

Newsletter

Murrayville Community College



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From the Principal

Grant Success –

I have much pleasure in announcing that the college was successful in the latest grant round of the Pinnaroo and Murrayville Districts Connected Communities. We have been granted \$1000 to put towards the build of our new HPV (Pedal Prix) car. This money is a direct result of the community banking with the Bendigo Bank/Rural Bank and we are extremely grateful. These funds will now be put with those raised at the Halloween Night last year to finance our new car. Mrs Wyatt is currently finalising the plans for this car and we hope to have it out on the track for racing in 2016.

Pathways Night –

A very successful evening was held on Wednesday night. The informative session presented by Mrs Inglis aimed to give our students and their parents an understanding of how the VCE (Victorian Certificate of Education) is structured and scored, what alternatives there are to VCE and what students need to consider when making choices about subjects to study in Years 11 and 12. Our VCE teachers were also on hand to give students and parents specific advice about our variety of subjects. There is a lot to learn about the delivery of VCE and its alternatives, VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning) and VET (Vocational Education and Training). Any students or parents with follow-up questions or queries should not hesitate to contact either Mrs Inglis or me at school.

Big Write –

Our P-6 classes have implemented the *Big Writing* program over the course of 2015. This is a structured writing program that focusses on Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation. A big part of *Big Writing* is Big Talk, which is where the students are given their stimulus on a Wednesday and are asked to discuss it with their parents and family on Wednesday night before writing about it on Thursday. The Thursday writing periods are structured to assist the students to focus on their writing, lighting is softened and classical music is played softly in the background of the classes. Some of the student work from these sessions will be shared in this and subsequent newsletters. I hope you enjoy reading them as much as I did.

Higher Order Thinking –

As part of the Leadership PD that myself, Mrs Karen Willersdorf, Mrs Inglis and Mr Josh Willersdorf have been undertaking, we need to complete a project to drive school improvement. We settled on a project to increase Higher Order Thinking tasks school wide. Higher order thinking tasks are those that ask students to analyse (act like a magnifying glass to closely examine and identify the component parts of an issue, situation or object), evaluate (act like the scales of justice to weigh up the evidence to make and justify a decision) and design (act like an inventor to generate new products, ideas or ways of doing things). Through careful examination of Year 12 exams, these Higher Order Questions are those that are rewarded with the most marks and ultimately determine students level of success at school. It is hoped by focussing on these types of tasks that students will

be more engaged, have a deeper understanding of the content, and ultimately be more successful in VCE. The third workshop as part of this PD was held in Mildura today.



Arts Council –

On Wednesday the students in Years 7-12 were treated to a performance of 'Flak'. Flak is five extraordinary true stories of combat, courage and survival as experienced by some of the men who flew and fought in the air during World War Two – performed in the voices and characters of the men themselves. Author and performer Michael Veitch was compelling and his lifetime passion for the subject shone through in the performance.

Natasha Mudie
Principal

HOUSE ATHLETICS INFORMATION

Primary Students, the school day will run as follows -

8.55-9.55am	Class	
9.55-10.15am	Recess	
10.15-10.55am	Class	
10.55-11.15am	Snacks/lunch brought from home	
11.25-3.15pm	Athletics	

For Secondary Students, events will commence at 9:15am

AROUND the WORLD

SOCIAL



Wednesday
12th August
Primary Students
7 - 8:30pm
Years 6 to 12
8 - 10:30pm
\$4 in costume
\$6 out of costume

Years 1 and 2 SUPER SPELLERS for July
- they achieved 10/10 on every spelling test
Congratulations to ...



Liam Wisneske
Riley Musgrove
Ethan Mc Kee
Matilda Wyatt



Certificates for Inspiring Pride were awarded to:

Prep-Year 2

Oliver BERLIN - for showing EXCELLENCE
in always completing his homework for *Big Write* and
being ready to talk and write about the topic on Thursday
Farren FINN & Reece WALKER -
showing DETERMINATION
in working successfully in Mathematics

Years 3/4

Dillon WALKER - for showing PERSISTENCE
at working to improve his writing skills and
last week's personal best narrative

Years 5/6

Jaylen BARFORD - for showing EXCELLENCE
in being a contributing member and thoughtful leader in
group work, especially Book Club
Brock MILDE - for showing INDEPENDENCE,
leadership and maturity with his school behaviour,
learning choices and role modelling for other students

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CANTEEN

AVAILABLE MONDAY-FRIDAY

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

MONDAY - PIZZAS \$1.60
Bacon & Cheese or Ham & Pineapple

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

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

MURRAYVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE CENTREPAY



Murrayville Community College is now registered to accept and administer Centrepay deductions. This provides an additional means for families to make payments to the school.

What is Centrepay?

Centrepay is a free direct bill-paying service offered to customers receiving Centrelink payments. Through Centrepay you can choose to pay amounts to the school by having a regular deduction from your Centrelink payments transferred electronically to Murrayville Community College.

Will it cost you anything?

There is no charge for this service.

Is there a minimum payment amount?

Yes, the minimum payment amount for deductions for Murrayville Community College is \$20 per fortnight.

How do you apply for Centrepay?

You can apply for Centrepay deductions by completing a Centrepay deduction form at Murrayville Community College and the school will lodge it online. Alternatively, you can download the form from the Department of Human Services at www.humanservices.gov.au/onlineservices and submit it to Centrelink.

What information do you need to provide when applying for Centrepay?

You will need to;

- provide your Customer Reference Number (CRN)
- nominate the amount you want deducted from your payments each fortnight
- nominate the payment from which the deduction is to be paid
- elect the payday that you want the deduction to start.

Once an application is submitted, Centrelink will send you a letter confirming the details of your deduction and will pay your deductions to Murrayville Community College on the same day you receive your Centrelink payments.

Can you change your Centrepay deductions?

Yes, you can change, suspend or cancel your deductions at any time via the school, by contacting www.humanservices.gov.au/onlineservices, by calling Centrelink or completing a Centrepay deduction form at a Centrelink Service Centre. Centrelink will confirm any changes, suspensions or cancellations you make.

What changes can you make to your Centrepay deductions?

You can

- cancel your deduction amount
- suspend your deduction amount temporarily
- request a future end date when deductions will automatically cease
- nominate or change a target amount so deductions will automatically stop when that target amount has been reached
- change the deduction amount you are paying to a new amount or change the amount temporarily
- cancel your deduction at any time.

For further information, or to instigate a Centrepay deduction, please contact Joylene Moyle at the school.

English Homework Term 3 Years 7, 8 and 9

Homework for Term 3 will be as follows

<u>Year 7</u>		
Writing Advertisement	Intermittent Tasks	
Grammar	Completing units from their Pearson Grammar text, which have been explained in class	Due in Tuesday

<u>Year 8</u>		
Writing Advertisements	Intermittent Tasks	
Grammar	Completing units from their Pearson Grammar text, which have been explained in class	Due in Monday

<u>Year 9</u>		
Writing Comparative Essays	Intermittent Tasks	
Grammar	Completing units from their Pearson Grammar text, which have been explained in class	Due in Monday
Spelling	Selecting challenging and difficult language to use in their essay writing	Completed sheet handed in each Thursday

Students usually have a week to complete their homework tasks. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Students have my phone numbers and my email address in their diaries, and can contact me at any time if they are unsure as to what to do.

Fionna Edwards



Year 7 Diaries

I will be viewing Year 7's diaries every Monday to check that students are using this device as an organisational tool. It is pleasing to know that parents are checking their child's diary and taking an interest in their learning. I have asked students to seek a parent signature; I will be looking for that next week. Thank you.

Fionna Edwards

English Years 7-9

Students have completed the following writing units in the past ten weeks:

Year 7: Persuasive Essays (three essays)

Year 8: Persuasive Essays (three essays)

Year 9: Language Analysis Essays (three essays)

Students in Years 7 and 8 have also completed a reading unit based on Literature Circles. It is pleasing to see students endeavouring to improve their English skills. Included in their exercise books are the written pieces of work and feedback for you to read and appreciate.

Fionna Edwards



Big Write

Towards the end of Term 2, students in the Aquarium were given *Bravery* as a topic for one of their narrative Big Write sessions. This was followed by an opportunity to type, Up Level and edit their work to publishing quality.

'Tales from the Fish Tank', a class book full of their fabulous work, was the end result. We hope you enjoy reading the three selections taken from the text.



The Burning Apartment By Alex Tzokas (Year 3)



Once upon a time, a boy called Jake was staying at an apartment building with his mum. Jake had sparkling emerald green eyes, shaggy brown hair but most interesting of all was his booming voice.

One day, Jake was sitting around watching an awesome cartoon when all of a sudden he smelt smoke. "I wonder where the..." BEEP BEEP! "Oh no! The smoke alarm! RUN!" boomed Jake.

Swiftly, Jake and his mum sprinted to the door. When they got outside Jake looked back up at the burning building and saw a terrified old woman yelling for help. "I've got to save her," thought Jake to himself bravely. He hurtled back inside. "This way," thought Jake. "Almost there," he muttered to himself.

A few hours later, Jake was down stairs with his mum again and the lady he'd bravely rescued was thanking him. "That was close," thought Jake as he rubbed his tired, smoky eyes. "I wonder how that cartoon show ended?" he said way too loudly to his mum as she hugged him. "Oh Jake!" she laughed as she rolled her eyes.

The Knight By Rourke Mudie (Year 4)

Once upon a time, there was a Padian knight called Sir Benjamin (but most people called him Ben.) Ben was seven feet tall and his eyes glistened with bravery. His old wiry beard was salt and pepper grey. His skin was a beautiful olive colour. He rode the most graceful dark black pegasus, but it had a fire in its heart that made it a warrior. It was called Maximus (but Ben called him Max). He was a bit different to all the other flying horses as he had two ramming horns upon his fore head, but that's what made him unique.



One day, Ben and Max were out patrolling the Talmalreen's border when the messenger arrived. He said, "The Talmalreen's have declared war against us," so Ben and Max flew back to the castle at full speed to see what was going on.

Ben was astonished when he was told that he and Max had to lead the army. On the day of the war Ben and Max lead the army into battle. Ben rode Max right into the thick of the battle. Attached to Max's armour was a flame thrower. Fierce flames came out of a pipe that folded under his chest. Ben pulled the flame thrower out from under Max's chest and started firing. Realising it wasn't working properly, Ben folded it back under, jumped off Max's back and drew his sword and started to battle his foes.

After two and a half days of fierce fighting the war was over. The kingdom was in rejoicing after their miraculous victory against their enemies.

Bravery By Shania Isabella Heintze (Year 3)

One beautiful sunny Thursday morning, Tomis was getting ready to go to school. He was extremely tired because he'd had nightmares about the people who were picking on him at school and he hated it. Slowly, he packed his lunch box and drink bottle. Then he said bye to his Mum and Dad and miserably dawdled off. When Tomis got to school he sat down ready to work. Behind him were three people laughing at a comical joke someone had said about Tomis. They were covering their mouths and whispering to each other. Before Tomis could say stop it, the teacher yelled, "Be quiet!" to all of them. Tomis felt utterly miserable. He hated getting picked on.

At break time Tomis gathered his courage and went to Jake who was one of the kids who'd been laughing at him. Tomis was being brave and said, "You hurt my feelings. Can you please say sorry?"

Then Jake thought about what it would be like to be treated in that disrespectful way and went over to Tomis and said, "Sorry!" and gave him a gargantuan hug. From that day on Tomis and Jake were best friends forever (BFFs).

FRIENDS
FOREVER



COLLEGE CALENDAR

12/8	SRC Social
14/8	UDSSA Athletics : Ouyen
19/8	House Athletics
31/8	Mallee Division Primary Athletics
2-4/9	3/4 Camp : Swan Hill
8/9	College Open Day
11/9	SRC Casual Day
18/9	End of Term 3
19-20/9	HPV Round 4 : Murray Bridge
5/10	Start of Term 4
7/10	Pinnaroo Show
8/10	LMR Athletics : Bendigo
12/10	LMR Primary Athletics
26-30/10	Mt Arapiles Outdoor Ed Camp
3-6/11	5/6 Camp
16-20/11	Years 10 & 11 Exams
23/11	VCE Transition Commences
1/12	Student Free Day
2/2	Transition Day
3/12	P-2 to Mildura & Sleepover
4/12	SRC Casual Day

Community Notices

COWANGIE CEMETERY & COWANGIE SM HALL
 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 Monday 10th August, commencing 7pm, respectively
 Cowangie Hall Supper Room

OPEN GARDEN DAY
 Friday 16th October
 Hosted by Underbool Primary School
 5094 6342
 If you would like to travel by bus please call Jacqui on 5095 2205 at the Neighbourhood House.
 Cost will be \$10 per person and will only go if numbers permit.



Kids Club in Pinnaroo
 will be starting again soon!
 Time will be 3.20-5pm, at the Lutheran church hall. To help with planning, could you please call Helen or Dan Rooney on 8577 8094 with names of your child/ren, whether Monday or Wednesday is preferred, weekly or fortnightly, and your availability to provide occasional assistance.

POOL VACANCIES PINNAROO Lifeguards
 Suitably qualified persons sought for 2015/2016 season
Qualification Needed - Bronze Medallion, First Aid, CPR [renewed yearly] and National Police Clearance

DEB BALL VIDEOS
 These are still available
 Please contact John Heintze if interested

For information contact Harc Wordsworth, 08 8576 3002



FIRST TIME LODGING YOUR TAX RETURN?

The easiest and fastest way to lodge your return is online

Follow these simple steps

- 1** Have your Tax File Number, (TFN) handy and one of:

 - birth certificate
 - passport or
 - citizenship certificate
- 2** Create a myGov account
(See my.gov.au for more info)
- 3** Call ATO on 13 28 61, press 5 at prompt to get your unique linking code to verify your account
- 4** In myGov, go to the Services page and link to the ATO. Select 'I have a linking code' and enter your code when prompted.
- 5** From 1 July, lodge your tax return online
(See ato.gov.au/lodgeonline)

You have from 1 July to 31 October to lodge returns

The final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- (* Return from parents)
1. 3-4 students - re Swan Hill camp*
 2. P-6 students - information re House Athletics
 3. Year 7 - Scoliosis information
 4. Year 10 - Geography/uni excursion details*

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

