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Newsletter

Murrayville Community College

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From the Principal

E-Smart –
As part of the E-smart strategy, we will be including regular information to parents about cybersafety and cyberbullying issues. As parents it is difficult to keep pace with our children and fully understand the applications, software and social media platforms that they are using. Therefore we will be publishing fact sheets and other messages about these each week in our newsletter. However, it is still very important that children have a degree of supervision whilst they are online and that they feel comfortable discussing their online interactions with their parents. Please be involved with what your children are doing in their online spaces and if you are ever worried that they are being impacted by safety or bullying issues online, then please seek assistance. Our first factsheet is on kik messenger which I know is used by a number of students at our school.

Regional Cross Country –
Congratulations to Cooper, Jonathon, Zac, Allea and Talita who competed at St Arnaud in the Regional Cross Country event on Tuesday. This is a difficult and very *'cross country'* course with hills and mud and puddles. All of these students finished quite highly in a very large and competitive field of runners from all over the area north-west of Melbourne. Thank you again to Penny Peers who supervised the students at the event.

Bottletop Mural –
Our P-6 students have been working for a number of weeks on a very colourful creation made completely of plastic bottle tops. These bottle tops (over 3000 of them) have been individually glued and screwed in place.

The mural depicts a beautiful flower garden and will be soon erected in the Kitchen Garden. All of the students involved and Mrs Andrews should be very proud of their finished product, as it is a truly amazing 'Work of Art'.

GAT & Mid Year Exams –
Our Year 10-12 students will be completing a range of mid-year exams next week and the GAT (General Achievement Test) for students completing a Year 12 study. These exams are mainly designed to be practice so that students are well prepared for their exams at the end of Year 12. However these results will be reported to parents and will be an indication of how well the students are going and how effective their revision techniques are.

Natasha Mudie - Principal

Attendance 23-27 May

5	100%
9	98.19%
10	97.78%
7	96.5%
Prep	93.34%
4, 12	92%
2	91%
1, 3, 6	90%
8	86.16%
11	80.59%

P/1/2 Drama

Over the last couple of weeks the buzz word in the P/1/2 Drama classroom has been… CROWNS! The students worked diligently to make their own royal prop and gave considerable attention to ensuring their crowns were bejewelled with nothing but the finest embellishments. We read stories with royal characters and responded with our own drama activities.

Last Friday we held a royal ball and all the P/1/2 kings and queens got to practise their impromptu drama skills.

CANTEEN

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

WEDNESDAY SPECIAL *next week*
TUNA CASSEROLE *$5*
Must be ordered Tuesday

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:

Mac GODDEN
for PERSISTENCE
with his EAL work

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

Years 3/4
Brooklyn MORZER-BRUYNS
for his ongoing DETERMINATION
to succeed in Mathematics lessons

Years 5/6
Jasper STANDLEY
for showing INDEPENDNCE
towards his learning tasks, being able to identify his goals and work to achieve them.
Allea HEINTZE
for showing EXCELLENCE
in her approach to learning and achieving success

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Secondary students were enthralled by Vanessa O'Neill's presentation of 'In Search of Owen Roe' on Tuesday morning. Vanessa, who also wrote the story, presented an exploration of ancestry.
She interspersed stories from past and present times, telling tales of rebels, ghosts, lovers and narrators.

In Search of Owen Roe

REGIONAL ARTS VICTORIA

ON THE ROAD

WEP

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HOSTING AN ITALIAN STUDENT FOR A TERM OR A SEMESTER?

Hosting an exchange student gives Australian families the opportunity to share their life and culture with young people from around the world for a term, semester or year. It is about discovering another culture, encompassing different traditions and practices, and supporting a new family member. WEP host families are welcoming, curious and excited to have the opportunity for new experiences. They are people who would like to discover another culture, another way of life and traditions, and enjoy seeing Australia through the eyes of their exchange student. To be a WEP host family means offering this exciting opportunity to an equally curious and enthusiastic high school exchange student. Find out more at ...
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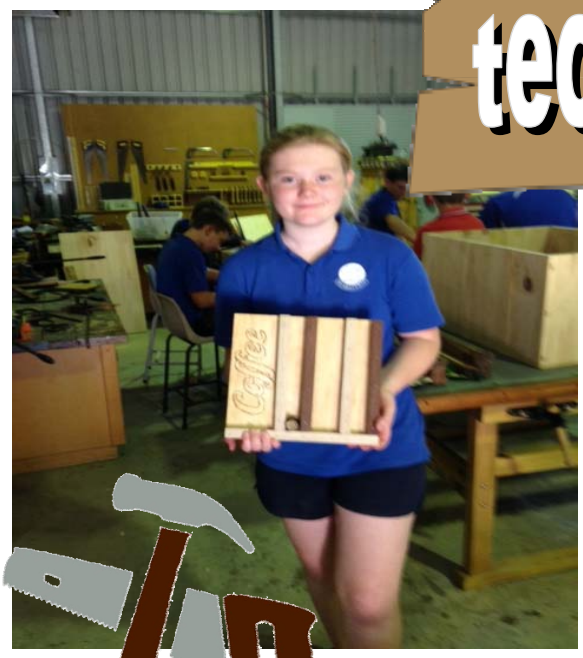
www.wep.org.au

from the tech Shed



Kristen Sparnon's mothers' day gift was a coffee pod dispenser.

George Heintze with the chopping board he made as a mothers' day present during 7/8 Tech Studies

Year 7/8 students Luka, Hugh and Kynan with their finished metal bracket and sign projects.

Our Year 10 exchange student, Bent Prellberg has been learning the finer art of MIG welding.

FAMILY ACCOUNT STATEMENTS

- Due to the increasing cost of postage, the school has begun to use the email option for distributing Family Account Statements. If you change your email address at any time, can you please notify the school accordingly?
- Unless parents have made prior arrangements, uniform items need to be paid for at the time of purchase/collection please.

Many thanks,

Joylene Moyle

eSmart

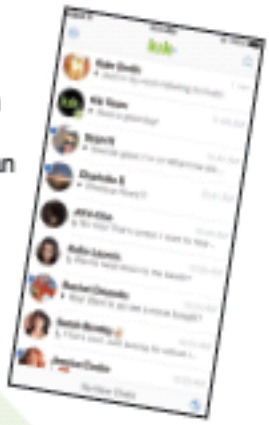
Smart. Safe. Responsible.

This week's message

KIK MESSENGER (For youth)

What is Kik Messenger?

Kik Messenger (Kik) is a free smartphone messenger application that allows users to send texts, pictures, videos and sketches. It can be downloaded on most devices.



What can I do if someone is bullying me on Kik?

If you are being bullied on Kik the first step is to tell a trusted adult. This could be mum, dad, an older sibling or any adult you feel comfortable talking to. You should then make sure you take the below steps to block and delete the user who is bullying you and restrict your account to only receive messages from those on your contact list.

If you feel you cannot talk to anyone at home or school you can contact Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800. Remember on Kids Helpline you can stay anonymous and your call will not come up on your phone bill.

How can I limit who can contact me on Kik?

There is a feature on Kik called 'New Chats' which separates messages sent to you by people you don't know, from people in your contacts list. Having the notification feature for 'New Chat's' turned off makes it easier for you to avoid messages from random users and easily block them when this occurs.

It's also a good idea to choose a username that is hard to guess as this makes it more difficult for people you don't know to find you and send you messages. You should also avoid using your mobile number as your username and turn off the 'Address Book Matching' feature so that only the people you choose to share your username with can contact you.

How do I block someone on Kik?

It's really important that you know how to block and report on every social networking site or app that you might use. To block a user in Kik select Settings > Privacy > Block List, click the + to select the username of the person you want to block and select Yes or Block to confirm. This will make sure that all messages from this user will be hidden.

Note: A user will not be notified when they have been blocked.

How do I delete a user on my contacts list?

As soon as you start using a new app or social networking site it's important to familiarise yourself with how to delete users. It's also a good idea to go through your contacts regularly and ask yourself three questions: Do I know this person? Do I want to communicate with them regularly? Do I trust them? If you answer 'no' to any of these questions it might be a good idea to delete that user. To do so, select the Talk icon to see your list of contacts. Select the person you wish to delete, swipe or press and hold and select Delete or Remove From List.

How do I delete my Kik account?

To delete your account select Settings > Your Account > Reset Kik Messenger. You then need to delete the Kik application from your phone. Ask a friend with Kik to send a message to your old account and within a few days you receive an email from Kik saying you have unread messages. At the bottom of this email will be a deactivation link – click on this and shortly after your account will be deleted.

Note: If you log into Kik before you have clicked on the deactivation link it will cancel your request and your account will remain active.

Top 3 Kik Messenger Tips

1. Never share your username online – this makes it easier for people who you might not know to contact you.
2. Be aware of how to block, report and delete users on all your accounts and apps.
3. Make sure you check your privacy settings. Restrict your account so that only people you know and trust can communicate with you.

COLLEGE CALENDAR

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
16/9	End of Term 3
3/10	Start of Term 4

Even nerves of steel are subject to metal fatigue

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.

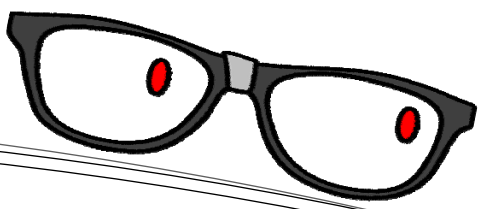
Community Notices

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.
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

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!!

We still have someone's prescription lens glasses at the front office!
They were left at the soccer a few weeks ago - surely someone is missing them.
They have a black frame with white arms.
Please contact the College if you know who is the owner.