

Murrayville Community

College

Newsletter

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From the Principal

School Council BBQ

We had lovely balmy weather for our annual BBQ and information night on Tuesday. The various information sessions were well attended and there was a positive vibe around the school. It was fantastic to see our new families and to see teachers and parents mingling. Thank you to all school councillors and staff who assisted with the preparation of salads, set up and clean up. Thank you also to our cooks on the night, Brett, Dmitri and Vincent.

Deb Ball

Preparations for the Deb Ball are now in full swing and we have an excited buzz around the school. Please support this important event and fundraiser for the school, by attending, buying a raffle ticket, lending the school props or decorations, donating food or money for supper. Please see page 5 for details.

William Westbury Commemoration

The students of the school have been invited to attend the re-dedication of William Westbury's gravesite in Pinnaroo Cemetery on Tuesday. A new headstone will be unveiled as part of a full military commemoration to recognise and honour his service. We have decided to take the Year 9 class as they will be studying World War I shortly and are responsible for running our Remembrance Day service at school. The VCE Foundation English class will also attend. Luka and Kynan (Yr 9 SRC representatives) have been asked to lay a book in lieu of a wreath as part of the service. William Westbury was a remarkable man and the following information has been provided by Aboriginal Veterans SA.

"William Charles Westbury was born in Mount Gambier. A Boandik man his contribution to his nation was both unique and spectacular. Sadly, he has received little recognition and as the centenary of World War I draws to its conclusion, Aboriginal Veterans SA feels that now is the time to appropriately acknowledge, for the first time, this man and his extraordinary service.

Such recognition not only honours his military exploits, but sends a strong community message of "reconciliation" and provides a wonderful, exceptionally positive story about Aboriginal service.

William Charles Westbury was born in Mount Gambier in 1878. He saw service in the Boer War as a member of the 5th and 6th South Australian Imperial Bushmen. As far as can be ascertained he is the only Aboriginal South Australian known to have served in the Boer War!

William's service to his nation did not cease upon his return from South Africa. On the outbreak of World War I he volunteered for service in South Australia's 10th Infantry Battalion and landed on Gallipoli as a part of the covering force on the very first ANZAC Day on 25 April 1915. He served the entire campaign on Gallipoli, less twenty two days when he was evacuated to England suffering a gunshot wound to his foot.

William withdrew from Gallipoli on 20 December 1915 and after training in Egypt served with the 50th Battalion (another largely South Australian battalion), where he fought in the famous battle of Mouquet Farm.

Upon his return to South Australia, William joined his family at Port Mac Donnell. Poor health related to his military service saw him seek warmer climates and he settled in Pinnaroo, where he became a hardworking and respected citizen. Newspaper articles of the time mention his contribution to the community and note that in February and March of 1919 (age 41) he entered two separate three and a half mile running races. In scorching heat he was victorious in both races and his family still hold the gold medals representing each of his victories. His victories were all the more impressive given that the wound he suffered at Gallipoli had resulted in him losing three toes!

Such was the respect in which William was held, that a recreation of the 1919 races was conducted at Pinnaroo in 2015. William's 1919 medals were proudly worn by his grandson and great grandsons, who also participated in the recreated race.

Sadly, William died in 1936. He was buried in a modest grave in the Pinnaroo Cemetery.

William Westbury was an extraordinary man who rendered unique service to his people and his nation. He was a marvellous exemplar and through hard work and the capacity to get on well with all with whom he dealt, made a significant contribution to his community."

*Natasha Mudie
Principal*



Westbury,(standing, far right) with members of the 10th Battalion in Egypt.

The family of William Westbury & Aboriginal Veterans SA invite you to the re-dedication of William Westbury's grave site.

Recent research has shown that William Westbury is the only Aboriginal Boer War Veteran from SA identified thus far.

A new headstone will be unveiled as part of a full Military commemoration to recognise and honour Westbury's service.

WHEN: GATHER AT 10:45 AM , TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY

WHERE: PINNAROO CEMETERY, SOUTHERN MALLEE.

The ceremony will be followed by a light lunch at the Pinnaroo Football Club.

Please advise if you wish to place a tribute. A book suitable for a primary school aged student is suggested.

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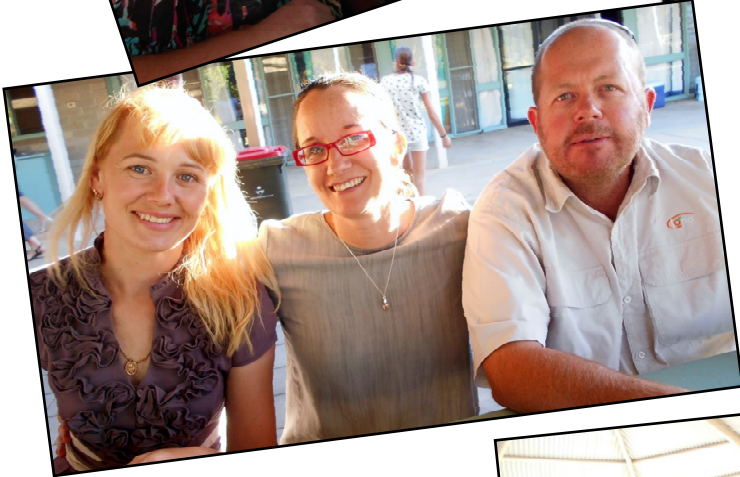
Please RSVP to Mark Waters on
reconciliationsa@adam.com.au
or on 8463 6382 by
Friday 16th February.

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Back to School



Authentic Italian pizzas made by the year 7/8 Home Eco class ... and they tasted fantastic!



Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)

Parents or legal guardians who have a Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card or a Veterans Affairs Gold Card on the first day of term one (29 January 2018) or the first day of term two (18 April 2018), may be eligible to claim funds to be used towards Camps, Sports and Excursions (\$125 per eligible primary student / \$225 per eligible secondary student). Eligibility will be determined when a parent’s concession card successfully validates with Centrelink on either the first day of term one or term two. If you think you may be eligible to claim CSEF, please contact Joylene Moyle who

The timeline for our School Council election process is as follows:

Closing date for nominations: February 23

Distribution of ballot papers (if required): February 27

Close of ballot: March 9

Declaration of Poll: March 13

New Council meets: March 19

CANTEEN

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

MONDAY	Sandwiches/Rolls <u>AND</u> Hot Foods including Toasties
TUESDAY	Sandwiches/Rolls <u>AND</u> Toasties
WEDNESDAY	Sandwiches/Rolls <u>AND</u> Toasties
THURSDAY	Sandwiches/Rolls <u>AND</u> Toasties
FRIDAY	HOT FOODS & Toasties <u>ONLY</u> (no sandwiches or rolls)

Pies / Pasties \$4.50
 Party Pies \$1
 Sausage Rolls \$3
 Sauce 20c
 Pizzas (Ham & Pineapple or Bacon & Cheese) \$2
 Sandwiches / Rolls (see price list provided page 3)
 Ham & Cheese Toasties \$2
Please - no more than \$5 in your envelope

PRIDE

AWARDS

P-2:
Cornelius De Preez
 for showing RESPECT
 for his classroom by helping to clean up

3-4:
Nate KELLY
 for showing INDEPENDENCE
 to use the VCOP wall to improve his writing

5-6:
Matilda WYATT
 for showing DETERMINATION
 in all tasks given to her.
 Striving to do her best

Jonathon PEERS
 for showing INDEPENDENCE
 in his approach to school and his learning
 Showing a high level of maturity

Deb Ball Information

Debutante Ball Catering Return Slip : Please return to front office at school by 22nd February

Family Name : _____

I wish to donate the following cake and/or slice _____
(Please deliver to school on Friday March 2nd)

Please find enclosed \$_____ donation towards the Debutante Ball Supper

The choreographer has asked the school to source some props for the night. If you have any of the following you are able to donate or loan for the evening, please contact Joylene Moyle at the school

- ★ Old style wooden chairs (need 8 or 10) that can be painted/decorated
- ★ Fairly lights (white only). These can be named and returned.
- ★ Christmas or other decorations in silver or midnight blue
- ★ Wine bottles (20 required)

RAFFLE PRIZES : Tickets \$5 each

- 1st : Weekend in Port Elliot holiday home (Barry & Fionna Edwards)
 - 2nd : Sonic Wireless Rechargeable sound blaster (Greggs Electrical)
 - 3rd : Pamper pack (Shearers Quarters & Mallee Escape)
 - 4th : \$100 Meal voucher (Golden Grain Hotel)
 - 5th : Elders esky (Phil Rae, Elders Insurance)
 - 6th : Kaftan & \$50 iTunes voucher (Murrayville Newsagency & Hotel)
 - 7th : Wine and movie (Pinnaroo Newsagency & Mallee Cinema)
- Tickets available from young people participating in the Deb Ball

Emma Allan, Josh Matiwane

Taylah Beer, Jaxon Brown

Kirsty Heintze, Blake Virgo

Lillian Moyle, Tom Wurfel

Lara Mudie, Blake Henderson

Maddison Mudie, Colby Hawthorne

Sydney Heintze, Mitchell Hawthorne

Jade Bennier, Bram Schiller

Helania deWet, Hayden Beckmann

College front office, and local outlets

To be drawn at the ball on Saturday 3rd March

Our dashing young partners were recently measured up for their suits

TICKETS

are available at the College front office. Please purchase in advance to avoid a queue in the hall foyer on the night of the Ball

Murrayville Community College
Debutante Ball
Saturday 3rd March : Presentation 8:30pm

Wish Upon A Star

Prices : Adult \$25, Pensioner \$15
Family \$60 (2 adults plus children)
School Students : Secondary \$15 / Primary \$10
Doors Open 7:30pm and Close 8:15pm
No BYO - Bar Available



COLLEGE CALENDAR

Community Notices


19/2	College Council
23/2	UDSSA Swimming (Years 3-6) Council nominations close
2/3	Sunraysia Swimming (Primary)
3/3	Deb Ball
6/3	Mallee Swimming (Secondary)
9/3	Year 11 PE Cluster Trip (Ouyen)
12/3	Labour Day
14/3	School Photos
19/3	Council AGM
22/3	LMR Swimming (Sec & Prim)
29/3	End of Term 1
30/3	Good Friday
1/4	Easter Sunday Daylight Saving Ends
16/4	Term 2 Commences
17-18/4	Parent/Teacher Interviews (7-12)
26/4	Immunisation : Years 7 & 10
27/4	House Cross Country
9/5	Mallee Cross Country
15-18/5	NAPLAN

Mole scan Bus to Adelaide
 There will be a bus travelling to Adelaide to the Rainforest Skin Cancer Clinic on Monday March 19th
 To book an appointment and a seat on the bus please call Jacqui at the Neighbourhood house on 5095 2205

Please support the McGrath Foundation in their quest to raise funds for breast cancer nurses & breast care awareness



PINK STUMPS DAY 2018
 Saturday 24th February
 Murrayville v Pinnaroo
 1:30pm at the MCG
BE SURE TO WEAR PINK
 Gold coin donation entry
 All day BBQ and Tea by Southern Mallee Scouts


LOOP THE LAKE
 Lake Crosbie
 Pink Lakes - Murray
 Sunset National Park
 Saturday 24th March
 * Registration 9am
 * Start 10am
 * All participants must register
 * Cost : Donation towards breast cancer in tin at registration
 * Wear something pink or dress up
 * Prizes for best dressed
 * A bus will loop the lake for those requiring a ride to the finish line
 * Sausage/hamburger sizzle and soft drinks available for \$2.50 each
 * Raffles and merchandise
 * Free water bottles along the way
 * No animals allowed
Underbool Primary School Breast Cancer Fundraiser
 Come and join the kids to walk, ride or run the 10.5km loop

The Great Mallee Yabby Race will be held at 8pm
 Get your syndicate together to win BIG!



The Pink Flamingo Marquee
 \$50 entry 3-6pm
 Champagne, beer, cider and nibbles



BACK TO FRONT DRAW : from 4pm
 Last ticket drawn wins \$500
 Other prizes along the way
 Tickets at Murrayville Newsagency
 LIVE MUSIC FROM 9pm

To get what you want, you must know what you need

PARENT REMINDER
 If you have not already done so, please return the red form relating to excursions, publication of names/photos, computer use, etc. Also, if there are changes to student details on the enrolment form sent home at the end of 2017, please ensure that these forms are returned promptly.