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Newsletter

Murrayville Community College

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From the Principal

Gardening at MCC –
This newsletter highlights two programs that engage our students in hands on learning to develop a range of capabilities. The wicking boxes recently created by the Kitchen Garden students demonstrated a range of higher order thinking skills as well as teamwork and cooperation. The VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning) students have also been actively learning both literacy numeracy skills in a very practical way. Their descriptions of how they planned and remodelled the courtyard garden as the centrepiece to the school, demonstrates how they met a range of different learning outcomes. Both groups of students and their teachers Ms Luckman and Mrs Finn should be congratulated on the way these projects have improved the overall aesthetics of our school.

Practice GAT –
The students in Years 10-12 completed the Practice GAT (General Achievement Test) on Tuesday this week. The actual GAT is used for students completing a Year 12 subject for statistical moderation. The GAT result can have some impact on VCE scores and it is in student's best interest to perform well on the GAT. For this reason students do a practice in Year 10, 11 & 12. Mrs Inglis records their results and shares these with the students so that they can track their improvement. The real GAT will be sat by any student completing a Year 12 study on Tuesday the 7th of June.

Responsible Service of Alcohol –
On Wednesday the Year 11 & 12 students completed the Responsible Service of Alcohol course provided by Sunraysia TAFE. This certificate is perpetual provided the students update their knowledge in an online refresher every 3 years. Facilitating this program at school aims to increase student's employability in their life post school, whether they choose to take a Gap year or complete further study. The students' courses were funded by the grant we received from FRRR to provide better pathways to work and study.

Natasha Mudie
Principal

Each year National Reconciliation Week (NRW) celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians. The dates that begin and end the week are significant milestones in the reconciliation journey.
Today is the anniversary of Australia's most successful referendum and a defining event in our nation's history. The 1967 referendum saw over 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in the national census.
June 3 commemorates the High Court of Australia's landmark Mabo decision in 1992, which legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land - a relationship that existed prior to colonisation and still exists today.
This recognition paved the way for land rights or Native Title.
This year the theme is 'Our History, Our Story, Our Future'

Attendance
16-20 May

5, 7 & 12	100%
9	96.37%
2	96%
10	95.56%
4	94%
3	94%
6	93.34%
Prep	93.34%
11	90%
1	86.7%
8	81.54%

These are the 3/4 Drama kids (in music lessons), creating 'Queen Sylveste' the ruler of the House of the Dancing Shadows

Could parents of senior students who own a polar fleece jacket please check they have the correct item. Someone has mistakenly taken Lilly's named polar fleece and left behind their slightly smaller jacket.
Many thanks
Joylene Moyle

HAVE YOU LOST? …

- A size 14 school sports jacket
- A pair of black rimmed glasses with white arms

Call in to the College front office

CANTEEN

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

WEDNESDAY SPECIAL *next week*
JACKPOT CASSEROLE *$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:

Years P-2
Nate KELLY
for PERSISTENCE
in making sure his writing is great

Years 3/4
Alex TZOKAS
for his increased DETERMINATION
to more consistently apply strong, active listening skills in the classroom

Years 5/6
Talita de WET
for showing DETERMINATION
towards her learning and working hard to be her best

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Kitchen Garden
Wondrous Wicking Beds

This term our Kitchen Garden students have had a chance to learn more about water wise gardening and have constructed our newest garden additions… wicking beds! The 3/4 class created some small broccoli box wicking beds early in the term with the help of Janine Crane and Christine Wyatt. It's fair to say the children took to the hands-on construction with gusto. There was also much discussion about where the boxes should be placed in order to maximise aesthetics, usability of the space and the needs of the plants. So far their herbs and vegetables are growing fabulously.

Just last week the Year 5/6 class got to follow up with the construction of a spud box wicking bed of their own. The class's teamwork, focus and willingness to identify and conduct any task required was highly commendable and a testament to their growing confidence and skill in the garden.

Excess Cutlery?

The Kitchen Garden is in need of some extra cutlery for our kitchen lessons. If you have any excess cutlery clogging up your drawers we'd be happy to take it off your hands. Forks are by far in shortest supply, but spoons and knives would also be gratefully accepted.
Many thanks, Kim Luckman

STUDENTS LANDSCAPE INDOOR GARDEN AT MCC

During this journey into creating the garden we sharpened our designing and landscaping skills. We learnt how to use our imaginations and our creativity to transform the garden into a better place. Initially we discussed our ideas and drew scale plans for the garden and listed the materials we needed. Next we had to remove a lot of old plants and leaves before collecting sand and rocks. The garden took about four weeks of hard work to finish, working every Tuesday for five hours. The VCAL class consisting of Caleb, Crystal, Darcy, Ethan and William have created a piece of art, not only for us to enjoy from our classroom that looks out onto it, but for the whole school to enjoy. We have learnt how to work together in a team as well as creating a garden with a natural feature for the school. Everyone can enjoy the view and sound of running water when walking past or sitting nearby.

Ethan Lawson

VCAL CLASS TRANSFORMS SCHOOL GARDEN

Last term the year 11 VCAL class undertook the task of redesigning and constructing a new improved landscaped garden. The project took place every Tuesday and was worked on by William, Ethan, Crystal, Darcy and Caleb.

The first step was to research design elements that we might like to include in the garden. We then drew up plans and calculated and estimated cost for materials. At a class meeting it was decided to build a waterfall and creek to flow into the already existing pond.

The redevelopment took several weeks to complete as we had to collect sand and rocks for the project. We learnt about Occupational Health and Safety and how to work in a safe way, as well as working in a team.

The VCAL class are very happy with the result, giving the old garden a delightful new look.

We have a lovely view from our classroom now. Many people are enjoying this beautiful garden and have told our class what a great improvement we have made. "The garden is home to two turtles and some goldfish and I am sure they are loving their new environment" said Mrs Finn, the VCAL teacher.

Caleb Francis

BRINGING THE TROPICS TO THE MALLEE

It is not often that you get to experience the luxury of a tropical paradise living in the mallee, however, a group of students at Murrayville Community College have made this luxury a reality.

Term one was a busy time for the year 11 VCAL class undertaking the redevelopment and restoration of the courtyard garden. Initially the class discussed their ideas at a class meeting. It was decided to construct a waterfall and creek to flow into the existing turtle pond and use river stones and new plants to create a natural, tropical landscape effect.

The team working on the garden were Mrs Finn, Mrs Thomas, Caleb Francis, William Venning, Ethan Lawson, Crystal Moore and Darcy Weckert. Before any work could commence the garden had to be cleaned up and old plants trimmed or removed. Local stone was used to build the creek and waterfall and all of these were collected by the group. The turtle ponds was cleaned out and is now crystal clear. The turtles have been joined by three goldfish and they are all living together in harmony. By cleaning up this area the class have made the garden look neater and given the turtles a more natural environment where they can happily roam around.

The views from the windows on all four sides of the garden are wonderful. Students can enjoy the look and sound of the water feature. The primary students love to look into the garden when they visit the library. Numerous staff and students have commented on the garden and what a great job the class has done.

William Venning

STUDENTS TAKE *PRIDE* IN GARDEN!

The Murrayville Community College VCAL students Darcy, William, Caleb, Crystal and Ethan have spent term one working on our school's indoor garden. The students decided to clean up and redo the garden so that it made our school look better. Firstly they removed all the dead plants and leaves that were all over the ground and put them in the school's compost. They made a plan of what they would like the new garden to look like and they all decided to put in a waterfall and a creek. The students went out and collected some white, large rocks from around town, as well as a trailer load of dirt to build up the waterfall so that it sat at the right height. They built up the creek that runs from the bottom of the waterfall to the pond. The students cleaned out the dirty pond that had two turtles in it, then they filled it with clean water and put the turtles back. They also put three goldfish in the pond. New plants were planted around the garden area and bark chips were put all over the ground. The students are proud of what they did in the garden. When asked, a couple of Year 12 students commented on the garden. Celeste said, "I like the garden and I like the cleanliness and the freshness of it". Marcel said, "I like the garden, I think it makes the school look better". The VCAL students are proud of the garden that they created. Lots of people have said it is a credit to us, including staff and students. The best thing about the new improved garden is that the turtles have a better environment in which to live.

Crystal Moore

'THE OLD AND THE NEW'

In 1975 the Secondary College was opened. Later that year the courtyard was built.

The garden had been there for 40 years and was getting very old and needed some tender loving care. The year 11 VCAL class redeveloped the garden and created the 'Tropics in the Mallee'. Come to a land of lush leaves and flowing water. You don't need a road map or a GPS to travel to a place of tranquillity.

The VCAL year 11 classroom looks out over the land of lush leaves, a waterfall, flowing creek and a pond that is home to three goldfish and two turtles. The students are enjoying the view - a big improvement on what we looked at before.

The class had meetings about the redevelopment of the garden. Three weeks later we started work. Every Tuesday until the garden was finished, we collected materials that were needed to finish the garden.

This project has developed our knowledge of team work, Maths and English. This will help us in the future if we get a job that requires team work and other capabilities.

In the pond we have two turtles and three fish, they are loving the environment. 'The turtles don't like the noise of the students, but love to pop their heads out or go for a walk after school' said Mrs Diane Finn.

Darcy Weckert.

COLLEGE CALENDAR

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
5-9/9	Bogong : Years 9-11
13/9	Sunraysia Athletics
15/9	Open Day

Tact is the knack of making a point without making an enemy

DON'T THROW OUT

The school keeps a supply of clothing as backup for times when students' uniform gets wet or is accidentally compromised in some way, or they forget their sports gear. If you have items of school uniform, shoes, sneakers, school sports tops or swimwear which are in good condition and you no longer need them, please contact Mrs Moyle.

Community Notices

DO YOU HAVE AN ABUNDANCE OF CLOTHING SITTING IN YOUR WARDROBE?

Clothes that you will probably never wear again?
Would you like to have a clean out?
Murrayville Neighbourhood House is holding
AUSTRALIAS BIGGEST MORNING TEA WITH A DIFFERENCE
Tuesday 7th June from 10am
Start with a cuppa and plate of morning tea for $5 … then go shopping!!
If you would like to take your 'near new' clothes there they will be sold and all proceeds given to the Cancer Council
Clothes can be left there at any time
More info from Jacqui at the Neighbourhood House - 5095 2205

LOCAL CENSUS JOBS AVAILABLE

Census night is August 9, and the Australian Bureau of Statistics is looking for dedicated, enthusiastic self-starters to fill up to 6,900 Field Officer positions across Victoria.
Field Offiers earn around $21 an hour and enjoy flexible, part-time work hours for up to 3 months.
To do the job you'll need to be a good communicator, reasonably fit, licensed to drive and able to travel and work independently.
To apply or find more information, visit www.abs.gov.au/careers

EVENING WORSHIP
at Jacob's Well Retreat
27 Poole St
6.00 pm, Sunday 28 May,
followed by shared tea
Non-denominational Christian teaching & worship
Please bring a plate of food to share
Contact Kym 0429 184 841 or

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

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 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!!

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

(* Return from parents/carers)

1. St Arnaud Cross Country qualifiers *

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