

Murrayville Community College Newsletter



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From the Principal

Mallee Education Cluster Agriculture Day -

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs Inglis, Mrs Thomas and the Agriculture students for their efforts last Friday. The feedback from the students and teachers that attended was overwhelmingly positive. Our visitors were very impressed with the facilities and the programs we are able to offer our students. They appreciated the hands-on learning tasks and expressed an interest in working together more closely in the future. It is my vision that our students make strong connections with other students in our cluster, so they have the opportunity to collaborate and break down those barriers associated with isolation.

Secondary Booklists –

These booklists are going home with students today. Please note there are different deadlines for the text and stationery lists. I am aware that 7,8 & 9 students have not yet chosen their electives. I am hoping to run an information session about electives after our staffing has been finalised (probably the last week of November after 7/8 and 9/10 camps). Elective choices should not influence the text list, only the stationery requirements.

Bushfire Preparedness –

It seems a little funny to be discussing bushfire preparedness when we have had quite a cool, damp week. However, leading into the beginning of harvest, while the majority of crops are ripe and standing waiting to be harvested, is I believe, when our risk is greatest. A grass fire, like the Pinery Bushfire in SA's mid-north in 2015, could happen here.

Please ensure that you have a current bushfire plan and all of your family members are aware of it.

The school is a relatively safe place to be if there is a bushfire approaching. Our shelter-in-place venue (the gymnasium) is about to undergo some further upgrades, to seal it off from ember attack. We also have a fire-line and hydrants all of the way around the school so that it could be defended if the need ever arose.



FIRE DANGER RATING

I would like to advise that the school will be closed on **CODE RED DAYS**, and that no buses will run on those days.

Check out the Bushfire Procedures on the next page. More of this information will be included in the next newsletter

*Natasha Mudie
Principal*

**A REMINDER THAT THE SCHOOL
WILL BE CLOSED NEXT TUESDAY
FOR THE MELBOURNE CUP
PUBLIC HOLIDAY**



23-27 October

1, 6	100%
3	98.7%
11	98.3%
5	95.4%
10	94.5%
8	94.4%
2, 7	92.5%
4, 9	90%
12	85.7%
Prep	74.2%

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

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.**

(more next week)

CANTEEN

ALL ORDERS TO BE PLACED
at the Front Office BEFORE SCHOOL

... HOT FOODS ONLY ...

next week

Pies / Pasties \$4.50

Large Sausage Rolls \$3

Party Pies \$1

Sauce 20c

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

Please - no more than \$5 in your envelope

NO sandwiches or wraps



Mrs Parker on yard duty last Friday - revenge on Year 12 during muck-up day

PRIDE AWARDS

P-2:

Jaxon WYATT -

for EXCELLENCE

in his reading and comprehension

Indy WILSON -

for EXCELLENCE

in doing show and tell

3-4:

Ivy BECKMANN -

for EXCELLENCE

in her Lit Circles bookwork

5-6:

Rourke MUDIE -

for showing EXCELLENCE

in his application to his personal reading which is transferring into his comprehension and writing skills

Emma PARKER -

for showing EXCELLENCE

in her application to her personal reading which is transferring into her comprehension and writing skills



Grade 3/4 students in the kitchen, 'cooking up a storm' with many fresh veggies from their garden.

They were very impressed with the speed of the growth of the beetroots - and their amazing taste!

Last week they made Roasted Beetroot & Feta Salad, Sauted garlic broadbeans with bacon & coriander, Leek Garlic & Rosemary Foccaccia, and Beef & Cabbage Chow Mein.

Thanks to the helpers during this session - Serena Jenzen, Janine Crane, Paul Ireland and Karen Willersdorf.



KITCHEN GARDEN

SECONDHAND TEXTS

please contact the person named

<i>title</i>	<i>price</i>	<i>available from</i>	<i>year level</i>
Maths Quest 10&10A for Vic/Aust Curriculum	\$45	Joylene Moyle (0409 773 299)	Year 10
Maths Quest 10&10A for Vic/Aust Curriculum	\$30	Sharyn Henderson (0439 617 827)	Year 10
Maths Quest 9 for the Australian Curriculum (+ebook)	\$30		Year 9

2018 SECONDARY BOOKLISTS were sent home with students today and are due back **NEXT FRIDAY (10th November)**.

Please go through these with your child(ren), complete and return by then so that orders can be collated and placed with the suppliers.

AG DAY AT MCC



Murrayville
Community
College
hosted The
Mallee Education
Cluster Agriculture
Day last Friday



Guest Speaker Greg Ewens

showed students the finer points of classing a fleece and also talked about what happens to the wool after it leaves the farm gate. Students practised livestock handling in and out of the yards and also used the manual and automatic drafting systems. They were also faced with challenges in the form of grain/weed identification, and estimating the weight and working out the condition score of sheep.







COLLEGE CALENDAR

Community Notices

6/11	Year 7 immunisation
6-10/11	5/6 Camp : Ballarat
7/11	Melbourne Cup Holiday
13/11	College Council
13-17/11	7/8 Camp : Cape Bridgewater
17/11	Year 12 Dinner
20-24/11	9/10 Arapiles : Comm Rec
24/11	Last Day for Year 11
27/11-1/12	Senior Transition Year 10 Exam Week
1/12	Last Day for Year 10
6/12	Whole School Transition Day
14-15/12	Year 9 First Aid
20/12	Presentation Night
22/12	End of School Year
<u>2018</u>	
31/1	Students Commence for 2018



If you have any
SPARE FRUIT
 our primary teachers
 would be pleased to
 have it for students
 who do not bring
 anything for fruit break

Murrayville Annual Christmas Shopping Day
Celebrating 60 years of the Murrayville Hall
 Sunday 19 November 10am to 2pm
 Celebration cake cutting at 1pm
 Drinks and food available in the hall -
 Sausages, hamburgers, onions,
 coleslaw on bread
 Sandwiches
 Tea & coffee

BOATING LICENCE COURSE
 will be run in Murrayville at the
 Neighbourhood House
 Sunday November 5th
 beginning at 11.30am Vic time
 Cost \$190
 (includes both SA and Vic licence)

Murrayville Swimming Pool
 Open from 1st November 2017
 Week days 3:30-6pm
 Weekends and holidays 2-7pm
 Open if the Elders weather for Lameroo
 says 21 degrees and above
 Seasons tickets at the following prices -
 Adult Membership \$50
 Family membership \$75
 Student/Pensioner \$30
 Please pay by direct deposit stating your
 name as reference
 BSB 633 000 : Account no. 156 958 837
 Any questions to Penny Peers 0427 952 191
 or Merryn Beckmann 0422 022 610

RFDS Optometrist
 Visiting Murrayville
 on November
 16th & 17th 2017.
 To book your
 appointment
 please phone
 Jacqui at Neighbourhood House
 on 03 5095 2205



The way to
 get things done
 is not to mind
 who gets the
 credit for
 doing them

Do you wish to drive the Murrayville Community Bus?
 Mallee Track Health & Community Service, who own the Murrayville Community Bus, now require that all drivers complete a Vehicle Orientation prior to driving the bus anytime in the future. Jacqui Gibson will conduct a Vehicle Orientation session at our College at 5.30pm on Wednesday November 8th 2017. This is expected to take no longer than one hour. If you wish to register for this, please contact Jacqui (or leave a message) by 'phoning (03) 5095 2205. Community Groups who regularly hire the bus are encouraged to contact your regular drivers and ensure you have your drivers, or anyone who wishes to drive the bus, attend. Drivers who haven't completed Vehicle Orientation will no longer be able to drive the bus.



COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

1. Year 11 : Adelaide retreat in preparation for Year 12
2. Years 6-11 : 2018 booklists

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

