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Newsletter

Murrayville Community College

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2015	Reading		Persuasive Writing		Spelling		Grammar and Punctuation		Numeracy	
Year 3	451 (408 - 493)		457 (423 - 490)		420 (382 - 457)		469 (425 - 514)		386 (352 - 420)	
	SIM 415 (406 - 424)	ALL 426	SIM 412 (404 - 420)	ALL 416	SIM 400 (391 - 408)	ALL 409	SIM 423 (413 - 433)	ALL 433	SIM 387 (379 - 395)	ALL 398
Year 5	494 (450 - 538)		505 (465 - 546)		510 (470 - 551)		557 (510 - 604)		500 (466 - 535)	
	SIM 494 (485 - 502)	ALL 499	SIM 468 (460 - 477)	ALL 478	SIM 492 (484 - 500)	ALL 498	SIM 496 (487 - 505)	ALL 503	SIM 483 (475 - 491)	ALL 493
Year 7	568 (538 - 598)		540 (506 - 574)		533 (501 - 565)		546 (511 - 580)		552 (524 - 580)	
	SIM 537 (529 - 544)	ALL 546	SIM 502 (494 - 511)	ALL 511	SIM 537 (530 - 545)	ALL 547	SIM 530 (521 - 538)	ALL 541	SIM 532 (525 - 540)	ALL 543
Year 9	617 (581 - 654)		567 (518 - 616)		595 (555 - 636)		615 (574 - 656)		616 (585 - 648)	
	SIM 567 (560 - 574)	ALL 580	SIM 532 (522 - 541)	ALL 547	SIM 572 (564 - 580)	ALL 583	SIM 558 (550 - 566)	ALL 568	SIM 575 (568 - 582)	ALL 592

Selected school's average is
- substantially above
- above
- close to
- below
- substantially below

- average of schools serving students from statistically similar socio-education backgrounds (SIM box)
- average of all Australian schools (ALL box)

From the Principal

Congratulations –
This week I would like to acknowledge and share the outstanding work being done by both our staff and students, to ensure that the learning outcomes of the students at MCC are the best in the region. The 2015 NAPLAN data has just been published on the My School website and it shows that our students, in most categories are performing either above or substantially above schools with similar students and all schools. Results in writing and grammar and punctuation were particularly strong and demonstrate the impact that the Big Write program is having in the P-6 sector and the emphasis on writing in every class is having at secondary level. Below is a screen shot of the page that shows the NAPLAN results " in numbers". In this case green is good! Great NAPLAN results don't happen by accident they reflect a positive learning environment , dedicated teachers, an effective intervention program and students with high expectations of themselves. Our results outperformed our neighbouring schools and even some of the private schools that Mallee students choose to attend. Anyone can check out the My School website at www.myschool.edu.au .

Parent-Teacher Interviews
This week the P-6 teachers have been conducting Parent-Teacher interviews . Kim Luckman and Eryn Wyatt have arranged to meet some of the parents in Pinnaroo to make this process as convenient as possible. Secondary interim reports are due to go out the first week back next term with interviews in week two. A number of secondary staff have made contact with parents to update them prior to this process. Good communication between teachers and parents is crucial to ensuring students are properly supported.

Natasha Mudie
Principal

★ **SCHOOL PHOTOS Monday 21 & Tuesday 22 March**
★ **2:30pm finish next THURSDAY (end of term)**

The VCAL students have been building a creek with a waterfall in the indoor garden.

It is nearing its final stages and we are now looking for some plants. If you have any plants that we could use and you would like to donate them please send them in to school or contact Mrs Finn to collect them. The plants we are seeking need to fit in with a tropical look garden.

We are seeking cannas, cordylines and lillies for example. Some ferns and ground covers would also be appreciated.

The following competition details were received by the school this week. I have placed a poster, which lists specific information on how to enter and prizes, in the students centre and Eryn Wyatt has displayed one in her classroom. Students can approach either teacher for more information.

The Mental Health Foundation of Australia (Victoria) 2016 Schools' Creative Writing Competition is now open!!

- ★ *Open to students enrolled in Years 5 – 12 in Victoria*
- ★ *Three categories – Upper Primary, Lower Secondary and Upper Secondary*
- ★ *Closes 5.00pm the 29th of July, 2016*
- ★ *Cash prizes to be won*

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

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Monday & Tuesday - please ensure students are in full school uniform
FAMILY photos will be on Tuesday

Certificates for Inspiring Pride were awarded to:

Prep-Year 2
None, due to short week

Years 3/4
Jai STANDLEY
for exercising his DETERMINATION and resilience in order to complete set writing tasks on time

Years 5/6
Emma PARKER
for showing INDEPENDENCE towards her learning and striving to improve

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SRC CASUAL DAY

Thursday24th 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

*** 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

Attendance at MCC
7-11 March

Prep,1,2,5	100%
4	99.00%
7	98.58%
6	97.28%
11	96.48%
9	96.37%
8	93.85%
3 & 10	93.34%
12	90%

LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM & LEO CUBS

The Youth Exchange Program gives Australian youth (16-21 years) the opportunity to live with Lions families overseas during their end of year summer holidays. There is no tuition or school attendance, but rather a cultural holiday whereby students can immerse themselves in a new culture, enjoy supervised sightseeing and practise second language skills such as French, German, Japanese, Italian, Spanish.

Leo Clubs focus on the individual and social development of teens, and the personal and professional development of young adults.(12-30 years).

Each Leo Club is mentored by, and works in partnership with, their local Lions Club.

Details of these programs can be found at:
www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye
www.lionsclubs.org.au/activities/youth/leos

★PRIMARY CLUBS
★YEARS 7+8 READING

We are also requiring helpers in the secondary sector …
Mrs Edwards is seeking parents or volunteers who are willing to assist students in Years 7 and 8 develop their reading skills.
If there are enough helpers, the program will entail an adult assisting a small group of students (approximately four), helping them to work through a reading activity aimed at developing comprehension skills.
No experience is needed - just having an adult present will aid in keeping the group on task and focused.
The lesson will take place in period 4 on Mondays (12:15-1:15pm)
Please contact Mrs Edwards at school if you are able to help.

Our primary club activity program is much loved by the students. It gives them a chance to explore a diverse range of inspiring special interests and activities outside of the usual range of the primary curriculum.
This year, to allow as many volunteers as possible to take part, we will be running the program continuously throughout the year.
So here is your chance to share that hobby that you love!!
We are calling for Community and Parent volunteers …

- ★ Do you have a skill or an interest that you would like to share with our primary students?
- ★ How about volunteering to run a 5-week lunchtime club?
- ★ Or how about starting an interest group that can meet every two weeks or monthly over a term or longer?

All you need to do is choose the time of year and the day that suits you, and decide which age group would be best (Prep to Year s or Years 3 to 6).
Contact Ms Morehouse by March 18 on 0432 853 910 or at the Prep/1/2 room.

The Prep children
Visited the Murrayville Early Childhood Learning centre on Wednesday. The children enjoyed a visit to their 'old kinder' and playing with the children who will be attending school next year.

Free legal help with child support

Victoria Legal Aid's Child Support Legal Service is visiting near you. We provide advice about child support and paternity testing.

We also present free community legal information sessions upon request. The Child Support Legal Service:

- is independent from the Department of Human Services (Centrelink and Child Support).
- provides free confidential appointments for eligible people to discuss legal problems with a child support lawyer.

For legal help and to check eligibilty for an appointment, call 1300 792 387.

Victoria Legal Aid

Next visit to Mildura is Thursday 19th May

*** BULB ORDERS**
Close NEXT Thursday (24 March)

*** PINNAROO BUS**

Additional students wishing to travel on this bus MUST first have their travel approved at the College front office as there may not be room for extra passengers.
Please check with the school after 9am each morning.
Presuming there will be room because you know someone is absent is not okay as seats may have been promised to other students.

COLLEGE CALENDAR

21/3	College Council AGM
21-22/3	School Photos
23/3	P-2 Grandparents Day
24/3	Casual Day
	End of Term 1
3/4	Daylight Saving ends
11/4	Term 2 commences
14/4	Secondary interim reports out
19/4	Science activities : Years 3-6
20/4	Secondary interviews
25/4	Anzac Day
28/4	Year 7 immunisation
6/5	House Cross Country
10-12/5	NAPLAN
17/5	Sunraysia/Mallee Cross Country
26/5	Practice GAT
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
28/7	Year 7 immunisation
10/8	House Athletics

Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday

Community Notices

PINNAROO FOOTBALL CLUB - COLTS (Under 13)
TRAINING will commence at 4pm on Wednesday 23rd March
From the following week training will revert to 4pm on THURSDAYS

CHANGE OF DATE - NATIONAL HEARING CARE
As there has not been a lot of interest in appointments for Hearing Screening in Murrayville the date has been changed to **Thursday April 20th** at the Murrayville centre.
For appointments please phone Jacqui at the Neighbourhood House on 5095 2205

PAP SMEAR CLINIC
Mallee Track Health & Community Service will be conducting this Clinic in Murrayville on Tuesday May 3rd
To book an appointment please phone Jacqui on 5095 2205 at the Neighbourhood House

ASIAN BANQUET & GAMES NIGHT & AUCTION
Friday 15th April in Pinnaroo Institute
Catering by Salt & Pepper
$45 for 3 courses
Fundraiser for Pinnaroo Primary School Year 6/7 Snow Trip
Auction items include a signed Gary Ablett guernsey
Bookings/payment prior to 6th April
Enquiries/bookings to PPS (8577 8176)

tafeSA

Get your food safety knowledge up to date at a
FOOD SAFETY SHORT COURSE
Pinnaroo Community Library
Wednesday 20 April : 12-4pm
An interactive FREE course from TAFE SA for anyone involved in food handling
Enrolment/information from helenmcquarrie@tafesa.edu.au or phone 08 8648 8756

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FINAL ASSEMBLY FOR TERM 1
2pm next Thursday (24 March) prior to students being dismissed
There will be a couple of music items, including a flute solo by Kirsty Heintze, as well as the senior choir, accompanied by Abi Sparnon as part of her VCE Music Performance

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

(* Return from parents/carers)

1. 5/6 students - re individualised holiday packs *

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