

# Murrayville Community

## College

# Newsletter

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### From the Principal

#### Staffing –

I am pleased to announce that our staffing is almost finalised for 2017. We have employed Mrs Penny Peers 0.6 and Mrs Jaimi Willersdorf 0.4 to teach our 3/4 class for semester one, whilst Mrs Karen Willersdorf takes long service leave. We have employed Dmitri Milde to teach in the Technology 0.8 and we are currently going through the process of employing an English teacher.

#### Yr 9/10 Mt Arapiles / Horsham camp –

I mentioned in last week's newsletter that I had the privilege to attend this camp for two days and two nights. I also mentioned that their rock-climbing instructor stated that they were one of the best groups she had ever had. Well this story gets better, after school on Friday I had a phone call from the manager of the Wimmera Lakes Caravan Park to let me know how impressed she was with our group. She said that they have a lot of school groups stay and our group was a stand out in the way they conducted themselves. They were well behaved, well mannered, quiet at night, polite to management and other guests and kept their area clean and tidy at all times. She was so impressed that she felt she had to call me and congratulate the students and staff on their high expectations of each other. This story gets even better, on returning to school Monday, Heather checked the school email and there was an email from a couple staying in the Caravan park who also felt the need to contact the school to congratulate the students and staff. This is what they wrote:

*"We have been camping at the Wimmera Lakes Caravan Park over the last week. A group of your students were also camped here this week. We just wanted to let you know that we were most impressed by the way they conducted themselves during their stay. They were friendly, well mannered, independent and well behaved. Congratulations to the teachers and the students. We wish them well in their future studies."*

*Kathy and Peter Skeen"*

Congratulations to both students and staff!



#### Education State in Schools Forum –

Maddison Mudie in her role as Country Education Project Rural Youth Ambassador has been honoured by being selected as one of 10 students from across the state invited to attend this forum. Next Wednesday and Thursday she will join with the Minister Merlino, the Deputy Secretary Gill Callister, more than 70 teachers, principals, Department of Education leaders, representatives from peak bodies and critical thinkers in education to discuss the progress of the

Education State initiatives in schools. They will work together through a series of panel discussions and workshops to explore the key theme of "Achieving the promise of excellence and equity in education". It is a fantastic opportunity for Maddison to be involved in and it is wonderful that students in rural and remote schools will be represented at such a forum.

#### Transition & Electives –

Our transition program is now in full swing. We have already had a number of visits from the Kindergarten students who will be our 2018 Preps. On Wednesday we had the Year 6 students along with 3 students from Pinnaroo join our current Year 7's and shadow them for the day. They will now have a better understanding of what a day in the life of secondary student is like. Next Wednesday is whole school transition day, this the day when all students go up to their 2018 year level. 2018's Year 8's, 9's and 10's have some elective choices to make. We will be running an information session for students and any parents that would like to attend at 2pm on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December. This will outline what to expect in each elective. Final choices will be due on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of December, however if any students feel at the beginning of the year, in the first one or two weeks that they have made the wrong choice there is always the option of swapping.

*Natasha Mudie  
Principal*



#### 20-24 November

1,2,4,9	100% ★
7	98.3%
5	96%
6	95%
11	94%
Prep	92.8%
10	92.7%
3	92.2%
8	84.4%



Now is the time of the year when asthma attacks can happen. Information from the Asthma Foundation of Victoria is included below. At the end of the year when school reports are sent home, each student with a medical condition such as asthma, will find enclosed in the envelope a new Asthma Action Plan and Asthma Care Plan. Both forms will need to be signed by a doctor/Nurse Practitioner.

**The Victorian Education Department states that parents must provide the school with an Action Plan completed by the student's medical practitioner. These forms must be completed/reviewed annually.**

**\* Please remember the school does not supply Ventolin or spacers. It is the responsibility of each student to supply their own. This has come about due to infection control standards that require all schools to be using single use spacers.**

If your child's condition has changed in any way a letter needs to be written to the school advising of this change.

*Thankyou in anticipation that these forms will be filled out and signed and returned to school at the beginning of the 2018 new school year.*

### Thunderstorm Asthma -

The devastating thunderstorm asthma event in Melbourne during last year's pollen season highlighted the risk for people with underlying breathing conditions. People with asthma and hay fever were particularly vulnerable. Asthma Australia has worked closely with the authorities in Victoria and now provides a thunderstorm asthma module in their online training so school staff can be prepared for such an event should it occur in school time. You can help by ensuring your child's Asthma Plan is up to date and the school has an in-date blue reliever puffer and spacer for them in case of an emergency.



### Asthma Kids -

Looking for a way to help your child understand more about their asthma or about a friend with asthma? Asthma Kids is an online, interactive tool to help primary school aged children understand what it's like to have asthma and what they can do to help. Check it out at [asthmakids.org.au](http://asthmakids.org.au)

### Kiss myAsthma App for young people -

This is a FREE app for young people with asthma developed by medical experts at the University of Sydney with input from focus groups of young people throughout the process. The app helps young people with medication reminders, tracking symptoms and attacks to inform their doctor and setting goals (with help from the app's monsters). From the App Store and Google Play.

# CANTEEN

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

## **HOT FOODS & SANDWICHES/ROLLS/WRAPPS**

Pies / Pasties \$4.50

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:*

**Tim FORD**

for EXCELLENCE  
in Reading

*3-4:*

**Whole Class**

for EXCELLENCE  
with their efforts in the Sumdog Maths Challenge

*5-6:*

**Tiana JENZEN -**

for showing EXCELLENCE  
in her self-management; being organised for her  
learning and maximising her learning time

**Cody BENNIER -**

for showing PERSISTENCE  
with his learning and home study, never giving up

**Noah EWINS -**

for showing RESPECT  
in his role as a classmate, looking out for  
his friends and being supportive



On 20th November the Year 9/10 class travelled to Horsham for Outdoor Ed. During our stay we went rock climbing, hiking and kayaking. The best thing about this camp was the multi-pitch climbing because it was very high up and had incredible views. Another favourite was the MacKenzie Falls walk. This camp was extremely enjoyable and I highly recommend it for other students in the future.

*Kirsty H*

# 9/10 OUTDOOR EDUCATION



It was a great experience and made me work hard, though I really enjoyed it.

*Lilly M*

The camp was really good. Rock climbing was great fun, but challenging at the same time. The walk at MacKenzie Falls was really good - the views were awesome. What made the camp really good was the group of kids.

*Tom W*



The camp was a great experience. It allowed students to learn to be more persistent and independent. Always doing an enjoyable task - visiting MacKenzie Falls, rock wall climbing, kayaking, and shopping and cooking meals with the boys. A relaxed and very enjoyable camp.

*Blake V*

I really enjoyed going to Horsham for the camp, it was a good place to stay. The rock climbing we did was really fun and very challenging. MacKenzie Falls was an amazing site and walk.

*Josh M*



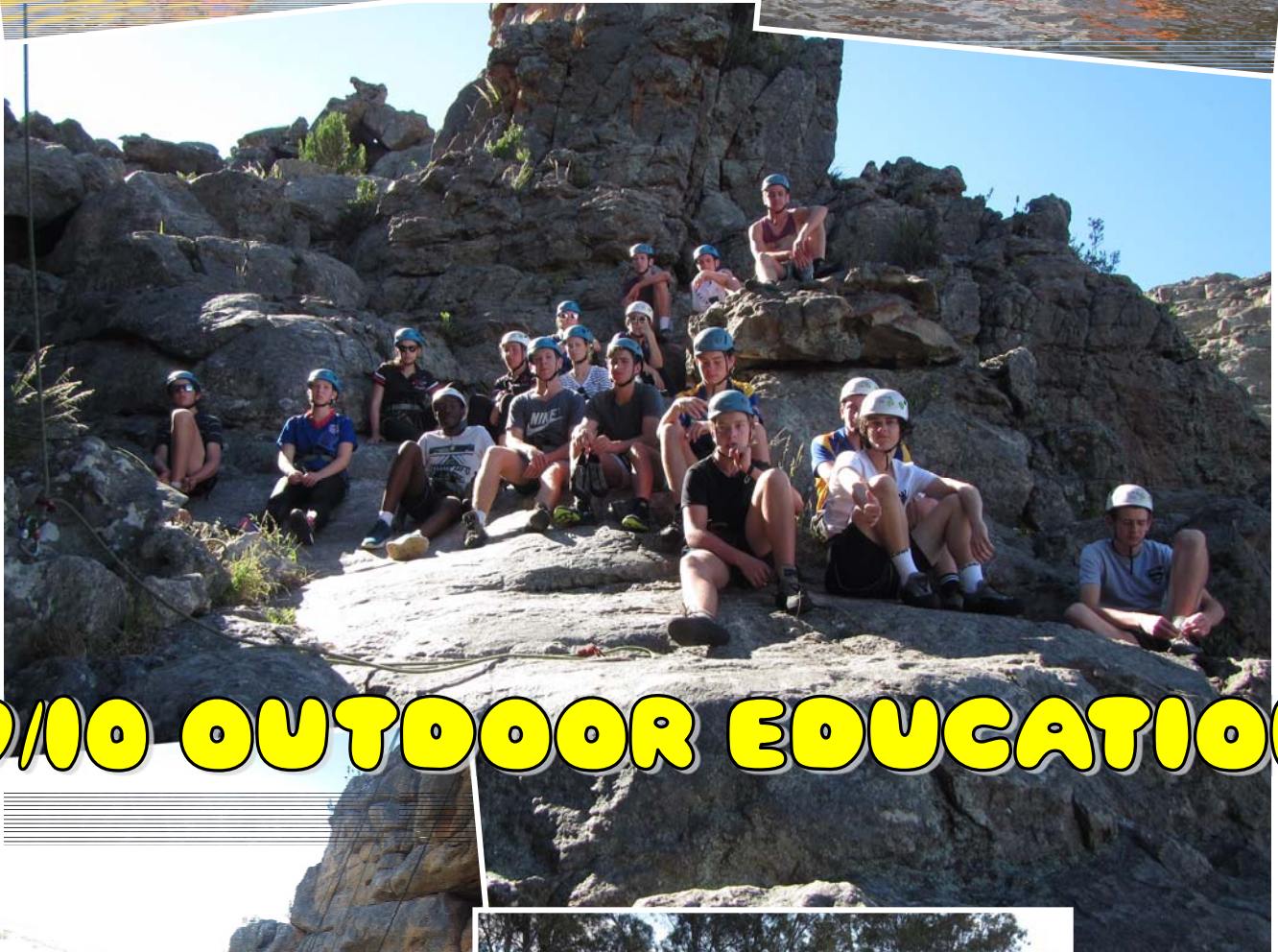


On this camp we went rock climbing. We also went kayaking and for a walk. We stayed on the edge of Horsham, which was a good spot.

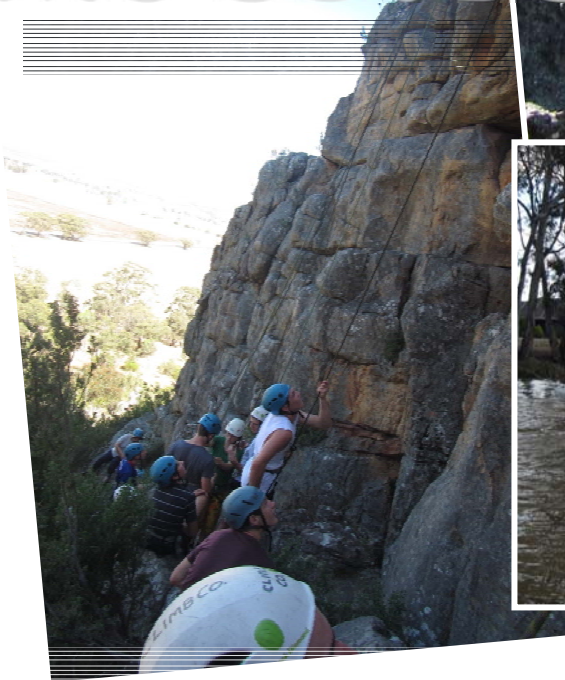
*Blake H*

Camp was fun. Rock climbing was hard to get a hold of, but once you did it was fun to do. We also did activities such as bush walking in Mackenzie Falls and kayaking in the Wimmera River.

*Mitchell H*



# 9/10 OUTDOOR EDUCATION



We left for camp on Monday and came back Friday. While we were there we did rock climbing at Arapiles, walking at the Grampians, and kayaking.

All the activities were really fun and

the rock climbing was really challenging for me. My favourite part of the camp was doing the Mackenzie Falls walk at the Grampians.

*Lara M*



# Kitchen



Here are the grade 3/4 students with their last kitchen session for the year. The helpers were Mrs Janine Crane (our reliable regular), Mrs Willersdorf, Mr Ireland and Savannah Kalms. The students cooked Borage & Spinach Soup, Garlic Bread, Cabbage Leaves stuffed with Mince and Rice, Shaved Beetroot Radish and Carrot Salad with Mustard Vinaigrette, and Rhubarb & Apple Crumble. Many of the ingredients came from the school's Kitchen Garden.



We are extremely grateful to the Murrayville Football Club for their generous contribution towards the new basketball backboards

**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** ☆





# COLLEGE CALENDAR

# Community Notices

5/12	Last Day for Year 10
6/12	Whole School Transition Day
14/12	P-2 Sleepover 3/4 Plays
14-15/12	Year 9 First Aid
18/12	Primary Graduation
19/12	P-6 Pool Party lunch
20/12	Presentation Night
22/12	End of School Year
<b>2018</b>	
30/1	Secondary Text Collection
31/1	Students Commence for 2018
29/3	End of Term 1
16/4	Term 2 commences
29/6	End of Term 2
16/7	Term 3 commences
21/9	End of Term 3
8/10	Term 4 commences

**Murrayville Basketball Club  
Allstars GENERAL MEETING**  
 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 5pm  
 Rec Hut/Courts

All players and families please make sure you attend this important meeting. If you are unable to attend please give an apology to club secretary - Eryn Wyatt.

Training on that afternoon  
 Junior/Secondary training 4pm-5pm

**Sunnycliffs Primary : 1929-2017  
Sunday 3 December : 10am to 2pm**

An open invitation is extended to all past and present students, parents, teachers and interested community members to visit the school one last time as we move towards closing at the end of 2017.

You will be able to visit the classrooms and view photos and memorabilia from the past 88 years.

For updated information contact the school on 03 5024 1684 or visit

<https://www.facebook.com/SunnycliffsPrimarySchool/>



Our P-2 and Art classrooms would appreciate receiving any unwanted MARGARINE CONTAINERS. Please leave at the front office.

If anyone has 'Kinder Surprise' egg-shaped containers they don't want, could you please save them for me at school. I will need quite a few – and I don't want to have to eat all that chocolate! Thank you very much. *Helen Pritchard.*



**EMPTY CHRISTMAS TREE**

*(Please bring gifts for underprivileged children)*

Cowangie Uniting Church  
 Sunday 10 December  
 9:30

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



**LEARN TO SWIM**

**will be available in Murrayville**

Monday 8 - Friday 12 January 2018

1.30pm start (specific lesson times to be scheduled based on swimming ability)

\$30 per person (for the 5 days)

Covers all skill levels from children with little or no previous water experience, right through to competent swimmers wanting to improve their stroke technique and water safety/survival skills

**Where to enrol:** <https://booking.vicswim.com.au/>

We can never see ourselves as others see us; even the mirror shows us in reverse

## COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- Years 6&7 : Transition program for 6 December  
 Please check that you have received this and, if not, contact the College for another copy

