

Newsletter

Murrayville Community College



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From the Principal

Elevate Study Skills Session –

As a college we are concerned that over a number of years, our senior secondary results are not matching our NAPLAN, on-demand (online ability testing for English and Maths from grades 3-10), competition results and even the General Achievement Test (sat by all students completing a Year 12 study). NAPLAN, On-demand, Maths, English, Writing & Science competitions and even the GAT, are tests where students can't really study specific information to help them. They test their general abilities to comprehend, write, problem solve etc. On the whole our students do very well on these tests and this shows that a large percentage of them have great abilities across a range of subject areas. The Year 12 exams however require students to retain a great amount of very **specific information** and to write with very **specific terminology**. To be successful in Year 12 exams, students need to study, practise and revise very effectively. To assist with understanding how to do this, we have booked a full day program through **Elevate Education** to assist our students to understand what it takes to get a result that matches or exceeds their ability. As part of this program there is a **session for parents** and one for staff so that these skills can be reinforced and can become embedded.

The program for the day is as follows:

Periods 1 & 2 : Years 7-9 -

Junior Time Management &
Memory Mnemonics

Periods 3 & 4 : Years 10-12 -

Study Sensei & Time Management

Period 5 (2.15-3.15) : Parent Session – **Any parents are welcome to this session, it will be especially relevant to parents of senior secondary students.**

After School - Staff session.
We have funded this program through our local solutions Year 12 retention grant. It would be great if all students can attend and I ask that parents avoid making appointments for their children on this day if possible. Likewise I realise that it will not be convenient for all parents to attend the parent session due to the timing, or clashing with a work day, but if you can possibly arrange to make it I'm sure it will be very beneficial to help you to understand how to support your children at home.

College Council BBQ –

Thankyou to all who attended our Council BBQ, especially our councillors who assisted with organising and cooking the food. It was great to see some of our new families there. It was an excellent opportunity for parents to touch base with their children's teachers and in some cases meet them for the first time. Thank you to all parents and students who contributed feedback to our review questions, this will assist me greatly in the writing of our school self-evaluation.

New to MCC Staff -

We welcome to our staff Sandra McNally and Jaimi Willersdorf. Jaimi is teaching the Year 12 Health and Human Development students. Sandra is replacing Lyn Sporn who is on leave for the first two terms. She comes to us from Benalla P-12 school, where she worked as an integration aide.

Every day Counts –

Through the review process it has become very clear that as a school we are not meeting our attendance targets. Last Year our P-6 students on average each missed almost 15 days of school. This equates to three school weeks. The 7-12 students missed on average 19 days of school which is almost four weeks of school. Of course when children are sick they are best off at home, these absences are unavoidable. It is the avoidable absences we hope to reduce. We realise that due to our remote location it is difficult to access services without removing students for the whole day to travel, but wherever possible please schedule appointments for the holidays and plan to do clothing or shoe shopping in holidays or on weekends. All un-explained absences will be followed up promptly by the school. We ask parents to please either ring (03 5092 2001) the school or SMS (0457 518 394) on the day of the absence or send a note to school on the next day after the absence. If you have planned a family holiday during the school term we ask that you come in and discuss this with me prior to your departure.



Currently we have 16 students in our school with an attendance rate below 90%.
Remember that an attendance rate of 90% equates to students missing 4 weeks of school in the year!! Students with an attendance rate of below 90% will be ineligible for endeavour awards at the end of the year.

UDSSA Swimming -

Today 17 of our upper primary students have travelled to Ouyen with Eryn Wyatt, Rebecca Oakley and a number of parents to participate in the Underbool and Districts School Sports Association Swimming sports. Again it is the weather for swimming and I wish them all the best of luck in their events.

Professional Learning and Meetings by Staff This Week!

- Wednesday – All Staff- Restorative Practices (behaviour management) Workshop.
- Thursday - Individual student progress meeting for staff teaching Years 7-10
- Thursday & Friday – Helen Pritchard - Psychology Conference that included the latest information on current practices, teaching techniques, and networking opportunities.

Snakes -

After our visit to the secondary building by a small snake last week, there was much excitement and discussion. Fortunately, after a period of time, the snake was removed and student movement returned to normal. Children in the P-2 area made their own snake, each drawing a particular section which, when joined together, formed the extra long 'snake' seen in the picture at right. Students are regularly reminded of the dangers of snakes and this season has certainly seen a huge number of the creatures in our district.

*Natasha Mudie
Principal*



P-2 students and their snake



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

- Closing date for nominations: March 10
- Distribution of ballot papers: March 11
- Close of ballot: March 19
- Declaration of Poll: March 20

CANTEEN

AVAILABLE MONDAY-FRIDAY
*Wraps / Sandwiches / Rolls
 Ham & Cheese or Chicken & Cheese Hot Rolls*

NEXT THURSDAY
 Zucchini Slice \$4
 (Please order with Mrs Ross by Wednesday)

ALL ORDERS ARE TO BE PLACED BEFORE SCHOOL

RETURN SLIP FOR PARENTS WISHING TO ATTEND THEIR SESSION AT MCC

Parent Name(s) will be attending the special Elevate Education session for parents from 2:15 - 3:15pm on Tuesday 10th March

Signed



swimming

success at



FIRST PLACINGS

Lara Mudie	Girls 12-13 : Breaststroke, Freestyle, Backstroke
Kirsty Heintze	Girls 14 : Breaststroke
Jessica Allan	Girls 16 : Breaststroke
Brooke McNeilly	Girls 15-16 : Butterfly / Girls 16 : Freestyle / Girls 16-20 : 100m Freestyle
Maddison Mudie	Girls 15 : Freestyle / Girls 12-15 : Individual Medley
Tara Heintze	Girls 16 : Backstroke
Lexi Thomas	Girls 16-20 : Individual Medley
Ryan Hawthorne	Boys 16 : Breaststroke, Freestyle, Backstroke / Boys 15-16 : Butterfly / Boys 16-20 : 100m Freestyle
Henry Gibson	Boys 15 : Breaststroke, Backstroke
Blake Virgo	Boys 14 : Breaststroke, Freestyle / Boys 12-15 : 100m Freestyle
Hugh Parker	Boys 12-13 : Breaststroke
George Heintze	Boys 12-13 : Freestyle, Backstroke
Clay Kingdon	Boys 14: Backstroke



SECOND PLACINGS

Miranda Walker	Girls 12-13 : Breaststroke, Freestyle
Emma Allan	Girls 14 : Breaststroke
Maddison Mudie	Girls 15 : Breaststroke, Backstroke
Kirsty Heintze	Girls 12-14 : Butterfly / Girls 14 : Freestyle / Girls 12-15 : 100m Freestyle
Lexi Thomas	Girls 15-16 : Butterfly / Girls 16 : Freestyle
Jack Sharrad	Boys 16 : Breaststroke / Boys 16-20 : 100m Freestyle
Darren Virgo	Boys 12-13 : Breaststroke, Freestyle
Clay Kingdon	Boys 14: Freestyle
Blake Virgo	Boys 14 : Backstroke
Bram Schiller	Boys 12-13 : Backstroke



next stop ... Mallee Division in Mildura



Seen at the Council BBQ



FOR SALE By Tender

- ⇒ 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
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- ⇒ 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.



Over the last couple of weeks children in Year 6 have participated in the Better Buddies program. This program aims to create a friendly and caring school environment especially for children just beginning school. The program is supported by the Alannah and Madeline foundation, a national charity set up to keep children safe from violence. Children are trained as buddies and this is recognised as a responsible leadership role in the primary school.



The values of this program are :

- ☺ *Friendliness,*
- ☺ *Caring for others,*
- ☺ *Respect,*
- ☺ *Responsibility,*
- ☺ *Valuing differences and*
- ☺ *Including others.*



Children were presented with a bear by their buddies on Tuesday - the Buddy Bear is a mascot of the program. Children will be having a special luncheon next Tuesday to celebrate being part of the program.



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

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 . 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 :

Signed :

_____ (Parent/Carer)

Student	Size

COLLEGE CALENDAR

- 4/3 Mallee Division Swimming Sports
- 5/3 Arts Council : 7-12 at 2pm
3-6 Sleepover at school
- 9/3 Labour Day
- 10/3 Elevate Study Sessions
- 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 TONIGHT

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

Murrayville Hall Committee combined with Murrayville Museum

are seeking photos of anyone
who has served in any of the
armed forces for an Anzac Day
display and possible
permanent display in the
Murrayville Hall supper room
Please contact Sue Kalms
or Dave Allan

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



PINNAROO NETBALL CLUB

Training for the Junior Grades
commences :

- Junior Joeys - Thursday
16th April @ 3:45pm
- F1 & F2 Grade – Thursday
19th March @ 3:45pm
- D & E Grade – Thursday
12th March @ 4:30pm



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 get credit
for what you
finished,
not what you
started

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

(* Return from parents)

1. Year 10 Biology students attending Oration/Dinner in Melbourne *
Please check that you have received this information and,
if not, contact the College for another copy

