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Newsletter

Murrayville Community College

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From the Principal

Open day –
Today is Open day and it is another fantastic opportunity for the school to showcase the wonderful achievements of our students. We officially opened our Kitchen Garden Bottle top mural this morning. This fabulous piece of art work was a combined project involving input from all of our P-6 students, many other helpers and coordinated by Mrs Andrews. The latest P-6 art project "Readwell Castle" has been transferred to the Library just in time for Open day. It has transformed our library into a mystical medieval landscape and I know that the junior students can't wait to get inside! Make sure you take a peek when you are in the school. A huge thankyou goes to Karen Willersdorf for her coordination of this fantastic event.

Dance Week –
Once again the school has been filled with music and energy as our students in Years Prep to Eight prepared for today's dance performances. It is always astounding how these dances evolve from a few steps and moves on Monday, to polished dance performances on Friday and how the students transform from nervous individuals to a confident troop of performers. I would like to congratulate Sue Howard-Denton on the amazing job she has done with each group and look forward to the final performances immensely this afternoon.

Up in time for Open day –
The shade structures over the Primary play equipment are now complete, painted and look absolutely fantastic. A big thank you goes to Joylene Moyle, who was responsible for putting the grant application together and is now busy organising plantings for the periphery.

School for Student Leadership –
On Sunday Lillian, Blake and Lara commenced their experience at the School for Student Leadership – Gnurad Gundidj. The reports we have had so far are that they have settled in very well and have formed a great team with the Bendigo South East students. They have participated in team challenges and are preparing for a number of activities such as bridge building and expo before they head to China for the subsequent part of the program.

Regional Athletics –
Congratulations to Henry Gibson who competed in the Long jump and Triple jump at the North West Regional Athletics at Bendigo last Thursday. His double third place was a fantastic achievement when competing at this level.

Natasha Mudie
Principal

Attendance
3-7 October

12	97.5%
2, 4	95%
5	94.65%
8	94.24%
3	92.5%
Prep	91.67%
1	90.63%
6	88.4%
10	87.5%
11	84.56%
9	82.96%
7	81.25%

A reminder to parents that all absences must be notified to the school and that any planned holidays need to be discussed with the Principal (not just the class teacher). The school is legally responsible for ensuring that all student absences are followed up.
If your child is ill it is advisable to contact the school by phoning 03 5095 2001 or sending a message via 0457 518 394.

日本語のニューズ Japanese news!

On Saturday October 22, the Japan Australia Friendship Association (JAFA) are organising a very special Japanese cultural event in Prospect Town Hall, Adelaide, featuring Japanese Anime (animated movies). There will be 4 movies on show, 3 of which are rated PG and may be of interest to our students studying Japanese. Details of the movies can be found on the website page at
http://www.jafa.asn.au/index.php/upcoming-events/222-animego-adelaide-s-anime-film-festival
In addition to the movies there will be a variety of entertainment, food and displays.
If you are in Adelaide that day it would be worth dropping by!!

Mrs Finn demonstrated washing 'olden days style' to P-2 students on Wednesday

CANTEEN

AVAILABLE MONDAY-FRIDAY

Cold foods are: Wraps / Sandwiches / Rolls
Hot foods are:
Ham & Cheese / Chicken & Cheese Hot Rolls $3.50

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
Ethan McKEE - for showing great DETERMINATION in Mathematics

Years 3/4
Matilda WYATT - for her growing INDEPENDENCE and confidence in the classroom

Years 5/6
Talita de WET – for showing PERSISTENCE towards improving her cursive handwriting
Patricia BELLCHAMBERS - for showing DETERMINATION towards her learning and working hard to be her best

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SHADE STRUCTURES GO UP!

There was great excitement on Tuesday when our shade structures in the primary playground were completed. The students were intrigued to see how the shade cloth was stretched to fit using a combination of ropes and pulleys, aided by some mechanical strength.

The installers have done a fabulous job of matching the structures to our existing facilities and in the coming weeks the softfall will be replenished.

The shade structures will be complimented by planting trees to give dense natural shade on the periphery of the area to provide passive solar benefits, and we will make some additions and repairs to the pathways. Some sections of the pathways were damaged when the large trees were removed and others have been affected by tree roots and need to be relaid to avoid trip hazards. The amount of shade in the playground has been increased considerably in the areas of our fixed playground equipment and, in line with our Sun Protection/UV Policy, will provide protection at school break times when the UV radiation is at its highest levels. As a Sunsmart school we are committed to providing year round guaranteed predictable shade and weather protection, and the primary playground is, and will be, much improved for the works that are currently in progress.

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MANAGING YOUR REPUTATION

When you send something digitally, either via your mobile phone or over the internet, you lose control over who sees it and what they do with it. You may never be able to permanently delete the image or text, so it is important that before you send something, think about what you are sending and where it might end up.

Do you know who you are sending it to?

You might be tricked into thinking you are communicating with a friend, but can you ever be sure that it is only them holding the phone or looking at the screen?

Do you know what they will do with it?

Even if you are sure who is on the other end, can you really trust them? If your relationship turns sour, can you be sure that they won't use that text or image against you?

Do you want it to be around forever?

Once you have shared something in a digital format, it can easily be distributed to others and posted on the internet. Distribution might start with just your school, but it can quickly spread to your community and beyond. Once you put something on the internet, it can never be permanently deleted. Think about these things before you ever share something digitally.

How will it affect your future?

A future employer, university or sporting organisation might research you online. What they find will influence their decision on whether to employ you.

Some pictures should never be shared. These include images in little or no clothing, or in sexualised poses.

What should you do before it happens to you?

Think twice before communicating or agreeing to share this type of material with someone, especially using technology to do so.

Have you been part of the problem?

By storing or helping to distribute this type of material, you are contributing to this serious issue. Distributing these images maliciously is viewed even more seriously.

What should you do if it has already occurred?

If you have received this type of material, delete it without forwarding it. Tell the person who sent it to you that you are not interested in being a part of this. If you know who the person in the image or communication is, let them know what is going on. They wouldn't want to be the last to know.

If you have created this material, delete it and don't share it. If you have sent it to someone, ask them to delete it and make sure they do.

If someone has created this material of you without your permission, you need to tell a trusted adult and they can assist you in reporting it to law enforcement. This is a serious matter and should not be ignored.

So what does the law say?

Images, text or representations of someone under the age of 18 in little or no clothing, a sexual pose or engaged in a sexual act may be considered child pornography.

Even if you create and share this content yourself you can still be breaking the law!

Young people in Australia and overseas have been charged under child pornography laws for engaging in this type of behaviour.

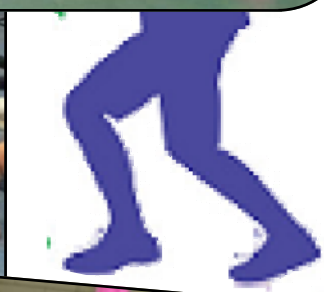
So what can you do about it?

Type your name into a seach engine and see what's out there about you. Regularly search for your name, username, email address and phone number in online search engines such as Google, Bing or Yahoo!. You can also use meta search enginges such as www.pipl.com for a deeper search. If you don't like what is out there, take ownership and have it removed or balance it with positive content.

Your online reputation is your responsibility so take control of what your digital shadow is saying about you!

This week's message

digital dance



COLLEGE CALENDAR

1-4/11	5/6 Camp
3/11	Arts Council : P-12
7/11	College Council
8/11	Arts Council : 3-10
11/11	Year 12 Dinner
18/11	Student Free Day
16-22/11	Year 11 Exam Week
23-25/11	2017 Year 12 Retreat
28/11-2/12	VCAL Work Experience Outdoor Ed Camp : 9/10 VCE Year 11 Transition
1/12	Enviro Ed : K-6
2/12	Last day for Year 11
5-7/12	3/4 Camp
8/12	Whole School Transition
12-16/12	Anglesea Camp : 7/8
12/12	College Council
19/12	Presentation Night
20/12	End of Term 4

<u>2017 Dates</u>

Term 1 : 30/1 (Teachers) - 31/3
Term 2 : 18/4 - 30/6
Term 3 : 17/7 - 22/9
Term 4 : 9/10 - 22/12

The future starts today, not tomorrow

Community Notices

Mallee COGS
Childcare On the Go Service

DO YOU NEED CHILD CARE?

Mallee COGS is planning for 2017 and require numbers asap If you or someone you know may need childcare in the future please contact them as numbers are filling fast and there are already lengthy waiting lists at some sites.
No expression of interest in care will be accepted without a completed 'Request for Booking' form.
These forms are available from team leaders (see below) or via mmcs@southernmallee.sa.gov.au
Session Times are 8:30am to 5:15pm
Morning and afternoon sessions may be available at some sites.

Sharon (Pinnaroo Leader) 0428 763 973
Hayley (Administration) 0428 763 970

HAPPY FAMILIES

A program for a sustainable model to creating a happy family no matter what
Wednesday 16 November : 9am-3pm

Sunraysia DisAbility Resource Centre in Mildura
Free for carers
$100 for professionals
Relevant to - parents, teachers, care-givers, support workers, community workers, allied health practitioners
Register by 21 October with Tash (5454 7719)

Pinnaroo Open Garden Day
Friday October 21st 2016
Tickets $25 pp / $20 pensioner
Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea provided
Raffle drawn at lunch
For more information contact
Jill Nickolls 0427 715 844 or
Jodie Woolford 08 8577 8283
Purchase tickets from Pinnaroo Post Office

MURRAYVILLE DRAMATIC SOCIETY
presents
"Murrayville's Secret Garden"
Friday 21st & Saturday 22nd October
in the Murrayville Hall
Produced by Joy Kalms

FREE FIRE READY INFORMATION SESSION
Murrayville Fire Station
Sunday 16 October
Commencing with BBQ at 12:30pm
Contact CFA District 18 Office (1800 820 118) for more information
<u>If you only do one thing this fire season make sure you are aware of the above normal hazards potentially facing this part of our country</u>

Celebrating History Week
Open Day at Murrayville Museum Shed
18th October from 1.30 – 4pm
Plant Stall, Afternoon Tea Admission $2

<u>WANTED</u> ..... Margarine and icecream containers for the junior primary sector at school please

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

1. Year 11 - order form for English texts required prior to 2017