

Murrayville Community College Newsletter



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From the Principal

College Council

College Council met on Monday night, firstly for the Annual Reporting Meeting and then for the March Meeting. We have a number of new councillors this month and I would like to thank them all very much for nominating. New members include: Jessica Sweet, Drew Crane, Christine Wyatt, Eryn Wyatt, Thomas Wurfel and Ross Huxtable, who was co-opted as our community member. Thanks to Stacey Morzer-Bruyns who again took on the role of Council President, Carly Heintze is again Vice-President, Sheryn Bennier has stepped into Treasurer and Helen Parker is again the Assistant Treasurer. I presented the Annual report to council during the first meeting and this can now be found on the school website. Stacey also presented a report to the Annual meeting and thanked all councillors for their contributions.

- At the March meeting the *Conflict of Interest Register* of local businesses who may have a perceived, potential or actual conflict of interest with the school was reviewed. The school cannot be seen to favour any business over another due to their relationship with the school.
- It was raised that we can no longer source the girl's shorts in their current form, they are now supplied with a white pin-stripe. The uniform committee will review a sample when it arrives and then make a decision around this.
- Tom Wurfel presented the SRC report and next week's casual day was approved.
- Finally, council discussed the results of the parent survey on school communications. Thank you to those families who gave feedback through this survey. The pros and cons of the school having its own Facebook page were discussed and the council gave 'in principle' support to this being developed in the future. It was agreed that, before any page is to be created, a

supporting policy should be developed through consultation with staff, students, and parents. Parent and staff permission would be sought before using any names or photos.

Parent Club

I have received a letter from a number of parents requesting that the school form a Parents Club. I think that this is a fantastic way for parents to become more involved and support the school. To form a new Parents Club we will need to hold a meeting of interested parents and follow the protocols for requesting its formation. **I propose that we hold this initial meeting on Monday the 23rd of April at 2pm at school.** It would be fantastic if we could get this up and running.

Loddon Mallee Regional Swimming

Congratulations to Jonathon Peers and Zac Kelly who displayed our PRIDE value of 'striving for excellence' when they represented the school at Swan Hill yesterday. Well done boys!

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Primary staff have been in discussion with parents several days after school this week. Secondary interviews will take place at Murrayville on April 17 and Pinnaroo on April 18.

Staffing

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Jeanette Morehouse who has secured a position teaching Kindergarten at Tokyo International School. She is very excited about this new challenge, but we are all very sad that she will be leaving us in early August.

End of Term

Term 1 concludes next Thursday at 2:30pm. This will be a casual day and the SRC is selling hot dogs and cordial at lunchtime. There will be no canteen lunches available on that day. Bus travellers will, accordingly, be home ¾ hour earlier than their usual times.



12-16 March

★ 1,2,3,12	100%
11	97.5%
6	97.2%
7	95.8%
8	94.2%
5	93.7%
10	92.5%
9	90.6%
Prep, 4	85%

Natasha Mudie
Principal

Abi Sparnon



WHERE are they now?

Year 12s of 2017



Abi is currently taking a gap year doing an exchange in Norway and next year will study Mechanical and Sustainable Energy Engineering at Adelaide University.

Abi left Pinnaroo on January 6th. She struggled with the cold to start with, really underestimating how cold it would actually be. She's loved the experience so far. Abi is living with a lovely family and she feels very comfortable. Finding the language quite difficult to master has been a concern for her, but she is slowly making progress. She was very fortunate to spend a week at Svalbard, which is the northern most town in the world, absolutely loving that

experience. She's really looking forward to seeing as much of Norway as possible, before she returns home at the beginning of December.

Ryan Hawthorne

Ryan has started a dual diploma in outdoor recreation and travel and tourism management through TAFE



NEXT THURSDAY, the last day of term, will be a casual day with the theme **FAMOUS PEOPLE** (please bring a gold coin donation). At lunchtime the SRC will be selling Hot Dogs \$3 and Cordial 50c. **NO CANTEEN LUNCHES** that day.

CANTEEN - next week

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

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

PRIDE AWARDS

Phoenix MORZER-BRUYNS
for EXCELLENCE
in speaking and listening

3-4 :

Riley MUSGROVE

for DETERMINATION
to overcome his fear of heights and successfully
complete our obstacle course

5-6 :

Alexander TZOKAS

for showing DETERMINATION
towards improving on his personal learning goals



Springlake



Mount Barker Geography Field Trip

On Thursday the 8th of March the Year 11 and 12 student studying VCE Units 3 and 4 Geography travelled to Mount Barker. The aim of this excursion was to collect data for their fieldwork report into the land use change occurring in the region focusing on how this is affecting the social and environmental sustainability. Students will then use this data to construct a fieldwork report justifying whether they think the land use change occurring in Mt Barker is socially and environmentally sustainable. On the excursion students assessed and visited both a new and old housing development and assessed the amount of resources available to the public such as transport, hospitals and schools. The students were toured around the new Springlake residential development by project director Richard Osbourne.

Students were interested to see water sensitive urban design features such as raingardens and the stormwater management system.

Students then visited the Mount Barker District Council chambers and

were given a presentation regarding town planning to accommodate the growing population by planners Michael Dickson & Carly Broadbent. All the students found the trip very productive and fun; and are all enjoying their Geography studies this year.

Thanks to Mr Willersdorf for his excellent bus driving skills!

Maddison Mudie on behalf of Year 12 Geography class



GEOGRAPHY

NAPLAN

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy

The National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2018 for Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 students will be held on Tuesday 15th May, Wednesday 16th May and Thursday 17th May. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

Writing: The NAPLAN Writing test assesses a student's ability to convey thoughts, ideas and information through an independent construction of a written text in standard Australian English.

Reading: The NAPLAN Reading test assesses the ability of students to independently make meaning from written standard Australian English texts including those with visual elements.

Language Conventions: The NAPLAN Language Convention test assesses a student's ability to independently recognise and use correct standard Australian English spelling, grammar and punctuation in written contexts.

Numeracy: The NAPLAN Numeracy test assesses student's knowledge of mathematics; their ability to independently apply that knowledge in context, and their ability to reason mathematically.

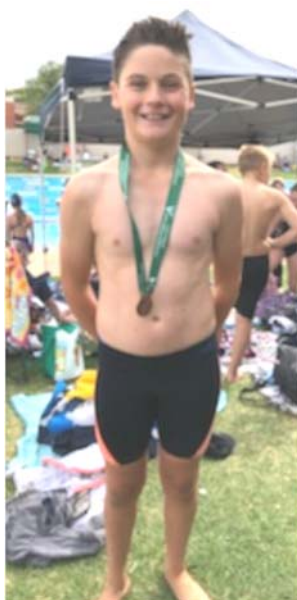
All Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 students are expected to participate in NAPLAN tests. During test week catch-up time is available up to and including Friday 18th May for students who are absent and need to sit the required tests.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding NAPLAN please contact your classroom teacher or Janene Chaplin. For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAP website at www.nap.edu.au.



Zac - ready to start backstroke

Another medal for Jonathon



Jonathon Peers and Zac Kelly represented the school, Underbool District and Sunraysia South Area at the Regional Swimming Carnival in Swan Hill yesterday. They prepared extremely well during lessons, pushing themselves to improve their starts and overall times.

Jonathon 12-13 boys -
50m Breaststroke 3rd and 50m Freestyle 5th

Zac Kelly 12-13 boys -
50m Backstroke 5th

Both Jonathon and Zac competed in 12-13 boys relay teams

4 x 50m Freestyle Relay team – 3rd and
4x50m Medley Relay team – 3rd

Thank you to the Peers and Kelly families for transporting and supporting the swimmers and congratulations boys on your efforts and results. Well done. *Eryn Wyatt*



DEBUTANTE BALL DVDs FOR SALE

John Heintze has produced a DVD of the school's 'Wish Upon a Star' Debutante Ball. Copies are available for purchase at \$25 each.

If you wish to place an order, please complete the slip below and return to school, with the \$25, by Wednesday 28th March

Deb Ball DVD



Name : _____

I wish to purchase a DVD of the 'Wish Upon a Star' Deb Ball.
Enclosed please find \$25.

Signed: _____

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

For our first edition of "Captain's Corner" we would like to say why we were willing to be school leaders for 2018.

Kirsty -

As well as aiming to complete year 11 this year, I am really keen to try new things and have a lot of fun being a college captain. I wanted to be a captain to hopefully have a positive and lasting impact on the student body.

Maddison -

My main aim as a 2018 school captain is to inspire our students to believe in themselves and always strive to achieve their best. I want to encourage students to recognise that their small school and rural setting is an advantage and to take PRIDE in our great school. Although Year 11 and 12 is a very important year, Kirsty and I have a lot of great ideas to involve students and make our school even better. The Captain's Corner is just one of the ways that we hope to showcase the great achievements of the student body to the wider community.

"Social tools are not just about giving people a voice, but giving them a way to collaborate, contribute and connect."

... John Stepper, Social Media, Deutsche Bank



The positives of social media

Parents can be forgiven for thinking social media has a predominately negative effect on children. The growing regularity of cyber bullying, and media coverage of severe responses from victims, has painted sites like Facebook, Twitter and Instagram in a less-than-flattering light.

However, there is evidence to suggest that social media use can be advantageous for students and may promote learning, health and strengthen relationships.

Boost learning

There might be a lot of superficial content floating around on social media but there is plenty of worthwhile information too. The nature of 'trending' topics exposes children to issues of the day and within seconds, they can be in the know on the latest political shift or social injustice.

Following news outlets allows students to pick and choose the stories they want to investigate, rather than buying a newspaper and skipping past much of the content. Accompanying video footage makes news stories more engaging for an audience who have been bred on technology.

Health perks

From #dryjuly, which encourages taking a month off drinking alcohol, to #freezemnd championed by Neale Daniher to find a cure for motor neuron disease, the promotion of health initiatives on social media sends a strong message to children from a young age.

There are also dedicated groups for students with specific medical conditions, where they can connect with others going through the same thing and find support, information and a safe space for discussing how they are coping.

Solidifies friendships

The ability of social networking sites to break down the barriers of time and distance allows children to meet other students with similar interests — an aspect that is particularly relevant to those from remote and regional communities. Recent additions to the social media landscape, like Snapchat, are very conducive to building and consolidating relationships. With features like 'best friends' and 'streaks' between people, users can develop a genuine sense of connectivity.

COLLEGE CALENDAR

29/3	End of Term 1
30/3	Good Friday
1/4	Easter Sunday Daylight Saving Ends
16/4	Term 2 Commences
17/4	Parent/Teacher Interviews (7-12) / Murrayville
18/4	Parent/Teacher Interviews (7-12) / Pinnaroo
23/4	Meeting re Parent Club 2pm
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
1/6	Queen's Birthday Holiday
18/6	College Council
29/6	End of Term 2
16/7	Term 3 Commences Cluster Day : Student Free

One who makes
no mistakes,
makes nothing

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.



Community Notices



MALLEE TRACK HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mallee Track Health and Community Service is developing its next five-year strategic plan (2017 to 2021). Feedback from the community will be critical to develop the big picture plan for the region's future health goals and challenges. MTHCS has appointed consulting firm Healthcare Management Advisors to develop surveys (hard copy and online).

These will be available throughout the catchment in waiting rooms and other points of care at MTHCS (both paper-based and online using iPads).

This is your chance to guide planning for health services in the region and how they are delivered.

How can you help?

Be sure to have your say on the key issues under consideration for the Strategic Plan, such as:

- Surrounding hospitals and health services and local government.
- Telehealth: What do you know about it? Could this benefit our region?
- Chronic disease and health issues – What support is available? What is needed?
- Services that need to be delivered closer to home.

The survey will be out soon.

Like our Facebook Page (search Mallee Track) to find out about opportunities to have a say, visit our website or get in touch with Shirley Vallance at MTHCS.

Phone: 03 5092 1111 Fax: 03 5092 1177 Email: mthcs@mthcs.vic.gov.au

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

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Screening at Pinnaroo Lutheran Church Hall at 5pm ...
... 'Lion of Judah - The Lamb that Saved the World'
Followed at 6:30pm by dinner, then church service at 7:30pm
All welcome, to begin the Easter weekend

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

1. Years 10 & 11 : Mallee Youth Ambassador information

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

