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Newsletter

Murrayville Community College

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From the Principal

College Council -
Nominations have now closed for the new College Council for 2016. We had four nominations in our parent category and by chance that matched our four vacancies. Therefore there will be no need for an election. Congratulations and thank you to our parent representatives, Carly Heintze, Michelle Thomas and Sheryn Bennier who were renominated, and welcome to Lelle Schiller who will join our council for the first time. Theo Magnisalis was renominated and Helen Parker is joining Council as our staff representatives. They join our continuing members, Stacey Morzer-Bruyns, Colin Beer, Kasey Berlin, Emily Standley, Jeanette Morehouse and Karen Willersdorf. The AGM is scheduled for the 21st of March.

Secondary Study Club –
Teachers at MCC are committed to ensuring each child reaches their potential. Set study or homework that is not completed is followed up by secondary staff and a student may be asked to attend Study Club to complete this. Many students choose to attend Study Club to complete work before it is due or to seek extra assistance from teachers. There is an option for students to voluntarily attend Study Club on a Monday afternoon from 3.15-4.15 with Mrs Barford. A number of students are already accessing this opportunity, especially to access extra assistance with Maths. Any student is welcome to stay for this session on a Monday afternoon, however they will need to be collected by 4.15pm.

Student Free Day –
All of our teachers and integration aides attended a professional development day based on writing, with 130 other staff members from our Mallee Cluster schools. Much of the day reinforced the work we have been doing at a school level to improve student outcomes in writing. There were a number of new strategies and tips introduced that teachers and aides will also be able to employ. The presenter reinforced the need for students to improve vocabulary. This is an area that staff are focussing on across all year levels and is something that parents can also assist with. In conversations with your child try to expose them to a wide vocabulary, discuss the meaning of difficult words rather than simplifying the conversation.

VCE Information Session - This session was attended by a small group of students and parents on Tuesday night. The administrative regulations of VCE were explained by Mrs Inglis and I discussed some of the realities of studying a Year 12 subject and some of the statistical data. I will try to catch up with the students that didn't attend over the next week.

Attendance –
I would like to congratulate our student body on their excellent start to the year in regards to attendance. Special congratulations to Prep and Year 7 who have maintained 100% attendance for the entire year so far!

Natasha Mudie - Principal

1-5 Feb

Prep, 1, 2, 5, 7, 12	100%
6	99.10%
10	98.75%
9	98.19%
11	98.13%
4	98.00%
8	96.93%
3	96.67%

8-12 Feb

Prep, 3, 5, 6, 7	100%
4	98.00%
2	97.78%
9	97.28%
1, 10	96.67%
11	94.71%
8	92.31%
12	92.00%

15-19 Feb

Prep, 7	100%
3, 5	96.67%
9	95.46%
8	95.39%
4	95.00%
10	94.45%
1, 2	93.34%
11	91.12%
6	90.91%

Chaplaincy Matters

Pinnaroo and Murrayville communities have recently been challenged with significant loss as we have sadly said farewell to loved people.

With such loss comes the challenge of putting death into a context young people can understand, as well as dealing with our own emotions.

It is important to remember that as we work through these things, there is always support available.

We have a number of helpful books on our shelf and in the library that are available to families, ranging from picture books, through to information texts. There are also many helpful websites online, including:

⇒ www.grieflink.asn.au
⇒ www.griefwatch.com
⇒ www.cyh.com
⇒ resources.beyondblue.org.au

Seasons for Growth is a small group, peer support programme, run for different age groups, that seeks to inform students about the different stages of grief and gives them tools to move through those stages. We are able to offer this at school for all age groups. If you would like more information about Seasons for Growth, or if we can be of any assistance, please contact us here at school.

Working together for the well being of our young people,

Paul and Barb

write 4 fun

The following competition details were received by the school this week.

I have placed a poster in the student centre which lists specific information on how to enter and prizes.

The 2016 Schools Writing Competition is now open. It is designed to encourage creativity with literacy. There are over $3000 in cash and prizes to be won. For information on how to enter access www.write4fun.net.

Entry is free - closing date is Thursday 31st March.

Fionna Edwards (English Coordinator)

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

Evie OAKLEY -
for showing INDEPENDENCE and responsibility

Oliver BERLIN -
for developing greater INDEPENDENCE

Reece WALKER -
for his INDEPENDENCE and DETERMINATION

Sarah ALLAN -
for showing great DETERMINATION

Years 3/4

Ivy BECKMANN -
for the PRIDE she takes in her work

Years 5/6

Allea HEINTZE –
for consistently showing INDEPENDENCE towards her learning and managing her time; showing great responsibility and maturity

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SRC CASUAL DAY

24th March -
last day of term
Theme:
Dress in colours that represent one of the specific Cancer Council awareness colours
eg PINK - Breast Cancer

Gold coin donation

DO IT! FOR CANCER

*** Guess the number of Jelly Beans in a jar**
*** $1 for 1 guess / $2 for 3 guesses**
*** Jar located at the College front office**
*** Competition available to anyone**

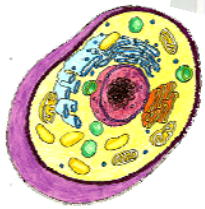
All money raised goes to the Cancer Council

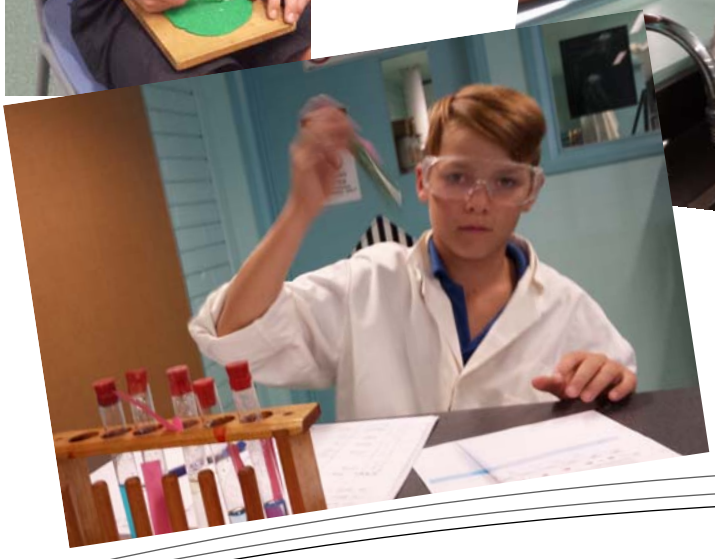
Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

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.

SWIMMING

Several of our Years 3-6 students journeyed to Ouyen last Friday to compete in the UDSSA swimming competition.
Thanks to Mrs Willersdorf and Mrs Oakley for accompanying the group to act as announcer and marshal and to parents who transported and cheered on the swimmers.





Year 8 Science

In year 8 they have been learning about the building blocks of life, cells. Students have been constructing model cells of plants and animals ensuring all the organelles for each have been included.

Year 7 Science

The year 7s have been learning about how much substance, or as they should tell you, 'solute' will dissolve in a 'solvent' to form a solution, colloid or suspension

COLLEGE CALENDAR

2/3	Mallee Division Swimming
8/3	Elevate Study Skills : Secondary
9/3	VCE Geography excursion
16-17/3	P-6 Parent/Teacher interviews
16/3	Robinvale Road Show : period 5
17/3	Regional Swimming : Swan Hill
21/3	College Council AGM
22-23/3	School Photos
24/3	Casual Day
	End of Term 1
11/4	Term 2 commences
19/4	Science activities : Years 3-6
25/4	Anzac Day
28/4	Year 7 immunisation
6/5	House Cross Country
10-12/5	NAPLAN
17/5	Sunraysia/Mallee Cross Country
31/5	Regional Cross Country
7/6	GAT : VCE students
13/6	Queen's Birthday
24/6	End of Term 2
11/7	Term 3 commences

The most useful virtue is patience

Community Notices

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

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

CHANCES FOR CHILDREN
Chances invests in the future of our children and young people by removing the financial barriers that stand in the way of them achieving their potential
The current round opens 29th February and closes 22nd April
For more information please visit
www.chances for children.com.au
or phone 5021 7480

FOR SALE BY TENDER
Maddison Sport Deluxe Two Way Boxing Workstation (frame only)

Tenders should be marked "Tender" and addressed to Natasha Mudie, Principal, c/- P.O. Box 116, Murrayville and received no later than Friday March 11th 2016.
No tender necessarily accepted.

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

(* Return from parents/carers)

1. VCAL Students - plans for 2016 and travel in teacher's car *
2. Mallee Division Swimming selected students re next Wednesday *

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