

Murrayville Community College Newsletter



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From the Principal

Grade 5/6 Success – Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the Junior Neighbourhood watch video competition, recently. All videos created were of very high quality and one group were very successful, shooting the winning video for the North West region of the state. Please see page 4 for a full report.

Transition – Students in Years 6, 7 & 8 moved up a year level on Monday and completed a full day of Transition whilst the Year 9 & 10 students were heading of to Robe & Naracoorte. The day was planned to give all students a taste of what to expect in their new year levels for 2019. It was great to welcome our new students into Year 7 and 8 for 2019.

Maths Pathway - Mrs Chaplin and Mr Watson travelled to Melbourne late this week to undertake professional development in a new Maths program that we are intending to trial with Year 8 & 9 in 2019. This online program replaces the traditional textbook and is very individualised to each learner. It has been used with great success in a number of schools across Victoria and in our region. It aims to more than double the average growth of most students in the program. The following YouTube clip summarises the program <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tmTy1l2rUGk>, but further information will be provided to parents in early 2019.

School Review – MCC is going to be under review in 2019. The majority of this work will happen in Terms 1 & 2. This Wednesday I attended a training in Melbourne with a large number of other Principals whose schools are also scheduled for review in early 2019 and was enlightened about how this process has changed since our previous review.

This is a great opportunity for the staff, students and school community to reflect on what we have achieved over the last four years and how we can plan to improve even further over the next four years. The School's Self Evaluation will involve staff, student and members of the school community working together to look at our data over last four years and create a Self Evaluation Report during Term 1. An independent reviewer will attend the school in Term 2 to lead the Review panel and conduct fieldwork.

This will involve the review panel meeting with teachers, education support staff, students and school councillors to discuss the performance of the school against the Education State targets. They will visit classrooms and observe lessons to determine the consistency of our schools ability to deliver excellence in Teaching and Learning. The reviewer will also be auditing the degree to which we are meeting our obligations in terms of policies and procedures.

Preparing and presenting the information required by the reviewer is going to be a large body of work for the staff and I. I will continue to communicate through the newsletter, where this is up to and request input from parents in Term 1. Once completed our review will enable us to set our priorities for the next four years, and create a Strategic Plan that will continue to drive improvement through to 2022.

CEP Youth Ambassadors - This week Lara travelled to Melbourne for the final Youth Ambassadors forum. This forum was the culmination of the Youth Ambassadors work over the year. A key element of this forum was a presentation to invited guests from schools, philanthropy, education sectors and other interested people around their thinking and ideas in relation to rural and remote education. This presentation was held at the Bastow Institute of Educational Leadership and included: an exploration of the development of 'Rural Inspire' – an initiative designed by the ambassadors aimed at enhancing rural youth aspirations, a discussion around the new career education approaches to be implemented from 2019 and the consideration of supporting virtual learning as a strategy for supporting rural and remote education.

Natasha Mudie
Principal



1-7 December

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4	98.8
7	95
6	94.5
3	93.3
1, 5, 8, 11	90
10	85
9	77.2

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

dates to Remember

Term 1 concludes 5th April
Term 2 dates : Tuesday 23rd April to 28th June
Term 3 dates : 15th July to 20th September
Term 4 dates : 7th October to 20th December

Monday 28th January :
Australia Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 29th January :
Teachers will resume for 2019
Wednesday 30th January :
Secondary text collection 9am-noon
Amended from 29th January
Thursday 31st January :
All student commence the 2019 year



LIBRARY IS CLOSED!!!!

Please return library books asap. Many Year 10 and 11 students haven't returned class texts. They need to be brought back. Contact Mrs Morzer-Bruyns, in the library if you're unsure what you have borrowed.

CANTEEN

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

Please Note
ONLY HOT FOODS and
TOASTIES
available for the
remainder of 2018

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:

Thomas CRANE
for DETERMINATION
in his writing

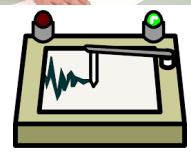
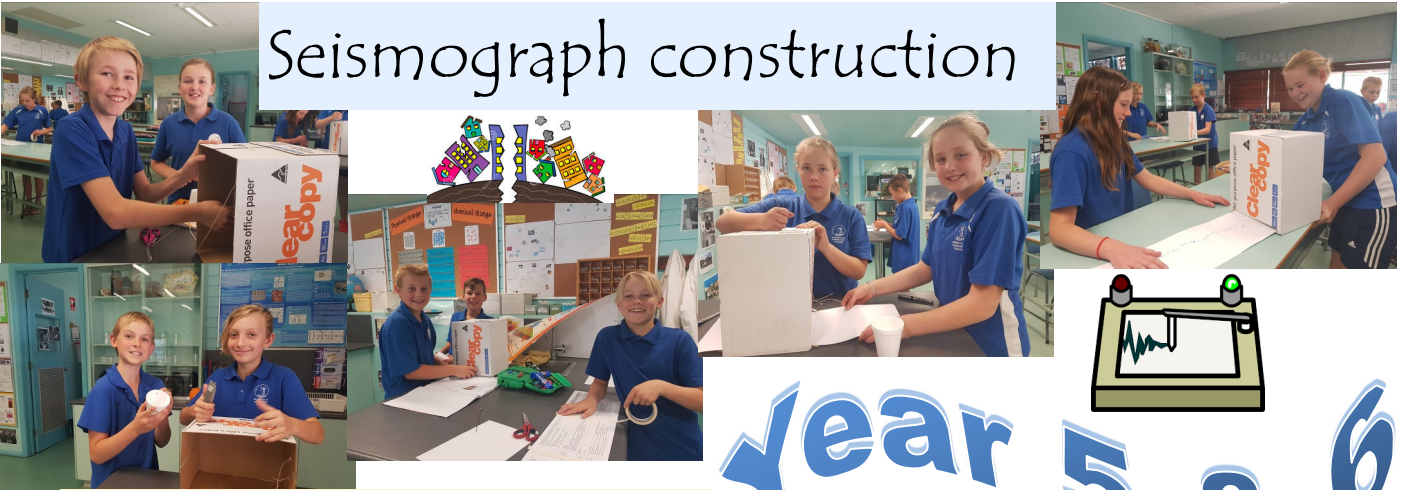
3-4:

Sarah ALLAN
for EXCELLENCE in her organisational skills;
always being prepared for learning

5-6:

Noah EWINS
for showing DETERMINATION
towards writing an engaging graduation speech
Well done!

Seismograph construction

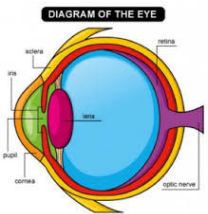
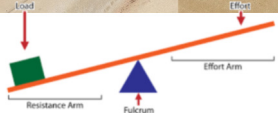


Year 5 & 6

Catapult competition



Year 1



SCIENCE



Eye dissection

Year 8



Peter Sporn had the fun job of cleaning up after the strong winds took down a couple of trees in the school yard. A big thank you to Dmitri Mile to allow the use of his trailer for the clean up.

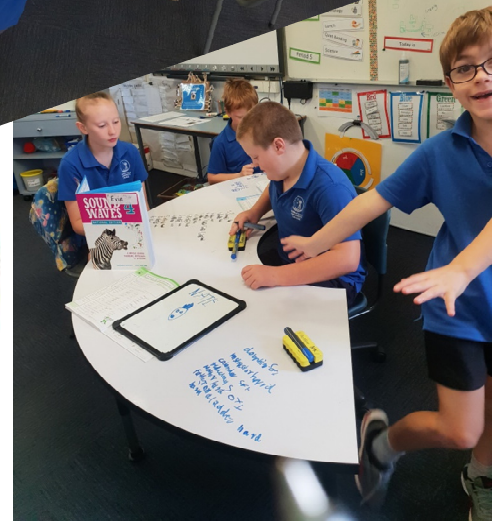


On Wednesday the Preps through to Year 6 classes had a Christmas Craft Morning with Mrs Andrews, Mrs McNally and School Captain Maddison Mudie.



There has been big excitement in the 3/4 classroom with our new whiteboard table. The students have used it all day and look forward to the opportunities it will provide. Thank you to Mr Sporn and Mr Ireland for putting it together

This term the 5/6 class have been working on creating crime prevention adverts during our Junior Neighbourhood Watch Program lessons. These adverts were sent into the North-West Region Police division competition last week. Ross and I are very excited to announce that the advert on bike safety created by Brooklyn, Zac, Jonathon, Clayton, Dillon and Alex has been chosen as a winner. A production crew will be visiting the school to professionally video the students and it will be played on television over the summer period in the Mildura area. Congratulations to the group of students and thank you to Ross for all his work with the students this year.



Hat reminder

STUDENTS MUST WEAR HATS WHEN OUTSIDE IN TERMS 4 & 1

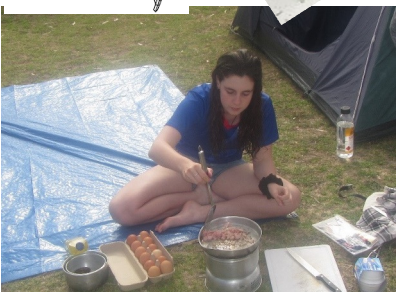


Last Thursday was the last session for the year. As well as making delicious dishes from their own produce, they present how to cook and eat artichokes. Thanks to the helpers, Bec Oakley, Merryn Beckmann, Janine Crane, Jessica Allan and Barb Ireland.



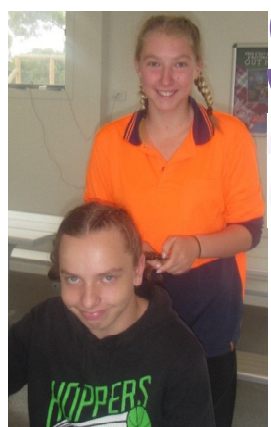
The year 6 students presented their farewell speeches this morning. The students spoke extremely well, sharing their fondest memories over the last seven years with the rest of the primary school. The group is looking forward to their graduation night next week and are excited about the next step in their education and lives. They sincerely wanted to thank all the staff who have assisted them in their journey so far.

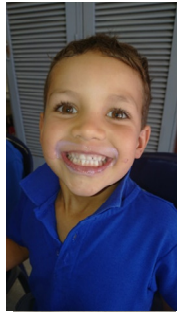




9 & 10 Outdoor Ed Camp

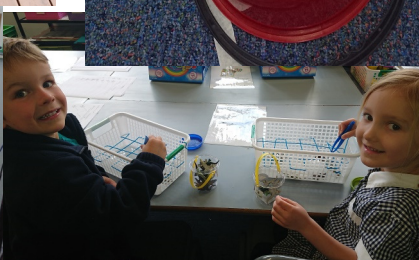
Last week the year 9's and 10's travelled to Robe for their Duke Of Ed Camp. Whilst on camp the students got to participate in many different activities such as caving, kayaking and bush-walking. Adventure caving was a great experience and very different to what we were all expecting. We learnt how to position our bodies to fit through small gaps such as the 'keyhole'. It was also very interesting to learn about the history of the Naracoorte caves, caving and mega fauna. The group spent Wednesday taking a walk around the coast of Robe visiting many tourist attractions such as the old gaol, the obelisk and walking along the beach. On the final day the group went kayaking, at the beach as well as on the lake. Kayaking on the beach provided many laughs as people tried to paddle past the break and catch a wave back into shore. Kayaking on the lake was much more relaxed and scenic, although it was quite funny when people flipped. Overall the group really enjoyed the experience.





The 2019 Preps

have enjoyed their transition visits this term. Charlie, Chloe, Hudson, Scarlett, Stella, Parker and Patrick have enjoyed their time at school preparing for next year. We have loved spending time with our buddies, learning through literacy and numeracy games, partaking in specialist digital technology lessons, music lessons, sport lessons, swimming lesson, gardening, cooking and having play time with our new school friends. Thank you to everyone that has helped make these transition days memorable. We are looking forward to seeing the new Preps tomorrow at our primary school transition day and we are very excited to see them at the start of next year as 'big school kids'.



COLLEGE CALENDAR

- 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
- 17/12 Year 6 Graduation Night
- 18/12 P-6 Pool Party
- 19/12 Presentation Night
- 20/12 Last day for Students
- 21/12 End of School Year
- 2019
- 30/1 Secondary text collection
- 31/1 All students resume

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

Murrayville Swimming Pool : 7-11 January : Enrol online at Vicswim.com.au



When everything seems to be going against you, remember that a plane takes off against the wind, not with it

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

1. Year 8

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