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Newsletter

Murrayville Community College



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From the Principal

MMM Swimming –

On Friday 23 students travelled to Mildura to compete against students from Manangatang and Werrimull for their spots on the MMM combined team. Our students were very successful with 21 of them making it into this team to compete at the Mallee Division Swimming Carnival on Wednesday the 4th of March. Congratulations to all of our swimmers on their efforts.

College Council BBQ -

Just a reminder that everyone is welcome at our Council BBQ. The weather is forecast to be pleasant. Please come along and enjoy this informal evening, where you can meet with staff and check in with what is happening at school.

Homework Grid –

On the back of this newsletter we have published the 7-10 Homework grid. This shows when homework is due and needs to be submitted at school.

Students from 7 - 10 should be doing some homework each week night, to ensure their homework is complete by the submission date. If the students have after school commitments they will need to organise their time to complete more work on other nights or the weekends. Senior students will have greater homework commitments, focussed on exam preparation as they strive to achieve excellence in VCE. We ask that parents support students to complete their homework.

Please tear off this grid and place it somewhere visible (fridge) for easy reference.

Bushfire Information –

After a very hot week last week it is timely to revisit the school's procedures for CODE RED days. I have included the full procedures that the school will follow on page 6. Please familiarise yourself with this and ensure that you have your own bushfire plan that you family is familiar with.

Notice of School Council Election –

It is that time of the year again!! A number of our School Councillor's tenure is about to expire. They are Stacey Morzer-Bruyns, Kym Hawthorne, Colin Beer, Emily Standley, Karen Willersdorf and Eryn Wyatt. We thank them very much for their contributions to the College over the last two years. Please consider nominating for this very important role in our school community. It is important to note that if you have already been on School Council, you can nominate again – this includes the members whose tenure is expiring. Nomination forms are available from the front office at school. The Annual General Meeting will now be held on Monday the 23rd of March to allow the full timeframe for the election process and to coincide with the School Review.

Natasha Mudie
Principal

**Please join staff and councillors for the 2015 SCHOOL WELCOME
BBQ TOMORROW from 6:00pm (Vic time)**

BBQ at 6:30pm

Meat & Salads provided

BYO drinks

BBQ



School Council Election Process

- The last meeting for the 2014 school council year, was held on February 16. The Annual General Meeting will occur on March 23, followed by the first meeting for the School Council’s 2015 School year.
- With regard to parent membership - there are four parent member positions on School Council that expire in this round of School Council membership – Stacey Morzer-Bruyns, Colin Beer, Kym Hawthorne and Emily Standley. Kym is no longer eligible because he has no children at school.
- Please consider nominating or asking someone else you think may be interested.
- Nomination forms are available at the School office.

The timeline for our School Council election process is as follows:

- Notice of election: February 23
- Closing date for nominations: March 10
- Distribution of ballot papers (if required): March 11
- Close of ballot: March 19
- Declaration of Poll: March 20
- New Council meets: March 23

SCHOOL PHOTOS...

Envelopes were sent home with all students today for the school photos to be taken by boss photography on Wednesday 18 & Thursday 19 March.

If you wish to purchase these photos please complete the form and payment details and ensure the envelopes are returned to the front office at school by Friday 13th March.

Are you interested in ordering a jacket to wear when representing the College at sports events?

The uniform committee has recommended a dark navy polyester zip up jacket, referred to as a contrast hoodie, with the school logo embroidered (from the Biz Collection).

We have a sample at school if you wish to have a look.

The price would be around \$45-\$46 each, and sizes should match those of the sport tops (also from the Biz Collection).

If you wish to place an order please complete and return the form below by Monday 2nd March.

Family Name : _____

I wish to order the following sports jackets :

Student	Size

Signed :

_____ (Parent/Carer)



Congratulations to Luka and Tim who competed for the first time for MCC at the UDSSA Tennis Competition held on Wednesday the 11th February at Ouyen. It was a scorching day, but the boys represented us extremely well, showing our school values of persistence and determination.

Luka won two out of four of his round matches, only losing to the winner and runner up of the tournament. Tim won one of three of his round matches and as a younger competitor will be a strong contender next year.

Well done boys.

Mrs Eryn Wyatt

PINNAROO NETBALL CLUB

Training for the Junior Grades commence :

Junior Joeys - Thursday

16th April @ 3:45pm

F1 & F2 Grade – Thursday

19th March @ 3:45pm

D & E Grade – Thursday

12th March @ 4:30pm



A reminder to parents of all secondary students attending the 2015 Tasmania camp from June 15th – 19th

- \$50 Deposit was due by Friday February 20th 2015
- \$175 due by Friday April 17th 2015
&
- \$175 due by Friday May 29th 2015

WANTED FOR THE PRIMARY SECTOR

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

Please leave at the front office or in the gallery if you are able to help out

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



Certificates for Inspiring Pride were awarded to:

Years P-2

Ethan McKee - for showing EXCELLENCE when completing his maths

Sarah ALLAN - for showing EXCELLENCE when completing her maths homework

Years 3/4

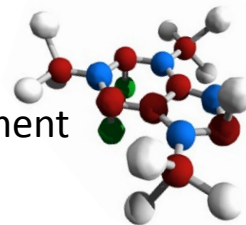
Cooper Wisneske - for demonstrating RESPECT to himself and his teacher by consistently completing his work to the standard expected

Years 5/6

Amelia Peers - for demonstrating INDEPENDENCE when being responsible for her learning and completing set tasks

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GTAC Visit and Chemical Instrument workshop



Sunday morning Ms Bailey and the three year 12 Biology/Chemistry students left Murrayville for two days of workshops in Melbourne.

Our accommodation for the two nights was booked at International House at Melbourne University. This is a residential accommodation building for students studying at Melbourne University.

Monday was spent with a full day workshop at GTAC (Gene Technology Access Centre). GTAC is attached to University High School and offers

programs covering VCE Biology topics.

We attended a workshop on enzyme action and are using the results obtained from the workshop for the first Biology SAC.

The workshop is very well run and includes a short lecture on the theory followed by hands-on experience with the techniques. The students are split into small groups and helped by demonstrators who are current PhD students at the University. The session finished about 3pm so we spent the later part of the afternoon enjoying some retail therapy in Melbourne.



Tuesday morning saw the two Chemistry students attend a chemistry workshop at the University of Melbourne.

Again, these sessions are very hands-on and utilise equipment not found in high schools. During both sessions, our students were working with students from other schools so were able to see some of their 'competition'. The Tuesday session finished around lunch time so after a quick lunch we headed back to Murrayville, arriving in the evening.

Karen Bailey (Science Coordinator)





This year students from Years P to 9 have been enrolled into IXL Maths. This is a web based site similar to Mathletics. IXL's maths skills are aligned to the Australian Curriculum, providing coverage of maths concepts and applications. With IXL's national curriculum alignments, the practice problems will relate to the national curriculum learning objectives. We have chosen this package because it is a cost effective resource that extends to students a range of practice exercises as well as a review of errors and assistance to self-correct. Being web-based, students have access to IXL Maths if they have internet.

Teachers will direct students as to how to use the learning activities. Some teachers will ask students to use the site for homework tasks. Other teachers will encourage students, as applicable, to use IXL to develop skills to support the classroom program in class or at home.

As a teaching resource teachers are able to generate reports on student achievement in line with the national curriculum. These reports cover aspects of students' progress, including a report on trouble spots which identifies areas students need to review, and suggestions for skills the students should practise in order to increase their knowledge of the curriculum.

Aside from the tasks teachers set or suggest, students with guidance from parents can practice and have fun with their learning of maths by going onto the IXL Maths site and selecting those activities they are attracted to. These activities may assist students to develop greater confidence and interest in maths.

If you have any questions regarding how to use the program or how the program is being used in the classroom, do not hesitate to ask teachers or contact me at school.

Brenda Menzel (Maths Coordinator)



- ⇒ Triple Gang Mower in working order
- ⇒ John Deere Ride on Mower L108
Body & mechanics in fair working order. Motor seized & crank shaft broken
Suitable for spare parts
- ⇒ 7' x 4' Covered Trailer Reg DUN859
- ⇒ Body & mechanics in fair working order. Motor seized & crank shaft broken. Suitable for spare parts
- ⇒ Deutscher Ride on Mower – hasn't been used for a number of years but was working when decommissioned.
- ⇒ 7' x 4' Covered Trailer Reg DUN859
- ⇒ Full Sized Data Rack & Cabinet with solid side panels and glass front door
- ⇒ Madison Sport Deluxe two way Punching Bag Stand (needs new bag)
- ⇒ RINOSCH Upright Piano
- ⇒ Unable to be tuned. Attractive and well maintained exterior with great potential for a woodworking project.
- ⇒ Waldown 3 phase (1 hp) 415/440v Super Heavy Duty Bench Grinder & Stand, currently being used as a buffer wheel. Comes with new buffing mops

Please contact the school for more details or if you wish to view any of the items.

Tenders should be marked "Tender" and addressed to Natasha Mudie, Principal, Murrayville Community College, PO Box 116, Murrayville and received no later than Tuesday March 10th 2015.

No tender necessarily accepted.



An opportunity for young Australians, who have finished Year 12 (or equivalent) and are aged between 17 and 24, to experience military training and lifestyle, as well as gain new skills and pay over their Gap Year.

Available in the Navy, Army and Air Force, the program commences in January/February 2016.

For more information please check out defencejobs.gov.au/gapyear

School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children's services listed on the DEECD Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district.

Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.



Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter and SMS message. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- School camps and excursions will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.

As a bus co-ordinating school all bus routes will be cancelled.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have recently updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.

Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website www.murrayvillecc.vic.edu.au and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.

Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.

If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website –

see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.

COLLEGE CALENDAR

- 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
- 9/3 Labour Day
- 13/3 Ride to School Day
- 17/3 LM Swimming in Swan Hill
- 18-19/3 P-6 Parent/Teacher Interviews
School Photos
- 23/3 P-6 Harmony Day Lunch
Council AGM
- 24/3 Immunisation
VCE Parent/Teacher interviews
- 25/3 P-2 at Pinnaroo Fun Run
- 27/3 End of Term 1
- 3-6/4 Easter
- 13/4 Term 2 Starts
- 15/4 VCOP Sessions : P-6 parents
- 20-24/4 Dance Week
- 24/4 Anzac Performance
- 29/4 7-10 Parent/Teacher interviews

Community Notices



Murrayville Cricket Club
PINK STUMPS DAY
 Saturday 28th February
 Murrayville v Parrakie
 Game starts at 1.30pm
 Marquee hosted by Murrayville
 Neighbourhood House

will include a chicken & champagne lunch from 1-5pm
 Beer wine & soft drink available - \$50 per person
 Other activities include:

- ◆ Back to front draw - \$10 per square,
- ◆ Raffle with many prizes and
- ◆ The great mallee Yabby race!

Please dress in pink - funds raised go to the McGrath
 Foundation raising awareness of breast cancer
 For more information or tickets please contact
 Jacqui Gibson 0413 130 121 or
 Sharyn Henderson 0439 617 827
 Tickets also available at Murrayville Newsagency
 and Commonwealth Bank

Mallee Youth PHOTO HUNT



Friday 27th February
 At Jacobs Well Retreat
 Murrayville
 6.30pm to 9pm
 Tea Supplied Cost \$2.00
 Bring your friends ready for
 a night of fun
 Enquiries : Faye
 0418 774 055

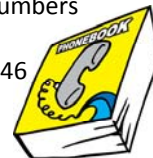
THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Hosted by St Peter's Lutheran
 congregation, Murrayville
 Friday 6th March at 7pm
 Light supper served after service
 All welcome



Murrayville Phone Book Update

A new book is being prepared
 Send in any changes - Additions/Deletions/
 Phone/Fax/Mobile/ UHF Channel Numbers
 Send details to:-
 Tel: 03 5095 2045 Fax: 03 5095 2346
 Email: jrheintze@dodo.com.au
 Box 40, Murrayville 3512



Mallee Youth is a program run by
 the Christian Churches in
 Pinnaroo & Murrayville for
 students in years 7 to 12.
 Mallee Youth takes place on the
 2nd & 4th Fridays of each month
 during the school terms.
 Youth nights alternate between
 Pinnaroo & Murrayville.
 Cost is \$2.00 / person / night.
 For more information or to
 organise a ride contact:
 Dan 0438 884 699
 Colleen 0411 788 416
 Faye 0418 774 055
 Tracey 0400 579 307

SECONDHAND SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR SALE

- 1 x Windcheater, Size 10, \$15.00
- 1 x Polo, Size 10, \$15.00
- 1 x Jacket (with full length zip), Size 12, \$15.00

← Enquiries can be made to
 A Ribbons, 08 8577 8882

You grow up
 the day you
 have your first
 real laugh at
 yourself

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- (* Return from parents)
1. MMM Swimming trials *
 2. P-2 : Primary Fun Run/Walk in Pinnaroo *
 3. 3-6 : UDSSA Swimming *

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



Murrayville Community College 7-10 Homework Schedule 2015

Homework will be checked/ collected	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7	Maths JB	Maths JB Science JC English FE- Reading approximately 60 pages or more from a novel of their choice. Parent signature required.	Maths JB	Maths JB English FE - Completing units from their Pearson Grammar text, which have been explained in class	Humanities NM – Writing task
Year 8	Maths JB English FE - Reading approximately 80 pages or more from a novel of their choice. Parent signature required.	Maths JB Science JC	Maths JB English FE - Completing units from their Pearson Grammar text, which have been explained in class	Maths JB	Humanities DF
Year 9	English FE - Annotating sections of the text, rereading the novel to a particular section and answering questions	Maths JC English FE - Spelling	Humanities HP		Science KB
Year 10	History JA	English HS Maths KB Unit 2 Biology JU		Maths KB Unit 1 Biology KB	Geography JU

Year 11 students should expect to do 2-3 hours homework each week night and should expect to complete homework or revision from each subject.

Year 12 students should expect to do 3-4 hours homework each week night plus extra hours on the weekend, and should complete homework or revision for each subject.

7-11 students not meeting deadlines will receive a deduction of 10% on all assessment tasks. Assessment tasks that are more than 1 week late, without a medical certificate, will receive an ungraded assessment (UG), however they may still be assessed as satisfactory.

Year 12 students are bound by strict rules from the VCAA regarding the completion of assessable work and must adhere to these at all times. Please see the VCE Administrative procedures document and the VCE delivery and Assessment policy.