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Newsletter

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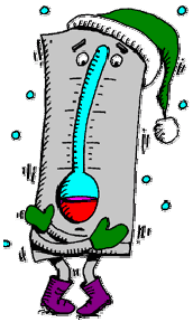
From the Principal

Welcome back –
I hope all students and families had a refreshing break over the recent holidays and are ready for a new term that is jam packed with excellent learning opportunities. Staff will be concentrating their learning this term on "How to assess students' Higher Order Thinking".
We will be running a number of after school workshops and working together to build assessments that not only assess skills and content understanding, but the students' ability to analyse, evaluate and create as well as their ability to use logic and reasoning.
Our goal is to create students who are critical thinkers and are able to use evidence to reason, reflect and make sound decisions. Critical and Creative thinking will be formally assessed and reported from 2017 as part of the new Victorian Curriculum.

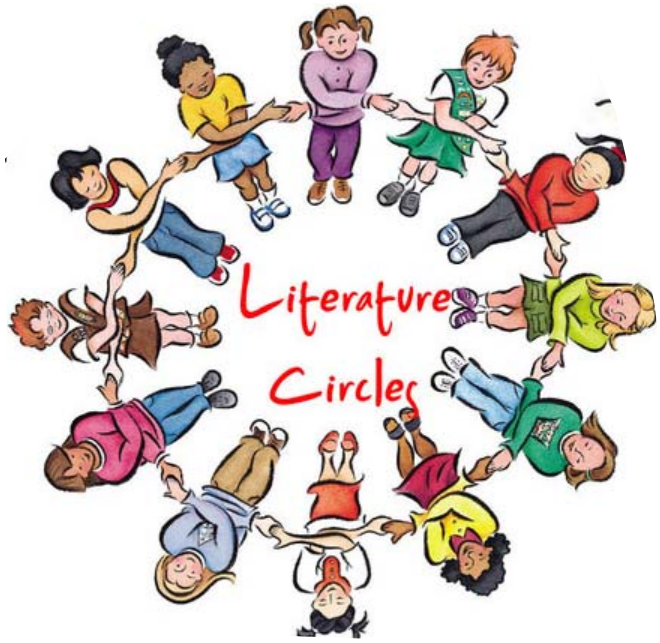
Extreme Weather –
The extreme weather on Tuesday afternoon wreaked some havoc in the school's yard. Despite having a number of large trees removed and others trimmed by arborists in January, we still had two large trees come down. Unfortunately this also brought down a power line and left live wires in the northern part of the yard. Thankfully this was noticed in a timely manner and further threats to the safety of students, staff and parents was averted.
I would like to thank Peter Sporn, Ross Huxtable and the SES for their help on Tuesday (and since with the clean-up), also the bus drivers and parents for their cooperation in picking up students in the alternative areas. As over 80 of our students are bus travellers, I was concerned that some students would be walking home in this wild weather.
I tried to contact every family either by text or phone to ask that students be met at their bus stop. If you weren't contacted by text and you do have a mobile phone, can you please check with the front office that your details are correct. I would like to set up a group on my phone for all parents/families so that if I need to contact everyone, this process is fast and simple.

Welcome Beke! –
Beke arrived from a German summer to some of our coldest weather in a long while on Saturday. Beke is participating in a student exchange and is being hosted by the Daniel family. She is currently studying Year 10 and joins Mia, from Norway, who will be completing her Year 11 studies at MCC. Our students and staff are very lucky to have these exchange students who bring diversity and enrichment to our classes.

Parent Opinion Survey -
Its that time of the year when the Education Department is again seeking the opinions of parents in our school community about how they feel their children are progressing at school.
The surveys are sent to a randomly generated selection of parents and will be posted out on Monday.
If you receive a survey please take the time to complete it and return to the front office as soon as possible.
Thank you for your cooperation.



Natasha Mudie
Principal



In Year 7 and 8 we are looking forward to running Literature Circles in the classroom this term.
To assist in making this program successful, we are seeking parent/helper assistance. Involvement will entail coming to the school for one lesson a week, reading approximately 80 pages from a selected novel, and completing a task. Having an adult present assists discussion, provides a model for good work habits, and allows students to delve deeper into the novel and consider the underlying issues.
The program will take place Monday, lesson 4: 12.15 – 1.15

I understand that many parents work, and everyone's lives are very busy. However, please contact me if you are able to be involved in this very worthwhile program. We hope to have Literature Circles up and running Week 4, this term.
Fionna Edwards (0429 952 095)

CANTEEN

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

***WEDNESDAY SPECIAL** next week*
CHOW MEIN *$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 / Chicken & Cheese Hot Rolls $3

ALL ORDERS ARE TO BE PLACED BEFORE SCHOOL

Please - no more than $5 in your envelope

In the last week of term 2 primary students were introduced to a variety of cultural and contemporary areas of Asian life via a visit from Hugh Munro, as part of the 2016 school performance tours. The puppets and costumes, as well as lots of participation by our students, painted a vivid picture of life for the people in these countries.
More photos can be found on page 4.

G'Day Asia

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

Term Two delivered a couple of great kitchen experiences to the Year 3-6 Kitchen Garden students. With Indian and Mexican inspired menus, the students got to try lots of new flavours and build their knowledge of international cuisines. It's wonderful to see how our more experienced cooks have really stepped up to lead their groups in the kitchen and to see the students so engaged in learning vital life skills.

Indian Inspired Menu

Potato and Silverbeet Curry

Spiced Green Pumpkin Masala

Yoghurt Flat Bread with Herb Butter

Carrot & Chickpea Salad

Mexican Inspired Menu

Chilli Non Carne

One Pan Mexican Quinoa

Wheat Tortillas

Mexican Street Salad

Spicy Mexican Couscous Salad

Pack waste free food!

During the last week of Term Two the Primary students undertook the **EVERYDAY NUDE FOOD CHALLENGE**! It was fabulous to see so many healthy, rubbish free lunchboxes on the day. The 3/4 class had organised the day as part of their Healthy Mind, Healthy Body studies. They'd graphed their food rubbish from a day before the event and were amazed to see the dramatic reduction in the waste we produced on the day of the challenge. Sitting down together for lunch was a great way to celebrate the day and share some tasty lunchbox ideas. Hopefully the 'good for you, good for the environment' message of the day will help influence students in their future school lunchbox choices. Thank you to all the participating students and parents for their support.

Rewarding regular savers with spectacular prizes.

We're bringing the exciting news that Prize Lights have appeared in the Outback sky, and the Dollarmites are giving students who demonstrate regular savings behaviour the chance to win spectacular prizes.

How to enter

Students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes, including camping kits, instant cameras and magazine packs.

What's more, students who complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making three or more school Banking deposits during Term 3, will also go in the separate draw to win one of the Supernova prizes – a PlayStation 4 pack. Students can complete the Stargazing activity online at any time during Term 3 by visiting **commbank.com.au/prizelights**

Win a bag of sports equipment for your school

We're also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 75 bags full of sports equipment, valued at $200, when students make three School Banking deposits during Term 3.

eSmart

Smart. Safe. Responsible.

This week's message

CYBER SAFETY
top ten tips for youth

The internet and mobile phones provide great ways to express yourself and communicate with others. It's important to make sure they're used responsibly so that everyone has an enjoyable online experience.

It's all about respecting yourself and others.

1. Use a strong password, a combination of upper and lower case letters, numbers and symbols, eg P@$$w0rd!
2. Use secure web browers, those with https at the start of the URL and a padlock or other indication that it is secure, when sharing sensitive information.
3. Update your operating system regularly and make sure you have antivirus software installed on your computer and other devices – phones too!
4. Avoid opening or responding to emails from people you do not know and aren't expecting – They could contain a virus or malicious software.
5. Don't give out private information over the internet or mobile phones about you, your family and friends. Also think about what information might be contained in photos you share.
6. Only accept friend requests from people you know and trust. When it comes to friends and followers online it is not a popularity contest!
7. Think before you post! Once you've pressed 'Send' you can't get that back. Who might see that photo, video or comment? Where might it end up?
8. Make sure your social media accounts are set to private or friends only! Also make sure you check your privacy settings regularly as they can change without you knowing.
9. Tell your friends to ask for your permission before uploading or tagging you in a photo – Make sure you do the same!
10. Don't post inappropriate or illegal content - It is impossible to permanently delete digital content once it has been shared.

Most importantly, know where you can go for help!
Speak to an adult you trust if something makes you feel uncomfortable online or on a mobile phone.
You can also contact:

. Reach Out: www.reachout.com.au

. Bullying. No Way!: www.bullyingnoway.com.au

. Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800

. Youth Beyond Blue: www.youthbeyondblue.com

. The website, application or phone carrier that you were using at the time

For more information visit www.thinkuknow.org.au

COLLEGE CALENDAR

20/7	Mock Interviews : Year 11
25-29/7	VCAL Work Experience
26/7	Uniform Meeting 3:30pm
28/7	Year 10/11 'Courage to Care'
2/8	English Competition
	Year 7 Immunisation
4/8	Cyber Bullying : Vic Police talk
10/8	House Athletics
12/8	Try a Trade (Mildura)
16/8	Arts Council : P-6
17/8	VCE Subject Selection
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
2/9	Open Day
31/8	Mallee Division Athletics
2/9	School Performance
5-9/9	Bogong : Years 9-11
13/9	Sunraysia Athletics
16/9	End of Term 3
3/10	Start of Term 4
5/10	Pinnaroo Show

New ideas, like seedlings, must be well watered if they are to survive

Community Notices

Southern Mallee Scouts : Official Opening Night
Tuesday 26 July 2016 : 6pm - 8pm
Parilla Memorial Hall
For girls and boys aged between 6 and 15
Parents/Carers encouraged to participate and enjoy the evening
Supper provided after activities
Spread the word and bring a friend
Enquiries, please call David Scarlett 0427 828 119

MTH&CS
The next Molescan Bus to Adelaide will be on
Wednesday August 24th
For bookings please contact Jacqui at Murrayville Neighbourhood House on 03 5095 2205

Murrayville Football Club

Murrayville Public Hall
Saturday 23rd July : $25 per person

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

(* Return from parents/carers)

1. VCAL & Hospitality students - details re Coffee/Barista course *
2. Year 3/4 & 5/6 Parents - term 3 information

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