is running a series of 10 lessons on the foundations of Christianity. These are open to children in High School. Anyone wishing to explore what it means to be a Christian can obtain more info by contacting him (0438 884 699) by Monday.

Murrayville Netball Club
Nominations now open for Coaches for all grades for 2015 season. Please express your interest to Lisa Crane or Jaimi Willersdorf or MNC PO Box 29, Murrayville Vic 3512 before Sunday 22nd February. We look forward to having you be a part of our great club.



♥♥ Valentine's Day Rotating Dinner ♥♥
Saturday 14th February 2015
Enjoy Valentines Day by participating in the **Murrayville Lawn Tennis Club** Rotating Dinner. 4 courses at 4 different locations, ending the night at the Murrayville Hotel with some awesome tunes and a chance to win some romantic door prizes. **\$30 per couple** (please pay at Murrayville Newsagency before the event). **6.30pm Start**. To register please contact Emily Standley 0488 601 884 or email em.stan@hotmail.com by the evening of 7 February.

Pinnaroo Fun Run Walk & Roll For Elise and Luke

Sunday 29th March - followed by family entertainment
Distance : 3 km, 5 km and 10 km
9 am — 12 noon at the Pinnaroo Football Grounds
Cost : Adults 3 km : \$25.00, 5km: \$30.00 10 km: \$35.00
Children 12 y.o. -15 y.o: \$15.00
Under 12 free and must be accompanied by an adult at all times
Registration : ONLINE WEBSITE pinnarooofunrunwalkandroll.com
Early Bird Before 1st March
Pick up pack on day if registered 1st March – 26th March
PLEASE NOTE
NO Bikes, Skateboards, Roller-skates, Children Scooters or Pets

Many of us use the expression 'Better late than never'. Too late is the same as never.

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- (* Return from parents)
- 1. All students - annual form re computers, excursions, etc *
- 2. All bus travellers - travel permission forms *
- 3. Primary students - Special Religious Instruction form *
- 4. New students and Year 3 - ICT agreements re computers /iPads *
- 5. Years 7-10 - immunisation consent forms *
- 6. Primary students - welcome and information for parents
- 7. Years 3-6 students - details of sleepover

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



<p>Achievement</p> <p>Achievement refers to both the absolute levels of learning attainment and growth in student learning that schools strive to support. While recognising that literacy and numeracy are essential foundations for students' success, achievement outcomes encompass a broader view of learning, spanning the full range of curriculum domains, as well as students' co-curricular achievements.</p>	<p>What does MCC do well?</p> <p>What can MCC do better?</p> <p>What has inhibited success?</p> <p>Possible Strategies for the future</p>
<p>Engagement</p> <p>Engagement refers to the extent to which students feel connected to and engaged in their learning and with the broader school community. Engagement spans students' motivation to learn, as well as their active involvement in learning. Engagement also refers to students' engagement as they make critical transitions through school and beyond into further education and work.</p>	<p>What does MCC do well?</p> <p>What can MCC do better?</p> <p>What has inhibited success?</p> <p>Possible Strategies for the future</p>

<p>Wellbeing</p> <p>Students' health, safety and wellbeing are essential to learning and development. An inclusive, safe, orderly and stimulating environment for learning is critical to achieving and sustaining students' positive learning experiences.</p>	<p>What does MCC do well?</p> <p>What can MCC do better?</p> <p>What has inhibited success?</p> <p>Possible Strategies for the future</p>
<p>Productivity</p> <p>Productivity refers to the effective allocation and use of resources eg. people, time, space, funding, facilities, community expertise, professional learning, class structures, timetables, individual learning plans and facilities – to the best possible effect and in the best possible combination to support improved student outcomes and achieve its goals and targets.</p>	<p>What does MCC do well?</p> <p>What can MCC do better?</p> <p>What has inhibited success?</p> <p>Possible Strategies for the future</p>