

Newsletter

Murrayville Community College



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From the Principal

'Every cloud has a silver lining' –

The end of last week provided a very tumultuous few days for the staff of our college. I arrived back from a professional development day in Mildura with Josh Willersdorf about ten minutes after it had stopped raining in Murrayville. We were greeted by floodwaters and flashing lights as we drove into town. Almost immediately we heard that there was trouble at school. On arriving at school it was apparent that this event had had significant impact. The force of the 80+ mm of rain had cut deep gutters into the bark soft fall and mulch under the P-6 play equipment. This had washed down and blocked all of our stormwater drains. As a consequence the bus shelter was full of water and floating bark chips. The visitor's car park had obviously filled with water that was running along Francis St. Unfortunately the bark, sticks and leaves banked up along the fence that separates the car park from the quadrangle and acted as a dam, directing the water down the front path of the school and into the front doors. Muddy water flooded into the Library, Sick Bay area, Joylene's office, my office, Mrs Oster's area, Mrs Inglis' & Mrs Willersdorf's office, the staffroom and staff work area. A number of gutters failed to cope with the deluge also. The northern gutter on the Primary building overflowed and ran into the 3-4 and 5-6 rooms and the storeroom, wetting carpet, a large number of books and resources as well as student work. The music storeroom had water gushing into it through the ceiling as did the Gym Store room, water also leaked into the Humanities room, wetting some of the carpet. The Ag/Outdoor Ed classroom also had a large amount of water flowing in from a gutter that couldn't cope, and the

Ag shed floor was also submerged in about four inches of water. Unfortunately our wool that was baled up and ready for sale was sitting in this puddle and absorbing it. We were very fortunate that a number of people rushed to help on Wednesday evening and I will make special mention of the members of the SES, CFA and Ross Huxtible our local policeman. A number of community people also turned out on Thursday to assist our staff with the clean-up. I appreciate the understanding showed by parents also and thank you all for your cooperation in keeping your children home on Thursday and Friday, so that this clean-up could occur. I also want to make special mention of Peter and Lyn Sporn who worked tirelessly from Wednesday night to Sunday afternoon to ensure that the school was clean and safe for the students to return to Monday.

The upshot is that the Department will foot the bill for the clean-up and restorative works. We will be getting large areas of new carpet and most of this carpet was 20 years old, so would've been an expense we would have incurred in the not too distant future. The timeframe around this is not clear at this stage, but I'm sure that everything will be ready for day one 2016.

There is some inconvenience at this stage, with our staff rooms, admin area, Year 3-6 classrooms and gym storeroom uninhabitable due to the drying equipment for the concrete and walls. Our 3-6 students have been using the Primary Gallery as their makeshift classroom. Hopefully the floors will be dry by Friday and we will be able to move back in, even if we have areas of bare concrete. The need to recarpet the Library has prompted us to do a major stocktake and cull of our dated Non-Fiction section. So in the long run, this event will be the catalyst to refresh a number of the areas within the school.

Year5-6 Camp -

Not all of our students missed out on getting an education on Thursday and Friday. From Tuesday Mrs Wyatt, Mr Watson and Mr Ireland and the Year 5-6 class were all attending the 'Ragged School' at Sovereign Hill in Ballarat. I will not spoil their thunder as I am sure they will have a full report of what they were up to in the next newsletter, however, Mrs Wyatt did mention that the strict rules related to chair pushing in has come in very handy, this week while all the students are required to fit in the Gallery.

School for Student Leadership -

Reports from Taylah and Maddison, are that they are having a fantastic time in China. They are now over their initial 'culture shock' and have settled in well. This week they spend all week away from their home base, doing mainly outdoor activities such as abseiling, caving, rock climbing, hiking and bike riding through the terraced rice fields and picturesque countryside of Longsheng and Yangshou.

Housekeeping –

Booklists are due back to Mrs Oster tomorrow please. Apologies for the short timeframe but this was out of our control. This will be the only newsletter this week. The next newsletter will go out on Friday 20th of November.

Natasha Mudie - Principal



CANTEEN

**A REMINDER THAT THE ONLY
HOT FOOD THIS TERM IS**

*Ham & Cheese or
Chicken & Cheese Hot Rolls*

AVAILABLE MONDAY-FRIDAY

Cold foods are: Wraps / Sandwiches / Rolls

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

*Please - no more than \$5 in your envelope
PIES, PASTIES, etc are no longer on sale*



Certificates for Inspiring Pride were awarded to:

Prep-Year 2

Seth WALKER – for showing
DETERMINATION, PERSISTENCE & INDEPENDENCE
with his story writing

Mya Jenzen - for DETERMINATION
in working on her Maths skills

Ivy BECKMANN - for great DETERMINATION
in extending her writing

Years 3/4

Erin JACKSON – for demonstrating PERSISTENCE
in order to complete a high quality piece of
work during Integrated Studies

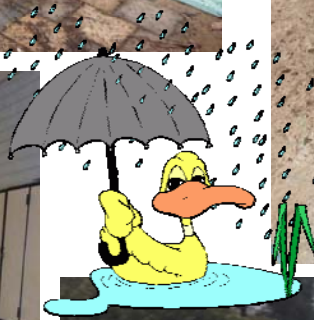
Zac KELLT - for his growing INDEPENDENCE
and enthusiasm for learning

Years 5/6

Jasper STANDLEY – for showing DETERMINATION
to do his best at school and maximise
his learning time

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Storm Damage at MCC

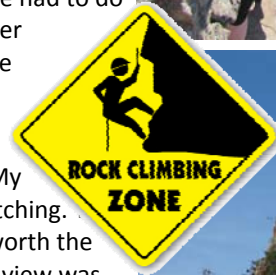




On the Mt Arapiles camp, I had a really good time; it really got me out of my comfort zone. At first I found the whole heights part scary however as the camp progressed I conquered my fear of heights, and started to enjoy it more. The best and scariest part of the camp was the multi-pitching, as it really got the adrenaline pumping. *Jack Sharrad*

On the Outdoor Ed camp to Mt Arapiles I especially enjoyed the ride down from the summit, but not so much the ride up as I'm

pretty sure I, along with two others, walked half of the way. On the Thursday when we had to do a larger and difficult climb, I struggled to deal with the exposure of the height, however I eventually made it to the top. Overall it was an exciting camp trying activities that we have not done before. *Brooke McNeilly*



The 2015 Outdoor Ed Camp to Arapiles was the most entertaining camp I have participated in. My highlight of the camp was probably the multi-pitching. 4Km ride up Arapiles was pretty hard, but was worth the trouble when you reached the top, because the view was brilliant. *Caleb Francis*

Before I had gone to the camp, I thought that I would really hate the rock climbing because it would be scary... But I loved it, it was so much fun, and the bike riding was alright. Riding up a hill for about 5km is hard work, but it is worth it by the time you get to come down again. The last day we went multi pitching, which was great! We had Noddy as our lead climber. He was LAD #NodLAD *Ethan Lawson*



I really enjoyed the camp this year. It was exciting doing climbing, as it is something that I usually don't do. My favourite part was doing multi-pitch climbing on Thursday as I learned to trust my feet and enjoyed the beautiful view from the top. *Tara Heintze*



I really enjoyed the Outdoor Ed camp as a whole. The climbing was my favourite part, because it got me out of my comfort zone and learning new skills. The Multi-pitch climb we did on Thursday was a great experience and I would like to do it again soon. *Ryan Hawthorne*

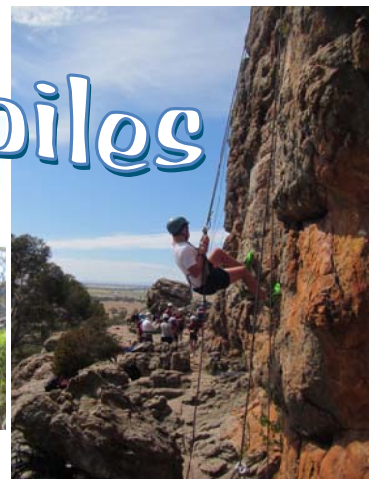
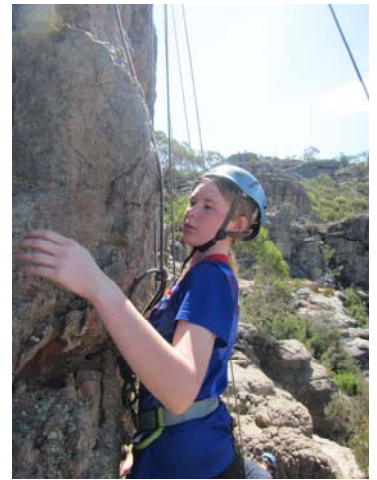
The rock climbing component of the outdoor ed Mt Arapiles camp was initially daunting but I quickly overcame my fears and thoroughly enjoyed the time, especially multi pitching on the final day which was my highlight of the camp. Bike riding up the mountain is well worth the reward of coming down again as well. *Ben Finn*



The camp was one of the best camps I have ever done. I particularly enjoyed the rock climbing but riding down mount Arapiles was also very enjoyable. The lake was unfortunately empty - it would've been nice to go for a swim a few of the days. *Colby Hawthorne*

I enjoyed the multi-pitching on the Thursday, even though I was outside my comfort zone. I learnt to trust my hands and feet to hold me up. *Jaxon Brown*

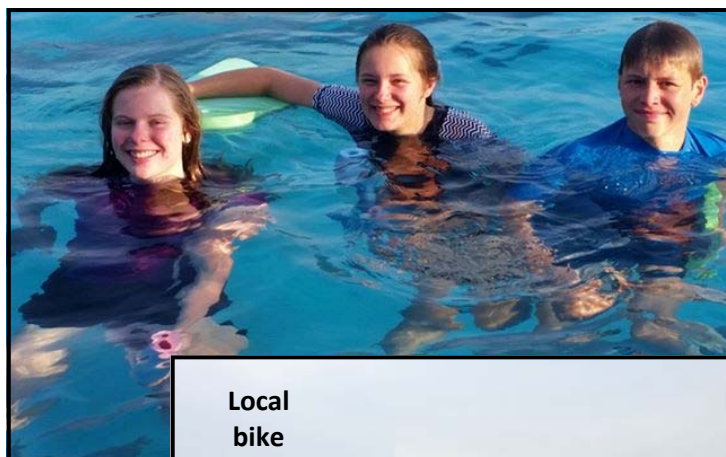
Mt Arapiles



SECONDHAND TEXTS

please contact the person named

<i>title</i>	<i>price</i>	<i>available from</i>	<i>year level</i>
Nelson PE : VCE PE Units 1 & 2 (4th edition) - no ebook	\$30	Lynne Summerton (0429 811 779)	VCE 1 & 2
Nelson PE : VCE PE Units 3 & 4 (4th edition) - no ebook	\$30		VCE 3 & 4
Maths Quest 10a - no ebook	\$35	Lexi Thomas (8577 8126)	10
Maths Quest 7 - no ebook	\$32.50	Sheryn Bennier (0488 041 714)	7
★ <i>Teachers have advised the ebook is not an issue</i>			



Chinese paper cutting



Local bike riding

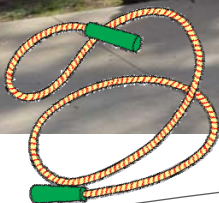
Taylah and Maddison continue their adventures in China



The Primary School participated in a 'Jump Off' day last Friday. It was a chance for students to show off their skipping skills they had improved upon whilst partaking in the Jump Rope for Heart program as well as continuing to increase their fitness and heart health. Students had a great morning using a single rope as well as team ropes. It was fantastic to have family members come and join in and jump with the students. At the end of the session students had some fresh fruit for morning tea, as well as receiving a certificate and sticker for their efforts. Amazingly the students have also raised over \$2000



dollars already that will go to the Heart Foundation. Students that are still bringing in money, please do so by Friday the 13th of November so I can send the money off and report an exact total. Well done to all the primary school students on their skipping and the donations they collected that will go to a worthy charity.
Eryn Wyatt



COLLEGE CALENDAR

11/11	Secondary Booklists Due
16/11	College Council
23-25/11	Years 10 & 11 Exams
26-27/11	Year 11 Retreat
26/11-4/12	Year 10 Transition to VCE
30/11	SRC Casual Day
1/12	Student Free Day
2/2	Transition Day : Whole School
3/12	P-2 to Mildura & Sleepover
4/12	Last Day for Year 10
7/12	College Council
7-8/12	Year 9 Exams
9-11/12	Year 9 Transition to Year 10
16/12	Presentation Night
18/12	End of Term 4 (1:30 finish)

Kind words
can be short
and easy
to speak,
but their
echoes are
truly endless

Community Notices



REMINDER
Please return
money raised
in Jump Rope
for Heart
by this FRIDAY



For Parents and their
preschool Child/ren
Mainly Music
Pinnaroo
Starting 18th November
Lutheran Hall
Hensley Street
Pinnaroo

Wednesday Mornings in School Terms
9:30 - 10:00 Music Session -
\$3 / family/session
10:00 - 11:00 Morning tea provided



HAMILTON SCHOLARSHIP

Open to Pinnaroo Primary School
students in their last year of
primary schooling and in their
first year of secondary schooling.

Information regarding the
scholarship is available at the
front office at P.P.S.

All applications are due by

Friday 13th November

for the panel to read and
nominate a winner or winners



**MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD
IS IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY.**

Attendance at MCC 26-30/10 October

Prep	98.4%
5	98.0%
11	97.5%
7	97.0%
2	96.7%
4	96.0%
3	95.6%
8	95.5%
9	95.0%
1	93.4%
10	88.2%
6	83.4%

**STUDENTS / PARENTS
PLEASE CHECK OUT THE TEXTS
THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO
PURCHASE AS **SECONDHAND**
ITEMS FOR 2016 ON PAGE 5.
YEAR 10 MATHS STUDENTS ARE
URGED TO PURCHASE
SECONDHAND BECAUSE THERE
WILL BE NO RESALE OF THESE FOR
THE FOLLOWING YEAR.**

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

(* Return from parents)

- 2016 Secondary Students - booklists (due back Wednesday 11/11) *

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

