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Newsletter

Murrayville Community College

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From the Principal

Child Safe Standards –
Ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people is always our highest priority. The *Child Safe Standards* (Standards) were published at the start of this year and are the result of recommendations from the final report of the Victorian Parliament's *Betrayal of Trust* inquiry. These Standards build on the existing processes and commitment to student safety in schools. They were introduced through Ministerial Order 870 – Child Safe Standards, in January and come into force for all Victorian schools from **August 1**. From that date schools must be fully compliant with the Standards or have a plan in place to be fully compliant by the end of the 2016 school year.
To ensure that we are compliant we need to have policies and procedures that protect child safety. School council adopted the first draft of our Child Safety Policy at the June meeting, however since then I have done a considerable amount of work to ensure that our procedures at school are also compliant with these standards. This has meant that I have had to edit the new policy document and add many of these procedures as appendices to it. I urge all parents to look at the new draft policy and its appendices on the website, and welcome any feedback prior to it being ratified at the school council meeting on the 8th of August.

Policies –
Our policies are constantly under an annual rolling review where a number are reviewed at each meeting. For the period between council meetings they will appear as a draft on the website, again I welcome any input from parents around this.

Mock Interviews –
Our Year 11s were out of their comfort zone and *Inspiring* PRIDE on Wednesday as they took on the role of job seekers. They were well prepared. Having researched their prospective positions, they adjusted their resumes accordingly and wrote application letters, last term. They used the tips given in Friday's careers lesson to make a good first impression, presenting themselves very well and communicating extremely well in the mock interviews. Helene and Sophie from Sunraysia Murray Group Training were very impressed with the quality of interviews and said most would have been employed, had they been applying for a real job. We are very grateful to SMGT who travelled down from Mildura to provide this service to our students. It is an extremely valuable experience.

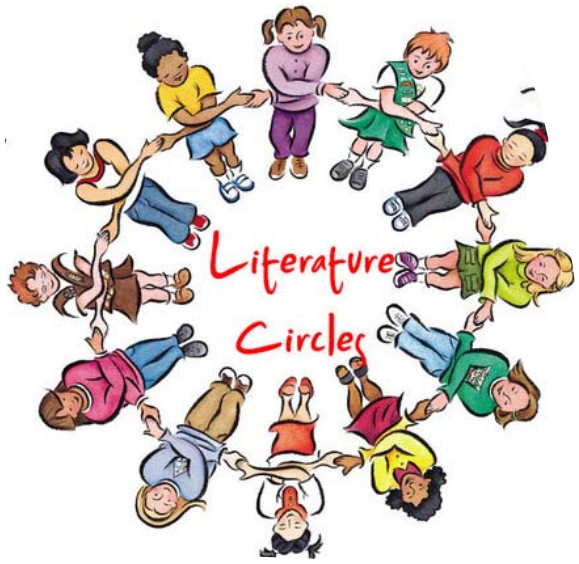
Natasha Mudie
Principal

PLEASE NOTE : The date for our OPEN DAY has been brought forward to FRIDAY 2nd September

If you received a parent opinion survey in your mail earlier this week, please make sure that it is completed and returned to the front office by Wednesday 27th July
Thank you

Attendance 11/7-15/7

Prep	100%
2	98%
4	96%
5	93.34%
11	91.77%
1	83.4%
6	86.67%
8	83.08%
3, 10	80%
9	78.2%
12	76%
7	68.6%



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*
CHICKEN & VEGETABLE SOUP $2

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

Certificates for Inspiring Pride were awarded to:

Years P-2
Riley MUSGROVE
and **Reece WALKER**
for showing PERSISTENCE
in extending their writing

Years 3/4
Dillon WALKER
for his growing DETERMINATION
to improve his grammar knowledge and be an active participant during GHaSP lessons

Years 5/6
Amelia PEERS
for showing RESPECT
towards hers and others learning,
always working hard in class and at home

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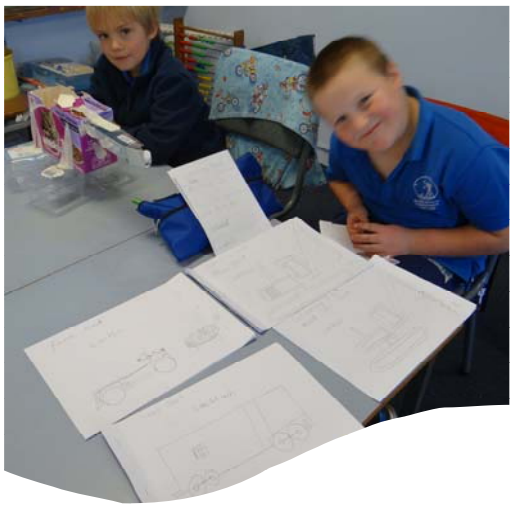
market day



Fridays are Market Day in the Prep, 1 and 2 classroom!
In learning about money, the students fall into 2 groups – the workers and the entrepreneurs.
Year 2 are the entrepreneurs. With a start up loan of $5 (plastic dollars!) they were able to purchase essential materials to create a variety of products for their market stalls.
Some chose to use the readily available paper, tape and staples, while others went for the luxury items of pipe cleaners, pompoms, etc.
The Preps and Year 1s are our workers. They are paid for their 5 hours of school time at the rate of 20¢ an hour. They receive their pay (less any absences and less a charge for the electricity and water) on Friday morning.
During period 4, the year 2s set up the classroom as a market place and the 'workers' are then free to wander around and purchase the things that appeal to them. The Year 2s were VERY excited with their profits!

TASTE TEST

This is Marcel doing taste testing in Psychology, determining where on the tongue the sensations are the strongest

JOB INTERVIEW

Year 11 students went through a job interview with representatives from Sunraysia Murray Group Training on Wednesday. The students had previously prepared their resumes and applications for specific jobs and had been briefed on what to expect, how to dress, etc by careers staff. They were given comprehensive feedback following their interviews and most said they found the experience less daunting than they had expected.

We appreciate the expertise of Helene and Sophie from SMGT and their willingness to assist our students in this way.

Both were very impressed with the applicants they interviewed.

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INSTAGRAM (For youth)

What is Instagram?

Instagram is a photo-sharing app which allows users to take photos and videos, apply a filter and share their photos with either followers or the general public. Users are able to 'like' and comment on photos as well as send these images directly to individual followers.

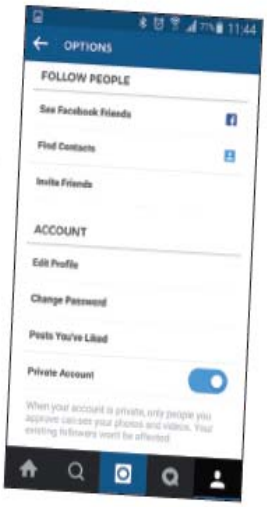
Instagram has a private messaging option which allows followers to contact one another and share photos privately. Private messaging can be accessed by the inbox symbol at the top right corner of the home page.

Who can use Instagram?

Users must be 13 years or older to use Instagram. This service is owned by Facebook and usually links to a Facebook account where a user's age can also be verified. There may be content on Instagram which is confronting, graphic or not appropriate for children and younger teens.

Who can see my photos on Instagram?

You can choose to make your Instagram account visible to the public, or just to the people you approve as followers. You can change your account settings to 'private' or 'public' through the Instagram app on your mobile device. First, select the 'Profile' option on the lower right-hand side of the screen. Click 'Options' (signified by three dots), under 'Account' ensure 'Private Account' is in the 'On' position. It is important to note that even if your account is private, if you share an Instagram photo on Facebook, the people on your Facebook friends list will also be able to see this photo.



This week's message

What could be revealed through an image?

There is a lot of information which can be revealed through a photo when it is shared online, in particular your location. This is revealed through a process called 'geotagging'. Geotagging is when the GPS coordinates of where an image was taken or a post was made, are stored within that post. This means that people may be able to find out where you or your friends live, what school you go to or other personal information through the photos you share.

How can I limit sharing my location information?

It is important to turn off the location function for the camera on your mobile device. For most devices, you can find where to do this in your 'Settings' menu. If you are unsure how to do this on your device, you can look up your device's user guide online. It is also best to avoid using the Photo Map function on Instagram as this will pinpoint where your photos have been taken on a map, potentially showing others the locations where you spend much of your time.

What are the potential problems with Instagram?

The potential problems you may face when using Instagram include sharing private information about yourself through your photos, such as your home address or where you go to school. You may post a photo and receive negative comments from other users, or you might share a photo privately with someone which they then share without your permission. You may also be exposed to photos which are rude, offensive or might upset you. It's important you know how to block and report inappropriate users on Instagram, and if you need further help you can report any problems to the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner at www.esafety.gov.au

Top 3 Instagram tips

1. Ensure your Instagram account is set to 'Private'.
2. Avoid sharing photos on your Photo Map – particularly those taken at home or your school.
3. Be aware of how to block, report and delete users.

COLLEGE CALENDAR

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
8/8	College Council
10/8	House Athletics
12/8	Try a Trade (Mildura)
	Flinders Uni Visit : Year 10
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
31/8	Mallee Division Athletics
2/9	Open Day
5-9/9	Bogong : Years 9-11
12/9	College Council
13/9	Sunraysia Athletics
15/9	SRC Social : 'Red Carpet'
16/9	End of Term 3 : Casual Day

Our thoughts are precious - they are our very own property and can't be taken from us

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

Jacob's Well RETREAT

Sunday July 24th : Worship **10am**
Sunday July 31st : Worship **6pm**
followed by shared tea
Non-denominational Christian teaching and worship
Every one welcome
Contact: Kym 0429 184 841

Murrayville Football Club

Murrayville Public Hall
Saturday 23rd July : $25 per person
Half Game Show, Half Party

MURRAYVILLE FOOTBALL CLUB : GOODS & SERVICES AUCTION
At the Rec Hut after teas (Murrayville vs Lameroo) on 13th August 2016

We are looking for items to auction so if you have something you could donate please get in contact with Troy & Sharyn Henderson, Drew Crane or Christine Wyatt or email : tshenderson@bigpond.com / bradnchris@bigpond.com
This is an important fundraiser for the club, so it would be great to see you all come along and have a great night
Troy Henderson - President
Christine Wyatt - Secretary

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY :
TUESDAY 2 AUGUST (next week)
Student Centre at 2pm
The program will include several musical items, and visitors are welcome to attend
The items will be the Senior Choir, Primary Choir and Abigail Sparnon on the piano
Assembly is usually around 15 minutes
Hope to see you there

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

(* Return from parents/carers)

1. HPV Riders - information about next Adelaide event
2. 12 Biology excursion to Mildura on July 31 *
3. Year 10 - Flinders Uni visit *
4. Years 10 & 11 - Courage to Care excursion *

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