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Newsletter

Murrayville Community College

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From the Principal

Welcome Back!
Although the very short Term 1 threw up some challenges to our staff, I'm sure that all will agree that the holidays were impeccably timed for our climactic conditions. I hope everyone appreciated our glorious Mallee weather over Easter and the holidays and got to enjoy some down time with family and friends. Term 2 is a very busy one and will be packed full of learning opportunities for each and every student.

School Start Times
It has been noted that a number of our students are very eager to begin their learning and arriving at school before our teachers are on duty. Can I remind parents that **students should not be at school before 8.40am.** We do not have legal duty of care for these students, and it is not always optimal for students to be in classrooms when teachers are preparing and setting up for their day.

Interim Reports
Interim reports went home yesterday. They are designed to be brief and to form the basis of the 3-way interviews that will be held next week. These interviews are a very important opportunity for students and parents to meet with teachers to discuss progress towards their educational goals.

E Smart
During the last week of last term Karen Willersdorf and I attended a professional development session in Mildura about attaining E Smart status for our school. Over the next couple of months we will be reviewing our policies, procedures, practices and curriculum related to our use of technology and cyber safety. I hope that we will have achieved this status by early third term. This training introduced a number of resources that will assist students to be safe online and work more productively. It also presented resources that can advise parents on what they can do to support their children to use technology safely and effectively.

Cold Turkey & eSafety
At the E Smart training, one program that was recommended for students that get distracted from their homework or school tasks is called '*Cold Turkey*'. Students can download this program that allows them to set a timer, while the timer is running the students are blocked out of websites that they find distracting eg. Facebook. The Mac version of this program is called '*Self Control*'. Lots of information and tips for students and parents can be found at www.esafety.gov.au . Information is available on a wide range of apps, games and social networking sites, in regards to who can use them (age limits), if there are ways to spend money, how information can be protected and how to report instances of cyberbullying or abuse.

Visitors to MCC
Yesterday saw a variety of visitors working with our young people.
All secondary students were enthralled by the information provided courtesy of the Rotary Club of Mildura about laws relating to drink/drug drivers, with many surprised at the severity of punishment for these offences.
Our 3 primary students who are involved in the delivery of 'English as an Additional Langauge' through the Victorian School of Languages were interviewed and filmed by a team from the Department of Education throughout the day.
Thanks also to Louise Meyer for her involvement in this process.
More details on these two events can be found on page 4.

Canteen
Hot foods will be available from next week. Please check the updated prices and replace the list you have at home with the new one printed on page 5 so that you have sufficient money to cover any orders.

Natasha Mudie - Principal

Reading: Years 7-9

This year, you are expected to read for at least an hour every week; this includes school reading time, as well as reading at home. Year 7 and 8, please ask your parents to initial your diary at the end of every week. They will be pleased to see you reading and so will I.

Wide reading is the best way to improve your literacy skills – including spelling, grammar, punctuation, vocabulary and expression.

If you are someone who thinks that reading is boring, you need to change the way that you think about reading. If you find yourself thinking this, remind yourself that reading is important. If you change the way you *think* reading, you can change the way you feel.

Psychologists agree that if you can do something every single day, for twenty one days, you will form a habit. So, if you can make yourself read every night for twenty one days, then reading will not seem like a chore ever again. Picking up a book will become habit.

Finding a Good Novel

Finding an entertaining novel is crucial. If you are not enjoying what you are reading, if it's too difficult or too boring, find something else.

So how do you find a decent book?

• **Favourite authors.** Think about authors you have enjoyed reading in the past. If you have enjoyed one book by one author, chances are that you will enjoy something else that they have written.

• **Libraries.** Your school library will have a well-stocked collection of fiction. Your local library is also a great place to get your hands on books. If you are having difficulty finding a book, strike up a conversation with the librarian. Librarians are really knowledgeable when it comes to books and will, more than likely, be happy to help you find something.

• **Friends.** If you are looking for something to read, talk to your friends. They will be able to suggest things that they have enjoyed. It is also fun to talk about books that you are enjoying with other people.

• **Teachers.** Most English teachers are self-confessed book nerds who will be more than happy to suggest titles you might be interested in.

• **Reading challenge.** If you are in Australia, many states and territories hold an annual Reading Challenge to encourage young adults to read more. Even if you do not want to participate in the competition, you can still take advantage of the recommended reading list.

• **Social networking.** Sites like Goodreads and Shelfari allow you to keep track of the books you have read, set goals for yourself and are a great way to discover new books and new authors. Goodreads even has an app for the iPhone and iPad. If you are going to join a social networking site, talk to your parents and observe basic cyber safety rules.

• **Book stores.** Book stores are a great place to browse for books and pick up something new to read. Online bookstores like Book Depository and Amazon are a great place to browse for titles because they recommend titles similar to the ones you are interested in. This is a great way to discover new authors and new books.

• **Ebooks.** Devices like the iPad and the Amazon Kindle are great ways to get books immediately. What's more is that there are many classic books like *Pride and Prejudice* and *The War of the Worlds* that are available for free.

CANTEEN

PIZZAS *on MONDAYS*
Ham & Pineapple / Bacon & Cheese $1.60

HOT DOGS *next WEDNESDAY $1.30*

NOTE NEW FOOD PRICES … … MUST HAVE ENOUGH MONEY IN YOUR ORDER ENVELOPE

PIES *($4)* ***PASTIES*** *($4)*
SAUSAGE ROLLS *($2.60)*
(from Pinnaroo Bakery)
PARTY PIES *80¢*
on FRIDAYS
Sauce 20¢ or 2 for 30¢

AVAILABLE MONDAY-FRIDAY
Cold foods are: Wraps / Sandwiches / Rolls
Hot foods are:
Ham & Cheese or/ Chicken & Cheese Hot Rolls $3

ALL ORDERS ARE TO BE PLACED BEFORE SCHOOL

Please - no more than $5 in your envelope

CAREERS NEWS

Olympic Park Sports Medicine CENTRE

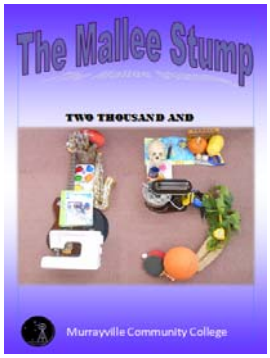
for all athletes great & small

CAREERS IN SPORTS MEDICINE EVENT

⇒ Aim - to build awareness of the health professional involved in caring for athletes, whether they compete for Australia or exercise for fitness
⇒ Wednesday 18th May
⇒ 7:30-9pm
⇒ AAMI Park Stadium
(see www.opmsc.com.au for map)
⇒ $25 per student (free for parent/guardian)
⇒ Practitioners from each discipline will give short talks

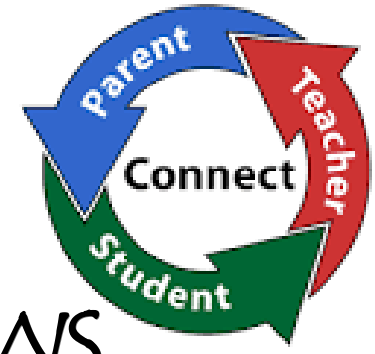
- Sports Medicine
- Nutrition
- Podiatry
- Psychology
- Massage Therapy
- Exercise Physiology

Enquiries to Megan Marshall
events@opsmc.com.au
www.opsmc.com.au



COMPETITION NOW OPEN!

Would you like to see your design appear on the front cover of this year's 2016 college magazine, *The Mallee Stump*?
Entries are now open for all current Murrayville Community College students.
You can use any medium – photography, drawing, painting or sculpture.
Your design must incorporate the number 16, and be able to be reproduced in A4 portrait format.
Entries close on Friday May 6th.
Submit your entries to me and good luck!
Mrs Helen Parker (Editor)



SECONDARY INTERVIEWS

★ MURRAYVILLE Tuesday 19th April at Murrayville Community College
★ PINNAROO Wednesday 20th April at Pinnaroo Football Clubrooms

Secondary interviews are being held this term in 2 locations over 2 days. Please check the bottom of your child's report to see where your interviews are being held. Where you live has been the 'default', however, if you are unable to attend on that day and time, please ring the school on 03 5095 2001 to make other arrangements.

THURSDAY

Yesterday we had Chris, Mark and Glenn visiting the school. They were filming students who participate in the Virtual EAL (English as an Additional Language) New Arrivals Program at our school. This program was piloted in 2014 and is now an ongoing program available for students in all Victorian schools.

The program aims to provide students access to a quality language program taught by an EAL specialist.

They also spoke to students, parents and teachers about the success of the program. This will be a segment of the film which they are producing to promote the Virtual EAL New Arrivals Program.

Michaela is seen at right being interviewed and filmed, and below she is joined by Nishar and Mac with the polycom equipment.

Also yesterday, our Year 7-12 students were given an informative talk by Michael Wood from Sunraysia Alcohol Driver Education Service (SADES) regarding laws around drink and drug driving.

Michael spoke about new tougher penalties for drug and drink drivers, which have many costs, depending on the severity of the offence. Costs include fines, loss of licence, criminal record and vehicle impoundment or forfeiture. He showed an alcohol interlock device and explained how these devices work and the inconvenience and cost to drivers should they be ordered to have one installed in their vehicle.

Students were given the opportunity to try on altered vision goggles and attempt a simple task, simulating the effect of alcohol on vision and balance.

Standard drinks and the speed at which our bodies process alcohol were discussed, with many variables to this including our gender, other medication and our liver function!

Michael encouraged students to make themselves aware of rules and penalties around drink and drug driving, giving them the power to make informed decisions in relation to this in the future.

This presentation was brought to us by the Rotary Club of Mildura.

S.A.D.E.S.

CANTEEN PRICE LIST as at 15th April 2016

FILLING	SANDWICH	ROLL
Ham	$2.00	$2.50
Chicken	$2.00	$2.50
Ham/Salad	$3.50	$4.00
Chicken/Salad	$3.50	$4.00
Salad	$3.00	$3.50
Tuna/Salad	$4.00	$4.50
Ham/Cheese	$3.00	$3.50
Chicken/Cheese	$3.00	$3.50
Cheese	$1.50	$2.10
Cheese/Tomato	$2.50	$3.00
Ham/Tomato	$3.00	$3.50
Ham/Cheese/Tomato	$3.50	$4.00
Tomato	$1.70	$2.30
Vegemite	$1.20	$1.80

WRAPS

Meat & Salad	$5.00
Salad	$4.00

SALAD PACK

Meat/Salad/Bread	$6.00
Salad only	$5.00

DRINKS

Long Life Milk	$1.80
Long life juice	$1.40
Water	$1.50

SNACKS

Billabongs	$1.20
Zooper Dooper	40¢
Icy Poles	$1.00
Frozen yoghurt (tub)	$1.80
Chips 27g (assorted)	80¢

Requests to Canteen Users

*** Please ensure that your children have <u>at least enough money</u> to cover the cost of whatever they order.**

*** Please do not expect the canteen to change large notes. <u>Definitely no more than $5 should be tendered</u>.**

Requests to Users

Please ensure you have <u>at least enough money</u> to cover your order. Please do not expect the canteen to change large notes. <u>Definitely no more than $5 should be put in the envelope</u>.

please put this in a suitable position for easy reference

<u>MONDAY - PIZZAS</u> - Ham & Pineapple; Cheese & Bacon $1.60

<u>WEDNESDAY</u> - Specials (as advertised in newsletter)

<u>FRIDAY</u>

Pies / Pasties (Pinnaroo Bakery) $4

Sausage roll (Pinnaroo Bakery) $2.60

Party pie 60g 80¢

sauce 20¢ or 2 for 30¢

Hot Ham & Cheese or Chicken & Cheese Roll $3.50

HOT FOOD Only available in terms 2 & 3

COLLEGE CALENDAR

19/4	Science activities : Years 3-6
	7-12 Interviews : Murrayville
20/4	7-12 Interviews : Pinnaroo
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
26/8	UDSSA Athletics
29/8	Fed Uni Outreach : Years 10-11
29/8-2/9	Dance Week : Years P-8
2/9	School Performance
5-9/9	Bogong : Years 9-11
13/9	Sunraysia Athletics
15/9	Open Day

So many people fail to realize that them is really us

Community Notices

HIRING OF SCHOOL & COMMUNITY BUSES

Please note that these MUST be booked well before use, especially prior to school holidays.
Drivers need to be registered at school and all paper work needs to be completed prior to hiring either of the buses.
Consideration of other users is important as those who complete the correct process are sometimes disadvantaged by unauthorised users.
Your consideration will prevent your inability to access these valuable resources.

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

CHANGE OF DATE - NATIONAL HEARING CARE
As there was not a lot of initial 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

MURRAYVILLE FOOTBALL CLUB
Memberships can now be paid for Football Season 2016

Playing Player	$100
Men's	$70
Ladies	$55
Juniors	$30

Banking Details
BSB 633 108
AC 1569 18104
Please note the banking details have changed from last year
Please quote your name against the payment
Go Doggies 2016
Troy Henderson (President)
Belinda Brown (Treasurer)

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

(* Return from parents/carers)

1. 5/6 students - Somers Camp *
2. 9-11 students - Duke of Edinburgh Award information *
3. 7-12 students - Interim reports
4. Some 9-11 students - Safe Food Handling Course at Pinnaroo

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