

Murrayville Community College Newsletter



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Last Friday's Retirement function

From the Principal

Year 5/6 Camp

From all reports, our Year 5 and 6 students have had a wonderful time in Adelaide over the last four days. They have participated in a fabulous range of interesting, exciting, challenging and fun activities. Thank you to Mrs Wyatt for again organising this camp and to Synon Peers and Paul Ireland for accompanying her and driving the bus.

Somers Camp

It is a busy time if you are currently in Year 6. Next week we have four students, Lila, Eliza, Dillon and Mac heading down to Somers Camp on the Mornington Peninsula. They will be attending as part of a group of 160 Year 5/6 students from the Mallee and Sunraysia. This 9 day adventure camp is a fantastic opportunity for these students to step outside of their comfort zones and develop independence and leadership skills. I'm sure that they will all have a brilliant time. Thank you to Miss Bailey who has kindly agreed to attend and allowed our allocation to be increased from 2 students to 4.

High Resolves

Next Monday our Year 7 & 8 students have the opportunity to participate in the High Resolves program that has been made available to rural schools at no cost. The students will participate in two sessions that cover 'Independent Thinking' and 'Collective Identity'. **Independent Thinking** is a highly interactive learning experience designed to help students recognise the ways that

their minds can be manipulated and gives them the skills to challenge their unconscious biases and think independently. **Collective Identity** is a highly interactive learning experience designed to help students view themselves as global citizens belonging to one single, yet diverse human race.

Electives Information Session 5:00 – 6.30pm

In 2019 the school will be providing greater choice in learning to our students from Year 7 – 10, by giving them more access to electives. These electives, including new offerings, will be available Term by Term in 2019. We have decided to run an information evening to explain what to expect with each elective, so that students can make informed choices and parents have a fuller understanding of the electives and the elective process. Teachers will be available to present Elective offerings and to answer any questions of students and parents.

The session will be run in the Student Centre from 5pm -6.30pm. I hope to see you there.

VCE News

Our Year 12 subject exams concluded with the Agriculture and Geography exams on Thursday. The Year 12s are now set to celebrate their completion with parents and teachers at the Year 12 Dinner tonight. Year 11s commenced their exams today, with an English exam and Year 10s will begin their exams on Monday. The Year 11s will head off to Adelaide with Mrs Cowley and Mr Willersdorf on Wednesday for their Year 12 Retreat.

Natasha Mudie
Principal



5-9 November

5	100%
8	97.9%
7	93.7%
6	93.1%
4	93%
10 & 11	91.6%
3	87.5%
1	83.4%
Prep, 2, 9	75%

Please notify absences before 9:30am or parents will be contacted by the school
Phone 5095 2001 or email oster.brenda.j@edumail.vic.gov.au



The Weed and the Sapling

There was once a sapling, who had been growing for many years, though he had not become very tall. Next to the sapling there was a weed, who was very eager to grow tall, and in a week it had grown taller than the sapling. From then on, the weed spent every day boasting to the sapling about how quickly he grew. This all ended one very windy day. The sapling swayed side to side though it did not fall, whereas the wind bent the weed and its stem was too weak and it snapped. The sapling was now the tall one. This went on for many seasons, with the weed always catching up and then falling with the wind. Eventually the sapling became a great tree, and the weed could never be taller.



Being the fastest to do something, does not make you the best at it. Jaylen Barford

The cat and the mouse : Puma and the Mouse

There once was a big, fat fluffy cat named Puma Thurman who saw a big juicy mouse run into its home in the wall. "Great, dinner!" exclaimed the cat with a lick of its lips. The cat went to the mouse hole and stuck his paw eagerly into the poor mouse's home. "Hey mouse, I've got some cheese for you," he tempted. The mouse scurried out of its hole excitedly only to see Puma.

"You darn cat!" The mouse returned to his hole.

Puma laughed, "You dumb, pathetic mouse! You think you can get away?"

This happened a few more times that week. Puma would always laugh at the mouse's weakness but, in fact, the mouse was not weak at all. He had a plan to get the cat away from him forever! That night the mouse snuck out while Puma was sleeping and opened the front door to the house with the help of a few creepy-crawly friends. The mouse stood at the door-way and shouted, "Here kitty! Come get me".

In an instant Puma came running, and at the last second the mouse moved away and shut the door behind the cat. Now Puma Thurman was forever gone and the mouse lived happily ever after.

Not everything is as it seems. Kristen Sparron



CANTEEN

**ALL ORDERS TO BE PLACED
at the Front Office BEFORE SCHOOL
Late orders will only have access
to ham & cheese toasties**

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

Ham & Cheese Toasties \$2

Please - no more than \$5 in your envelope

PRIDE AWARDS

P-2:

Jack DUNNING

for EXCELLENCE
in editing his writing

3-4:

Seth WALKER

for DETERMINATION
in his extra literacy work

5-6:

Mac GODDEN

for showing improved ability and INDEPENDENCE
in reading comprehension

Eliza WALLIS

for showing EXCELLENCE
in her Integrated Studies project;
working hard to achieve top marks



The Year 9 English students have been analysing George Orwell's *Animal Farm*. At a complex level, this text is an allegory for the Russian Revolution, but it also utilises the devices of a fable. A fable is a short story that illustrates a life lesson or moral. One of the most prolific writers of fables was Aesop, a slave living in ancient Greece more than 2500 years ago. He is believed to have told and written more than 500 fables, including the well-known *The Hare and the Tortoise*, and *The Boy Who Cried Wolf*. Students studied the literary devices of Aesop's fables: they often use personification of animals and objects, they rely on metaphor, they must be short to be easily told and remembered, and they must teach a life lesson.

Here are their own original fable efforts below.

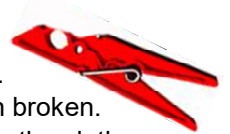
Helen Parker - Year 9 English teacher

The Old Lady and the Broken Peg

There was once a basket of pegs, who were used to hang up the clothes on an old lady's clothesline. All the pegs were extremely strong. However, there was one peg that was a lot smaller and had been broken. This broken peg would climb to the top of the basket every morning, hoping to be used for hanging up the clothes. Unfortunately, the broken peg never got a chance.

Then one day, the old lady had no pegs left in the basket except the little broken peg. The lady groaned and sulked, before using the broken peg to hang the final sock. The broken peg was over the moon when this had happened, but there was still one big problem. Once the old lady had left, the wind started blowing! It blew its hardest to throw all the pegs and clothes off the line! Everything was falling off! Everything except the little sock that had been clipped on by the broken peg. The wind finally gave up after blowing endlessly. The broken peg was the only peg to hang on.

Never give up, always keep trying - you'll get your chance. Luka Morzer-Bruyns



The Hungry Spider

There was once a spider with a belly full of insects. He was making his way home when suddenly he noticed more insects. Another spider, that was far skinnier and smaller, was trying to eat these insects too, but he was struggling with his lack of size and power. But the full spider didn't care and crawled over to the scene inspecting how to eat the insects. He gobbled up the creepy crawlers and now his belly was extremely full. He was gradually making his way home when a bunch of other spiders appeared and surrounded him. 'It's not nice to steal from smaller spiders.' The other spiders gobbled him up and shared his body evenly making sure every spider got a piece of him. The full spider learnt his lesson.

It is very foolish to be greedy. Kynan Milde

The Teal Flower

There was once a group of flowers that inhabited a small meadow. One day, Green flower broke out in irritation and tore one of Blue flowers petals off. In retaliation Yellow flower, Blue's friend, tore one of Green's petals off, sparking a fierce war between the two friendship groups. The Green, Red, Purple and Pink flowers fought against the Blue, Yellow, Orange and Brown flowers. Only one flower avoided the confrontation, this being the Teal flower. The other two groups battled ferociously throughout the spring evening, with no group having an edge over the other. This all happened while the wise, elegant Teal flower bloomed under a large tree listening to the distant quarrel. The next morning she woke up to the sight of every flower stripped of their petals, while she stood strong with all petals intact. Later she was asked why she did not get involved, and she answered with, "An argument is not worth risking your beauty and health."

It is always best to avoid conflict. Brock Milde



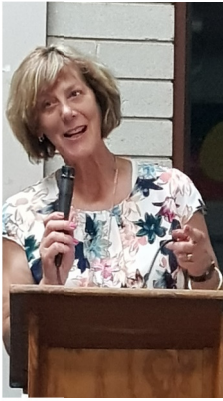
The Orange Tree and the Lemon Tree

There was once an orange tree that many people loved. There was also a lemon tree known for being bitter towards all. People became distant and stopped visiting the lemon tree for being so sour. After being neglected for so long, the lemon tree saw that the people still loved the orange tree. So he thought to himself, 'Why do people still visit the orange tree? He is always kind to all and never unhappy. So, why do people not want me?'

Bitterness will not get you very far. Harry Ribbons



Retirement Junction
for
Karen Willersdorf
and
Brenda Menzel





On Wednesday i interviewed my grandma Rhonda. I discovered that grandma Rhonda grew up at Gurrai and went to school at Gurrai. She told me that she used to work at a vegetable shop.

Oliver



I interviewed my ma, Sheryle Peers, about her childhood. I discovered that she had 8 people in her family - 3 brothers and 2 sisters as well and she was only 18 months old when she first came to Murrayville. Most importantly in her first house she had to walk 8 miles to her school but she took the bus.

Ivy



CHILDHOOD tales from our GRANDPARENTS



On Wednesday I interviewed my grandpa, Graham Wilson about the past. I found out that he was born in

Karratha however he had 6 brothers and sisters altogether.

I also found out that he lived on Adelaide Road then moved to Pinnaroo when he was 16. My pop told me a story about his childhood.

He had lots and lots of pets and learnt how to drive when he was 8.

Laila



On Wednesday my grandma Marilyn came to school so I could interview her. I was a little nervous. I found out when she was a child she lived in Western Australia and to get to school she had to walk 4 miles with her brothers and two sisters. There were 34 people in the school and one teacher.

Seth





On Wednesday I interviewed a friend called Dot about her childhood. I discovered that she grew up in Murrayville but she moved to Pinnaroo in South Australia. Dot told me that she lived at Peers Motors where the garage is so she walked to school.

Lachlan

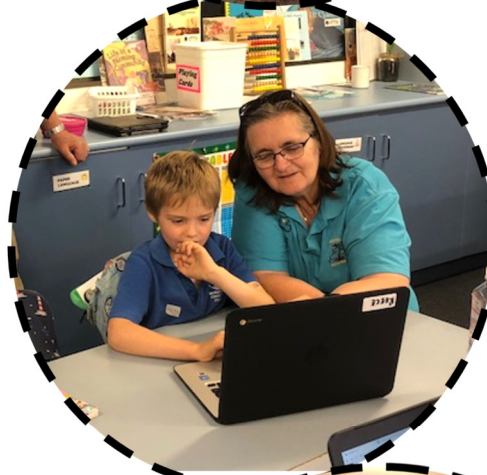


happy memories



This Wednesday my granny came to school so I could interview her. I was excited for her to come, also the day was amazing. I was also partnered with my friend Liam that made the day even better. The most interesting thing I discovered was that my granny had 4 sisters and one brother. The day was absolutely incredible and I hope I have another amazing day like this.

Nate



On Wednesday I interviewed my gran Kath about her childhood. I discovered that she grew up in Cardross. Also in year 2 she walked all over the desk because she was naughty.

Reece



I interviewed Nate's grandma Lyn about her childhood days. I discovered that she used to chase boys around. Her favorite job was nursing, also she lived near Nate's house.

Liam



On Wednesday I interviewed my Grandma Maxine Crane about her childhood. I discovered that my Grandma lived 2 kilometers out of Pinnaroo also her Dad mostly dropped her off at school however if the bus didn't have many people on it she went on the bus.

Harvey



Grandparents Visit

Memory Lane

Grandparents Visit the 3/4 Students

On Wednesday I interviewed my grandpa 'Malcolm' about his childhood. I discovered that he was sixteen when he came to Murrayville and that he was born in Adelaide. He told me a story about how he had to walk nearly everywhere he went which meant that he always got terribly tired. He had a really good friend who lived next door and his name was John. That meant they could see each other everyday unless one of them was sick.

Sarah



This Wednesday my nana came to school so I could interview her. I discovered that she lived on cattle stations across the Northern Territory.

I also learned that she had 12 family members. I also learned that my nana had red hair. Now that is surprising for me. The day was amazing and I wish I could do it again.

Ethan



Our memories

On Wednesday the 14th of the 11th Evie and I interviewed Adele Oakley, about her childhood. Evie and I had to ask Adele a lot of questions also we had Jade videoing so we could hear all of the answers to our questions, so thank you Jade. Adele had to catch a bus every weekday however, once the bus broke down however the bus driver had to walk to get help.

Mya



Today I interviewed my granny about her childhood. I discovered that she grew up in Gurrari.

I also found out that she went to the same school as Oliver's grandma did and they were best friends.

Emmazyn

On Wednesday, my nana Adele Oakley at interviews told Mya and I a funny story about how she didn't get to school until lunch because the school bus broke down and because there were no phones she could not ring anybody. Nana also told us about where she used to live and about her best friend Christine.

Evie



COLLEGE CALENDAR

- 19/11 Electives Info 5-6:30pm
College Council
- 19-20/11 Years 10 & 11 Exams
- 20-28/11 Somers Camp
- 26-27/11 Year 11 Transition to Year 12
- 21-23/11 Year 12 Retreat
- 28/11 Student Free Day
- 29-30/11 Year 11 Transition to Year 12
- 3-7/12 Sport & Rec to Robe
- 10-14/12 7/8 Camp to Mt Gambier
- 11/12 Whole School Transition
- 13/12 College Council
Year 6 to Ouyen - re Transition
- 13-14/12 Year 9 First Aid
- 19/12 Presentation Night
- 21/12 End of School Year

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



**PPS Pinnaroo
Primary School**

The Hamilton Scholarship is open to Pinnaroo Primary School students in their last year of primary schooling and in their first year of secondary schooling. Information regarding the scholarship is available at the front office at Pinnaroo Primary School.

On December 3rd at 10am Sara Jenzen, podiatrist for Mallee Track Health and Community Service, will hold an information session on milestones for 0 to 7 year old children. Come along to the Murrayville Neighbourhood house building and have a chat with Sara. RSVP to Jacqui on 5095 2205.



Never do anything that you can't admit doing, because if you are that ashamed of whatever it is, it's probably wrong

PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS : CURRENT & FUTURE ATTENDEES OF MURRAYVILLE EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

re opening the service 1 extra day per week from end of January 2019

- ★ Normal Childcare day rate
 - ★ Proposed for Mondays from 8:30am to 5pm
 - ★ Full day fee \$81 (less Childcare subsidy rate)
 - ★ Must be a permanent/fixed booking
 - ★ Not to be used as alternative to current Wednesday & Friday delivery
- Expressions of interest due by 30th November 2018*
Call Mallee Minors Ouyen on 5092 1077 for more info

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

1. 7/8 Students : High Resolves at Ouyen Monday 19 November
2. P-2 Students : Bathers needed for PE lessons

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