

# Newsletter

## Murrayville Community College



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### *From the Principal*

#### **Dance Week –**

The school has really been rocking this week as students in P-8 have been learning their various dances for tonight's ANZAC concert.

Sue Howard-Denton has once again done a phenomenal job, to create a polished dance with each class in an hour per day over the course of the week.

Deb training also kicked off this week after school. Considering the size of the group, it is amazing what the students have managed to pick up in such a short time.

#### **Cluster Day –**

On Monday the staff will travel to Ouyen to complete Professional Development and network with other teachers from the Mallee Cluster. The Mallee Cluster comprises six P-12 Colleges - Murrayville, Ouyen, Manangatang, Werrimull, Robinvale and Tyrell (Sea Lake) and many Primary schools in between. The foci for the day are Teaching in a differentiated classroom and creating an inclusive classroom for students with dyslexia and other learning difficulties.

#### **3-way Interviews –**

Interim reports went home Thursday with students in Years 7-10.

3-way interviews will be held by appointment, as per each student's interim report, on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April**. We strongly encourage students to closely read their interim report and to attend these interviews with their parents.

Improvements highlighted at reporting times are far more likely to be adopted by students when they participate in the reporting process. Please contact the school if you are unable to attend so that we can reschedule a suitable time.

#### **House X-Country -**

This event will be held next Friday morning at the Recreation Reserve. The students have been running this course this year to reduce the risks from traffic. Please read the report on page 7 carefully as it outlines when spectators need to arrive and where they will need to park, so that students

aren't put at risk. The students' times will contribute points to the house shield; of course, the lower the times the better.

#### **ANZAC Centenary Commemorations –**

The final touches have been put to the ANZAC concert for tonight. All students are involved in some way and I sincerely hope everyone enjoys the evening. We are very appreciative of financial support towards the cost associated with the concert.

The school will also be involved in the community commemorations tomorrow. The school captains will lay wreaths at the Pinnaroo Dawn service and the Murrayville service. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very special and sacred ANZAC Day.

*Natasha Mudie  
Principal*





The Murrayville Community College is once again participating in the Premiers Reading Challenge!

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge has helped create a generation of bookworms!

With a bumper booklist of more than 9000 titles, there's something for every reader!

The Challenge is not a competition; it's a personal challenge for kids to read a set number of books from now til 14 September.

Since 2005, nearly two million children have read 34 million books. Placed end-to-end, that's enough to stretch from Melbourne to Sydney 10 times!

- Prep to Year 2 students have a target to read or experience 30 books.
- Students from Year 3 to Year 6 are challenged to read 15 books.

The Challenge is a fun way to get kids talking about reading with their friends and pushing themselves to read as many books as they can.

You can even search by genre, book type and age. Books are added to the list regularly by an expert panel which includes teachers and librarians.

**Children who meet the Challenge receive a certificate from the Premier and get their names published on the online Honour Roll!**

**facebook** Like the Challenge on Facebook to share tips, stories, literacy articles and recommended reads with other parents, grandparents and Challenge supporters. [www.facebook.com/VicPRC](http://www.facebook.com/VicPRC)

# CANTEEN

AVAILABLE MONDAY-FRIDAY

Wraps / Sandwiches / Rolls  
Ham & Cheese or  
Chicken & Cheese Hot Rolls

MONDAY - PIZZAS \$1.60

Bacon & Cheese or Ham & Pineapple

WEDNESDAY - HOT DOGS \$1.30

Must be ordered with Mrs Ross

FRIDAY - PIES, PASTIES \$3.70,

SAUSAGE ROLLS \$2.70 & 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

Quite a few of our primary students order hot foods on the wrong days

Please be aware that pizzas are ONLY available on Mondays, and pastries ONLY on Fridays



Certificates for Inspiring Pride were awarded to:

Prep-Year 2

**Mya JENZEN, Steffinie AMMERLAAN, Samantha JACKSON**

- for showing PERSISTENCE and INDEPENDENCE in completing a challenging writing task

Years 3/4

**Rourke MUDIE** - for showing DETERMINATION to improve in the areas of spelling, handwriting, vocabulary and general story-telling;

producing an outstanding narrative last week

**Shania HEINTZE** - for her consistent DETERMINATION to complete classwork and homework to a high standard

Years 5/6

**Allea HEINTZE** - for being an INDEPENDENT and self-motivated worker; giving challenging tasks a go on her own

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The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2015 for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday 12 May, Wednesday 13 May and Thursday 14 May 2015. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals which can be used to improve student achievement.

All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests. During test week, catch-up tests will be available for individual students who are absent on test days. These students may undertake catch-up tests on the days in the test week after the scheduled test, up to and including Friday 15 May 2015.

Later in the year you will receive your child's personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your child's particular skills in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

For more information about the tests, please visit the NAP website at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

If you have any concerns about your child and NAPLAN could you please contact the school as soon as possible.

Fionna Edwards



## **UNSW Mathematics, English and Writing Competitions**

This week students in Years 3-12 received a letter regarding the UNSW Mathematics and English competitions. All students are encouraged to enter; however, to do so they need to complete the slip, at the bottom of the letter, and return it to their classroom teacher, form teacher or front desk by Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> May. The competitions are marked externally and students receive a certificate which outlines their strengths and weaknesses, as well as how they performed in relation to the cohort of their particular year level. Participation, Credit, Distinction and High Distinction certificates are awarded. Information regarding each paper can be found below.

### Mathematics

There are 30 to 40 items in each paper, with a time allowance of 40 minutes to one hour, depending on the year level. Questions require students to apply their knowledge, skills and understanding across the skill areas of number and arithmetic; algebra and patterns; measurement; space and geometry and chance and data.

Sitting date: Tuesday, 11 August

### English

There are 33 to 60 items in each paper, with a time allowance of 40 minutes to one hour, depending on the year level. Questions require students to apply their knowledge, skills and understanding to locate, identify, interpret, infer and synthesise information in and about texts. Students read a range of texts that cover different forms and purposes.

Sitting date: Tuesday, 28 July

### Writing

Teachers select students to participate in the Writing Competition; it is seen as an extension activity for talented writers.

Students will be asked to write an extended response to a given task in a 30 minute time slot. The task is criterion referenced and assessed by trained markers. The genre alternates between narrative and persuasion. In 2015, persuasive writing will be assessed.

Sitting date: The week of Monday, 15 June – Friday, 19 June, exact date will be stated closer to the time.

More information can be found by accessing the following website, or please contact the appropriate classroom teacher, or the coordinators below, at the school.

<https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/subjects/>

Fionna Edwards (KLA English Coordinator)  
Brenda Menzel (KLA Mathematics Coordinator)





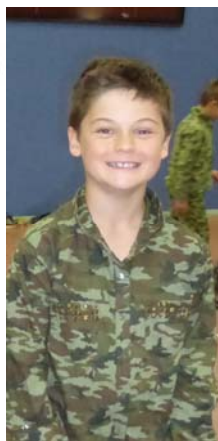
The Hospitality students were very busy making ANZAC biscuits on Tuesday.

They will be giving them to staff and students to enjoy on Friday, and have also donated some to the community to have with morning tea after the ANZAC commemorations. Well done to the students involved -

Darcy, Taylah, Stephanie, Crystal, Jaxon and Lexie.



# Preparations for our ANZAC performance







**PHOTO COMPETITION!**

# FACES in THINGS



**YOU CAN FIND FACES IN THE STRANGEST PLACES!**

**ENTRIES CLOSE AT THE END OF TERM 2!**

Open to all students, parents & staff!

ENTER AS MANY TIMES AS YOU LIKE!

Please email your photo entries to ..  
[oakley.rebecca.l@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:oakley.rebecca.l@edumail.vic.gov.au)



## **ADELAIDE CAREERS & EMPLOYMENT EXPO**

**Friday 22 May 2015 (9.00am – 3.30pm)**  
**Saturday 23 May 2015 (10.00am – 4.00pm)**

Entry Cost : Free

Parking Facilities : Ticketed via Rose Terrace

Location : Jubilee Pavilion (Adelaide Showgrounds)



**The best opportunity for students, school leavers and mature age students to choose career pathways and improve their employment prospects**

### **STUDENTS**

Want to speak directly with South Australia's best tertiary, VET and training institutions?  
Or find out about job opportunities for secondary school leavers?

The Adelaide Careers and Employment Expo is the only event in SA that allows you to discover real career pathways.

- ★ Meet 30 + SA Universities, TAFE and training institutions
- ★ Speak with 24+ recruiting organisations and SA Government departments
- ★ Hear from SA industry leaders and mentors and get expert career advice
  - ★ Try your hand at over 20 trades at our Interactive Skills Feature
- ★ Enjoy two days of fun activities and demonstrations on the Main stage

### **PARENTS**

The Adelaide Careers and Employment Expo is the next important step in discovering important opportunities in your child's career development.

Adelaide's largest platform for students and tertiary and VET educators, and recruiting companies to meet and speak face-to-face with you.

Offers valuable opportunities to understand and map out your child's career pathway.

- ★ Over 100 exhibitors; including government bodies, private companies, and education institutions
  - ★ Find over 50 jobs on offer
- ★ Learn about the State's best apprenticeship and training courses
- ★ Speak with industry leaders and mentors at the Career Advice Centre
  - ★ Get free resume writing and interview advice

Register yourself and your children to receive fast-track entry to the Expo

Check out the web for more details

<http://www.aeec.com.au/events/2015/05/22/adelaide-careers-employment-expo.jsp>

<http://www.careeremploymentexpo.com.au>

careers expo



## **Flinders University at the Tertiary Studies & Career Expo 2015** **Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> June – (10am-4pm)** **Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> June – (9.30am-1.30pm)**

Flinders University is proud to once again be attending the Tertiary Studies & Careers Expo Adelaide (TSCEA), Sunday 14th & Monday 15th June 2015 at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

TSCEA is an important event for anyone seeking to explore their tertiary studies, training and career options. With an overwhelming number of courses on offer each year and constantly changing career opportunities and pathways, entry requirements and study options, it's vital you keep up to date with the latest information on your career prospects.

Featuring many local, interstate and overseas education providers and support agencies, TSCEA offers a unique opportunity for anyone interested in starting, changing or upgrading their career!

# CROSS COUNTRY



## House Cross Country next Friday (1/5/15)

This year we have moved our cross country track across to the Recreation Reserve. All students from Prep – Year 12 will start and finish the race in the same place, but the tracks differ depending on age groups.

**16 – 20 Boys** will run 5km (3 laps). Their track consists of 1 big loop followed by 2 little loops. The big loop is marked in **pink** and they then follow the **green** track when they reach the SE corner of the oval. They then do two more little loops, marked in **pink**.  
**11 – 15 Boys and 11 – 20 Girls** all run 3km (2 laps). Their track consists of 2 loops following the **pink** track on the map.  
**9 – 10 Boys and Girls** run 2km. Their track consists of 1 loop marked in **pink**, plus an extra lap around the outside of the oval marked in **purple**.

**7 – 8 Boys and Girls** will run 2 laps on the outside of the oval.

**5 – 6 Boys and Girls** will run one lap around the outside of the oval.

Age groups go by how old each student turns in 2015. For example, if a student turns 10 or has already turned 10 in 2015, they are in the 10 year old age group. Races will begin at 9:30am Vic time and the order will be as follows:

- 16 – 20 Boys (5km)
- 11 – 20 Girls (3km)
- 11 – 15 Boys (3km)
- 9 – 10 Boys and Girls (2km)
- 7 – 8 Boys and Girls (1km)
- 5 – 6 Boys and Girls (500m)

Please make sure you arrive well before 9:30am as we will not allow cars to drive in or out of the oval area once the races have begun, until all students have finished racing. Please also do not park around the oval fence line as that is where the students will be running. If your car is parked around the oval where you will be near the race track, we ask you not to leave until all races are over.

The students run along the boundary line inside the oval on the western side so the best place to watch from is in front of the Rec Hut and change rooms. There are bench seats available right next to the oval. The finish line is where the first football bench is located.

Presentations will be made immediately after the races have finished.

We hope you enjoy the MCC Cross Country carnival.



# COLLEGE CALENDAR

27/4	Student Free Day - Staff PD
29/4	7-10 Parent/Teacher interviews Keys Please : Year 10 upwards
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
19/5	Pupil Free Day : Staff PD
20/5	College Council
29/5	Deb Ball
1/6	Federation Uni visit (Years 10-12)
2/6	Regional Cross Country
5/6	Casual Day
10/6	GAT Primary Lightning Premierhips
13-14/6	HPV Round 2 in Adelaide
15-19/6	Tasmania Camp : Years 7-12
22-26/6	Year 10 Work Experience
26/6	End of Term 2

# Community Notices

# ANZAC DAY

# Lest we forget



## Murrayville Community College ANZAC COMMEMORATIVE CONCERT

Murrayville Hall

**TONIGHT** at 7:30pm

Songs, readings and dance presentations  
to remember the ANZACS as part of  
the 100th year commemorations

*Gold coin donation for LEGACY*

Support from

Mallee Sustainable Farming

## 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

Mallee Track Health &  
Community Service  
is offering Mallee Women

## PAP TESTING

Tuesday 26th May  
at the Murrayville centre  
Cost \$30 (\$20 for Health  
Care Card holders)  
Phone 5092 1111  
for an appointment  
If you're due, or overdue  
call to book a Pap test  
*Essential for every woman*



The purpose of  
all war is  
ultimately peace  
**LEST WE FORGET**

## COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

(\* Return from parents)

1. All students - Maths and English competition information \*
2. Years 7-10 - interim reports

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

