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Newsletter

Murrayville Community College

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From the Principal

5/6 Camp –
This week our Year 5/6 students have been experiencing the bright lights and big smoke of Adelaide. They have had a fantastic itinerary to follow, that has given them a wide variety of educational, fun and challenging experiences. I look forward to seeing some photos in the next newsletter. Thank you to Mrs Wyatt for her organisation of this camp. Thank you also to Mrs Parker and Mr Watson for driving the bus and attending as supervising staff.

Agriculture News –
Over the past 3 weeks our Agriculture staff have been very busy making hay. It has been such an exceptional year for our pastures, with the abundant spring rainfall. There has just been too much feed for our sheep to eat, which is a wonderful problem to have. Therefore most of the feed crops have been slashed and baled into 28 large round bales. Thank you to Mrs Inglis and Mrs Thomas for the work they have done with the slashing and raking and to Navarre Boseley for baling it for us. Also thank you to Colin Crane for the loan of his hay rake. Next week, the agriculture students will be preparing for and assisting with shearing. So that our sheep are ready for that summer weather that must be just around the corner.

Emergency Management Planning and Bushfire Information –
Although it has been very cool start to spring, it is important that we begin to prepare for the coming bushfire season. I have been updating our Emergency Management Plan this week and we conducted a bushfire drill on Monday. I was very impressed with how quickly our students moved to the Gym and assembled themselves in their year levels. Our school is currently on the Bushfire At Risk Register (BARR). This basically means that our school will be closed on a day that is forecast as CODE RED and buses will not run. A page has been dedicated in this newsletter to the procedures the school must follow in the case of CODE RED days and what you as parents can do to prepare for the bushfire season. Please tear it out and keep it somewhere prominent over the summer period.

Mallee Cluster –
Next week I am meeting with the cluster principals in Melbourne to set our priorities as a cluster for 2017. We will be visiting schools in Melbourne to observe innovative practices and will meet with Phil Brown from the Country Education Project (CEP) to explore how we will achieve the objectives of our cluster project of providing engaging "Remote Education - Accesable Learning".

End of Exams & Year 12 Dinner -–
The final Year 12 exam is Geography, scheduled for next Friday afternoon. The Year 12 Dinner will be held at the Murrayville Hotel on next Friday evening. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students, parents and staff to celebrate this important milestone together.

Student Free Day –
Friday the 18th of November has been set aside as our final Student Free Day. This will give the staff the opportunity to finalise their reports, continue to work on their transition to the Victorian Curriculum in 2017, and to plan for student transitions for 2017.

There will be no newsletter next Friday due to my absence, the newsletter will come home on Thursday the 17th prior to the Student Free Day.

Natasha Mudie - Principal

Attendance 24/10 - 4/11

3	100%
2, 4	98%
5	97.15%
1	95%
9	94.55%
10	93.34%
8	90.77%
6	89.24%
7	88.75%
Prep	86.67%
11	84.71%

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.

SECONDHAND TEXTS
please contact the person named

title	*price*	*available from*	*year level*
Maths Quest 8 (with ebook plus) 2nd edition	$30	Helen Parker (5095 6294)	Year 8
Maths Quest 8 (with ebook plus) 2nd edition Maths Quest 7 (with 2book plus) 2nd edition	$30 $30	Sheryn Bennier (0488 041 714)	Year 8 Year 7
Maths Quest 9 (with ebook plus) 2nd edition	$40	Brenda Oster (school)	Year 9
Maths Quest 9 (with ebook plus) 2nd edition	$40	Sally Allan (5095 2139)	Year 9

BOOKLISTS HAVE GONE HOME WITH STUDENTS TODAY.
Those in Years 7-12 next year will need to ensure their list for the College is returned by NEXT FRIDAY (11th November) so that they can be collated and prepared for order.
The list above is included again in case you missed it last week.
Please note that the STUDENT ID CARDS have been added to the booklist because the SA Department of Transport is now requiring these to be produced commercially - in the past we have been able to do them here, but that is no longer an option.

A reminder that there will be NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK. If there is anything urgent we will send an email or note to parents.

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
Jack BELLCHAMBERS - for showing PERSISTENCE in completing his work

Years 3/4
Dillon WALKER - for his PERSISTENCE in building stronger listening skills and his increasing contribution to classroom discussions

Years 5/6
Jarrod WILKIE - for showing EXCELLENCE towards his home study, showing maturity and great organisational skills
Amelia PEERS – for showing EXCELLENCE in her ability to be a leader inside and out of the classroom

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Mallee Track Health & Community Service

Mallee Minors Child Care Centres are calling for enrolments for 2017 (Licensee MTH&CS)

Enrolment forms can be collected from:

Ouyen Mallee Minors Child Care Centre, 66 Hughes Street Ouyen

- Child Care session- Morning, Afternoon or All Day
- 3 Year old Kinder
- Occasional Care before and after the normal session times

Underbool Early Learning Centre, 43 Cotter Street Underbool

- Funded Kindergarten, children must be 4 before the 30th April 2017 or
- Early Start (If child known to child protection and/or are of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander descent) children must be 3 by 30th April 2017
- Child Care session- Morning, Afternoon or All Day
- Children staying on after Kinder session finishes

Murrayville Early Learning Centre, Cnr Francis and Gray Street Murrayville

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or by calling Ouyen Mallee Minors on 0350921077 to have an enrolment form posted to you.

All enrolment forms must be completed and delivered to your local centre or to the Ouyen Mallee Minors Office by 1st December 2016 for processing.
Please provide your child's current Immunisation History Statement, a current Asthma or Anaphylaxis plan (if applicable), any other current Medical Management Plan (if applicable) and Maternal Health Book on enrolment.

Thanks from the Ag area …

- to Navarre Boseley for baling the hay
- to Colin Crane for lending a rake

… a great result!

School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children's services listed on the DEECD Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district.

Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter and SMS message. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- School camps and excursions will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.

As a bus co-ordinating school all bus routes will be cancelled.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have recently updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.

Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website www.murrayvillecc.vic.edu.au and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.

Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.

If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website –
see http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au
or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.

Digital participation

In 2016, the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner undertook a national survey of kids, teens and parents who use the internet. Parents were asked about their approach to online safety, and what information they need to support their children to be safe online. Kids aged 8 to 13 and teens aged 14 to 17 were asked detailed questions about their internet use and online practices, including how they manage their negative experiences online. The national survey was undertaken in June 2016. It had two parts: a parent survey and a child survey. The total sample comprised 1,367 kids, 912 teens and 2,360 parents. Only one child and one parent were interviewed per household. The survey was conducted online.

Research insights

Connected kids and teens

Being online is an integral part of young people's lives. They use a range of devices to go online. There are key differences between the online habits of teens and kids. For example, how they socialise, their online time and types of online activities.

- Aussie families are digitally connected.
  96% have WiFi access within the home.

- The internet plays a major role in young people's lives. 85% of kids and teens see the internet as important in their lives - Kids (8 to 13) years old / Teens (14 to 17) years old.

- 80% of kids and teens use more than one device to go online. Most popular devices...
  Teens: Mobile phones - 78%, Laptops - 76%.
  Kids: Tablets - 71%.

- Teens spend 74% more time online than kids per week outside of school.
  Kids - 19 hours.
  Teens - 33 hours.

- Going online is more than fun and games.
  Schoolwork - 78%.
  Watch videos, movies or TV online - 73%.
  Research online - 66%.
  Play games - 62%.
  Listen to music - 60%.
  Use social media - 53%.

- Teens are more social online than kids.
  34% of kids and 82% of teens use social media.
  17% of kids and 40% of teens post content online.
  26% of kids and 52% of teens use messaging apps.

- Boys and girls socialise differently online.
  48% of boys and 58% of girls use social media.
  31% of boys and 43% of girls use messaging apps.
  52% of boys and 26% of girls play interactive multiplayer games.

COLLEGE CALENDAR

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
29/11	Garden Awards : Melbourne
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

2017 Dates

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

Hold your head too high and you will stumble over unseen obstacles

Community Notices

MURRAYVILLE PUBLIC HALL
Annual Christmas Shopping Day
Sunday 20 November : 10am to 2pm (Vic time)
$15 per stall : All bookings by 16 November
Set-up time 9 to 9:45am (Vic time)
Light lunch : Drinks available : Sausage sizzle
$2 Tea and Coffee for all day
Contact
Marilyn Wyatt, Annette Heintze or Lorraine Yard

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)

Uniting Communities is happy to present
BINGO MONDAY
Fee: $2
9am till 12 noon
Corner Pinnaroo Institute & Day St
November 7th and 21st
You can resister your interest with Cathy at 8531 0571 or
TrishS@unitingcommunities.org

WANTED FOR THE PRIMARY SECTOR .....

Old buckets and spades for the kids to use in the sandpit.
Your help would be appreciated.

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

1. Whole school - 2017 booklists and relevant information
2. 9/10 Outdoor Education students - camp information

Please contact the school if .you have not received this information and we will send a copy home