

Newsletter

Murrayville Community College



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From the Principal

College Council Elections –

The election was finalised last night, with Colin Beer, Kasey Berlin, Stacey Morzer-Bruyns and Emily Standley elected as our parent representatives. Congratulations to these people and thank you to all parents that nominated. Karen Willersdorf and Jeanette Morehouse were the sole nominations for the staff positions. The Annual Reporting Meeting will be held on Monday night, as will the first meeting where the office bearers are elected. I will report the outcome of this in next week's newsletter.

Interim Reports and Interviews –

P-6 staff have held 3-way interviews for parents and students over the course of this week. Interim reports for students in Years 11 and 12 went home today. Interviews for these students will be held on Wednesday night. As this has been a very short term with multiple interruptions, 7-10 interim reports and interviews will be held in week three next term.

Review Fieldwork –

The school reviewer, Graham Bastian, will be in the school from Monday to Thursday next week to meet with staff, students, parents and school councillors and to discuss the performance of the school and identify areas for improvement. Families were emailed this week about joining in the parent group discussion that has been scheduled for Tuesday at 3.30pm. Please consider attending this session and let us know if you are able to make it.

Regional Swimming –

Congratulations to Suzie Beckmann who travelled to Swan Hill on Tuesday to compete in the North West Regional Swimming. She placed 4th in Backstroke and 5th in Breaststroke. Well done Suzie.

Staff Professional Learning and Meetings this week!

Monday & Tuesday –

- Karen Bailey – John Monash Science School Professional learning program – including classroom visits and team teaching.
- Helen Parker – VCE English Professional Learning - Melbourne

Wednesday –

Secondary Staff - Discussion of professional practice prior to the Reviewer's fieldwork.

Thursday –

Secondary Staff – Follow up meeting for individual students in 7-10.

End of Term -

Next Friday, being the last day of term, will have a 2:30pm finish.

Please be aware that students will, therefore, be home around 45 minutes earlier than normal. Parents of bus students will need to be particularly aware of the time change.

Natasha Mudie
Principal

Year 8 in their
finished boxer shorts



MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD
IS IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY.

Attendance at MCC to 16 March 2015

Year 9	96.66%
Year 4	96.56%
Year 7	96.03%
Year 11	95.83%
Year 12	95.57%
Prep &	(94.53%
Year 6	(94.53%
Year 8	94.40%
Year 3	94.27%
Year 1	94.06%
Year 10	93.95%
Year 2	93.75%
Year 5	90.43%

Congratulations Year 9



Things I Like



I like jumping on the trampoline
(*Oliver*)

I like lunch
(*Nate*)

I like the clown sheep
(*Laila*)

I like writing at school
(*Sarah*)

I like playing on the ipads
(*Seth*)




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.

Wanted:
Food Dehydrators

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 school



Certificates for Inspiring Pride were awarded to:

Prep
Nate KELLY - for showing EXCELLENCE when learning his 'Wow words' and letters of the alphabet

Years 1/2
Jai STANDLEY - for showing EXCELLENCE in improving his handwriting
Riley MUSGROVE - for showing PERSISTENCE in completing his work

Years 3/4
Eliza WALLIS - for her DETERMINATION and continued effort to successfully adapt to life at MCC

Years 5/6
Kayla WALLIS - for showing DETERMINATION to do her best with her narrative writing timed task. Well done!
Daniel McDONALD - for showing DETERMINATION to do his best with his narrative writing timed task. Well done!

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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



NATIONAL
RIDE2SCHOOL
DAY 2015



FRIDAY 13 MARCH



The National Ride to School Day was held last week on Friday the 13th of March. Students were encouraged to ride, walk, scoot or skate to school. Many students also took up the opportunity to have their riding speed tested thanks to local policeman Senior Constable Ross Huxtable and a Mildura Highway Patrol Officer.

After booking many of our students for high speeds Ross gave a road and bike safety talk to our primary school, which was enjoyed by the students as they ate some fresh fruit.

Thanks to Ross for making himself available on the day and well done to all students who participated and gave the speed test a go.

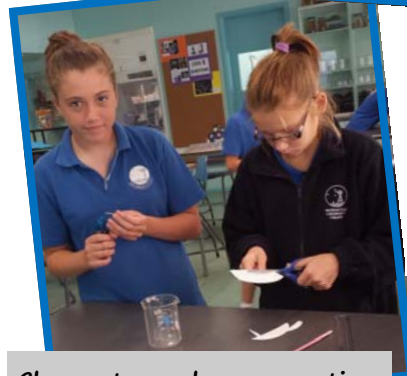
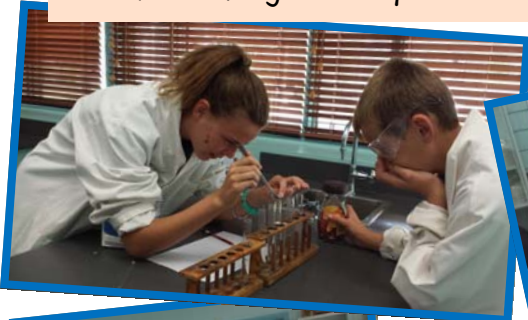
Eryn Wyatt

Year 7 Science: Separating Mixtures

Comparing solutions and suspensions:

solutions— a mixture of one substance dissolved in another and suspensions

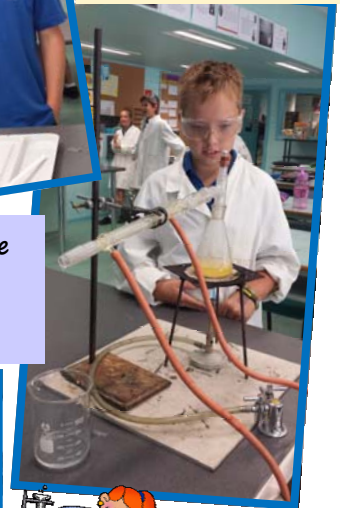
– a mixture of a gas or a liquid and an insoluble substance.



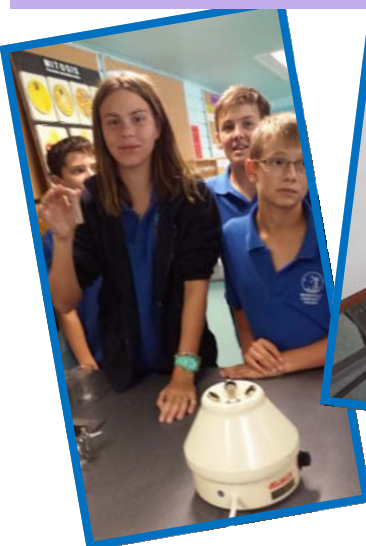
Chemical reactions— separating a gas from a liquid.

Chromatography—separating a mixture of different colours.

Distillation—using evaporation to separate substances. The vapour is collected and condenses into a liquid.



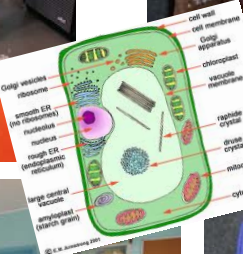
Crystallisation— evaporation is used to separate the parts of a solution.



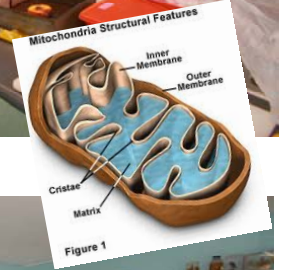
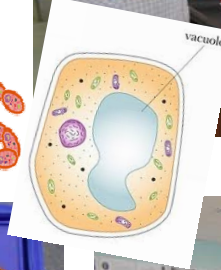
Filtering—using filter paper to separate a suspension.

Centrifuging— separating a mixture by rotating the container very quickly.

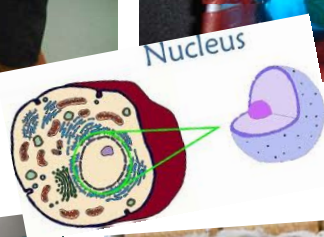
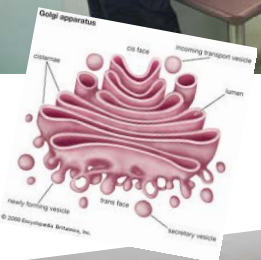




CELLS



YEAR 8 SCIENCE: The Year 8 Science students have been investigating cells. They have compared plant and animal cells and researched cells to discover the main parts and their functions. They have learnt about organelles such as: the nucleus, cytoplasm, ribosomes, mitochondria, endoplasmic reticulum, Golgi body, vacuoles, cell wall and cell membrane. The students then designed an edible cell. They used food items to represent the various organelles they'd investigated. After constructing their 'cells' the students were required to present their creations and explain each organelle and its particular functions. After the presentation they were able to eat their cell!



Gallipoli, Where Nothing was Gained, but Everything was Lost

The Gallipoli Campaign was seen as a complete failure in the eyes of the British Cabinet. The Campaign was originally supposed to stop the stalemate on the Western Front; however Gallipoli became a stalemate itself. During the eight months at Gallipoli there were approximately 390,000 casualties - 25,725 were Australian. The conditions faced by soldiers in the Gallipoli trenches were quite distressing with the smell of death filling the air. The summer at Gallipoli was a hard time, the hot weather bringing with it disease and flies. Bodies of ANZAC and Turkish soldiers piled up, lying in no man's land crawling with flies and rotting under the boiling sun, an armistice was a time when both sides ceased fighting and buried their dead. It was strange time where soldiers often mingled with the enemy, who they would then return to fight. The Gallipoli campaign was called off after a series of failed offensive moves to gain territory, such as the battle at the Nek, Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair, all with massive losses of life. The Gallipoli campaign's greatest success was the evacuation, not a man was killed or wounded, but as many left, thousands would be staying there forever.

Maddison Mudie

The ANZAC Spirit

On the 25th of April 1915 the Australian troops landed at Gallipoli. In the eight months they were there they militarily achieved nothing, but to the Australian people they left an undying legacy; The ANZAC spirit. The war historian C.E.W. stated that ANZAC spirit 'stood, and still stands, for reckless valour in a good cause, for enterprise, resourcefulness, fidelity, comradeship and endurance that will never own defeat'.

The ANZAC spirit was shown in men like Simpson who exhibited true courage, made great sacrifices and more than anything, created unbreakable bonds. The ANZAC spirit also includes laughter, a love of life and mateship. The Anzac spirit is still seen today in times of hardship and suffering, such as cyclones, floods, and bushfires. The Anzac spirit will continue to live on, and we as Australians will forever remember the sacrifice they made.

Lest we forget

Stephanie Ford

THE AUSSIES TRIED

The Australians and their allies (the Indians, French and the British) went to numerous places and they fought there as one. The leaders made some good and bad decisions. Some of these decisions worked.

In August the Anzacs and their allies tried their hardest to accomplish what needed to be done - the troops had to move during the night and most of these troops got lost. Since these troops got lost most of them became casualties or they died.

They worked hard in August, and everyone should be mighty proud.

In the end the only plan that really worked was the retreat. The Turks had no idea of this. No more Aussies died or became casualties in this departure.

Sydney Heintze

2015

Year 9 Humanities students were asked to write a 'newspaper' article as a present day account of the Gallipoli campaign

The failure in Gallipoli

The Australian Imperial Force (AIF) has contributed largely to the war effort in Gallipoli, but their contributions have been wasted by the British. Thousands of Australian lives have been lost by poor British communication and commanding. The Australian landing in Gallipoli has been a complete failure, with the Turkish slaughtering our soldiers it makes us all realise how expensive the war has been. The Australian casualties totalled up to 35000, 8709 of which were deaths. The British should held account for their quite idiotic tactics, they have flaunted Australian lives around like they were nothing and now thousands of children will be fatherless, thousands parents will be sonless. The most part of the Gallipoli campaign was the evacuation of the beaches, the Turkish knew nothing of the Allied departure and not a single soul was lost during the evacuation. All in all the campaign was a humiliation to the British commanding officers, this may be the war to end all wars, but was the price worth it.

Henry Gibson



Outdoor Ed Day Trip

On Monday the 16th of March, the Year 11/12 Outdoor Education class went on an excursion to explore different environments in the Riverland. We went and saw The Butchers Soak, The Tree Of Knowledge, Lock 4 and Katarapko National park.



Katarapko Island

The Katarapko island was shared leased by two families, the Bland and Bennett family. This island was perfect for sheep and cattle grazing, not having to have any troughs for water and the river acting as fences to keep the livestock on the island. The two families used a man powered ferry to transport them to and from the island. The Bland family had built their home on the mainland bank of the creek while the Bennett family built their house on the island. These homes were both destroyed by the '100 year flood' in 1956 and had to rebuild on higher ground where they were protected from any other floods. It was amazing to see and read the way they transported sheep across to the island and the way they lived.



Lock 4

On the Lock 4 we found out a lot of interesting facts about it. Here is a few, Murray River is about 2,530km, there is also 13 locks and 14 weir and five barriers. The difference from the River mouth is 56km and pool height above sea level 13.2m and it was constructed completed on 1929. While we were there was a lock master putting metal poles in the water, it regulates the water. We didn't get to see the lock open, but it takes around 15-20 minutes to open.

Crag's Hut

Crag's Hut was the home to the Craige family and the first permanent

residents along the Katarapko creek. John and his wife Margret lived next to the creek with his five children Mary, Jane, John, James and Margaret. After a failed business venture John declared bankruptcy and left for the Victorian goldfields. Where he died in 1852 leaving Margaret to raise the children and manage the property. Four years later Margaret died from a fever on April 9 1856 at the age of 35. All that remains of Crag's Hut now is a mound of dirt and rocks. A short walk up the hill from the hut is a grave that is thought to be then last resting place of Margaret Craige.



The Tree of Knowledge

The Tree of Knowledge in the river side picnic grounds, displays the year and level of all the Murray floods – the biggest flood was in 1956 (above this photo), at that level the caravan park that exist there at the moment would have been completely underwater. The most recent flood was in 2011 reaching around knee height. By studying the high river levels on the trunk of this huge old river red gum, you can begin to understand the cycles and impact of the Murray River system. It was interesting to see where the water is now and to where is used to be 1956 and to know that everything would have been under water.



Butchers Soak

Butchers Soak was an area in a bowl like shape with a hole in the middle where the water flows down too. At butchers soak they had recognition of the railway that ran from 1904 to 1990, along with this there was also a time capsule which will be opened in 24 years' time on 28/12/2039, what could possibly be in there? They also used to have a footy and tennis club but stopped playing there up until World War II. They also managed to have a school there for a brief amount of time from 1922 to 1926.

COLLEGE CALENDAR

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
30/4	SAPOL : Year 11
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
29/5	Deb Ball

To keep a lamp
burning we have
to keep putting
oil in it

Community Notices

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

Pinnaroo Football Grounds

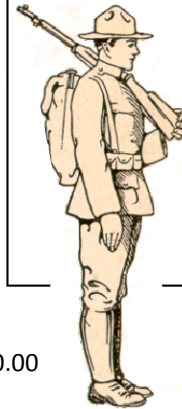
Cost : Adults 3 km : \$25.00, 5km: \$30.00

10 km: \$35.00

Children 12 y.o. -15 y.o: \$15.00

U12 free - must be accompanied by adult at all times

**PLEASE NOTE : NO Bikes, Skateboards, Roller-skates,
Children Scooters or Pets**



Do you have a relative who served in World War I and whose name does not appear on the honour plaque displayed on the Bowling Club wall? If so, please contact Sue Kalms as soon as possible phone 5095 2025

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 Football Club Senior Colts

First trial match will be against Mundulla at Pinnaroo oval on Saturday the 21st March 9.30 start

Sarnia Tennis Club (Mildura)

WINTER COMPETITION

Commencing 2nd May

Training on Thursdays

Senior & Junior Competition

on Saturdays

Registration and team

enquiries to

Peter Kelly

pk4051@gmail.com



COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

(* Return from parents)

1. All families - information about chicken pox
2. P-2 parents - cancellation of Pinnaroo Fun Run visit

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

