

# Newsletter

## Murrayville Community College



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*From the Principal*

### Interschool Cross Country –

Congratulations to those students selected to compete at interschool level in Cross Country. A full bus of secondary students travelled to Ouyen today to compete at the Mallee Zone competition. There are also a number of students from years 3 -6 travelling to Mildura on Monday to compete at the Sunraysia South event. I look forward to a full wrap of their results in next week's newsletter.

### VCOP (Big Writing) Information Session -

A well attended information session for parents was held in primary on Monday afternoon. The philosophy and practicalities of the implementation of 'Big Writing' were explained to parents. The Big Writing program is a new initiative that we have introduced in our primary sector in 2015 to raise achievement in writing. It focuses on developing the students' skills in the use of Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation, hence the acronym VCOP.

### NAPLAN –

NAPLAN tests were carried out in the school this week. Thanks to the excellent organisation by Mrs Edwards, the three days ran extremely smoothly. Students in Years 4, 6, and 8 also completed practice tests during this time. Unfortunately the results from NAPLAN will not be available to the school or parents until around the end of Term three.

### Review Report –

A draft of the school review report was made available to me yesterday and Graham Bastian (our reviewer who completed fieldwork in the school with staff, students and parents) will return on Monday afternoon to present his findings to staff, and to school council on Monday night. I gave some people the

impression at the time of the review that he would present to the whole school community. Apparently this part of the process has changed and the reviewers no longer present to the whole community, as had been the case in the past. I apologise for giving people the wrong impression.

### Student Data Tracking –

One of the early findings of the review was that as a school we need to use student achievement data more consistently, to inform our teaching. Students regularly complete online adaptive diagnostic tests that are able to inform teachers about their general level of performance in literacy and numeracy. We have now followed the suit of a huge number of schools and created a data wall. This maps individual student's progress in literacy and numeracy. It highlights the students that are working either above or below the expected levels and teachers are expected to adjust the level of challenge in their tasks accordingly. Secondary students will also be provided with an electronic tool next week to begin tracking their progress in assessments across all of their subjects. They will be able to comment on their results and set goals and strategies to improve their result in their next assessment task.

### Pupil Free Day –

A reminder to all parents that next Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of May is a Pupil Free Day. We have a number of staff attending professional learning offsite and some working at school on report writing.

### Asthma Training –

Over the course of the last week all of our staff have updated their Asthma training by completing an online course in Asthma First Aid for School Staff. It highlighted the importance of cooperation of parents in keeping Asthma Care Plans up to date and informing the school if a student's asthma condition has changed or worsened.

**Attendance at MCC**  
**4/5 to 8/5**

Year Prep	100%
Year 2	100%
Year 4	100%
Year 3	97.77%
Year 1	97.00%
Year 6	96.66%
Year 9	93.75%
Year 11	93.33%
Year 10	89.37%
Year 12	88.33%
Year 5	87.50%
Year 7	83.07%
Year 8	80.91%



# Deb Ball News

## Reminders

- ◆ A reminder to Debutantes and Partners that your "blurb" to be read on the night of the ball and your list of family attendees was due to be returned to school today. If you haven't already submitted these can you please make sure they are handed to the front office by Monday.
- ◆ Please make every effort to purchase your tickets prior to the night, as doors will close at 8:15pm in readiness for the presentation at 8:30pm. Seating will only be available for invited guests.
- ◆ Rehearsals during the week of the ball will be after school, starting at 3:30pm, in the hall -

Monday	3:30-6pm
Tuesday	3:30-6:30pm
Wednesday	3:30-6:30pm (Parents required from 5:30pm)
Thursday	3:30-4:30pm

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit organisation that is registered with all state and territory Departments of Education around Australia and in NZ.

Students and families are invited to their next **FREE** Live Online Session on Wednesday, 27th May - 5.30pm.

The LIVE Online session gives students and families the opportunity to learn more about becoming an exchange student and the various scholarship options that are available.

Students can learn more about exchange programs to over 25 countries, listen to former exchange students share their experience and learn about scholarships and discounts on offer in 2015.



student exchange  
AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

## For Sale

We have available 4 ergonomic bags (posture tuff-pack) available for purchase - reduced considerably, to \$40. They are a larger size, so would not be suitable for young students. The reduced price is a result of rearranging our uniform storage area.



# CANTEEN

## AVAILABLE MONDAY-FRIDAY

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

## MONDAY - PIZZAS \$1.60

Bacon & Cheese or Ham & Pineapple

## WEDNESDAY - Soup \$2

## 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

**Nate KELLY** - for showing **INDEPENDENCE** with his story writing

**Farren FINN** - for showing **PERSISTENCE** in completing his work

**Ivy BECKMANN** - for showing **INDEPENDENCE** in noticing what needs doing and just getting on with doing it

### Years 3/4

**Jonny PEERS** - for displaying **DETERMINATION** to improve his writing and acting on the advice provided

### Years 5/6

**Jaylen BARFORD** - for showing **PERSISTENCE** when tackling challenging work and **INDEPENDENCE** in being organised for his lessons and homework

**Jett OAKLEY** - for showing **RESPECT** and care towards other members of our school community. Well done!

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*We recognise former students for their involvement in the armed forces ...*

*Corporal Damien Brown*

Damien completed his VCE at Murrayville Community College in 1998.

He enlisted in the Royal Australian Air Force on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 1999 as an aircraft technician.

After completing recruit training he was posted to the School of Technical Training at the RAAF base in Wagga, and from there to 10<sup>th</sup> Squadron at the Edinburgh RAAF base, where he completed further training in additional areas.

Damien was deployed to the Middle East region for operations Catalyst and Slipper on 2 occasions.

He was also deployed several times on operation Relix 11 to the northern areas of Australia, for the support of the government's contribution to border protection.

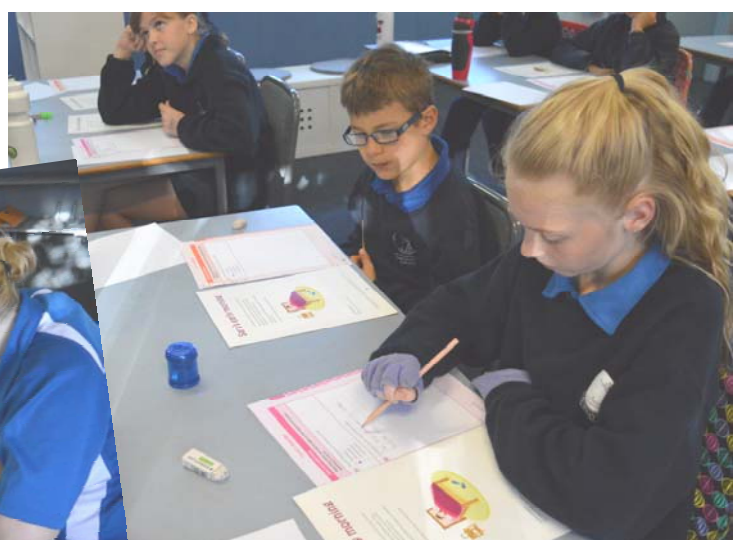
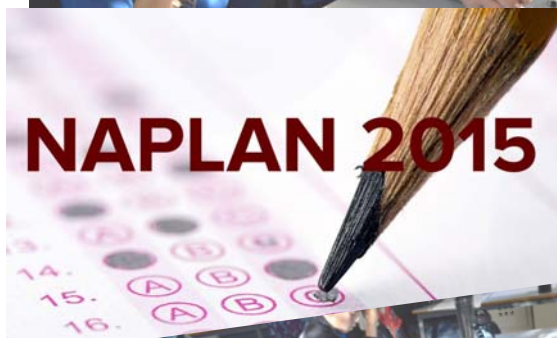
Damien discharged from the RAAF at the end of 2010.

Damien was awarded the Meritorious Unit Citation and holds an:

- ★ Australia Day Medal
- ★ Australia Defence Medal
- ★ Iraq Medal and an
- ★ Australia Active Service Medal



*Damien Brown – Thank you for your service!*



# COLLEGE CALENDAR

18/5	Mallee Cross Country for P-6 College Council
19/5	Pupil Free Day : Staff PD
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
13/7	Term 3 commences
25-26/7	HPV Round 3 : Adelaide
5/8	Arts Council : 7-12
13/8	UDSSA Athletics : Ouyen
19/8	House Athletics
31/8	Mallee Division Primary Athletics
2-4/9	3/4 Camp : Swan Hill
11/9	CSRC Casual D
18/9	End of Term 3

Change is  
inevitable;  
adapting is  
optional

# Community Notices

## Murrayville Community College Debutante Ball Friday 29th May

*Doors open 7:30pm – close 8:15pm*

*No entry after 8:15pm*

*Presentation at 8:30pm*

*Prices : Adult \$15, Pensioner \$10*

*Family \$45 (2 adults + children)*

*Secondary School Student \$10*

*Primary School Student \$5*

*No BYO – Bar Available*

*Light Supper Provided*



*Tickets available from  
the College front office*

### ANZAC COSTUMES

Could any army outfits that were borrowed from Sue for the ANZAC performance please be returned to the front office at school

### Bel Thomson

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May : Pinnaroo Institute, 7pm  
Australian Award-winning singer/songwriter/speaker  
'A NEW CREATION' TOUR

Sharing her stories and songs of faith and hope.

[www.belthomson.com](http://www.belthomson.com)

Tickets - \$5.00 per adult, \$10.00 per family

*Yes this is a Wednesday night, in the middle of seeding, and children are welcome. Bel and her husband are on tour travelling around South Australia, and coming through Pinnaroo. You can check Bel out on YouTube, as you may be familiar with some of her songs.*

*Everyone is welcome. You don't have to stay all night, if you need to get the kids into bed.*

*Nibbles and drinks available to purchase.*

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*

## COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

(\* Return from parents)

1. Selected primary students - Mildura cross country \*
2. HPV riders - training schedule for round 2 in Adelaide
3. Selected primary students - Mildura cross country final letter

*Please check that you have received this information and,*

*if not, contact the College for another copy*

