

Murrayville Community College Newsletter



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From the Principal

Flinders Uni Test –

Last week a number of our Year 12s who are considering attending Flinders Uni completed their Uni-Test. This is a very general test similar to the GAT to gauge the students' aptitude for university study. It can only assist a student to be offered a place and no student can be disadvantaged by taking the test. Things are getting very real for our Year 12s now. SATAC and VTAC guides arrived this week and students will soon start making decisions about what courses to apply for post-Year 12. Now is a good time to consider applying for scholarships and to apply for university accommodation. I have already endorsed scholarship applications and accommodation applications. If students or parents require any assistance in this area please see Mr Willersdorf or me.

Victorian Curriculum -

Never before has there been as much publicity around our traditional methods of schooling not preparing our students fully for the future that awaits them. The new Victorian Curriculum actively seeks to do this through the teaching of four capabilities. This week our staff have continued their work to embed the new aspects of the Victorian Curriculum into the everyday teaching and learning at the college. We all worked through a session to deepen our understanding of new capabilities and how they can be incorporated into the units we are

currently teaching. The capabilities are those skills and understandings that will equip our students for a rapidly changing workforce in the future. By the end of year 10 it is expected that all students will be able to demonstrate the following capabilities:

Critical and Creative Thinking Capability -

Students can construct and evaluate questions. Students can structure complex and valid arguments. Students can identify, articulate, analyse and reflect on their own and others thinking processes. Students can develop, justify and refine criteria to evaluate the quality of ideas, proposals and thinking processes.

Ethical Capability -

Students can analyse and evaluate contested approaches to thinking about consequences and duties in relation to ethical issues. They can examine complex issues, identify the ethical dimensions and analyse commonality and difference between different positions. They can explain how different factors involved in ethical decision-making can be manage.

Intercultural Capability – Students can critically analyse the complex and dynamic interrelationship between and within cultures and the challenges and benefits of living in an interconnected and culturally diverse world. Students can analyse the components of a cohesive society, and the challenges, benefits and consequences of maintaining or failing to maintain that cohesion.



17-21 July

1, 5, 11	100%
3	98%
8	97.78%
7	96.67%
4	96%
10	93.37%
12	92%
Prep	91.43%
2, 6	90%
9	78.34%

Please note : the school must be notified of all absences - if your child is ill please phone (03 5095 2001) or send an email

Personal and Social Capability –

Students can reflect critically on their emotional responses to challenging situations in a wide range of contexts. They can demonstrate persistence, motivation, initiative and decision-making through completion of challenging tasks. They can evaluate personal characteristics, strategies and sources of support used to cope with stressful situations/life challenges. They can analyse factors that influence different types of relationships. They can critique their ability to devise and enact strategies for working in diverse teams, drawing on the skills and contributions of team members to complete complex tasks. They can generate, apply and evaluate strategies to prevent and resolve conflicts in a range of contexts.

It is expected that these capabilities are taught explicitly to the students throughout their schooling and are reported on at least every two years. We have found that our work over the last two years on Higher Order Thinking has overlapped considerably with what is expected by the Critical and Creative Thinking Capability and our Health, and Personal Development programs have been covering most aspects of the Personal and Social Capability. Our challenge is to ensure that the Ethical and Intercultural Capabilities are

being taught fully to prepare our students for an increasingly diverse society.

EAL Support -

On Monday we were visited by the Sunraysia/Mallee Cluster's new EAL (English as an Additional Language) Coordinator Mr Anthony Gunasegaran. He met with our EAL students and checked in with them about how they feel about school and how they are being catered for. He has offered resources and support to their literacy teachers so that they will be better able to support their special needs.

Natasha Mudie - Principal

House Athletics Information

NEXT FRIDAY : 2-3:15pm 800m (Years 3-12)

MONDAY 7/8 : 1:20-2pm 1500m (Years 3-12)

TUESDAY 8/8 : 1:20-2pm Walkathon (P-12)

WEDNESDAY 9/8 : HOUSE ATHLETICS

Secondary events start 9:15am

Primary events 11:20

More details in next week's newsletter

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

PRIDE AWARDS

3-4 :

Liam WISNESKE -

for DETERMINATION

to improve the standard of work this term

Matilda WYATT -

for DETERMINATION

to achieve goals that have been set this term

5-6 :

Cody BENNIER -

for showing INDEPENDENCE

towards his learning and managing his time.

Great start to the second semester!

Patricia BELLCHAMBERS -

for showing INDEPENDENCE

towards her learning and managing her home study

Well done!

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



Who: Youth 15-25
What: Tell the community what you want and need
When: Launching July 31st
Where: Mostly online with opportunities to attend workshops in person
Why: To amplify youth voices...

JOIN THE YOUTH REVOLUTION

Check out www.facebook.com/HUMYouth
www.handsupmallee.com/youth-Leadership-Table

Community Notices

MOLE SCAN BUS TO ADELAIDE

A bus will travel to Adelaide to the Mole scan clinic on Monday 14th August
 Pick ups can be made in Pinnaroo along the way
 Please phone Jacqui at Neighbourhood house on 5095 2205 to book an appointment

"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

Murrayville Swimming Pool

A lifeguard update course will be
 held at the Murrayville pool on
 Sunday 29th October
 They would like to run a full lifeguard
 course on this weekend as well but need
 a minimum of 8 new lifeguards
 If you are interested in be-
 coming a lifeguard or
 would like to com-
 plete your update,
 please let
 Penny Peers know
 asap on 0427 952 192



Live so that you
 wouldn't be
 ashamed to
 sell the family
 parrot to the
 town gossip

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

1. Year 3/4 students - Term 3 outline
2. Year 3/4 students - camp information



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