

# Newsletter

## Murrayville Community College



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### From the Principal

#### End of Term –

This term has raced by. It is hard to believe that holidays are upon us once again. Although holidays are good for reducing stress and spending some time out of routine, it is important that students don't lose momentum with their learning. Some students will be required to complete some tasks for their teachers over the holidays, especially our senior students. VCE students have all of their tasks documented in the homework letter that will go home today. Some teachers have chosen to email parents with tasks as well as give these to the students. Please encourage your children to plan their time in the holidays, so that they do have a good break and some time to de-stress and so that their tasks aren't left until the last weekend.

#### Harmony Day –

On Monday students in grades 3-6 celebrated Australia's cultural diversity by holding a Harmony Day lunch. The students brought in a stunning array of international foods, with recipes originating from every continent, other than Antarctica. It was very pleasing to see so many students trying new foods. Students wore an orange ribbon to

show support for an inclusive Australia. Thank you to parents for their support to ensure we treated to such fabulous fare and thank you to those parents who could come in and join in the lunch.

#### School Council –

The Annual Reporting Meeting and the first regular meeting of School Council were held on Monday night. Congratulations to the following councillors who were elected office bearers: Stacey Morzer-Bruyns (President), Colin Beer (Vice-President), Michelle Thomas (Treasurer) and Josh Willersdorf (Assistant Treasurer). Congratulations also to Sheryn Bennier who was co-opted as our community member. Council sub-committee membership was also finalised and membership details will be available on our website. The Annual Report was tabled and adopted at the Annual Reporting Meeting. This report measures the school's achievements against schools with similarities and this will be available on the school website, or you may request a hard copy from the front office. The two proposed student free days were ratified. Two new policies were also ratified at the regular meeting. These were the Curriculum Policy and the Critical Incident Recovery Policy and Plan.

#### School Review –

Our reviewer Graham Bastian was in the school this week, from Monday to Thursday. He conducted a range of significant conversations with staff, students, councillors and parents, about how our school operates. Thank you particularly to those



councillors and parents who came in to meet with Graham on Monday night and Tuesday afternoon. He was extremely impressed with the facilities of the school, the overall tone and the evident pride in the school from the students. He will now prepare a report that will frame our new strategic plan and he will return to Murrayville next term to present this report to the school community.

#### Staff Professional Development this week

Thursday – Fiona Edwards –  
Joined the English Learning Area Meeting at Ouyen P-12  
Thursday & Friday – Eryn Wyatt –  
Kitchen Garden PD – Adelaide

#### Happy Easter –

I wish all students, families and staff a very happy and safe Easter break and look forward to seeing everyone back in Term Two.

Natasha Mudie  
Principal



UNO COMPETITION

# Deb Ball News



- ★ Earlier in the week, Debutantes & Partners were issued invitations for family and friends to enable them to be distributed during the holidays. Next term students will be asked to confirm names and numbers attending from each family. Seating room is constrained by the size of the hall, however we hope we will be able to seat parents and grandparents as has been the case in the past. Seats will be named in family order. On the night, additional family members and friends will be directed to stand in the section of the hall where individual couples will be presented to enable them to get the best view of proceedings.
- ★ Sue Howard, who will be working on the dance segment, has requested that the girls source a long skirt during the holidays that they can wear to practice dancing in. Sue also mentioned that it would be good if they could bring the actual shoes they will be wearing on the night when practice begins.

Congratulations to Suzie Beckmann who competed at Swan Hill on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of March at the Regional Swimming event. Suzie swam exceptionally well finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in the backstroke and 5<sup>th</sup> in the breaststroke. What a fantastic effort Suzie, we are all very proud of you.

With cross country coming up in the third week of term 2 Mr Willersdorf and I encourage students to continue to improve their endurance fitness over the holidays in preparation for the upcoming events. Well done to all students for their efforts in sport this term and we look forward to seeing your achievements next term and for the rest of the year.

Eryn Wyatt (P-6 Sport Coordinator)

Congratulations Suzie



## CANTEEN

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

### BACK TO HOT FOODS NEXT TERM

MONDAY - PIZZAS \$1.60

Bacon & Cheese or Ham & Pineapple

FRIDAY - PIES, PASTIES \$3.50 & PARTY PIES 70¢  
Sauce extra 20¢ (or 30¢ for 2)

**ALL ORDERS ARE TO BE PLACED  
BEFORE SCHOOL**

Please - no more than \$5 in your envelope



Certificates for Inspiring Pride were awarded to:

#### Prep—Year 2

**Liam Wisneske** - for showing DETERMINATION  
to improve his reading

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to improve his reading

#### Years 3/4

**Zac KELLY** - for his increasing INDEPENDENCE  
when it comes to personal organisation

#### Years 5/6

**Jasper STANDLEY** - for showing RESPECT  
towards himself and his learning community by being  
organised for his lessons in the morning

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The Year 3-6 Harmony Day celebration was a delicious success with students bringing dishes that represented food from all over the world. The theme of the day was 'everyone belongs' and discussions revolved around being open to new things, new foods and new people. The students, guests and staff all enjoyed sampling new culinary delights and feeling a sense of belonging. Thank you to all families who contributed to the event's success.  
*Kim Luckman and Eryn Wyatt*

# HARMONY DAY

EVERYONE BELONGS



# ANZAC Glory

Coming up to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli, I believe we should all reflect on the true courage represented by our remarkable troops. On the 25<sup>th</sup> April 1915, Australian troops landed on the beaches of Gallipoli. The true spirit of Australia was shown when, amidst a rain of fire from above and the bodies of mates and loved ones tripped under their feet; the ANZACs pushed on. Men like Simpson showed immense bravery and selflessness, constantly risking their lives for others. So many lives were risked, and so many lives were taken, but the Australian troops kept going. It was not an advantageous military move, with frequent mistakes being made, and not enough significant ground being gained. Detestable commands from British officers caused the most decent and successful move they made to be the retreat; where the Turks didn't even know what had happened until they had all safely evacuated. There were numerous casualties, with 1700 within the first 24 hours. The time spent on the shores of Gallipoli illustrated the true heroism of the astounding Australian troops, and every single Australian should be proud. The glory of these ANZAC troops is something that will never be forgotten.

Taylah Beer

## Continuing the articles by Year 9 Humanities students

### We Never Should Have Gone

Australia never should have gone to Gallipoli. We messed up a lot of things - a major part was landing on the wrong beach. Very bad decisions were called from the British, resulting in many casualties for Australia. This war also showed the mateship of Australia and that we were a great country in the making.

May the Anzacs live on. Lest we forget

Colby Hawthorne



Our SRC has had a busy start to the year. Lunchtime on Wednesday saw a rush for tables in the Student Centre to compete in UNO games. Today was a casual day with a Nurses/Doctors/Red theme, and other casual days are planned for June 5,

September 11,  
December 4.

A social is also on the books for later in the year.



Great news! \$337.50 was raised for baby 'Parker Bean' in today's Casual Day



SRC also had an Easter Egg Hunt for primary students yesterday lunchtime



# Building good mental health in young people

Interactive online learning courses for parents developed by the Black Dog Institute

## BUILDING RESILIENCE IN YOUNG PEOPLE



This course includes five short, interactive, and engaging modules that will help you understand what resilience is and the role you can play building resilience in the young people you care for.

### You will learn about:

- what resilience is in the context of mental health and how it helps
- useful strategies for building resilience in young people including how to control emotions, identifying personal strengths and a step by step process for problem solving.

## NAVIGATING TEENAGE DEPRESSION



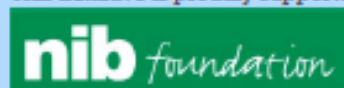
This course includes five short, interactive, and engaging modules that will help you understand depression and bipolar disorder in the context of adolescence.

### You will learn about:

- the causes and signs and symptoms of depression and bipolar disorder
- useful strategies for supporting a young person you care about
- help and support services available

Access the courses at: [www.BLACKDOGLMS.com](http://www.BLACKDOGLMS.com)  
More information at: [www.HEADSTRONG.org.au](http://www.HEADSTRONG.org.au)

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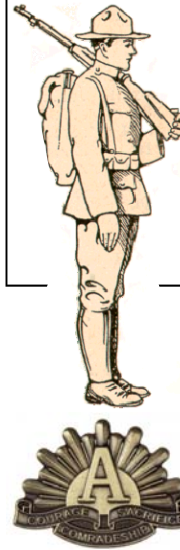
# COLLEGE CALENDAR

- 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
- 1/6 Federation Uni visit (Years 10-12)
- 2/6 Regional Cross Country
- 10/6 GAT
- Primary Lightning Premierhips
- 13-14/6 HPV Round 2 in Adelaide

# Community Notices

## Pinnaroo Fox Run Walk & Roll For Elise and Luke

Sunday 29th March : 9am-12 noon  
Entrants UNDER 18 must complete a waiver form before the event  
Contact Liz Moyle for a copy  
0414 993 726



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

### PARILLA SEASONAL MARKET

Sunday 19th April : 9am - 2pm  
Parilla Parking Bay  
Lots of Stalls ...  
food, drinks, crafts, jewellery, giftware, plants, etc  
Enquiries to Debbie Hyde  
(08) 8576 6062 - after hours

## 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 ANZAC Remembrance Day

Saturday 25th April  
9:30am - Marchers (service personnel and/or family members) assemble at railway station carpark  
10am - RSL memorial gates, bowling club - ANZAC service followed by morning tea and viewing displays in hall

### WALKING SCHOOL BUS

Please note that, due to lack of interest, this activity will not be implemented.  
Thanks to those who did return notes indicating their interest in being involved.  
*Year 12 PE Students*



with Pinnaroo Football Club starts on Thursday 16th April 4 pm (to 5pm) at the Pinnaroo Oval  
Enquiries to Dani Finn 0429 120 200



### Murrayville Golf Club

SPECIAL MEETING  
Murrayville Hotel  
Tuesday 31 March at 8pm  
All ex members most welcome  
*Hedley Parker (Acting Secretary)*

You can't change your situation.  
The only thing you can change is how you deal with it.

## Thank you ...

... to everyone who lent, donated and offered us dehydrators this term.  
The Kitchen Garden class had fun dehydrating eggplant, zucchini and tomatoes to add to our soups and stews over winter; and our sun dried tomatoes were just delicious.

