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# Newsletter

## Murrayville Community College

Inspiring P.R.I.D.E. • We Value • Persistence Respect Independence Determination Excellence

*From the Principal*

**Welcome Jacob Collins –**

This week we have had Pt Lincoln High School student, Jacob Collins, completing work experience as a Secondary PE teacher. He has run activities and lessons with various classes, spent time with the yard duty teachers, participated in lunch time activities and attended a staff meeting. I sincerely hope that his week with us has given him some insight into life as a teacher.

**Education State Targets –**

There has been a lot in the media lately about Education funding and at the recent Principal's meetings the emphasis continues to be on how we are using our financial resources wisely to raise achievement. I thought it timely to revisit with our school community what the Victorian Government is hoping to achieve through its commitment to make Victoria the Education State.

The new targets are designed to bring Victoria in line with the highest levels of achievement and quality in learning. They will focus our effort on the knowledge, skills and attributes that matter most to parents, students and employers. As schools focus effort to improve, aiming at these Education State targets, we will see more students reaching the highest levels in reading, maths and science. A key focus for schools is breaking the link between a child's social and economic background and how well they do at school. At the same time, schools will give students the skills they need for work and life like resilience and the capacity for critical and creative thinking. More kids will take part in physical activity at school and achieve at the highest levels in the arts. The following targets reflect the goals of the Education State.

*Learning for life*

Over the next 5 years:

- 25% more Year 5 students will reach the highest levels of achievement in reading and maths.

Over the next 10 years:

- 25% more Year 9 students will reach the highest levels of achievement in reading and maths.
- 33% more 15 year olds will reach the highest levels of achievement in science.
- More students will reach the highest levels of achievement in the arts.
- More students will reach the highest levels of achievement in critical and creative thinking.

*Happy, healthy and resilient kids*

School will be a positive experience and nurturing environment for our children to develop confidence, social skills and healthy life habits.

Over the next 10 years:

- The proportion of students who report high resilience will grow by 20%.
- The proportion of students doing physical activity for an hour a day, five times a week, will grow by 20%.

*Breaking the link*

Students at risk of poor learning outcomes will be supported to reach their potential and stay in education for better life opportunities.

Over the next 10 years:

- The proportion of students who leave education early (between Years 9 and 12) will fall by 50%.
- Victoria will reduce the impact of disadvantage on achievement.

*Pride and confidence in our schools*

Parents and communities will report their level of pride and confidence in their local government schools.

We want Victorians to be proud of the great government schools in their communities.

*Natasha Mudie*
*Principal*

**Attendance**
**2-6 May**

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|---|---|
| Prep | 100% |
| 5 | 100% |
| 7 | 97.15% |
| 1 | 96.67% |
| 8 | 96.16% |
| 3 | 96% |
| 12 | 96% |
| 4 | 95% |
| 10 | 92.23% |
| 9 | 90.91% |
| 6 | 90% |
| 2 | 90% |
| 11 | 88.83% |

# CAREERS NEWS

Interested in a career in medicine?

Are you in Year 10, 11 or 12?

You are invited to an information evening to be held at Rural Health Mildura on Wednesday 18th May from 5:30-7:30pm

*Guest Speakers:*

- *Julie Baxter, Manager, Admissions Unit, Clayton*
- *Local senior academic staff*
- *Former and current medical students*

Enquiries and RSVP by 13th May to Jenny Timmis (phone 5022 5500)
or email jenny.timmis@monash.edu

MOVING INTO MEDICINE THE RURAL WAY!
Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences

MULTILIT
Making up lost time in literacy

Congratulations to **Micaela MEYER**
*for*
Completion of Multilit Word Attack
Recognition of 1000 Sight Words

# CANTEEN

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

***WEDNESDAY SPECIAL** next week*
*APRICOT CHICKEN & RICE $5*
*Must be ordered Tuesday*

**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*

Certificates for Inspiring Pride were awarded to:

**Nishar GODDEN**
for showing PERSISTENCE and DETERMINATION
during her Multilit sessions

Years P-2
**Emmazyn EDWARDS**
for her PERSISTENCE
in improving her handwriting

Years 3/4
**Steffinie AMMERLAAN**
for working to improve her INDEPENDENCE
in the classroom and her burgeoning ability to
focus on completing set tasks

Years 5/6
**Micaela MEYER**
for showing DETERMINATION
towards her learning and improving the quality of her work

**Dermott BOSTON**
for showing EXCELLENCE
during his problem solving lessons,
using multiple strategies to solve questions

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Independence Determination Excellence

# English Homework Term 2 Years 7, 8 and 9

**Year 7**

| | | |
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| Reading | Each week students 'free read' approximately 60 pages, or more. Parent signature required. | Due in Monday |
| Spelling | Each week students select five figurative devices, from a list, and provide an easy to understand definition and example, where applicable. | Checked on a Tuesday |
| Writing | Periodically students will be asked to proofread or complete a section of their essay. | |

**Year 8**

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| Reading | Each week students 'free read' approximately 80 pages, or more. Parent signature required. | Due in Tuesday |
| Spelling | Each week students select six figurative devices, from a list, and provide an easy to understand definition and example, where applicable. | Checked on Wednesday |
| Writing | Periodically students will be asked to proofread or complete a section of their essay. | |

**Year 9**

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| Reading | Each week students 'free read' approximately 120 pages, or more. | Due in Monday |
| Spelling | Each week students select eight figurative devices, from a list, and provide an easy to understand definition and example, where applicable. | Checked on Thursday |
| Writing | Each week students will be asked to proofread or complete a section of their essay. | |

**I have encouraged students to be responsible for their learning by:**

- Writing down homework in their diaries
- Asking for assistance when necessary
- Completing the assigned work
- Meeting timelines for homework completion
- Developing a homework routine/study habit
- Locating appropriate resources and materials
- Organizing to have the right books at home to do their homework
- Returning the completed task on time

Students have a week to complete their homework tasks. If you have any questions or concerns regarding homework, please do not hesitate to contact me. Students have my phones numbers and my email address in their diaries, and can contact me at any time if they are unsure as to what to do.

*Fionna Edwards*

**Discover more about your mobile library during Library and Information Week (23rd – 27th May 2016)**

In the lead up to Library and Information week, Mildura Rural City Council's Mobile Library service is encouraging budding writers along the Mallee Track to enter the short story competition. In keeping with the theme for the upcoming Library and Information Week, writers are being asked to use 'Discover' (with a link to a library) as the basis for their entries. The short stories should be no more than 250 words with submissions closing on Friday 20 May 2016. Entry forms are available from the mobile library.

The prize winning entry will be announced on Thursday 26 May 2016 in Ouyen, with the announcement to coincide with a free public talk – 'Discover with Sue and John Gilchrist' – at 1:30pm. [Phone 5018 8498 by May 20, to book for this event]

Sue and John will be sharing some of the discoveries they made during their travel to Nepal to assist with earthquake disaster relief. This free session will be followed by afternoon tea.

Have you made any discoveries through a library? We are inviting library lovers to share one or more of these discoveries by writing a short story, up to 250 words, with the theme discover.

WHO CAN ENTER? People who are Mobile Library customers or who live in the areas that the Mobile Library services. The competition welcomes all entries, regardless of age or skill level.

HOW TO ENTER? Fill in the entry form below. Write your story on a separate sheet. Make sure your phone number is also clearly written at the back of your story page – do not write your name on the story page.

COMPETITION OPENS: May 1st

COMPETITION CLOSES: Submit your story with your completed entry form at the Mobile Library by May 20th

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Phone number: .....

I visit the Mobile Library at (circle your main stop) :

Nangiloc Underbool Walpeup Cowangie Murrayville Ouyen Werrimull Cullulleraine

## Records Broken

| | New Holder | New Record | Previous Holder | Previous Record |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16 Boys 5km | Henry Gibson | 20.32 | Ryan Lewis | 21.11 |
| 17 Boys 5km | Ryan Lewis | 20.33 | Kobe Henderson | 21.10 |
| 18-20 Boys 5km | Kobe Henderson | 20.36 | Nicholas Bridge | 21.22 |
| 12-13 Girls 3km | Suzie Beckmann | 14.32 | Annika Yard | 25.24 |
| 15 Girls 3km | Kirsty Heintze | 14.27 | Maddison Mudie | 14.44 |
| 17 Girls 3km | Lexi Thomas | 14.31 | Jayme-Lee Brown | 18.14 |
| 11 Boys 3km | Cooper Wisneske | 12.11 | Brock Milde | 13.59 |
| 8 Boys 1km | Harvey Crane | 4.13 | Brooklyn Morzer-Bruyns | 4.51 |
| 7 Girls 1km | Laila Wilson | 5.54 | Evie Oakley | 6.23 |
| 8 Girls 1km | Evie Oakley | 5.44 | Mya Jenzen | 6.24 |
| 5-6 Boys 500m | Nate Kelly | 2.50 | Reece Walker | 3.08 |
| 5-6 Girls 500m | Sarah Allan | 2.45 | Laila Wilson | 3.20 |

*Apologies to **BLAKE HENDERSON** who was omitted from the list of medal winners last week*
*Blake won his medal in the Under 14 boys section*

CROSS COUNTRY

This is National Volunteer Week 2016, when the generous contribution of time and expertise of so many people is officially recognised. In 2016 the theme 'Give Happy, Live Happy' which explores the research that shows volunteers live happier and healthier lives, is continued.

<u>It's too easy to take volunteers for granted</u>

They are the power behind more than 600,000 not for profit organisations in Australia. Even in organisations with paid staff (a minority), there is a heavy reliance on the goodwill, energy and skills of people who freely give their time and expertise to help out and so to make the world just a bit better.
If you are not already a volunteer with any organisation(s) please consider how you can become involved.

**At the College we are often seeking volunteers for:**

- **Clubs - whatever of your interests you may wish to share with primary students**
- **Bus driving**
- **Kitchen Garden**
- **Literacy programs**
- **Working bees**
- **Sports Days**

Locally there are several areas where this can occur:

IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES

Active citizens make a difference

- Ambulance
- CFA
- SES
- Sporting Clubs
- Hospital visiting
- Landcare
- House calls on elderly/lonely people
- Minding children for 'frazzled' mothers
- Lawn mowing / gardening for sick or aged community members
- Walk the dog for someone ill
- Driving the Link car for Mallee Track
- Helping out with activities at the Health Centre
- Wetlands

We had particular reason to appreciate the dedication of our local volunteers at last Friday's Cross Country event when we required the services of 2 ambulance teams.
Their rapid response and attention to the students involved was exemplary.

… You never know when it may be your turn to seek the support of these special people!

# COLLEGE CALENDAR

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| 17/5 | Sunraysia/Mallee Cross Country |
| 18/5 | Arts Council : P-12 |
| 26/5 | Practice GAT |
| 31/5 | Regional Cross Country |
| | Arts Council : 7-12 |
| 7/6 | GAT : VCE students |
| 13/6 | Queen's Birthday |
| 16/6 | Writing Competition |
| 20-24/6 | Work Experience : Year 10 |
| 22/6 | Arts Co;uncil : P-6 |
| | Mock Interviews : Year 11 |
| 24/6 | End of Term 2 |
| 11/7 | Term 3 commences |
| 28/7 | Year 7 immunisation |
| 2/8 | English Competition |
| 10/8 | House Athletics |
| 16/8 | Arts Council : P-6 |
| 18/8 | SAPOL Driver Safety : Year 11 |
| 26/8 | UDSSA Athletics |
| 29/8 | Fed Uni Outreach : Years 10-11 |
| 29/8-2/9 | Dance Week : Years P-8 |
| 31/8 | Mallee Division Athletics |
| 2/9 | School Performance |

Humour is also a way of saying something serious

# Community Notices

**DOES YOUR ORGANISATION/CLUB WISH TO HIRE THE SCHOOL/COMMUNITY BUSES?**

We have been advised that you should apply to be a Registered Bus Operator. The registrations held by the school and Mallee Track do not cover other users. There are no costs involved and we are not obliged to check whether hirers are registered, but if there is an accident your organization/club may be liable. All necessary information can be found on the Bus Safety Victoria website http:://transportsafety.vic.gov.au/bus-safety. For the sake of your organization, you are urged to investigate the process and then provide proof of your registration to the College

**NATIONAL HEARING CARE**
will visit Murrayville
on Wednesday 6th July
Unfortunately the 2 previous dates were cancelled due to lack of interest
Please call Jacqui at Neighbourhood House on 5095 2205 to make your appointment
If there is not enough interest then Hearing Care will not visit again
Please make sure you ring early to book in!!

Pinnaroo Ambulance Service
**Celebrating 50 Years**
Saturday 21 May 2016
Open Day at the Station
11am to 4pm
*Present and Historical Ambulance Vehicles and Equipment on display*
Sausage Sizzle Lunch Available
Gold Coin Donation

**PINNAROO JUNIOR GOLF**
Sunday 15th May : Tee Off 1pm
Meet at clubhouse with all sticks & buggy
Inexperienced players must contact Spider, Jill Barr or Nicole Sharrad

**FIREARMS COURSE**
Wednesday 1st June
6 to 9pm
Mallee Track Community Health Centre

## COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

(* Return from parents/carers)

1. Sunraysia Cross Country - eligible primary students *
2. Mallee Cross Country - eligible secondary students *
3. Years 3-6 Students - Carlton Footy Clinic at Ouyen *
4. Year 3/4 – 'Run, run, runny' science homework task
5. Years 3-6 - Big Write information

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