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Newsletter

Murrayville Community College

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From the Principal

House Swimming –
Congratulations to all of the students who competed in the House Swimming Sports last Friday. I thought that the participation levels were excellent, as was the support given by the large crowd of parents, grandparents, siblings and ex-students. The day was exceptionally well run again by Mr Willersdorf. Thank you to all who attended and those staff who assisted on the day. Special congratulations to those students whose performances allowed them to qualify for the next level. A number of these students have swam today at UDSSA Ouyen (3-6) and MMM Mildura (7-9) competitions. To break down the acronyms UDSSA is Underbool and Districts School Sports Assembly and MMM stands for Murrayville, Manangatang and Millewa (Werrimull) who form a combined secondary team to compete against the large Mallee schools on the 2nd of March.

Anaphylaxis – Just a reminder to all students and parents that we have a number of students in the school that are allergic to nuts. Some of these students are highly allergic and exposure may lead to a life threatening anaphylactic reaction. For this reason we ask that students and staff don't bring nuts and nut products to school for lunch or snacks. We also have students and staff with bee allergies, with some also highly allergic to the point where a sting may lead to an anaphylactic reaction. At next week's assembly all students will be reminded of the seriousness of anaphylaxis, how to recognise it and to seek assistance from a teacher as soon as possible.

medal winners

Transitions –
Hopefully all of our students have settled into their new grade level, now that they have been back at school for a full three weeks. Students may be adjusting to an increased workload as they move through the school, especially when it comes to study at home. It is important for students to develop good habits when it comes to study outside of school if they are to be prepared for success. Parents can support their children by providing a suitable study environment, encouraging a study routine and assisting the student develop or adjust their study timetable to fit in with family and school expectations. This time of year is demanding and tiring for many students as summer and winter sports cross over, numerous swimming sports, and daylight savings makes the mornings dark, so support and understanding from home is essential. The school has once again engaged **Elevate Education** to run **Study Skills sessions on the 8th of March** for all secondary students.

Natasha Mudie - Principal

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government in 2016 to assist eligible families to cover the cost of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you have a means-tested concession card (e.g. Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card) you may be eligible for CSEF. In some instances a student who has turned 16 may be issued with a Health Care Card or Pensioner Card in their own name (e.g. for Youth Allowance); in this situation a claim for CSEF may be lodged as Special Consideration. The annual CSEF amount per student is; $125 for primary school students, and $225 for secondary school students. If you believe you are eligible to claim CSEF, please contact Joylene Moyle at the school to complete an application form.

VCE INFORMATION

VCE

Parents of students undertaking VCE subjects are urged to attend a session detailing the rules and expectations of VCE students on … *Tuesday 23rd February - 4:30pm at the College*

STUDENT FREE DAY … next WEDNESDAY … staff at Cluster PD

UNSW Mathematics, English and Writing Competitions

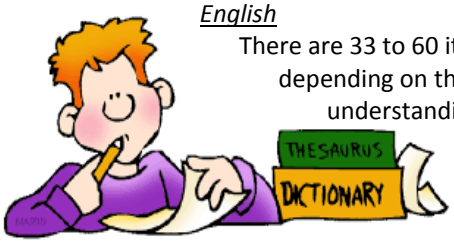
This week students in Years 3-12 received a letter regarding the UNSW Mathematics and English competitions. All students are encouraged to enter; however, to do so they need to complete the slip, at the bottom of the letter, and return it to their classroom teacher, form teacher or front desk by Thursday the 24th March.

The competitions are marked externally and students receive a certificate which outlines their strengths and weaknesses, as well as how they performed in relation to the cohort of their particular year level. Participation, Credit, Distinction and High Distinction certificates are awarded. Information regarding each paper can be found below.

Mathematics

There are 30 to 40 items in each paper, with a time allowance of 40 minutes to one hour, depending on the year level. Questions require students to apply their knowledge, skills and understanding across the skill areas of number and arithmetic; algebra and patterns; measurement; space and geometry and chance and data.

Sitting date: Tuesday, 16th August



English

There are 33 to 60 items in each paper, with a time allowance of 40 minutes to one hour, depending on the year level. Questions require students to apply their knowledge, skills and understanding to locate, identify, interpret, infer and synthesise information in and about texts. Students read a range of texts that cover different forms and purposes.

Sitting date: Tuesday, 2nd August

Writing

Teachers select students to participate in the Writing Competition; it is seen as an extension activity for talented writers. Students will be asked to write an extended response to a given task in a 30 minute time slot. The task is criterion referenced and assessed by trained markers. The genre alternates between narrative and persuasion. 2016, persuasive writing will be assessed.

Sitting date: Thursday, 16th June

More information can be found by accessing the following website, or please contact the appropriate classroom teacher, or the coordinators below, at the school. https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/subjects/

Fionna Edwards (English Coordinator) / Brenda Menzel (Mathematics Coordinator)

A REMINDER TO PARENTS

Please can primary students who need to use a fork or spoon to eat their lunch make sure they bring one from home

PLEASE CHECK PRICES PROVIDED IN LAST WEEK'S NEWSLETTER

CANTEEN

REMEMBER 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

Certificates for Inspiring Pride were awarded to:

Prep-Year 2
Liam WISNESKE –
for demonstrating INDEPENDENCE and DETERMINATION throughout the week

Years 3/4
Eliza WALLIS -
for her growing INDEPENDENCE in the classroom

Years 5/6
Kayla WALLIS –
for showing DETERMINATION towards all of her activities at school

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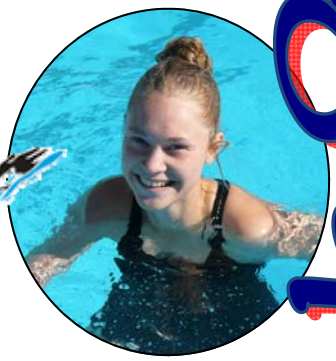
Swimming Sports

AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS

BOYS		GIRLS	
12-13	Bram Schiller	12-13	Annika Yard
	Hugh Parker (r/up)		Kristen Sparnon (r/up)
14	George Heintze	14	Lara Mudie
	Henry Wallis (r/up)		Miranda Walker (r/up)
15	Blake Virgo	15	Kirsty Heintze
	Jaxon Brown (r/up)		Emma Allan (r/up)
16	Henry Gibson	16	Maddison Mudie
	Ben Finn (r/up)		Taylah Beer (r/up)
17	Ryan Hawthorne	17	Brooke McNeilly
	Jack Sharrad (r/up)		Lexi Thomas (r/up)
18-20	Kobe Henderson	18-20	Darcy Weckert
	Matt Beer (r/up)		



RECORD BREAKERS

Ryan Hawthorne
17 Boys 50m Breaststroke *42.03 (was 43.69)*

Zac Kelly
10 Boys 25m Backstroke *34.00 (was 34.13)*

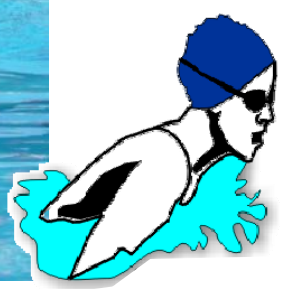
Suzie Beckmann
12-13 Girls 25m Backstroke *23.31 (was 23.88)*

FINAL RESULTS

WINJEEL 2134

LOWAN 1750

Swimming sports



SWIMMING

COLLEGE CALENDAR

23/2	VCE Information Session 4:30pm
24/2	Sunraysia Swimming (Primary)
	Cluster Day (Student Free)
2/3	Mallee Division Swimming
17/3	Regional Swimming : Swan Hill
16/3	Robinvale Road Show : period 5
21/3	College Council AGM
22-23/3	School Photos
24/3	Casual Day
	End of Term 1
11/4	Term 2 commences
25/4	Anzac Day
28/4	Year 7 immunisation
6/5	House Cross Country
17/5	Sunraysia/Mallee Cross Country
31/5	Regional Cross Country
24/6	End of Term 2
11/7	Term 3 commences
10/8	House Athletics
15/9	Open Day
16/9	End of Term 3
3/10	Start of Term 4

A long fuse gives time to reconsider

Student Representative Council

Our SRC met for a few hours Monday after school to plan their activities for 2016, (fundraisers and Casual Days) and also to enjoy pizzas.
They are keen to raise money for several charities, beginning with a Casual Day on 24 March (end of term).

Community Notices

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A FIREARMS COURSE?
Please contact Ross Huxtable at Murrayville Police,
who is keen to organise a course for Victorian participants

MURRAYVILLE NETBALL CLUB
is seeking
COACHES for the 2016 season
in B and C Grades
Contact Jaimi Willersdorf
if interested

WANTED TO RENT …
FARM HOUSE with acreage
3-4 bedrooms
Needed asap
Phone 0474 351 621

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

(* Return from parents/carers)

1. English and Maths Competition - seeking interest in participation*
2. All students - Google classroom information for parents

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