

Murrayville Community College Newsletter



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From the Principal

Staffing -

I am extremely pleased to announce we now have our full complement of staff for 2018. Kaitlyn Hellwege has been appointed to the English position, she will commence her second year of teaching at MCC after teaching English and Humanities at Redcliffs Secondary College this year.

Digital Technologies in 2018 –

This has been an exciting week for the school. We were informed on Tuesday that we were successful in securing a \$10,000 grant from the Education Department for Digi-Tech start up. This will allow us to purchase robotics and coding equipment to be used in upper-primary and secondary classes and for staff to undergo professional learning to teach this effectively. The new Systems Technology elective at Years 9 and 10 will also give students the opportunity to pursue learning around robotics, coding and digital technologies, in addition to learning about mechanical, electronic and automotive systems. School council has also approved a submission to purchase a range of digital technologies equipment for the primary sector and teachers will begin integrating the associated learning into their curriculum from the beginning of 2018.

Reporting –

Staff are in the process of finalising their reports now. Final grades and comments are being added this week. We have changed the **Prep-10** reporting format slightly, to try to make it easier for the students and parents to understand. When you receive your child's report you will notice that the 'dot' still shows where the student's actual performance sits in relation to the expected range (yellow shaded block) for a student in that year level. Instead of receiving a rating of A, B, C, D, E to reflect whether the student is working well above, above, at the level expected, below or well below. The staff have simply written this in the rating box.

In addition, from **Years 7-10**, student results will be represented as a letter grade rather than a percentage. This will assist us in the calculation of excellence awards, given out at Presentation night. Reports will go home on the 20th of December and staff will be on duty at school until 1.30pm on Friday the 22nd. If you have any queries about your child's report please contact the class teacher or myself on the Thursday or Friday.

BARR upgrades –

As MCC is on the Bushfire at Risk Register, there will be some minor upgrades taking place at the western end of the school especially around the Gym. The Gym is our 'Shelter in Place' location and will be upgraded to protect from ember attack. These works will commence on Monday and continue until about the end of next week. Some internal upgrades will occur over the holidays.

From our Rural Youth Ambassador ...


Education State in Schools Forum -

This week I attended The Education State in Schools Forum, held at the Aitiken conference centre in Melbourne. This was a great experience as it allowed me and 4 other Rural Youth Ambassadors a chance to meet with and have our views heard by some of the most senior figures in the Victorian Education system, including the Minister and Secretary for Education, James Merlino and Gill Callister. As a student, it was my role to give a voice to all Victorian students, but in particular rural and remote students like myself. As part of my role I had the opportunity to lead a discussion on student agency and voice at my table. Overall, I found this a great experience, as I felt senior people within education were open to and valued the opinions I had to offer. ... Maddison Mudie

Natasha Mudie
Principal



27/11 - 1/12

4	100% 
5	98%
6	97.5%
3	95.5%
1	93.3%
7	90.8%
Prep, 2	90%
9	87.28%
10	84.5%

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

Chaplaincy Matters

Seasons for Growth was offered at two levels this year, with 11 students from year 1&2 and 5&6 completing this course.

Seasons for Growth uses the imagery of the seasons as a framework to explore experiences of change, loss and grief. The strength of this course is the way students are empowered to listen to and support each other and to understand that while we do not have control about some of the things that happen to us, we do have a choice in how we respond. A highlight of the younger group was their singing with gusto "I'm the boss of all my feelings"!

We enjoyed sharing with parents, grandparents and friends the highlights of Seasons for Growth as well as a delicious morning tea at the celebration session.

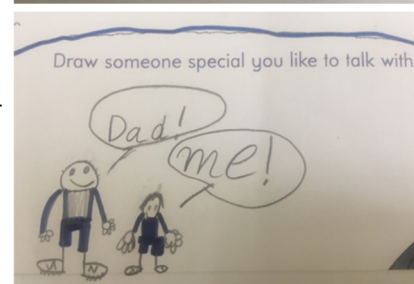
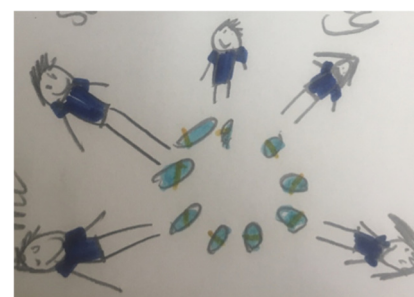
Here are some comments and pictures from the students about Seasons for Growth:

- ☺ "It is not just me who has gone through hard times, other people have too."
- ☺ "SFG taught us how to cope and control our feelings."
- ☺ "I really enjoyed all the lessons in SFG with my friends and I also enjoyed writing and working in the book."
- ☺ "Lots of things stick in my mind like people saying nice things about me."
- ☺ "One thing I learnt about the other people in here is that they're all nice."
- ☺ "The most important thing I learned from SFG was I can make good choices."

SFG is available for both primary and secondary students. We would be glad to speak to you more about this course if you believe this is something your child would benefit from doing next year.

Working together for the well-being of our young people,

Paul and Barb



**Join us in the Student Centre
next Thursday at 10:30am
for plays presented by students
from the Year 3/4 classroom**

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:

Oliver BERLIN

for outstanding DETERMINATION
to complete work missed while away

3-4:

Riley MUSGROVE &

Brooklyn MORZER-BRUYN\$

for EXCELLENCE
in learning the lines for their play

Lachlan NUSKE

for DETERMINATION
to improve in English and Maths

5-6:

Cooper WISNESKE &

Eliza WALLIS

for showing INDEPENDENCE
towards all their work, managing their learning,
organising their materials
and completing home study

Jonathon PEERS

for showing EXCELLENCE
in his approach to learning; self-motivated, self-
monitoring and strives for excellence in all he does

Transition Day

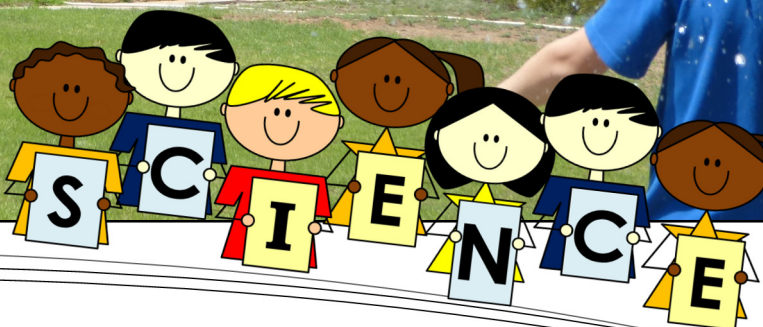


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MOVING ON UP



ART



MOVING FORWARD





COLLEGE CALENDAR

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
2018	
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
21/12	End of Term 4

Community Notices



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.



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/>

The optimist sees opportunity in every danger; the pessimist sees danger in every opportunity



COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

1. P-6 : Pool party information
2. 3-6 : Chromebooks home over the holidays
Please check that you have received this and, if not, contact the College for another copy

