

# Newsletter

## Murrayville Community College



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### From the Principal

#### Regional Athletics –

Congratulations to Daniel McDonald, Cooper Wisneske, Brock Milde and Kynan Milde who competed in various track and field events at Bendigo on Monday. Special congratulations to Brock who narrowly missed out on making the State Final in long jump. Thank you to Mrs Wyatt for her coordination of this event and to the parents for taking the students to Bendigo to compete.

#### Basketball clinics –

Country Basketball SA held a number of clinics for our P-10 students on Tuesday. The students learnt and practised ball skills and game play. The groups enjoyed each session, Thank you to Molly and Shay for coming out to work with our students and thanks again to Mrs Wyatt for organising the clinic.



#### Arts Council –

Impro Melbourne visited the school on Wednesday to perform *Fairytale Cookbook*. High on audience interaction and involvement, the story evolved as the children chose each character and the



direction of the story. It was a great chance for the students to explore their imagination, learn storytelling skills and work with others in an exciting and generous environment. All students thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

#### Parent Opinion Survey –

Results for the Parent Opinion Survey for 2015 were made available on Tuesday night. It is pleasing that general satisfaction in the school continues to trend upwards. The comments written by parents also reflect this.

#### Staff Opinion Survey –

Results were also made available for the Staff Opinion Survey on Tuesday. These results were again very pleasing, with overall satisfaction across all components significantly higher than the average of all P-12 schools.

#### Electives for 2016 –

Students in Years 7-9 will soon be faced with some choices about their education in 2016. Year 8 students next year will be able to participate in the elective program for the first time. We have also decided to offer Agriculture as a new subject at Year 8 next year. Year 8s will be able to choose either Home Eco (Cooking) or Agriculture in Semester 1 or Music or Agriculture in Semester 2. They will also have the choice between Technology or Art in Semesters 1 and 2. This provides students with the choice of up to four different

elective subjects in Year 8. Students currently in Years 8 and 9, will be able to build an elective program from Art, Technology, Music, VET Hospitality, VET Agriculture and VET Automotive.

Natasha Mudie  
Principal



### Attendance at MCC 5-9 October 2015

Year	Attendance %
2 & 4	100%
6	95.9%
7	94.2%
11	93.7%
12	90.9%
1	90.3%
5	90.0%
3	87.5%
10	85.9%
9	81.2%
Prep	75.0%
8	72.8%



On Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> of October Kynan and Brock Milde, Daniel McDonald and Cooper Wisneske travelled to Bendigo to compete in the Regional Athletics Carnival.

All the students performed extremely well, doing the school and our district proud.

*Kynan* - 6<sup>th</sup> in the 100m and made the final in the 200m

*Brock* - 4<sup>th</sup> in the 800m and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Long Jump

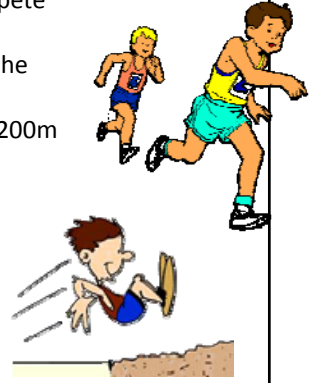
(just narrowly missing out on making it to Melbourne and State finals)

*Daniel* - 10<sup>th</sup> in the discus

*Cooper* - 4<sup>th</sup> in the 1500m

Congratulation boys. You did a magnificent job!

Mrs Eryn Wyatt



The primary students are continuing to improve upon their skipping skills this term.

Many of them are also using the skipping rope they took home at the end of term 3 to practice their skills. Well done!

Please remember our 'Jump Off' date is on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of October at 9am. Keep up the skipping and fundraising for Jump Rope for Heart. We have nearly raised \$1000.

GREAT WORK!!! Mrs Eryn Wyatt



Certificates for Inspiring Pride were awarded to:

Prep-Year 2

**Sam JACKSON** – for showing PRIDE in every aspect of her school work

Years 3/4

**Cooper WISNESKE** – for demonstrating DETERMINATION to further improve his listening skills

Years 5/6

**Amelia PEERS** – for showing RESPECT to her class mates by being an honest class member, a strong choice maker for learning and someone who includes everyone

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# 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

# Writing Competition

Congratulations to the students who won awards in the Writing Competition. Below are some of the reviews that they wrote  
Writing Task: Persuasive Writing -

Time allowed 30 minutes (5 minutes reading and planning time, 20 minutes writing time and 5 minutes checking time)

Write a book review that could be published on your school's website. You can review any kind of book such as a picture book, a novel or a non-fiction (information) book. The book does not have to be real.

- Tell readers what type of book it is and who might enjoy it
- Briefly describe what the book is about and your feelings about it
- Provide a recommendation about whether the book is worth reading, Give reasons for your opinion

## Kirsty Heintze: Year 8, awarded a Credit

*When We Were Two* by Robert Newton

We've heard of *The Hunger Games*, *Twilight*, *The Fault in Our Stars* and more. But; there's a new book that's giving romance novels a run for their money. It's called *When We Were Two* by Robert Newton, and it's slowly being borrowed-out everyday. *When We Were Two* is the story of two brothers, Eddie and Dan, who leave home, away from their abusing father, to go on a search for their mother. But, as they set off on their unexpected journey, the road becomes rocky and the boys must soon find who the people that they can trust are. There are many copies on the shelves of our school library.

Robert Newton has created a realistic, fascinating novel about friendship, love and sacrifice. Kids all around the school are giving the novel two thumbs up. It is interesting and captivating for readers aged 12 and upwards. The novel is a well-written, educational story.

As the book progresses, Dan and Eddie face unexpected challenges. This gripping tale is sure to pull on your heart strings, as one of their lives will change forever.

*When We Were Two* will make you laugh, cry and want to keep reading. So those of you who are prepared to read an excellent five star novel, will be sure to enjoy every second of it. This novel is a whole new type of young adult/adult fiction novel.

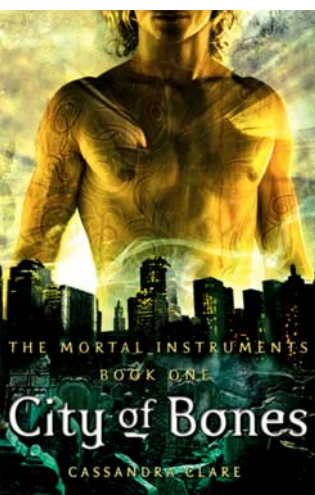
## Emma Allan: Year 8, awarded a Credit

*When We Were Two* by Robert Newton

The award winning book *When We Were Two* by Robert Newton is a fabulous and fantastic novel, containing lifetime friendships and strong characters. The book is in the genre of war and adventure and tells the honest and heartfelt story of Dan and Eddie's journey in the setting of World War 2.

In this novel, *When We Were Two*, Eddie and his older brother Dan are best friends. These protagonists are strong, as their father is abusive and their mother left them. One day Eddie has some trouble with water and this causes him to have a brain injury. When they leave; they have nothing at home to stay for, their adventure is exciting, entertaining and extremely touching. Dan and Eddie become closer throughout the plot and this leads you to getting attached to the characters, making connections and shedding tears.

This book could be read by a wide range of people, but the current suggestions are for the age of 14 and older. This recommendation is due to the unique characterisations, expressive war themes, intense facts and cold, hard reality. This novel includes an exciting journey, filled with problems and complications and an unexpected ending, leaving you crying. In the end Dan sacrifices his happiness for someone else; his love goes right until the end with Eddie. This heartfelt, honest and horrendous ending story reveals life lessons through the plot and countless messages. That is all I will write about the book, I don't want to spoil it for you!



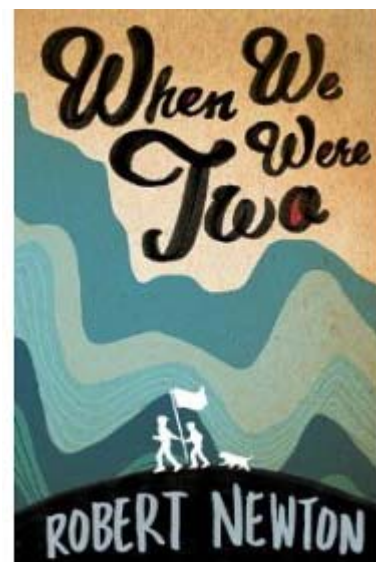
This book is similar to *Z for Zachariah*, *Stars in Ourselves* and *Please Save Me*. The storylines are similar and how the plot plays out is alike in these books.

*When We Were Two* is highly recommended as a must read and once you have completed the book, you will know exactly why.

## Henry Gibson: Year 9, awarded a Credit

*City of Bones* by Cassandra Clare

*Hunger Games*, *Divergent*, *Beautiful Creatures*, *Twilight*; these are all well-known novels and movies written by different authors. Finally, a new source of fantasy has been brought from the shadows. *City of Bones*, written by Cassandra Clare, is similar to all other fantasy, but with a twist. The blurb itself includes vampires and werewolves, instantly attracting the teen novel fan. Cassandra Clare sets her fantasy world in New York. The main character, Clary Fray is a teenage girl trying to find her way around her life. She has a nerdy best friend Simon and an over-protective mum Jocelyn. Clary has deemed her life as boring, until she found the Nephilim.



Clary is forced into a whole new world, one that she has been blind to all of her life. From here the author begins the journey.

Cassandra Clare uses brutality as a way of getting the reader to sympathise with the characters. All the teenagers are either orphans or missing a parent; this makes the characters vulnerable and therefore likeable. The novel is written from the perspective of a teenager, Clare easily connects with her teenage audience by including the average teenage problems, including love, body image and family. Clary creates her own world inside the space of 400 pages, a world that links up with others, a world that is great to read about.

City of Bones attracts all fiction readers, the diversity and flexibility of the content allows it to suit anyone. Clare includes life lessons within her words. The characters have to make important decisions about their future, and the differences between good and bad. Young readers can learn from this. Cassandra Clare has spearheaded a new era of teenage fiction. This sophisticated type of writing has not been seen before. It is bound to become a household name; the shadow hunter world will become as common as Twilight.



**Tara Heintze: Year 10, awarded a Credit**

*Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson

The novel *Bridge to Terabithia* explores how friendship is the key in life. The author, Katherine Paterson, has created a world of adventure for the two main characters, similar to the *Narnia* book series.

The storyline follows Jess, a 10 year old boy who is an aspiring artist and who is trying to find his place in the world; and Leslie, a girl of the same age, who is a talented athlete. Leslie is a tom boy, as at the time the novel is set, girls are commonly seen wearing dresses, whereas she prefers to wear jeans and sneakers. The text is set in America in the 80's, in a small, country town. The protagonist, Jess, lives on a farm with his parents and four sisters. They do not have much in the way of money, but they make do. Leslie, on the other hand, has quite a wealthy family. They have moved from the city to an old, run-down house.

At the beginning of the novel Jess sees Leslie as strange and notices that she is very unlike most girls that he knows. Soon however, the two become close friends, and with Leslie's creative mind, they create their own world away from bullies, that they

call 'Terabithia'. The novel narrates their adventures and their life at home and school.

The novel is aimed for young teenagers, as the characters are young, but it can also cater for older teenagers and even adults. However, it is important to note that only mature audiences should read it, as it is a slightly tragic story. The text demonstrates many factors of life such as growing up, fitting in, bullying, abuse, family, friends and grief; as well as imagination, adventure and exploring.

This is a very well-written novel that will leave the reader feeling that life is too short to take it for granted and to live every moment to its fullest without worrying about what people think. Paterson has created an excellent book that is well worth a read.

**Stephanie Ford: Year 10, awarded a Distinction**

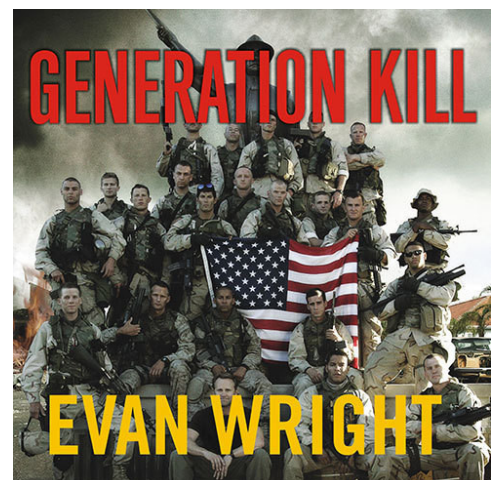
*Generation Kill* by Evan Wright

'Those that can't kill will always be subject to those that can.' No other words better characterise modern warfare than these. Evan Wright's *Generation Kill* is a beautiful masterpiece that depicts the 2003 invasion of Iraq through the eyes of someone who was there.

*Generation Kill* recounts Evan Wright's real journey through the 2003 invasion of Iraq when he was embedded with the first reconnaissance marines division. Unlike other novels of the same genre, Wright does not force feed you tales of courage and bravery, but instead opts for the real truth.

Wright doesn't try to make the reader emphasize with the soldiers, but instead shows their true character. He exposes that modern soldiers do kill innocent civilians, but usually only on the orders of senior officers, sitting behind a desk.

Furthermore, Wright critically analyses army command. It is a real depiction of how those in charge don't always deserve to be there. This novel is a fabulous read for both young adults and older readers. However, if you are looking for a 'knight in shining armour tale' then this novel is not for you. With its unquestionable realism and depiction that not all soldiers are heroes, Evan Wright's *Generation Kill* is a modern warfare classic that won't be forgotten any time soon.



## Are you recycling right?

Did you know that placing wrong items in your kerbside recycling bin may contaminate a whole truck load of recycling? This could see it all end up in landfill instead of being reprocessed. Don't let your good efforts go to waste. Use this guide to recycle right:

### Items accepted in Council's 240L recycling bin:

- ★ Rigid plastic containers and bottles
- ★ Cardboard, cereal boxes, juice, milk and egg cartons
- ★ Glass bottles and jars
- ★ Aluminium cans and foil containers, including foil scrunched up into a ball
- ★ Paper products, newspapers and magazines
- ★ Steel and empty aerosol cans
- ★ Plastic pots

### Items not accepted in Council's 240L recycling bin:

- ★ Plastic bags
- ★ Soft plastics such as cling wrap, chip and muesli bar wrappers
- ★ Polystyrene - foam cups and meat trays
- ★ Household glass or crockery
- ★ Liquids
- ★ Food scraps
- ★ Green waste
- ★ Clothing or shoes
- ★ Nappies

For more information about your kerbside recycling service go to [www.mildura.vic.gov.au/recycle](http://www.mildura.vic.gov.au/recycle)

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### 240L RECYCLING BIN



- ✗ Plastic bags
- ✗ Garden waste
- ✗ Food scraps
- ✗ Polystyrene
- ✗ Household rubbish
- ✗ Nappies
- ✗ Syringes and medical waste
- ✗ Soil and rubble
- ✗ Broken crockery
- ✗ Clothing
- ✗ Chemicals, liquids and paint



# COLLEGE CALENDAR

- 19/10 College Council
- 26-30/10 Mt Arapiles Outdoor Ed Camp
- 3-6/11 5/6 Camp
- 16/11 College Council
- 23-25/11 Years 10 & 11 Exams
- 26-27/11 Year 11 Retreat
- 1/12 Student Free Day
- 2/12 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

FIRE  
RESTRICTIONS  
commence 19 October

People rarely  
 succeed unless  
 they have  
 fun in what  
 they are doing

# Community Notices

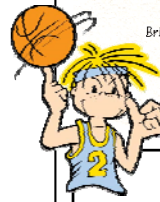
**PINNAROO JUNIOR TENNIS**  
 Friday nights after school  
 Information from  
 Darren Heintze (0488 977 003)



**KIDS CLUB IS BACK!**  
 Starts Tuesday 20th October  
 From 3:30 - 5pm  
 Pinnaroo Lutheran Hall  
 (next to church, Hensley Street)  
 More details from 8577 8094

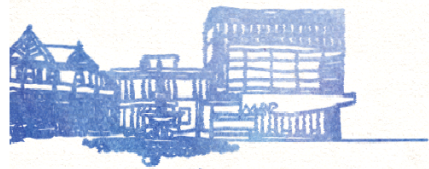
**LIFEGUARD UPDATE COURSE**  
 Sunday 1st November  
 @ Murrayville Pool  
 More information- Penny Peers


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



  
 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**

FREE • FAMILY FRIENDLY • LIVE MUSIC • ACCESS TO RIO VISTA & GALLERIES



TWILIGHT  
 SESSIONS AT MILDURA ARTS CENTRE  
**FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER 2015**  
**5PM-8.30PM**  
 Drinks and snacks available from the cafe  
 Bring some comfy chairs and a picnic rug (but no BYO alcohol!)  
 199 Cureton Avenue, Mildura 3500  


**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 Neighborhood House  
 Cost will be \$10 per person and bus  
 will only go if numbers permit

## COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- (\* Return from parents)
1. P-6 re Jump Rope for Heart
  2. Year 11 - retreat 26-27 November
  3. P-6 Bookclub order forms - **DUE WEDNESDAY 21st October**

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

