

Murrayville Community College Newsletter



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From the Principal

Today is the **National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence**. As a school we do our very best to foster a safe, supportive and inclusive environment in our classrooms and play areas. Below is the definition of bullying for Australian Schools.

Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons.

Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.

Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

Bullying of any form, is never tolerated at this college. Non-tolerance of bullying is a learnt behaviour that needs to be explicitly taught. At this college we have a number of programs in place that teach students from Prep through to Year 10 to build strong and respectful relationships with others, and how to interact safely and respectfully online. I am very proud of the way that our students are prepared to call out as 'not cool', any acts that could be classified as bullying. I am also aware of this happening via social media, where mean or anti-social comments have been widely criticised by the student's peers. Parents and the whole school community have a role to play to reinforce our anti-bullying message, by showing tolerance and respect to others including minority groups. Parents should also report to the school if they believe that their child is being subjected to any form of bullying, so that this can be addressed.

Regional Principal's Forum –

Yesterday I attended this forum with all of the other Principals from our region (Mildura to Cohuna to Charlton). We were addressed on the massive successes that reforms of the Education state are having on student outcomes. It was stated that, if Victoria was separated from the rest of Australia, we would be the 8th most high performing education jurisdiction in the world. Five schools were asked to present to the group on how their school had made significant changes to improve student outcomes. I was asked to present on behalf of MCC on how we have improved our VCE results to be some of the best in the state. It was a very humbling experience, to tell our story to a group of equally dedicated Principals, who have the same goals as we do. Upon reflection in the car on the way home last night, it did remind me that our students are definitely getting a world class education, even though they attend a relatively small school in the Mallee.

When the Principal is Away -

Staff and students arrived to find a fairly authentic looking crime scene at school yesterday. This caused great excitement amongst the younger students and concern by some staff who did not realise that it was all fabricated as part of the studies into crime being undertaken by the Year 5/6 class. Leading Senior Constable Ross Huxtable had been busy using crime scene tape and flashing lights early in the morning. We are most appreciative of his work with our students - more details can be found on pages 4 & 6.

School Photos -

Wednesday morning saw Peter Gillahan, director of National Photography, visit to take the annual student and class photos.

Family photos (where requested) should be available to view online in 2-3 weeks.

Natasha Mudie
Principal



5-9 March

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	7	97.7%
	11	97%
	5	95%
	1	94.2%
	6	91.1%
	8	90.7%
	4	90%
	3	87.1%
	10	85%
	Prep	72%

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 Photos were taken this week by National Photography for the first time. This company was sourced by our previous photographer, Gary Boseley, of Boss Photography, who has relinquished his school photo round. Gary has been taking our school photos for 12 years and we wish to thank him sincerely for his service and for the outstanding quality of his product. We've been very fortunate to have school photos of portrait quality as a result of Gary's efforts. As an ex-local, Gary is well known in the area and has built up a tremendous rapport with the students and staff with his jovial and fun approach. We would like to take this opportunity to wish Gary all the best with the new direction he hopes to follow, and to thank him for the wonderful relationship we've shared over many years.



CANTEEN

STOP BULLYING

**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

Davyd DAVYDIUK
for DETERMINATION
to succeed at all tasks

3-4:

Oliver BERLIN

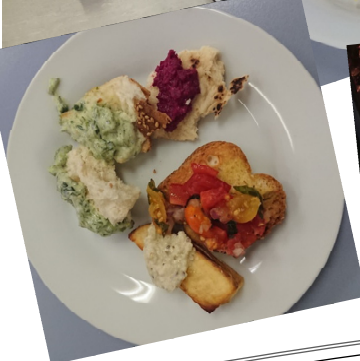
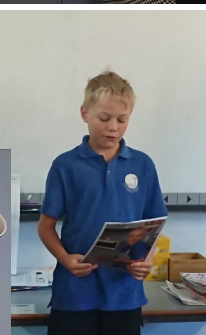
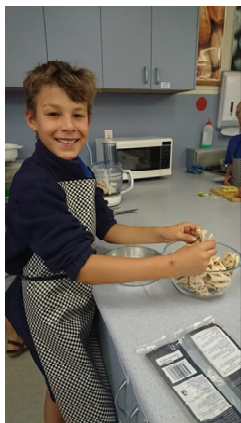
for showing INDEPENDENCE
in using his new device to help his learning

5-6:

Zac KELLY

for showing DETERMINATION
to do his best at every swimming lesson and
event he has participated in

We are very lucky to have Mrs Helen Pritchard running the Kitchen/Garden program again this year. The 5/6 class have shown great enthusiasm towards the program and have thoroughly enjoyed learning about gardening and improving their cooking skills. Helen teaches the importance of growing and eating healthy and nutritious foods as well as the skills to independently manage these tasks. Students love the freedom the learning provides and regularly go home and cook the recipes used for their families. The 5/6 class had their first kitchen lesson on Friday the 2nd of March, after a few weeks in the garden. They enjoyed working with new vegetables that they had grown, as well as presenting their learning at our recent primary assembly. Thank you to our regular volunteer Janene Crane as well as Mink Godden, Tahnee Conlin, Christine Wyatt and Kaitlyn Hellwege who helped during the cooking lesson. *Eryn Wyatt*



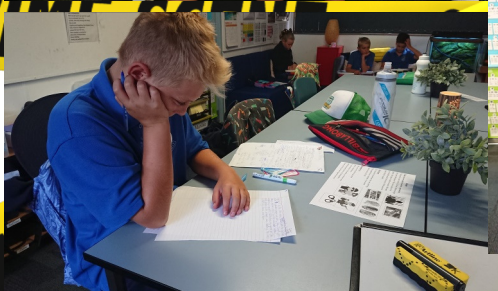
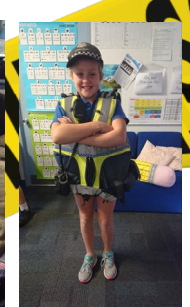


Big Write /VCOP



For the last few weeks the 5/6 class have participated in the Junior Neighbourhood Watch Program (JNWP) with Leading Senior Constable Ross Huxtable. Students used the knowledge gained from this to help them with this fortnight's Big Write topic - Crime! To ensure an authentic learning experience Ross and I set up a pretend crime scene in the 5/6 classroom. Students arrived to school in disbelief as they realised their classroom had become a crime scene. Someone had broken into the classroom, stolen electrical goods and trashed their beloved learning space. Luckily the offender had left some prints on the window so students could use their newly learnt detective skills to capture the criminal. This hands on learning led to great discussions and sentence creation around technical language learnt in JNWP lessons and then translated into some marvellous stories involving crime. Thank you very much to Ross who helped create a 'real life' crime scene to captivate student's interest and engage them in their writing.

Eryn Wyatt

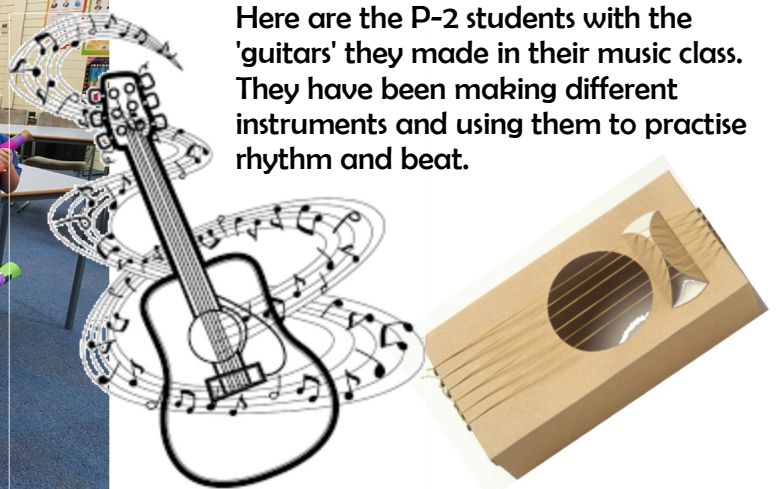


On the 9th of March, the year 11 PE class travelled to Ouyen P-12 College for a cluster day. Here Joshua, Mitchell, Kirsty, Thomas, Blake V and Blake H met with some students from Robinvale and Ouyen. These classes are currently undergoing the same studies, learning about human anatomy and movement. In groups, we were able to test our BMI, blood pressure, pulse rate and lung function with a local nurse. After comparing results, we were able to dissect and investigate long bones and hearts. It was excellent to see many of us bonding and sharing ideas after such a short time. We as a class believe the day was very worthwhile and extremely enjoyable, as it was great to have a larger variety of minds all working on the same ideas. We would like to thank Mr Willersdorf for his time in organising the day and driving the bus and hope to meet with the other students again in the future.

Kirsty Heintze and the Year 11 PE Class



Here are the P-2 students with the 'guitars' they made in their music class. They have been making different instruments and using them to practise rhythm and beat.



COLLEGE CALENDAR

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
21/5	College Council
23/5	P-4 to Mildura Arts Centre Yr 11 : SAPOL talk in Pinnaroo
5/6	LMR Cross Country : St Arnaud
18/6	College Council
29/6	End of Term 2
16/7	Term 3 Commences Cluster Day : Student Free

We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the first peoples and traditional custodians of the lands where we live, learn and work. We pay our respects to the Elders, both past, present and future, for they hold the memories, traditions, culture and hopes of Indigenous Australians.



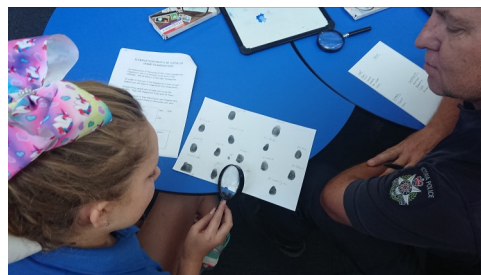
JUNIOR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

The 5/6 class has been working with Leading Senior Constable Ross Huxtable participating in the Junior Neighbourhood Watch Program. This term they have been involved in two lessons about *Crime Scenes* and *Finger Printing*.

Students have learnt what is pertinent to a crime scene investigation,

ensuring the evidence is gathered without contamination, the importance of witnesses, how to dust a crime scene for prints, the uniqueness of finger prints, the different types of prints and detective skills to pick out a specific finger print.

The sessions have been engaging, with all students enjoying learning new things and broadening their vocabulary. Thank you very much to Ross for his excellent, hands on lessons for the students and spending time sharing his knowledge and expertise of the police force. *Eryn Wyatt*



Community Notices

FREE SCREENING MAMMOGRAM

There will be a bus going to Murray Bridge on Tuesday March 27th
To book a seat and appointment please phone Jacqui
at Neighbourhood House on 5095 2205

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

1. Years 5-8 students : viewing film 'Wonder'
2. Selected primary students : Swan Hill swimming



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

Success
is not forever
and failure
is not fatal