

Newsletter

Murrayville Community College



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From the Principal

Elevate sessions –

The Elevate Study Skills sessions that were held on Tuesday were excellent and very well received by all students. Kirun, our young presenter, explained to students, staff and parents how by organising his time wisely and using particular techniques he was able to improve from being a 'B' student in Year 11 to finishing in the top 1% in the state in Year 12. He gave the students some excellent strategies to implement. He stressed that even making small changes to study routines can pay off with significant improvements to end results. He also helped the students to prepare a 'life timetable' that will allow them to continue to enjoy the activities they love as well as find adequate time to complete their homework and study.



Ride to School Day -

Today was ride to school day. It was great to see many of our students being active and riding in a safe manner. They had the opportunity to test their speed with the police radar gun before school and were given a talk about bike safety. Thank you to Eryn Wyatt for organising this, and to Ross Huxtable for his involvement during the morning.

Council Elections –

All families by now should have received a Council Election voting pack in the mail. Please ensure that your votes are returned to school by 4.00pm on Thursday the 19th. It is very pleasing that there are a number of parents seeking to represent the parent body on College Council. I thank all of the candidates for their nominations.

Graeme Clark Oration –

Four students travelled with Karen Bailey to Melbourne on Monday to attend this prestigious event on Monday night. They enjoyed a wonderful a la carte meal and got the chance to rub shoulders with some of Australia's best and brightest scientists including two Nobel Laureates. The girls are pictured with Nobel Laureate Sir Paul Nurse, who spoke at the afternoon function. Thank you to Karen, for making this trip possible. Please see the report on Page 5.

ANZAC Performance –

Preparations are well underway for our ANZAC Commemorative Concert. Students from P – 8 will require army



coloured clothes (khaki, brown or green). Pins or medals may also be worn. We would greatly appreciate it if families or community members have any of the following at home that we can use to decorate the hall:

- Assortment of netting, ropes
- Army items such as old hats (no guns or swords)
- Pins or medals that can be displayed
- Mini Australian flags
- We will have storage space at school if people wish to leave items to assist us with our ANZAC celebration.

Debutante Ball –

Preparations are also underway for the 2015 Deb Ball to be held on **Friday the 29th of May**. Thank you to the parents who have taken on the majority of the organisation of this night. Please save this date as it will be a wonderful event.

Natasha Mudie
Principal

SCHOOL PHOTOS next Wednesday & Thursday
Please make sure students have returned envelopes and payment if you wish to purchase photos, and that full school uniform is worn



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

fun at the 3-6 sleepover

We have had a bumper summer season in the Kitchen Garden. With 58.640kg harvested during January and 85.791kg harvested during February, we are well and truly on our way to meeting our half a tonne goal for 2015.



Newsflash!
Percy and Red (two of our chickens) have finally jumped on the Kitchen Garden band wagon and we are now collecting eggs on a regular basis. No sign of our bantam hen, Snowflake, joining in yet but stay tuned.



Kitchen classes this year have already seen us whipping up some tasty seasonal treats. Ratatouille, roast spaghetti squash, apple slice, Vietnamese rice paper rolls, Asian coleslaw, Thai style zucchini and pumpkin stirfry and a delectable basil and parmesan dip have all made an appearance. The students also cooked up eight delicious gourmet pizzas and an apple crumble for their dinner during the sleepover last week.



Garden classes have seen us focus on harvesting produce, cleaning up fallen apples to reduce the pest population, garden bed preparation and the start of autumn planting.



Wanted:
Food Dehydrator
Do you have an unloved, electric food dehydrator taking up cupboard space and gathering dust? Would you be interested in donating it/lending it to the Kitchen Garden program so they can try drying out some excess produce? If so, please contact Kim Luckman at the school.



Kitchen garden news



The Year 12 PE class has recently sent home to parents of students who live in the town of Murrayville a letter asking if they are interested in participating in the **WALKING SCHOOL BUS** program as a way of promoting physical activity. If you have received this correspondence and not yet replied, can you please do so to enable the class to determine whether or not the program will be implemented.

FOR SALE
By Tender

- ⇒ Yamaha Organ Model B-4 with 2 rows of keys in good working order
- ⇒ Yamaha Organ Model B-2R with 2 rows of keys in working order
- ⇒ Yamaha Keyboard Model PSR-410 needs repair

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 Wednesday 25th March 2015. No tender necessarily accepted.



FUNDING ROUND NOW OPEN

Chances invests in the future of our children & young people by removing the financial barriers that stand in the way of them achieving their potential.

For more information please visit www.chancesforchildren.com.au or phone 5021 7480



mallee arts

Workshops on Friday 20th March
Victoria Buildings, Pinnaroo



FELTED FLOWERS

9:30-11:30am

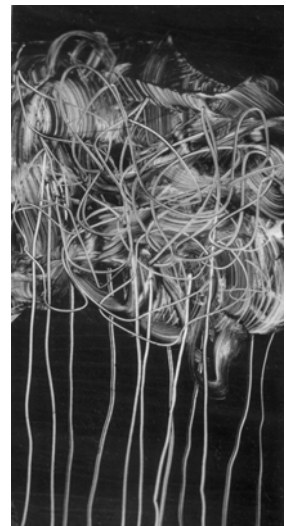
Learn the process of wool and silk felting
Make a sculptured flower into a brooch
Cost \$20



MONO PRINTING

12:30-3:30pm

Have fun creating your own prints using paints and inks applied to paper or fabric
Explore the art of pattern making and collage
Cost \$20



Bookings can be made at the
Southern Mallee District Council offices



Graeme Clark Oration and Dinner

Four year 10 students (Brooke, Candice, Jessica and Tara) and myself travelled to Melbourne on Monday to attend talks and a dinner as part of this year's Graeme Clark Oration.



The functions were on Tuesday afternoon so we spent the morning visiting some of the famous graffiti alleyways of Melbourne and, of course, shopping. However, the afternoon saw us at the Plenary at Melbourne Convention Centre for talks by Nobel Laureate Sir Paul Nurse.

The first presentation was specially designed for students, with Sir Paul explaining how he got into science and research. He comes from a lower working class background and encountered difficulties getting into University. However, he had a love for Science and was eventually accepted into University.

Following the talk, the students got to meet Sir Paul. Later in the day we attended the public oration by Sir Paul Nurse. This talk was more formal and was attended by the Governor of Victoria as well as many influential scientists. It was also open to any members of the public who wanted to attend.

After the Public Oration our students had been invited to attend the official dinner with the scientists. We were lucky to be seated at a table close to the front and with some distinguished scientists at our table, including Jim Patrick (who is chief scientist at Cochlear and one of the original people involved with the first cochlear implant) and Terry



Speed (head of informatics at Walter and Eliza Hall Institute).

During the evening the students met distinguished scientists including Graeme Clark (who invented the cochlear ear) and Jacques Miller (who discovered the function of the thymus as well as B and T cells). Throughout the evening all the presenters thanked the students for coming to the event and reminded everyone that these people are the future of Australian Science.

Overall it was a great event. However, I think one of the most amusing aspects of the night was when Graeme Clark (who can invent a cochlear ear) asked one of our students to use his phone to take a photo of him and Jacques as he had trouble taking selfies. Guess the students really are our future!

I am grateful to the school council for allowing us to attend this event and to The Graeme Clark Foundation for giving school students the opportunity of being part of the scientific community.

Karen Bailey (Science Coordinator)



COLLEGE CALENDAR

Community Notices

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| 17/3 | LM Swimming in Swan Hill |
| 17-19/3 | P-6 Parent/Teacher Interviews School Photos |
| 23/3 | P-6 Harmony Day Lunch Council AGM |
| 24/3 | Immunisation |
| 25/3 | P-2 at Pinnaroo Fun Run VCE Parent/Teacher interviews |
| 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 7:30pm |
| 27/4 | Student Free Day - Staff PD |
| 29/4 | 7-10 Parent/Teacher interviews |
| 1/5 | House Cross Country Relationship Session : 7-10 girls |
| 3/5 | HPV Round 1 at Loxton |
| 12-14/5 | NAPLAN |
| 15/5 | Mallee Division Cross Country 7-12 |
| 18/5 | Mallee Cross Country for P-6 |

Murrayville Football Club ... important dates coming up...
Tuesday 17th March - working bee 4.30pm Vic time
Thursday 19th March - Auskick, Junior colts & Senior colts training from 4pm
 All players, parents and supporters urged to attend as we will be doing registrations and merchandise orders ... BBQ tea!
Saturday 21st March - Practice match 'Murrayville v Browns Well'
 to be held at Murrayville recreation reserve at 2pm Vic time
 Stay on after for a BBQ tea and a boogie!!

Murrayville Netball Club
 Pre-Season Training will be held at School Courts
 Seniors started on 12th March
 D & E Grade starts on 19th March at 4pm
 F Grade starts on 19th March at 3:30pm (for ½ hour)
 Contact Lisa Crane 0418 835 210 with any queries

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

Murrayville Community College
ANZAC COMMEMORATIVE CONCERT
 Murrayville Hall
 Friday 24th April at 7:30pm
 Songs, readings and dance presentations to remember the ANZACS as part of the 100th year commemorations



Murrayville Basketball Club
BREAK-UP
 Friday 27th March
 at Mallee Fowl Hotel 6:30pm
 RSVP by Monday 23 March to Leslie or Jill



PINNAROO NETBALL CLUB
 Training for the Junior Grades commences :
Junior Joey's - Thursday 16th April @ 3:45pm
F1 & F2 Grade - Thursday 19th March @ 3:45pm
D & E Grade - Thursday 12th March @ 4:30pm

Pinnaroo Football Club Senior Colts
 Trainings will now change to Thursday nights commencing on the 19th of March
First trial match will be against Mundulla at Pinnaroo oval on Saturday the 21st of March 9.30 start



Outside show is a poor substitute for inner worth

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- (* Return from parents)
- Years P-8 : Anzac concert requirements
 - Years 11/12 Outdoor Education : excursion Monday 16/3 *

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

