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Newsletter

Murrayville Community College

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From the Principal

Transition Day –
This was a very successful day, where every student went up to the class in which they will be in 2017. All of the students were involved in engaging and exciting activities and reported having a very enjoyable day! We also had next year's teachers here to work with their classes. Ms Hailee Witmitz worked with Mrs Parker, Mrs Edwards and our secondary English classes. Mrs Jaimi Willersdorf worked with Mrs Karen Willersdorf in the Year 3/4 class and Sandra McNally worked with the P-2s and Ms Morehouse for the day. We have 5 new Preps beginning in 2017, 12 Year 7 students and an extra student in Year 8 and Year 6.

The Science classroom was the site of some interesting dissection work for the 2017 Year 8 group (above).

Year 3/4 camp –
The school was a very quiet place on Monday to Wednesday as our Year 3/4 students were at El Shaddai (Wellington). The students participated in a wide range of outdoor, water and challenge activities. This is always a fantastic camp and our group were blessed with great weather.
A huge thank you to Ms Kim Luckman for her organisation of the camp and to Mrs Penny Peers who drove the bus and attended as a supervising teacher.

VCE results –
After all those long months of study, those students who have completed Year 12 or Year 12 subjects will get their results Monday morning. None of our students received their results early due to the computer glitch reported in yesterday's news. I wish all of these students the very best for Monday morning and to the Year 12s who are departing the best in their future educational journey. Remember, we never stop learning!

Year 7/8 Camp –
Next week our Year 7&8 students are going to Anglesea for their class camp. This is a great camp that I have attended myself on three occasions. They have a packed itinerary that includes surfing, challenge activities and a visit to the Geelong Adventure Park. A huge thank you to the attending staff - Nathan Brown, Julie Andrews, Karen Bailey and Fionna Edwards (who has stepped in at the last minute to drive the bus after Diane Finn injured herself).

'Stranger Danger' Sessions –
Next Tuesday we will be visited by representatives from the Sexual Assault Branch of the Mildura Police to present sessions on Stranger Danger. They will work with class groups separately and cover what students should do in situations where they may feel unsafe.

Presentation Night Monday 19th December –
Presentation Night is a special night in the school's calendar and is an opportunity to recognise the achievements of our students and to see them perform. Our guest speaker this year will be past student Grant Bailey. **All students are expected in full uniform and to be at the hall by 7.30pm ready for the program to commence at 8.00pm (Victorian Time).** Reports and magazines will be distributed to families of secondary students at the end of the night. P-6 reports will go home on Monday afternoon.

Natasha Mudie - Principal

Attendance 28/11 - 2/12

Prep,4, 5,9	100%
3	98%
7	97.5%
8	95.39%
2	91%
6	90.77%
1	90%
10	88.89%

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.

ENVIRO EDU

Last week Sarah Holmes and Michael Gilby presented an Interactive and fun educational program called "Wildlife Dreaming" to children from the kindergarten to Year 6 students. Children learnt about several Australian native animals, some of which are endangered, and also had the opportunity learn about several aboriginal handmade weapons and instruments. Sarah gave the students an opportunity to touch several of the animals and explained the correct way to touch these animals. Michael also spoke about aboriginal culture and taught the children several aboriginal words. Michael and Sarah worked together to stress the importance of sustainability and the need to protect our environment and to conserve our native wildlife. The children really enjoyed all aspects of the program.

Kevin Chaplin also attended the sessions as part of his role with the Mallee CMA, who sponsored the presentations by Michael and Sarah.

Learn Local.... Act Global

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

*Note … there will be **NO CANTEEN on Friday 16 December** the day of the P-6 Pool Party*

Certificates for Inspiring Pride were awarded to:

Years P-2

Jaxon WYATT - for EXCELLENCE in learning his phonics for spelling and reading

Laila WILSON - for showing INDEPENDENCE in completing her work

Years 3/4

No award this week

Years 5/6

Patricia BELLCHAMBERS – for showing EXCELLENCE in her Mathematics/Problem Solving work. Well done!

Dermott BOSTON – For showing EXCELLENCE in Big Write, constructing a quality piece of persuasive writing

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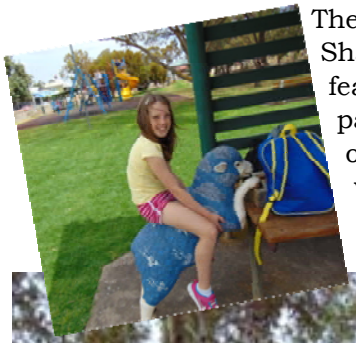
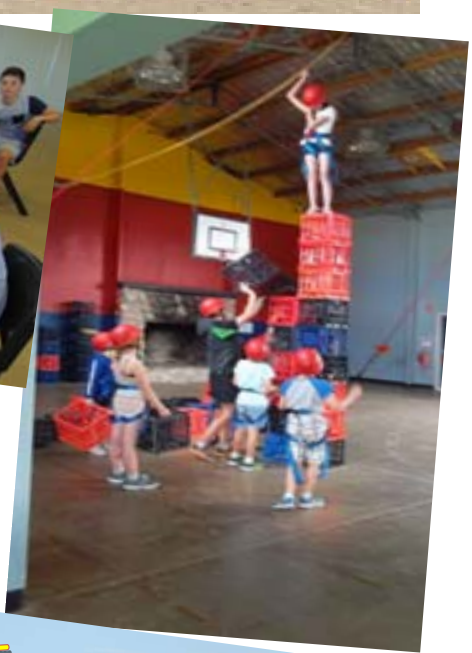
Robe/Naracoorte
Outdoor Ed/ Duke of Ed Camp

Activities included: Naracoorte Caves – Victoria Fossil Cave, Blanche Cave Adventure Caving;
Hike to Little Dip Conservation Park (Stony Rise);
Kayaking - Lake and Sea;
Beach activities

The 3/4 class had a fantastic time away on camp at El Shaddai. They were challenged to push through their fears, work together, and trust in each other in order to participate successfully in the huge range of activities on offer. Thanks goes to Mrs Peers and Ms Luckman who accompanied the children on their amazing adventure.





KIDS ONLINE

Parent views and information needs

90%

of parents say their child benefits from being online

These parents see the benefits as being

- 73% School work
- 63% Finding information
- 50% Entertainment
- 47% Technology proficiency
- 30% Feeling closer to friends & family
- 20% Problem-solving skills
- 18% Creativity

60%

of parents say their child is exposed to risks from being online

They see the risks as

- 60% Accessing inappropriate content
- 50% Contact with strangers
- 42% Excessive use
- 36% Reduced fitness
- 35% Sharing personal information
- 29% Being bullied online
- 22% Feeling isolated
- 20% Negative self-image
- 6% Viruses, scams & fraud

55%

of parents can see both the benefits and risks of their child being online

66%

of parents are confident in their ability to protect their child online

38%

of parents need information about online safety

The information they want

- 71% Dealing with negative online incidents
- 50% Online stranger danger
- 37% Images going viral
- 34% Online fraud
- 28% Other parent experiences

Want to know more about online safety? Visit iParent

29%

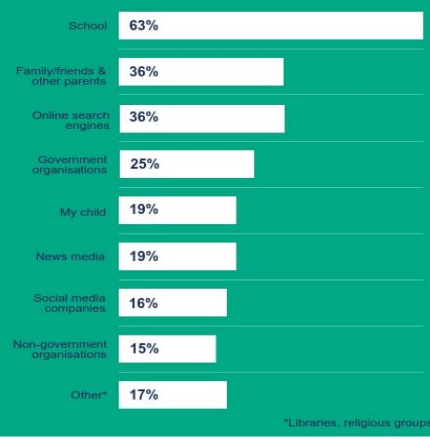
of parents need information about appropriate internet usage for children

They want information about

- 52% Managing what their child does online
- 49% Managing time online
- 49% Guidelines for online time
- 48% Age appropriate apps or websites

27% of parents sought or received information about children's online safety in the 12 months to June 2016

These are the sources used



Source: Survey commissioned by the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner, June 2016, of 2360 parents in Australia with children aged 8 to 17 years old who access the internet.

eSmart Smart Safe. Responsible.

This week's message

COLLEGE CALENDAR

12/12	Year 6 Graduation Party
	College Council
12-16/12	Anglesea Camp : 7/8
16/12	P-6 Pool Party
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

Do we sometimes wonder why somebody doesn't do something about a particular thing, then realize that we are the somebody

Community Notices

CAROLS IN THE WETLANDS AT PINNAROO
Sunday 18th December
Sausage sizzle, Soft drinks & Icy poles
Available from 5:30pm
Carols begin 6:30pm
Bring a chair or rug
Items include: Choir / Puppets / Drama
Battery operated candles available for purchase
In the case of bad weather,
venue will change to Pinnaroo Institute
FREE Activity Bag for Children

SA Water VACSWIM
WATER AWARENESS WATER SAFETY WATER CONFIDENCE WATER SKILLS WATER FUN!

Tuesday January 3rd - Wednesday January 11th
Swimming, water safety & basic rescue skills for School children.
Daily 40 min session (excluding weekend)
Cost: $31.50 + daily pool entry (for non-season ticket holders)
Bronze Star, Medallion & Cross Awards will be offered for older students.
Please contact Joanna for further information (0437 526 930)
Instructor In-Charge: Joanna Summerton

Swim and Survive
An initiative of Royal Life Saving

WONDER (6-36months) & COURAGE SESSIONS (3-4yrs)
January 3rd - 11th (alternating days)
5 sessions x 30 min (January 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th + 11th)
Cost: $31.50 + daily pool entry
Wonder - water familiarisation program for children & parents, uses songs, games & activities to teach children a variety of skills.
(Parent/carer participation in class is essential – no pool entry charge for the adult).
Courage – water confidence program for children, seeks to build water confidence and develop water skills. Small class sizes.
Instructor In-charge: Debbie Colwill (0429 678 666)
Enrol online at www.royallifesavingsa.com.au/vacswim
by 5pm Monday 19th December 2016

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME

1. Year 7/8 camp requirements
2. Grade 3-6 - End of year information

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