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Newsletter

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From the Principal

Welcome back –

I trust everybody enjoyed breaking from their school routine for the last couple of weeks. I know that sometimes, our so called holidays can be very busy times with many demands and trying to achieve things we put off during the term. I hope everyone who was able to get away for a short break enjoyed their time. Term 4 is always a very busy time for families in the Mallee, with students working hard towards the completion of the school year and families busy with harvest related work and activities.

Welcome –

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our two new students, Marcel and Micaela Meyer (pictured below) who commenced in Year 11 and Year 5 this week. They have fitted in perfectly and



I'm sure they and their family will be an asset to the school community.

Bushfire Risk -

With an 'EXTREME' fire danger day already this week, it is timely for families to be reminded that Murrayville Community College is on the Bushfire at Risk Register (BARR) and will be closed if the Victorian Mallee Fire District is forecast to be CODE RED. The buses will not operate and staff will not attend school. There is a tear-off page located on the back of this newsletter that outlines the school procedures for the bushfire season. Please read it carefully and retain a copy in a prominent location for future reference.

Pinnaroo Show –

Congratulations to all students who entered items in the show on Wednesday. Many thanks to Julie Andrews who coordinated the school display. This, as always, was a wonderful showcase of learning that is happening at the college. Congratulations to the 3-6 Kitchen Garden students, who were very successful in the vegetable section.

Pedal Prix –

Congratulations to all students who competed in the 24 hour

race at Murray Bridge over the first weekend of the holidays. Many thanks to the parents that attended and assisted and to Mrs Wyatt and her husband Shilo, for their tireless work over the year, to ensure the HPV program is a success. (More details on pages 2 & 3.)

Bon Voyage -

Today was the last day of school for Taylah Beer and Maddison Mudie. They will be commencing their journey with the Snowy River School for Student Leadership on Sunday. The girls spend two weeks at the Snowy River campus in Marlo, before flying out to China on the 24th. We received their final itinerary for the program in China this week and it sounds truly fantastic. In addition to an hour of Chinese language each day the girls will be kayaking, bike riding, orienteering, hiking, swimming, Chinese painting and calligraphy, joining the international students in their classes, teaching English to Chinese students, caving, abseiling, climbing, Tai Chi, Kung Fu, and raft building. They will get to visit markets including Old Gualu market, Guangzhou Medicine market and Zengcheng Wet market. They will also visit cultural and historic sites, such as a Buddhist temple, the Canton Tower and museum, Dongguan Opium War Fort and Museum, Hong Kong Island and travel by Junk boat to the Island of Pak Lap Wan.

*Natasha Mudie
Principal*



HPV



CANTEEN

AVAILABLE MONDAY-FRIDAY

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

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

Please - no more than \$5 in your envelope
HOT FOODS no longer on sale

HAT REMINDER!



Don't forget!

We require all students to wear wide
brimmed hats whilst outside in
Terms 1 and 4

Hats can be purchased at the front desk

Surf Hat \$9.50

Bucket Hat \$10

NO HAT, NO PLAY!



The 24 Hour HPV race was held In Murray Bridge on Friday 18th – Sunday 20th September. It was the 30th International Pedal Prix Race held at Murray Bridge and was celebrated with a parade showcasing the original pedal prix cars and magnificent fireworks on the Friday night. The team this year consisted of Maddison, Lara, Blake, Henry, Annika, Kynan and Brock. We left on the last day of school and headed to Murray Bridge to set up our tents and pit area. Riders got an opportunity to have some practice laps on the track in preparation for the race., which started at 12 noon on Saturday, finishing at 12 noon Sunday. We had four new riders this year and all students were excited for the race.

We raced one car this year, Momentum, in the junior secondary category. The students trained well over the year and prepared themselves for consistent times in the car. We came 37th in our category out of 63 cars, which was fantastic as five of our seven riders qualify for the primary category. We came 143rd overall with 225 cars competing on the day. The students pedalled 254 laps overall which was a fantastic effort, with Henry completing our fastest lap at 3 minutes and 40 seconds.

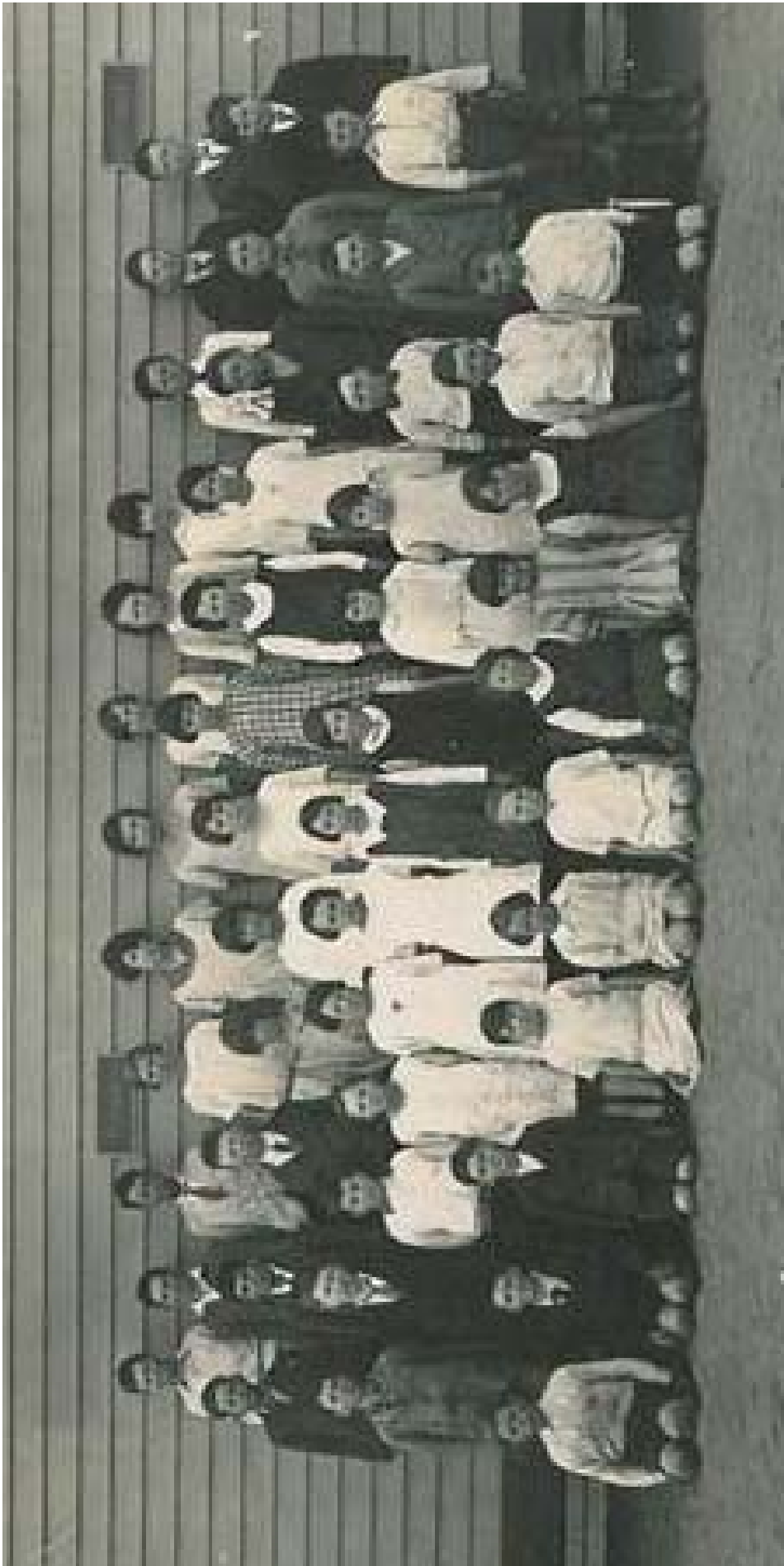
Unfortunately there were some major delays over the weekend with the entire race stopping for nearly 3 hours due to crashes on the course. We also had our fair share of mechanical time in the pits with a major smash which saw us pitted for 20 minutes with repairs. We also pitted for a flat tyre and a broken tail light. The pit crew worked extremely well to get Momentum back on the track. Great work!

Well done to all the riders, you all rode extremely well with consistent times and good endurance. You should all be very proud of your efforts over the year. Thank you very much to Brett Mudie, Shilo Wyatt and Chris Peers for all your work on Momentum throughout the season to ensure it was ready to race. Also thank you to Rob Golden at Craftsman Marine at Pinnaroo for the re-fibre glassing and maintenance of Momentum. Thank you to Natasha and Brett who worked tirelessly over the weekend to ensure its success. Thank you to the parents, Dmitri, Troy and Sharon, Leon and Trish and Julie who assisted on the weekend. We cannot provide this opportunity to the students without you. Thank you as well to Nick Wurfel who assisted on Saturday and Janene Chaplin who assisted on Sunday, it was great to have extra helpers around and the riders loved having your support. A huge thank you to Shilo Wyatt who has assisted me all throughout the year with the entire HPV program. Thank you.

We are very excited about our new HPV car which is currently under construction and look forward to expanding our team to two cars for the 2016 season.

Mrs Eryn Wyatt





We have received this photo from Syb Job, who says it is of students in Years 5/6/7/8 at the State High School here.

Syb is uncertain of the date but would like to know if we can provide names of anyone in the photo. Please contact the College if you are able to help with identification.

COLLEGE CALENDAR

12/10	LMR Primary Athletics
13/10	Sexting session : 7-12 Basketball Clinic : P-10
19/10	College Council
26-30/10	Mt Arapiles Outdoor Ed Camp
3-6/11	5/6 Camp
16/11	College Council
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
7-8/12	Year 9 Exams
9-11/12	Year 9 Transition
16/12	Presentation Night
18/12	End of Term 4

LAST CHANCE

to have your name on a PAVER for
Murrayville Football Club
Contact Lisa Crane (0418 835 210)

Enthusiasm is
the greatest
asset in
the world -
it beats money,
power and
influence

Community Notices

WILLS & POWERS OF ATTORNEY

Information sessions delivered by
Murray Mallee Community
Legal Centre
Tuesday 13th October
10:30am and 6pm
Find out about Wills and why they
are important, the different types of
Powers of Attorney and why it is a
good idea to have them
More info from Jacqui Gibson at
Neighbourhood House (5095 2205)

LIFEGUARD UPDATE COURSE

Sunday 1st November
@ Murrayville Pool
More information- Penny Peers

PINNAROO JUNIOR TENNIS

Friday nights after school
Information from
Darren Heintze (0488 977 003)

PINNAROO BASKETBALL CLUB

Seeking players -
Junior 10-14 years
Secondary 15-17 years
Seniors 17+
Jessie Simon 0417 811 829
for more information

THE CERTAINTY

Special event
Murrayville Dramatic Society
presents their 50th play in 55 years!
'The Certainty' by Len Randall
Friday 30 & Saturday 31 October
7:30 start

MOBILE EYE CARE

will be in Murrayville on
Thursday 15th October
There are several appointments left
If we don't use it we will lose it!
Please call Ouyen Hospital on 5092 1111
to make an appointment

MURRAYVILLE LIONS CLUB WORLD FESTIVAL OF MAGIC

St Joseph's College Stadium, Mildura
in December, with profits supporting

- Wings for Kids
- Sunraysia Residential Service
- Salvation Army (Mildura Chapter)

Sponsorship for this event is being
sought and information can be
obtained by emailing to
milduralions@sponsorship.net.au
or at www.worldfestivalofmagic.com.au

MURRAYVILLE BASKETBALL CLUB

Players who do not have a
basketball top for this season
please contact Lesley Wisneske
on 0428 946 213
by Tuesday 13th October so she can
arrange a playing top for you
Previous players who have not
returned their tops - can you please
return them to school to Mrs Eryn
Wyatt by Friday 16th October so they can
be passed onto new players
Also, can past players and parents please
check drawers at home to see if you have
any unreturned tops as we have lost a
few over the years
These can also be returned to Mrs Wyatt

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

(* Return from parents)

1. Year 5/6 Term 4 Information
2. Year 3/4 Term 4 information
3. Primary students eligible for Athletics at Bendigo *

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

School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children's services listed on the DEECD Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district.

Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.



Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter and SMS message. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- School camps and excursions will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.

As a bus co-ordinating school all bus routes will be cancelled.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have recently updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.

Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website www.murrayvillecc.vic.edu.au and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.

Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.

If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.