

Murrayville Community College Newsletter



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From the Principal

Welcome and Welcome Back –

I trust everyone enjoyed some time away from the routines of school over the break, got to have some sleep-ins and spend some quality family time together.



I would like to extend a warm welcome to Lenard (Year 7) and Bernice (Prep) Pieterse who have recently moved from South Africa. Please make them feel welcome if you see them at school or in our community.

Term 3 is again a crucial term for our students' learning with much planned, including camps, athletics, Pathways night, Open Day (coinciding with the Variety Bash) and Arts Council performances. This is the term that we begin to plan for our provision for 2018 and how we can best meet the needs of every individual student, if any P-11

students are unlikely to be attending MCC in 2018, please let me know as our enrolment forecast is due in early August.

Making the News -

The college has made the news almost state-wide this week. We featured in the Herald Sun on Tuesday, the Pinnaroo Border Times on Wednesday and the Sunraysia Daily on Thursday, plus I was interviewed by two ABC Radio programs; Ballarat and Swan Hill/Mildura. According to the good schools guide our VCE results last year have made us the most improved school in the state from 2012-2016 and our percentage of excellent scores put us on a par with the most exclusive private schools in the whole state.

Achievements like this are not a fluke, but are the result of a relentless focus on improvement.

I would like to acknowledge that this improvement has been a combined effort by our students and staff, and many of our current Year 12s had fantastic results in their Year 12 subjects last year, that helped to boost our overall averages. In many of the interviews I have attributed the success to the increase in face to face teaching time, and the willingness of teachers to give up their own time to tutor and assist their students outside of regular class time. I also emphasised our focus on writing and how these skills are developed across the whole school.

Finally I also mentioned our culture shift, to one of high expectations and achievement. It is due to the fact that so many of our students are prepared to do what it takes to achieve their best that they are being rewarded. Of course the hard work doesn't stop here and we need to continue to embed this practice and culture.

Sir John Jones –

On the final day of term the majority of the staff attended a Professional Development day in Mildura led by Sir John Jones. All of the staff agreed that he was one of the most inspiring educational speakers we had ever heard. He reinforced for us that we are focussing our efforts on the right things, and he provided many practical strategies to introduce subtle changes in our classrooms that will make a significant difference to our students and their learning.

Buses –

Can I remind all families using the big Pinnaroo Bus, that this bus is now at capacity. Ad hoc travellers can't be guaranteed a place,

but can try to get on at the end of the day and are welcome to travel if there is space. This week there were some students who we knew were going to be away all week, so we were able to guarantee a spot, but under normal circumstances it is impossible to accurately forecast whether a seat will be available on that afternoon. This is also the case for the mornings, Ad hoc travellers will not be able to assume that they will be able to catch the bus to school if they have stayed at a friend's house the night before. I realise that this may be inconvenient for some families and apologise for this.

CEP Rural Youth Ambassador –

Maddison Mudie is in Melbourne this week (Wednesday-Friday), with around 20 other students from rural and remote Victoria, carrying out her duties as a Country Education Partnership Youth Ambassador.

She has a very full program that includes: meeting with the CEO of the Australian Education Union and discussing the issue of attracting teachers to rural and

remote schools, meeting with the Department of Education and sharing the issues and challenges faced by students in rural and remote areas, touring the ABC in South Melbourne and meeting with people who run the Heywire program and learning how they assist people in rural and remote areas, meeting with the people who organise the Bastow Education Changemakers program – an exciting program that focuses on inspiring teachers to engage students. The Youth Ambassadors will meet with the Secretary for Education Gill Callister on Friday for lunch before heading home. The ambassadors will also spend some time working in the State Library on their project “Getting and keeping great teachers in rural and remote communities”. This program is a fantastic opportunity for any student who is keen to make a difference for others, that has been greatly enjoyed by the Murrayville students who have done it in the past and should be considered by our future Year 11 students.

*Natasha Mudie
Principal*

CANTEEN

**ALL ORDERS TO BE PLACED
at the Front Office BEFORE SCHOOL**

AVAILABLE MONDAY-FRIDAY

Cold foods are: Wraps / Sandwiches / Rolls

Hot foods are:

Ham & Cheese / Chicken & Cheese Hot Rolls \$4

HOT FOODS available on

MONDAYS and FRIDAYS ONLY

Pies / Pasties \$4.50

Large Sausage Rolls \$3

Party Pies \$1

Pizzas (Ham & Pineapple or Bacon & Cheese) \$2

Sauce 20c

Please - no more than \$5 in your envelope

Check NEW prices in last week's newsletter

On days when the Canteen Manager is absent there will only be PASTRIES and PIZZAS available - no sandwiches/rolls/wraps will be prepared

****NO CANTEEN LUNCHES NEXT THURSDAY (27/7)**

SRC RUNNING A PIZZA LUNCH

The SRC is running a
PIZZA LUNCH
next Thursday
27th July

- * Hawaiian
- or
- * BBQ Chicken

\$2.50 per slice

Red & Green Cordial : 50c each

Buy 2 slices of pizza and get a *free* cordial

***** NO CANTEEN LUNCHES *****



PRIDE AWARDS

5-6:

Dillon WALKER -

for RESPECT and INDEPENDENCE
towards his school and learning
and showing fantastic leadership.

WORK EXPERIENCE

From the 26th to the 30th of June I attended work experience in Adelaide with a company called Newstyle. Newstyle is a company that has two departments in separate locations, Newstyle Printing and Newstyle media. Newstyle Printing was located in Mile End, where I spent the first two days of my week. During these two days I saw lots of computers, massive machines, coffee, people behind desks and lots of CMYK (which are the four colours that make up all the different pantones in the printing process).

Here I helped print things for Haighs Chocolates, AQ Australia, The Adelaide Festival theatre and even larger companies such as Coca-Cola. For the next three days I moved workplace to Newstyle media in the city. Here they do things from social media marketing, account managing, graphic design, editing magazines, creating magazines such as their famous South Australian Fritz magazine, video and photo production and more. The first project I was given was a social media examination. Here I had to research ways that social media has changed recently, and look for the most effective practice for marketing. Of all the projects I did, my boss was most impressed with my social media examiner report, and said she would hand it around to everyone in the office to read and learn from it. By the end of my three days, I didn't want to leave. My boss told me that she wanted to hire me, and that she was impressed by the level I was at in this workforce, at only year 10.

By doing this for work experience I have been able to see what it would be like if I chose this path after school, and it has helped me to see where I want to head, by continuing in looking towards studying marketing and communications after school. I look forward to keeping in touch with the company, and possibly work with them again in the future. I suggest to anyone who does work experience in the upcoming years, to really try hard to get into what you're interested in, and I can assure you that you'll find it much more worthwhile and enjoyable.

Kirsty Heintze

On the 26th to the 30th June, I attended work experience at Eastern Fleurieu School, in Strathalbyn. I was assigned a mixed Reception and Year 1 class for the week, but had a few lessons in different classes. During the week, I became a role model to the children and helped them with their work and any issues they encountered. Often the students were split into smaller groups for guided lessons, in this time I had the opportunity to lead about 5 children in their learning. In this specific class, some children had disabilities (Autism, partially deaf, behavioural issues). By observing these children with special needs I gained an insight into the affects these disabilities can have on children, along with how to handle them in difficult situations. I found this experience very worthwhile, as it gave me an insight into what the teaching career may include.

Emma Allan

I completed my work experience from the dates 26th to the 30th of June, with Pinnaroo Fertiliser Depot. During the week I travelled around a lot, going to many different farms and looking at different crop types. Tuesday I worked with agronomist, Jeff Brawn. Jeff asked me questions to determine whether I was paying attention, which really kept me on my feet and he encouraged me to ask him questions if I didn't understand.

The Boseley family took great care of me and went out of their way to ensure that I was comfortable during the week. Since completing work experience, I'm really looking forward to finishing school and going off to University to study Ag Science.

Thomas Wurfel



On the 10th of July, I attended work experience at the State Theatre Company in Adelaide, who produce plays and productions. On the first day I met the other 19 students from around SA that were also doing work experience at the State Theatre Company, they were all very nice. We studied the script of The Dolls House performance all day with the re-writer of the production, and the next day we were able to watch the performance. In the rehearsal room we set up a stage and learnt about how different lights complement each other and also how to find the correct position to stand in with the spot light on you, by your temperature changing. Throughout the week we were given an insight into the process of making costumes, the marketing side to the company and their money making strategies. I really enjoyed my week of work experience and would highly recommend it to others who are interested in this field.

Lillian Moyle



WORK EXPERIENCE

I did work experience with Sam Johnson, a builder who owns his own business, in partnership with Niche homes. Throughout the week I did a range of different tasks, from putting down plasterboards, handyman work, landscaping and putting up glass. The week was definitely worthwhile as I got to see how much time you have to put into the business - all day long the boss was either managing tradies working on



a site or on the phone. A positive thing I took out of the week was seeing that in a trade you still have to have a bond with the people that you work with, allowing the work area to be more enjoyable and for the days to go quicker. One tip I would recommend to students that are looking towards being a builder in the future, is to be organised, open to new ideas, patient with people you work with, willing to take on every opportunity that comes your way and take it as a learning curve. The people with whom I worked were very helpful, often allowing me to take part of the tasks they were doing, and when it was safe to do so, teaching me why they were doing certain things.

Blake Virgo

I did work experience from the 26th to the 30th of June with Jon at the Pinnaroo hospital, Lameroo hospital and at his personal business place. He is a physiotherapist who helps people with everyday injuries and promotes physical health. I observed how Jon treated people with their issues and for nearly each person he had to do different things, because it was important to make sure people received the right treatment. Jon was helpful because he explained what he did and how, such as using the machines and all the different methods that physiotherapists use on their patients to help them



with recovery. This was interesting to watch because it was a very good insight to what they focus on and how they do it.

Joshua Matiwane

I completed a week of work experience doing nursing at the Mildura Health Private Hospital. I was based in the Banksia ward, and was assigned a different nurse each day to work with. My days consisted of cleaning rooms after patients left, assisting people when they call their room buzzer, helping with the office work and making observations (taking heart rate, oxygen saturation rate, temperature, etc.) I was lucky enough to have a go at putting a cannula in a fake arm, watch an iron infusion, blood transfusion, watch MRI scans and x-rays. At the end of my week at the hospital, I was asked to come back in the near future when I finish my nursing degree, if I choose to stay in this field. From this experience, it has made me realise that I would like to work as a nurse in the years to come. I would highly recommend this to anyone looking at doing nursing for their work experience, as you get to work with a great group of people and you also learn many new things.



Lucy Brown



I worked at Hanton and Sharrad in Pinnaroo. Hanton and Sharrad is a mechanical engineering workshop where they repair farming equipment and make things to certain specifications for the customer. Whilst on work experience I helped to keep the workshop clean and tidy. I was able to bore holes in cogs and cut metal. I also did some weed spraying in the yard. I made a metal dustpan and used the guillotine. The staff were very helpful and showed me lots of things. I am interested in this

area of work and believe that people who want to work in this field should be able to work well individually as well as with others. They should be creative and flexible.

Mitchel Bridge

From July 26th to the 30th I completed my work experience with Brad Zerk, one of the electricians from Lameroo. I had a great time doing all of the things I was allowed to do and thought it was interesting how all the tools and equipment in the van would get used for most of the jobs. On the first day we started at the Pinnaroo Hotel replacing smoke alarms and heat sensors. It was fascinating how each of the individual alarms and sensors had their own address so then you would know the exact position of the problem and would be able to get to it straight away. Tuesday was the pick of the days, because that was the day where instead of staying in the same spot, we were moving around to different places in and around Pinnaroo. On Friday we finished off at the CRT in Lameroo where we were fixing security cameras and it was cool how Brad found a way so that all the workers there could log into an app on their phone and look through each individual camera. If you were thinking about doing work experience as an electrician, I would highly recommend Brad as he is a fun person to be around and lets you do lots of things so you can get a good experience of the job.



Mitchell Hawthorne

You are invited to

Open
House

at Murrayville
Community
College

Wednesday 16th August

10:55 Free morning tea catered by the Hospitality students
Barista coffee for sale

11:15 Open Classroom Activities
Kitchen Garden and school tours

1:15 BBQ Lunch - Gold coin donation
Mingle with Variety Club Bash

2:15 Musical items in Student Centre

2:30 Fun sports and activities on the oval for everyone

3:15 Close

COLLEGE CALENDAR

1/8	Seasons for Growth : Parent Session with Chaplains English Competition
9/8	House Athletics Pathways & VCE/Electives Info
14/8	College Council
14-18/8	12 Outdoor Ed
15/8	Maths Competition
16/8	Open Day + Variety Bash lunch
22/8	Primary Book Week Day Arts Council P-6, 9-12
23/8	Arts Council 4-8
25/8	UDSSA Athletics (Primary)
30/8	Mallee Division Athletics (Sec)
5/9	Sunraysia Athletics : Primary
11/9	College Council
18-20/9	3/4 Camp : Swan Hill
20/9	Interim Reports out
22/9	End of Term
9/10	Start of Term 4

An important reward for a job well done is a personal sense of worthwhile achievement

IMPORTANT WEDNESDAYS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday 9/8
 House Athletics
followed by
 Pathways & VCE Electives session



Wednesday 16/8
 MCC Open Day (see page 5)
 Variety Club Bash stopping at the
 College for lunch

Community Notices

"Marvellous Mallee" DVD
 Event held at the College in March
 DVDs available @ \$15 each
 Contact John Heintze -
 Phone 03 5095 2045

OASIS COMMUNITY CENTRE PINNAROO
 Open from 5:30 until 7:45
 on Tuesday evenings -
 a warm place to wait if you have
 children doing dancing
 ** TV, games and coffee **
 ** All welcome **
 More details from Julie Wallis

PINNAROO GOLF CLUB
 Junior and Adult Coaching
 available this weekend
 23rd July at Clubhouse
 9am New Junior players... Free
 10am Experienced Junior Players.... Free
 11am Adult Clinic (small cost)
 From 1pm Individual Lessons (at a cost.)
 Bookings at Pinnaroo Newsagency 8577 8225

MURRAYVILLE & COWANGIE FIRE BRIGADES
 Family BBQ and Training
 Sunday 23rd July at 11am
 New members welcome
 Drew Crane (Training Officer)

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- 5/6 Students - Term 3 information
- VCE Art Students - Trip to Adelaide Art Gallery



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