

# Newsletter

## Murrayville Community College



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### From the Principal

#### School to School visits –

As part of the professional learning program “Creating a High Performance Learning Culture” that is being undertaken by the leadership team and Josh Willersdorf, we have arranged reciprocal school visits with Manangatang P-12 College. Manangatang’s Principal, Dave Griffin and Assistant Principal, Tonya Taylor visited us on Tuesday. They spent some time in each classroom and with a number of students individually and in small groups. They were very impressed with the responses from our students and how openly they gave them. They noted that all of the students they spoke to could clearly articulate our PRIDE values and what they mean, and most students could discuss the Higher Order Thinking Tasks that they had recently undertaken in their classrooms and how they were impacting their learning. They were also very impressed with the 1-6 students who were able to articulate the components of the “Big Write” program and how this is helping them to improve as writers. Our reciprocal visit to Manangatang will take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August.

#### School Social –

Congratulations to the SRC executive on their successful organisation of their “Around the World” social. I’m sure it was thoroughly enjoyed by all that attended.

#### College Council –

A productive meeting of college council was held on Monday night.

The new Strategic Plan was tabled. Our overarching goals are:

- To improve the learning and growth of students particularly in the key areas of literacy, numeracy and VCE achievement.
- To improve student outcomes in writing.
- To create a culture of aspiration.
- Use student feedback to drive school improvement, so that all students feel valued, confident and are equally catered for and demonstrate pride in the college.
- To effectively deploy the resources of the school to maximise student outcomes and teacher performance in all curriculum areas.

Also a number of policies were reviewed. No changes were made to the Bus Procedures for Bushfires, Critical Incidents Reporting, Duty of Care and Distribution of Medication, some minor wording changes were made to the Camps and Excursions Policy and the Student Welfare and Student Wellbeing & Engagement policy were merged and will now be known as Student Welfare. Finally an implementation point was added to the Care Arrangements for Ill Students policy. This now reads: “Students that present as unwell or display symptoms of illness such as fever, vomiting or diarrhoea prior to leaving for school, should be kept home.” Although our school values attendance, student’s health and welfare is always our priority.

Natasha Mudie  
Principal



### Attendance at MCC : July 2015

13-17		20-24		27-31	
4	100%	4	100%	4	100%
3	100%	5	100%	7	95.3%
6	100%	9	100%	8	94.5%
1	98.8%	11	100%	11	93.3%
8	96.3%	6	98.4%	12	91.7%
7	93.9%	8	98.1%	1	91.1%
12	90.9%	3	97.7%	5	88.9%
2	90.0%	7	96.9%	9	87.5%
10	90.0%	Prep	96.6%	2	86.7%
5	89.0%	12	96.6%	Prep	85.0%
Prep	86.7%	1	93.3%	6	85.0%
9	82.5%	2	91.6%	10	84.4%
11	66.7%	10	90.6%	3	82.3%

Congratulations Year 4 : All 100%



Lucy (Year 8) & Miranda (Year 7) were MCC’s winners of the Brilliant Breakfast competition and their entries have gone to Melbourne for Statewide judging against other students



# OUYEN CAREERS DAY



Handicaps can cause many complications ... just ask our one-armed and sight-impaired students!



Year 9 and some year 10 students travelled to a careers day at Ouyen Hospital.

While there, staff from the following areas of allied health talked to the students about their career paths and what their jobs entail - Dental, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Podiatry, Nursing, Catering Services, Police, Fire, Paramedics and Social Work. All the staff were passionate about their occupations and students even got to see patients being treated in podiatry!

Mr Ross Huxtable also visited us at the school to talk about the many roles a policeman has in the job.



# House Athletics - Wednesday 19th August

## FOOD ON SALE at SPORTS DAY

Soup	\$1.50
Salad Rolls	\$3
Ham/Chicken Rolls with cheese	\$2.50
Mixed Sandwiches	\$3
Hot dogs	\$2.50
Pies/Pasties	\$1.50
Sausage Rolls	\$4
Cake	\$3
Tea/Coffee	\$1.50
Fruit Boxes	\$1
Pop-tops	\$1
Water	\$1.50

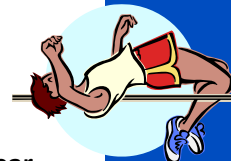


Secondary events from 9:15am

Primary events from 11:25am

Buses will run as normal

Can all students please wear appropriate sports clothing (in House colours) and footwear  
Please come along and support your children!



This year we are ensuring our 9-12 year olds have the opportunity to practice and qualify for all of the track and field events offered at Mildura that are not offered at Ouyen. If students do not obtain a qualifying time, throw or jump at our MCC Athletics day or Ouyen Sports day, they will not be eligible to participate at Mildura, therefore ruling them out of any chance to proceed into regional competitions (Bendigo). This year 9, 10, 11 and 12 year old participants will have the opportunity to participate in the 200m sprint on the MCC Athletics Carnival day. They will also have the option to compete in the 800m and 1500m long distance events prior to the carnival day, just as the senior students do. The 21 point medal for students who participate in more than seven events will be worked out by tallying an individual's top seven scores.

If a student has received a score of 3 in seven out of all the events they have participated in, this will total to 21 and therefore they will be awarded with a 21 point medal. If you require any further information please don't hesitate to call Mrs Wyatt at school.

**Please note**  
The 1500m will be run at lunchtime on Monday for all secondary students and primary students who have elected to compete



## PRIMARY COMPETITION

11:25am Sprints Start (12 Year olds → 6 Year olds)

11:40am Hurdles Start (12 Year olds → 6 Year olds)

### FIELD EVENTS

Time	Event	6 Year Olds	7 & 8 Year Olds	9 & 10 Year Olds	11 & 12 Year Olds
12.00	1	Shot Put	Long Jump	Discus	High Jump
12.25	2	Rest	Rest	200m	200m
12.50	3	Long Jump	Discus	High Jump	Shot Put
1.15	4	Discus	High Jump	Shot Put	Long Jump
1.40	5	High Jump	Shot Put	Long Jump	Discus

2:15pm Long Distance Start (6 → 12 Year olds)



## Years 5/6

Last week students in the Terrarium were given 'Books Are Better Than Television', or vice versa, as their topic for their persuasive Big Write session. Here are three examples of students' work from this 35 minute session in their current unedited and non-Up Levelled form. Up Levelling is when students have the chance to improve vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation in their text. (VCOP). Students have completed another persuasive Big Write this week on 'The Best Job' and will be involved in a persuasive text of their own choice next week. They will then be able to choose one of these three pieces to edit, Up Level and turn into a polished piece. We hope you enjoy the follow selection and please keep your eyes peeled for the polished publishing quality pieces coming to the news-letter in the near future.



### **Books Are Better Than TV**

By Dermott Boston (Year 5)

I believe that books are better than TV. Do you want your child to have very poor minds? Here are some reasons why I think this.

Firstly, television is incredibly bad for your child's eyes. Do you really want to let your child watch murderous horror movies furthermore have appalling nightmares? I didn't think so! TV wrecks the eyes and minds of children and you know it.

Secondly, books can carry vital information. If children are writing an information report at school or for homework, books can tell them everything they need, for example I remember one time when I wrote an information report in addition I got my research from books.

Finally, books can take children on marvellous adventures. This is essential because it keeps your child distracted for ages while filling their mind with undeniably wonderful thoughts. It is a definite go to when you're bored.

Although TV might be cool, I still believe that books are better. The TV reckoning has reached it's peak so I hope that you will see my vision and create a better world.

### **Books Are Better Than Television**

By Kristen Sparnon (Year 6)

I firmly believe that books are better than TV because books are relaxing and just awesome.

Firstly, TV can seriously damage your eyesight, although TV seems harmless to children it really isn't. Do you want your child to have bad eyesight just because you let them watch too much TV? Bad eyesight from watching too much TV is caused by the brightness from the TV. It might even make you or your child go blind.

Secondly, there is a wide variety of beautifully written and illustrated books out there in this amazing world called Earth. There are many books about different things, such as: fantasy, action, diaries and so much more. There is an abundance of different books.

Lastly, you can take books anywhere you go, in addition books do not even need any power requirements to function as well as not needing to bring any extra equipment. Books are very small while TV's are normally very large. You can also read a book in the car if you are bored.

TV is enjoyable at times, but I still strongly believe that books are way better because; TV is dangerous to your eyesight, you can never EVER run out of books and books are portable. I hope that after you read this you will go and start reading a book.

### **Books Are Better Than Television**

By Brock Milde (Year 6)

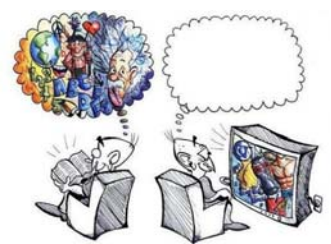
Many people believe that television (TV) is better than books. However I believe this is horrendous, and will now tell you why.

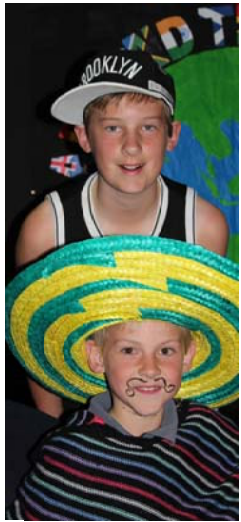
To start off, TV is undeniably bad for your health. Due to the effect it has on your eyes and body weight. Often people sit close to the TV, this causes damage to your eyes and in long term cases it can cause vision impairment (blind). Another reason that it is bad for your health is the extremely large amount of calories that people consume while watching TV. If people eat too many calories they can become obese, in long term cases they can get heart disease. Do you want to have bad health?

Secondly, it is essential that people read books, because books are like a portable teacher, they can educate you. However when you watch TV you learn absolutely nothing where as when you read a book you can learn hundreds of new words, that you might want to use in a story. Another thing is books can teach you stuff. Say if you were reading a new book on frogs and they were talking about tadpoles and you didn't know what they were but you read on and found out. Do you want to be as smart as possible?

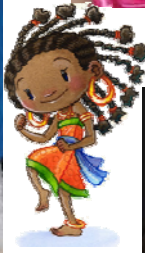
Last but not least, TV's are incredibly bad for the environment. We've all bought a TV in our life time but do you know how bad producing TV's is. It is appalling how many poisonous gases are released into the air. In addition TVs use loads of electricity, which we are slowly running out of already. Do you want to destroy the environment?

In conclusion, it is incredibly important that we stop watching TV, and start reading books. Before we ruin our environment and become obese, but also because books are able to educate us.



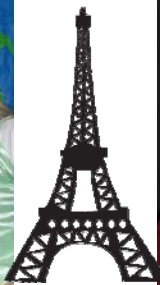


# Around the World





more next week



Around the World

# COLLEGE CALENDAR

19/8	House Athletics
28/8	Daffodil Day & Sausage Sizzle
2-4/9	3/4 Camp : Swan Hill
3/9	Mallee Division Secondary Aths
7/9	Mallee Division Primary Athletics
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 : Whole School
3/12	P-2 to Mildura & Sleepover
4/12	SRC Casual Day

# Community Notices



## MURRAYVILLE FOOTBALL CLUB IRISH NIGHT

Last home game of football for the year this Saturday 15th August. To celebrate there will be an Irish night including a delicious meal cooked by the Irish girls themselves, Irish drinks and Irish dancing to the wonderful tunes of 'Boy Moyle' who will be performing live!! There is also an Irish raffle with the proceeds of tickets going to Motor Neurone Disease. Bel Brown will be doing an ice bucket challenge at half time of the footy to raise money for this worthy charity, please dig deep and show your support! All welcome - please dress in green!

## OPEN GARDEN DAY

Friday 16th October

Host : Underbool Primary School  
5094 6342

Starting at 9am

Major raffle drawn at lunch  
Morning Tea, Lunch & Afternoon  
Tea included

Plants available for purchase  
Tickets \$25 each from the school  
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 bus  
will only go if numbers permit

## 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

Information from  
Harc Wordsworth,  
08 8576 3002



## MOBILE EYE CARE

Murrayville dates for RFDS OPTOMETRIST

October 15th and December 17th

Please call Ouyen Hospital (5095 2111)  
for an appointment

May be appointments available at Ouyen  
if Murrayville dates are filled

Cowangie Racecourse & Recreation Reserve

invites you to

## DIGGERS GOLF DAY

Sunday 23rd August at midday

Cowangie Football Ground next to  
the cricket pitch

Cost \$15

*Head out for an afternoon*

*of real bush golf or*

*just a casual walk*

All day BBQ supplied

Proceeds to the RSL

Everyone welcome

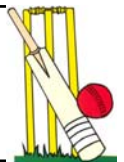


## PINNAROO CRICKET CLUB AGM

Monday 31st August at 7.30pm

Golden Grain Hotel, Pinnaroo

Apologies to Heath Boseley 0448 798 085



A great many  
open minds  
should be  
closed for  
repairs

## COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

(\* Return from parents)

1. P-6 - travel and parent jobs re UDSSA at Ouyen

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

