

Murrayville Community College Newsletter



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From the Principal

Greening Australia

Tuesday morning we had a visit from four members of the Greening Mildura group who had requested to see the work done at MCC which resulted in us recently winning the 'Best Garden in a School'. They donated a Gala Apple tree for us to plant in the area adjacent to the Art room, and were thrilled to see the way in which our students are involved in the gardening. We thank them for their interest in the school and its grounds.

Student ID Cards / School Magazine

On the secondary booklists students were able to choose whether or not to request a Student ID card. These cards only last for a year and so need to be updated if you envisage they will be used. Please ensure that your child has marked this as we will not be reordering once the details are forwarded to the printer. Similarly, please check that the end of year magazine has been marked on the booklist if required. Copies of the completed secondary booklists have been sent home with students.

Deb Raffle

Parents and participants in next year's Deb Ball have been busy organising a raffle to fundraise for the event.

Tickets will be on sale at Murrayville's Annual Christmas Shopping Day this Sunday and then until the ball on Saturday 3rd March. They have obtained a great selection of prizes, as detailed on page 7, so you may be keen to try your luck

Camps

Most of our Years 7 & 8 students have been on camp at Cape Bridgewater this week. They had to modify their activities because of the change in weather, which would have been disappointing for them. Next week the 9/10 Outdoor Education group will be in the Mt Arapiles area, so the school has been much quieter with so many staff and students out.

Year 12 Dinner

Tonight we recognise the end of school for our Year 12 students, who completed their final VCE exams today. I look forward to what is always an enjoyable evening of reminiscing and celebrating with them.

*Natasha Mudie
Principal*



6-10/11

1,3,6,11 100% 

7 97.9%

3 97.2%

8 94.4%

10 90.9%

4 90%

2,9 87.5%

Prep 78.58%

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

5/6 Camp -

We had a fabulous adventure on camp. The students had a memorable trip and many people commented on how polite and well-mannered they were. Thank you to all the parents for your support and a big thank you to Mrs Peers and Mr Ireland who drove the bus and helped make our Ballarat/ Sovereign Hill trip an excellent week.
Mrs Wyatt

Check out the students' stories and photos on pages 3-6.



Sweet
TREATS

A huge thank you to Helen Lockwood and Jill Nickolls, who ran their famous lolly and sweet stand at the recently held Pinnaroo Strawberry Fete. Each year they donate the proceeds raised to a local cause or organisation and this year the Chaplaincy programme here at Murrayville Community College was the recipient!

We are very grateful for the financial support of almost \$400, it will be a real assistance in our role here in the school community and will benefit the students who access the Chaplaincy service. We appreciate the time and effort Helen and Jill put into this event - their lovely array of home made sweets is a treat enjoyed by all who partake - and their willingness to invest in our School.

*Working together for the wellbeing of our young people,
Barb and Paul*

CANTEEN

ALL ORDERS TO BE PLACED
at the Front Office BEFORE SCHOOL

HOT FOODS
&
SANDWICHES/ROLLS/WRAPS

- Pies / Pasties \$4.50
- Large Sausage Rolls \$3
- Party Pies \$1
- Sauce 20c

Pizzas (Ham & Pineapple or Bacon & Cheese) \$2
Sandwiches / Rolls / Wraps
Please - no more than \$5 in your envelope

The canteen is now back to provision of all items,
as well as the continuation of hot foods
until stocks are depleted

PRIDE AWARDS

P-2:
Bernice PIETERSE -
for her PERSISTENCE
in handwriting

3-4:
Liam WISNESKE -
for INDEPENDENCE
in helping Mrs Pritchard in Kitchen Garden
Mya JENZEN -
for PERSISTENCE
in producing neat bookwork

5-6:
Jett OAKLEY -
or showing RESPECT
at camp towards his classmates, teachers and tour
guides - a pleasure to take on camp
Alexander TZOKAS -
for showing EXCELLENCE
during his time at Sovereign Hill; being chosen by
Ma'am (teacher) as the best student and receiving
the golden medallion. Well done!



5/6 Camp 2017 - On Monday the 6th to Friday the 10th of November the 5/6 class went to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat. Most of our class were pretty excited I believe. Our class has written some paragraphs to tell you about our enjoyable activities we did in Sovereign Hill.

By Jett Oakley.

Bus Ride - In week five the year 5/6 class went on camp to Ballarat - Sovereign Hill. My most favourite part about the camp was the bus trip there



and back. In my opinion I liked the bus trip because I got to talk to my friends. My favourite part about talking to my friends was playing games and learning new games that I didn't already know. On the way there we were just talking and enjoying each other's company, instead of having ICT stuck in our hands and not communicating. On the way there, some people were asleep some of the time, which was great because it was much quieter than usual on a bus. Although people were asleep on the way back, it was so loud, but on the other hand most people fell asleep on the way to the J-Ward Ararat jail. In my opinion I really thought that the jail was just amazing. We stopped there to have a early lunch, then we went into the jail and got a tour around the place. After all we left and went on the bus and had morning tea and it was delicious. My favourite part about morning tea would have to be the rocky road slice and the fruit box "it was DELICIOUS". Other than that the bus trip was fun because Shania, Lila, Eliza, Emma, Tiana and Sharon were all singing and then Mrs Wyatt joined in and it was engagingly funny while the rest of the class were playing I spy! However I was rather tired and tried to sleep but I couldn't because it was sooooo loud! The only scary part of the trip was when we almost got hit by a car that was on the wrong side of the road, but Mr Ireland had it covered. Other than that I thought that the

whole trip was just amazing!

By Marnie Bellchambers



Lake Lascelles Stop - On the way to Ballarat we stopped at Lake Lascelles to have our morning break. When we arrived we sat next to the lake and had our morning tea. The lake was large and from the distance you could see the caravans and the people having fun on their holidays. After we ate we started to play chasey and Mrs Wyatt took some photos of us. We also stopped there on the way back to have our afternoon break. We didn't stay there for long because it was too hot to stay and run around. If we did we would have been exhausted and sweaty by the time we got to school. It was a fun experience at Lake Lascelles and a great place to stop.

By Patricia Bellchambers

Gum San Chinese Heritage Centre - During week five from the 6th to the 10th of November the 5/6 class were on camp at Sovereign Hill. On the way there we stopped at Gum San in Ararat. At Gum San we did calligraphy writing in Chinese. We also were able to do some gold panning, but unfortunately no one found any gold. We were also able to dress up in traditional Chinese clothing. We watched an informative video about the journey of Chinese men to the Ballarat gold fields. They actually had to land and walk from Robe in South Australia otherwise they had to pay the extra tax being placed on boats bringing in



Chinese gold diggers to Victoria. The last thing we did there was making fans and masks. In order to construct the masks we had to carefully cut long lines in the cardboard. On the fans we got to use textas to decorate them however we chose. Overall, I really enjoyed my experience at Gum San and will definitely keep my mask and fan to use at home.

By Dillon Walker



Sound and Light Show – Blood on the Southern Cross – On Monday the 6th of November the 5/6 class went to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat. A rush of excitement

flew through me when we arrived. That Monday night we went to the sound and light show, this was a show using only sound and light to retell a story about the Eureka Hotel and Stockade, it's different from just watching people perform it for you. I liked it so much because we could see what it was like living in the 1850's, and what the Eureka Hotel fight and Stockade was all about. After watching this you could tell that it was extremely hard to survive living in that time and on the gold fields. The hotel fight was about two men who were wanting eagerly to get into the pub although it was shut. They were determined to get in so they could have a drink. The owner of the pub was named James Bently, he furiously beat one of the men sadly to death with a shovel, luckily the other man survived and then escaped. The show also demonstrated how the diggers made the stockade (a barrier) to prove a point that they shouldn't need licences to pan for gold. That the diggers should get a vote in their country and need to be treated better by authorities. I really enjoyed watching the show and would definitely recommend people watch it.

By Shania Heintze



Ragged School – We all got the chance to dress up like poor children and attend school on the ballart Gold Fields. Our teacher (Ma’am) instructed us during the day and showed us what it would have been like to be a poor child during those times. During our Ragged School trades hour on Tuesday, Noah, Rourke, Cody, Dillon and myself participated in a trade by the name of Saddlery. This business was extremely important back then, due to the only transport being horses or donkeys. An important thing needed for their transport to be available is a saddle, as well as harness. Otherwise they would not be able to be ridden. Getting back on track, we had the opportunity to polish saddles and harnesses using a specific cream, put stock in order on shelves, however my most favourite activity in the lesson was getting our own leather bookmark stamped with our name on it. The process began with Ma’am wetting the leather to ensure the engravement stayed; then Ma’am pulled out a wooden mallet and different iron stamps to engrave our name on it. And that finished a short and sharp process. Students got to do other trades like wheel spoke making, small metal horse shoes, sewing and raffia work.



I was elated to be one of the students given employment at the end of the two days at Mr Brown’s confectionary store. Master Rourke was given employment by Mrs Reed at the New York Bakery, Miss Shania was given employment at Mrs Jones Criterion store being a seamstress and Master Noah was hired by Mr Jackson in the mines. Master Alexander was



honoured with the gold medallion by Ma’am for being the most diligent student at the Ragged School.
By Cooper Wisneske



Secret Chamber Tour -. One of my favourite parts about camp at Sovereign Hill was when we did the mine tour. Unfortunately, I don’t remember the name of

the mine, but the tour was called the Secret Chamber. My favourite part about the tour was when I got to touch some gold and also viewing the incredible presentations on the mines walls. The presentations involved us

walking into different places in the mine which had fake gold on the wall. There was also a scary face carved onto the roof of the mine. It was really creepy! After seeing the face a video came on which we all watched. It was very interesting and about two brothers from China seeking their family’s fortune. In order to get in and out of the mine we all got on a small train. When we were on the train it got so dark that we couldn’t see anything but the tour guide. He was very funny and cool. Overall, the mine tour was a fantastic experience and I had a lot of fun.



Ten Pin Bowling – From the 6th of November the 5/6 class went on a camp to Sovereign Hill for the week. On Wednesday evening the class went bowling, the people in my group were Rourke, Dillon, Alex and Noah. We were all really competitive and really wanted to win! We

were all talented in certain areas. Noah and Dillon were very good at scoring big bowls and Alex, Rourke and I were good at speed and accuracy. In the first game Noah won and then in the second game Dillon won. At the end it wasn’t about winning it was just lots of fun. Overall Tiana got the highest score for the two games we played.



By Cody Bennier

Gold Pour Demonstration - On Wednesday the 8th of November the 5/6 class went to the gold pour demonstration at Sovereign Hill. We went to the gold pour demonstration because we were pretending to be a child in the 1850's in Ballarat during the Gold Rush, therefore one of the lessons was seeing how a gold bullion was made. The gold pour demonstration consisted of gold flakes being melted into a golden bullion and then being put in a trough of water to cool. My most favourite part of the gold pour demonstration was watching the glow of the boiling hot gold and the sizzling of the golden bullion when the man put it in the trough of water. Emma and Jonathon were chosen by Ma'am (our teacher) to hold the bullion worth 80,000 pounds, which is about \$140,000 Australian dollars. At the end of the camp my highlight was the gold pour demonstration and I would like to all thank the teachers for looking after the class and taking everyone to Sovereign Hill.

By Eliza Wallis



Red Hill Mine Tour - On the 8th of November the 5/6 class went to the Red Hill Gold Mines. Firstly we entered a building, once we got down we walked around the mine in the middle of old mine cart tracks; they were used for the mine carts to carry excess soil/dirt and hopefully gold. Then we watched a video about what could happen in the mines which was about a pair of Chinese brothers and what they did once they found gold. I learnt that the Chinese worked extremely hard therefore they found lots of gold. Most of the English didn't like the Chinese and they made it harder for the Chinese to find gold. Problems in the mines were bad air, water overflowing and the roof caving in. The video also taught me that if I found gold in the 1850's not to scream out, "I FOUND GOLD!!!" because other miners will most likely try to steal it.

By Zac Kelly

Ballarat Observatory – On Thursday the 9th of November, the 5/6 class escorted themselves on to the bus and travelled down the road to the Ballarat Observatory. At the observatory we enjoyed our divine dinner which was hamburgers and sausages. Then for dessert we had watermelon, grapes and strawberries. After dinner we were split into two groups. I was in the first group and we went into the observatory. There was a room which had a pin hole wall camera. The tour guide, Judith, was turning a slot and whenever she turned it the picture would get clearer. The picture was of the second group outside playing chasey. It was really awesome. After both groups had gone into the camera, we went outside to some bars. The bars showed us the movement of the sun, earth and moon. She told us about the longest day, the shortest day and where the sun would rise and set. It was really fascinating. Then we went to a radiant telescope. It showed the sound of things that were nearby. At the end of the observatory trip we went to McDonalds and got a divine sundae with chocolate fudge as a special treat. I really enjoyed it and thankyou Mrs Wyatt for letting us stay an extra day.



By Lila Oakley

Sweet Making Demonstration - On Thursday the 9th of November the 5/6 class got to observe how candy was made in the 1850s. The candy was called a Humbug and it had a peppermint flavour. The Humbug was created by a sticky, sugary, white mixture that contained all of the ingredients in it, although the mixture was already made when we got there. Then there was another mixture that was red and was used to make the stripes you could see in the final product. To add the stripes on the candy the man that was making the Humbugs folded the mixtures into each other and then stretched them out. After all of the stripes were made the man put the new red and white striped mixture into a human powered machine that moulded the candy into the right shape which was a sphere. After that we got to taste a Humbug and I personally enjoyed it as it was still warm and tasted like a small candy cane.

By Alexander Tzokas



Exploration Day - On Monday the 6th of November, the 5/6 class went to Sovereign Hill, in Ballarat. On the Thursday we had a free time so we could actually explore Sovereign Hill compared to Tuesday and Wednesday spent in school activities. So we used our initiative and decided to go around Sovereign Hill and explore the shops for a while. Marvellous smells and unique kids walked in and out of shops with grins on their faces. When we started exploring Sovereign Hill, we went to many shops and they were all very interesting! One of my favourite shops was the bath salts shop, because there were so many different lovely smelling aromas inside. I also enjoyed it because it seemed quiet and pleasant. My second favourite shop was the candy shop because there were lots of different varieties of candies you could choose from. My favourite type of candy was the unicorn lollipops for only \$1.20! They tasted spectacular! I also enjoyed tasting raspberry drops. They tasted pleasant and delicious. I bought a candy bag for \$8.00. The candy bag included three umbrella lollipops and a packet of raspberry drops and many other types of candy. After exploring in those shops, we decided to move on because we still had many other shops, old houses and work buildings to explore. Overall, I really enjoyed exploring the shops as they were all so clean, set up well, smelled wonderful and there were a huge range of things to buy and lots of different things to learn about.

By Sharon Joseph



Gold Panning - On the 5/6 camp we went to Sovereign Hill, in Ballarat. On Thursday the 9th of November some of the 5/6 class went panning for gold, and the rest of the class went for a walk to see some of the shops and buy things. I enjoyed this the most because it was fun experiencing how it was like in the olden days panning for gold. This was also my favourite part, this is because when Mr Ireland and I were panning for gold together, we found 7 bits of gold. Rourke, Dillon, Alex and Mr Ireland found, a small golden nugget and they got to keep them to take home to show their parents and families and tell them all about it. Mr Ireland said that I can keep the gold to take home to show mum and dad. On Thursday the whole day was free time to explore Sovereign Hill and learn about the Gold Rush times from visiting the stores, work areas, creek and demonstrations. In the afternoon I chose to do more gold panning. Overall, I think it was one of the best school camps I have ever gone to. An enormous thank you to Mr Ireland and Mrs Peers for driving the school bus throughout the trip. Also a huge thank you to Mrs Wyatt for taking us to Sovereign Hill and organising all the amazing activities for us to do throughout the camp. By Tiana Jenzen



House and Carriage Ride – On Thursday the 9th of November we went on the Horse and Carriage ride around Sovereign Hill. We saw all of the main shops and saw the creek where you go panning for gold. Also we saw the tents where the miners and families lived in if they were poor. It was fun because we got a break and a rest and we were still happily exploring. We all enjoyed listening to the clip clopping sounds of the horses. Surprisingly there was a horse that was called Emma. Overall I think our class



enjoyed being together and exploring in a new and different way. Personally I really adored holding the gold bullion because it was extremely heavy and I got chosen out of all of the girls in my class by Ma'am our Sovereign Hill teacher. I felt proud of myself and I was a bit nervous. I also enjoyed watching the gold pour and the gold burning in the water. Overall I have enjoyed camp and I would love to do it all over again. By Emma Parker

Movie night - In week 5 the 5/6 class went to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat. On the 9th of November in the evening, the 5/6 class watched the movie SING. It was a Disney movie about some animals who joined a singing competition. The person that was running the competition was called Buster Moon. Buster was broke and had no money, so he started a singing competition to raise money. His assistant accidentally advertised the prize money for the competition for one hundred thousand dollars instead of a thousand dollars; a big mistake. All the characters were very funny and well thought out. My favourite was Johnny the Gorilla, his dad pulled down the jail wall and escaped, just to see his son perform. Overall I absolutely loved the movie and I am pretty sure that the entire class enjoyed it. By Rourke Mudie

Meals –During our time at Sovereign Hill we were treated to a range of food for breakfast, lunch, tea and snacks. For breakfast there was toast, Rice bubbles, Cornflakes or Nutri-grain. Personally, I felt that Nutri-grain tops them all. I was a little disappointed since I hoped we would have bacon and eggs, but that never happened, however Nutri Grain was still really good! As there were other schools visiting Sovereign Hill at the same time there were a huge amount of kids eating breakfast with us. I was very impressed how the staff were able to serve that many kids, it was AMAZING! Lunch was at the New York Bakery most days, where we had seated lunches and on Thursday we had bakery from the main streets Hope Bakery. We also had dinner at the New York Bakery where we were well fed with rolls, mains and dessert. By Noah Ewins



J-Ward Ararat – After a long week of camp, we departed Sovereign Hill and headed back home. We were all very sad to be leaving, however we all wanted to see our parents and share our stories. On the way home we stopped in Ararat to have some lunch and go to the J-Ward Gaol, which we were a bit nervous about. After some lunch we entered the J-Ward through a gargantuan wooden gate. When we first walked in there was a big grassy area with a pond in the middle surrounded by buildings. Soon after we entered, a man gathered us up into a group and started the tour. We learnt about how the gaol had been changed into a hospital for the mentally ill. First we walked into a building where the patients slept. We got to experience what they used to sleep in which was a little mattress with a doona. Then we went to the outside area where they spent their day which was enclosed by massive walls so they didn't escape as well as a guard tower. After that, we went to another place where they slept with big locks on the doors with mannequins inside them. Then at the end of the tour we got to watch a short video of the actual patients that were in the J-Ward back in the 1900s. Overall it was a great learning experience. By Jonathon Peers

MURRAYVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE



2018 DEBUTANTE BALL RAFFLE

TO BE DRAWN AT THE MURRAYVILLE PUBLIC HALL SATURDAY 3RD MARCH

1st prize: Port Elliot holiday home

a weekend away in a beach-side town, sleeps 7
subject to booking dates

kindly donated by Barry & Fionna Edwards

2nd prize: Sonic Wireless Rechargeable sound blaster

kindly donated by Greggs Electrical

3rd prize: Pamper pack

Hair products, massage voucher, champagne & chocolates
kindly donated by Shearers Quarters & Mallee Escape

4th prize: \$100 Meal voucher

kindly donated by Golden Grain Hotel

5th prize: Elders Esky

kindly donated by Phil Rae Elders Insurance

6th prize: Beautiful kaftan & \$50 iTunes voucher

kindly donated by Murrayville Newsagency & Murrayville Hotel

7th prize: Wine & a movie

kindly donated by Pinnaroo Newsagency & Mallee Cinema



TICKETS \$5 EACH



tickets available at sunday's christmas fair



COLLEGE CALENDAR

Community Notices

20-24/11	9/10 Arapiles : Comm Rec
22-24/11	Year 12 Retreat
27/11-1/12	11-12 Transition Year 10 Exam Week
29/11	Transition
5/12	Last Day for Year 10
6/12	Whole School Transition Day
14-15/12	Year 9 First Aid
18/12	Primary Graduation Night
19/12	P-6 Pool Party lunch
20/12	Presentation Night
22/12	End of School Year
2018	
30/1	Secondary Text Collection
31/1	Students Commence for 2018

Murrayville Early Learning Centre AGM

Friday 1 December at 3:30pm
 at the Centre
 All families welcome
 Apologies to Merryn Beckmann

Wetlands & Bats : Pinnaroo Wetlands

21 November from 5pm
 Suitable for the whole family
 5pm : Meet / water watch activity
 6:15pm : Set up bat nets
 6:45pm : Sausage sizzle
 7:30pm : Bat presentation
 8:15pm : Check nets / use detectors
 9pm : Finish
 Please register attendance at 0407 189 907

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
*There will also be a
Police Publicity Officer
 in attendance to advise anyone with
 queries relating to the new Traffic
 Laws, particularly in regard to
 emergency services vehicles
 Kids - come along and talk to him
 about road safety and bicycle safety,
 or anything else you wish to discuss*

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Youth Services Mildura

Activities include:

- ★ Self Defence \$
 - ★ Laserforce \$
 - ★ Aqua Coaster & Putt Putt \$
 - ★ Movies & Pizza \$
 - ★ Mega Splash Pool Party
 - ★ Film Festival
 - ★ Waves Fun Session
 - ★ Freestyle Art
 - ★ Outdoor Pool Challenge
- January 15-25 : Ages 12-16 years
 More information by phoning 5018 8280
 or at www.mildura.vic.gov.au/youth
 \$15 for those marked \$
 Lunch and snacks provided on most days
 Enrolments close January 5



If you have any new gifts for children,
 these can be left at the
 Murrayville Newsagency.
 All gifts will be taken to
 Mallee Uniting Care in Mildura

It is particularly
 incumbent on
 those who never
 change their
 opinion, to be
 sure of judging
 properly at first

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

1. Years 5-6 : PE & Swimming term 4
2. Years 4-6 : SRC nomination information
3. Years 6-11 : Copies of returned booklists, with amendments as necessary

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

