

Murrayville Community College Newsletter



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Inspiring P.R.I.D.E. • We Value • Persistence Respect Independence Determination Excellence

From the Principal

Last week of term – Once again Term 4 has been a very long one, but is now fast coming to an end. This has been a fabulous year for our school with a number of outstanding achievements by our students. Many of these will be recognised at Presentation Night. It is so pleasing to see our students continuing to strive for “Excellence”. Our PRIDE values of Persistence, Respect, Independence and Determination are demonstrated across a wide spectrum of curricular and extra-curricular areas. As staff, we have been working very hard to build practice excellence across the whole college and establish structures to support students and provide them with every opportunity to exceed their potential.

Year 12 Results – Senior students received their Year 12 results Friday morning. In addition to those in the Year 12 class, the majority of the Year 11 class also received either one or two results for Year 12 subjects. We have again achieved very solid results enabling our Year 12 students to take their next steps into further education. As Principal, I am very proud of their efforts and would like to congratulate all students on their fantastic results.

Presentation Night – This is a special night in the school’s calendar and an opportunity to recognise the achievements of our students and to see them perform. Our guest speaker this year will be past student Deirdre Graham. **All students are expected in full uniform and to be at the hall by 7.30pm ready for the program to commence at 8.00pm (Victorian Time).** Reports, magazines and various forms will be distributed to students on that day - primary at the conclusion of school, families with both primary and secondary students at the conclusion of Presentation Night.

Casual Day – To ensure that all students are able to attend Presentation Night in full uniform, they are not expected to wear uniform to school on Wednesday.

Year 7/8 Camp – Despite some inclement weather last week the Year 7 & 8 students had a great time on Camp at Mt Gambier. Unfortunately, they were unable to complete the outdoor high ropes course due to the rain, but substituted this for some equally challenging indoor activities. There were many highlights across the week that are documented in the photos inside this newsletter. A huge thankyou to Mrs Pritchard, Mrs Parker, Miss Bailey and Miss Hellwege for their efforts across the week.

Year 6 Cluster Transition – Mr Watson and I took the Year 6 students to the inaugural Mallee Cluster Transition Day last Thursday. The activities on the day were coordinated by the Mallee Youth Ambassadors. Lilly and Jade represented our college, very well. The day was all about building social connections with other students from the other Cluster schools. The students participated in a range of team building activities and discussed their hopes and fears about secondary school. Overall, it was a very successful day.

First Aid - Year 9 students have completed their Senior First Aid certificate over the past two days under the instruction of Natasha Anderson from Mallee First Aid. This is an important qualification for securing employment in their later teens and post school.

Student Free Day - A reminder that next Friday the 21st of December is a Student Free Day. I would like to wish all students and their families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

Natasha Mudie
Principal



10–14 December

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| Prep | 100% |
| 2 | 100% |
| 5 | 100% |
| 7 | 100% |
| 6 | 98.1 |
| 4 | 95.5 |
| 3 | 90 |
| 1 | 83.3 |
| 9 | 74.3 |

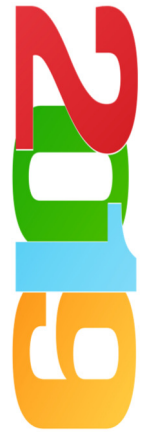
Please notify absences before 9:30am or parents will be contacted by the school
Phone 5095 2001 or email oster.brenda.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

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CHRISTMAS

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



CANTEEN

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

CHANGES TO CANTEEN for 2019

Pies/Pasties \$4.50 : Party Pies \$1 : Sausage Rolls \$3

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

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:

Ryder LINDNER

for showing RESPECT for his peers and environment

Phoenix Morzer-Bruyns

Showing INDEPENDENCE and LEADERSHIP in the
 second to last week of school

3-4:

Reece WALKER

for PERSISTENCE

with his mental Maths even when he hadn't learnt
 the concepts

Oliver Berlin

for INDEPENDENCE in his crea-
 tive writing. Using writing prompt
 pictures to create an engaging
 story

5-6:

Clayton GODDEN

for showing improved INDEPEND-
 ENCE in all aspects of school.

Steffinie AMMERLAAN

for showing RESPECT

towards her Kindy Buddies, by being a great role
 model and friend on transition days

Jonathon PEER\$, Alexander TZOKA\$, Sha- nia HEINTZE, Lila OAKLEY, Grace MICHELL and Eliza WALLIS

for showing EXCELLENCE in the way he/she con-
 ducted himself at Cluster transition day at Ouyen,
 showing his/her PRIDE Values at all times.



YEAR 7/8 CAMP



In the classroom St Mary McKillop established



Sitting on the rim of Mt Schank volcano



Some kids in the middle of the Mt Schank volcano



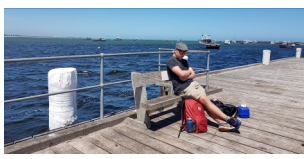
Old Mt Gambier Gaol



Umpherston Sinkhole



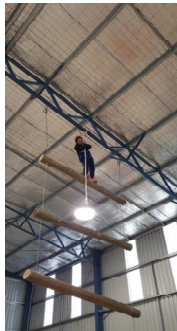
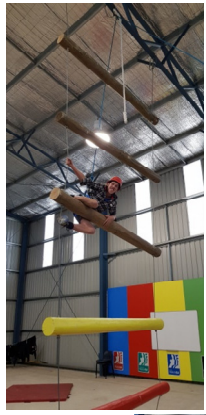
Going down into Engelbrecht Cave under Mt Gambier



Lunch at Mt Schank plus on the Pr Mac-Donnell jetty



Year 7/8 Camp



The Blue Lake



FUN!



Christmas poems from the 3/4 classroom

Bang smash crash
 Santa's sleigh smashes against the roof
 Fat Santa slips and slides down the chimney
 Crunch; the cookies disappear in a stomach
 Crunch; wrappings undone
 Wakes up family
 Santa's done
 Lachlan Nuske



Christmas Christmas
 Santa's coming
 Boom bang Santa lands on the house
 Everyone wakes up
 Here are the presents rip and wrap
 Everyone gets excited
 All the presents under the tree
 Smell the roast with gravy
 Yum yum yum
 Feel the toys
 Crinkle crinkle
 Harvey Crane

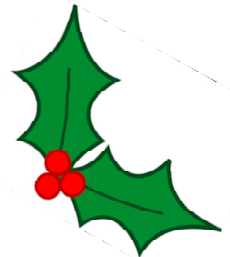
Clip, clop, clip, clop on the roof top
 Down comes Santa with a plop
 Creeping, crawling floor boards creek
 Santa tries so hard to sneak
 Eating cookies served with a beer,
 Oops forgot to feed the reindeer
 Searching merging for the right present,
 Ooo look at this present it looks so pleasant
 Beep beep beep goes an alarm
 Santa looks at the door there's an arm
 Ivy Beckmann



Presents presents
 I love presents
 Rip rip rip
 Crunch crunch crunch
 New toy here
 New toy there
 This boy loves his new toys
 Especially when they make noise
 Ethan Mckee



Silly Santa's sliding in sleighs
 Jingle jangle goes loud bells
 Clip clop goes those reindeers
 Here comes the sunny day
 Excited kids ripping presents
 Rip rip rip
 Jingle jangle jingle jangle on the
 roof top
 Down comes Santa with a plop
 Thing, thong, thing creeping down the hall way
 Being as quiet as a mouse
 Here comes Santa to the Oakley's house
 Eating cookies crunch, crunch, crunch
 Need a beverage mouth so dry
 Have no fear
 Take a beer
 Click click on comes the lights Evie's coming down the stairs
 quick hide behind the...
 "Hello Santa"; too late
 Evie Oakley





Chaplaincy Matters

It's hard to believe another year has gone by so quickly! It has again been a privilege and pleasure to work as MCC School Chaplains.

With holidays upon us, and larger amounts of free time for young people inevitable, our inbox seems to be filling with "well being" articles around being mindful of screen time they are experiencing. We know it can be a struggle to keep things in balance.

Family Zone is an internet filtering system that can be used to place boundaries around screen time and internet usage. Here are some of their recommendations for traversing this issue in homes.

Create a media management plan before the holidays begin. Set firm rules around what, when, where, with whom and how much screen-time each child is allowed.

Take time to help your child find high-quality, age-appropriate content.

Enforce the 20/20/20 rule to prevent eye damage. Every 20 minutes, your child should take a 20-second break away from the screen, look at something 20 feet away (that's about six metres), and blink at least 20 times.

Be exact in your instructions about cut-off points.

Give warnings before screen-time ends.

Get involved in what your child is doing online.

Establish no-tech zones. Ideally, all children should only use screens in publicly accessible rooms.

Rope off tech-free times. Digital kids need "green time" - that is, time out of doors, in nature. Make sure all screens are switched off an hour before bedtime.

Don't use screen-time as a reward

Use parental controls (such as Family Zone) It keeps kids safe, and it also encourages mums and dads to talk to their kids about their online activity.

([https://www.familyzone.com/blog/taming-the-square-eyed-monster?](https://www.familyzone.com/blog/taming-the-square-eyed-monster?fbclid=IwAR3bV4pFhRP0jLSNsG5kX6A_k8kuyk8FEc8_A5CyY6525teEIn4rA-pbRLA)

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Christmas Hampers

We have available Christmas Hampers for anyone who would like a little bit of assistance during the festive season. Please let us know through the school or contact Paul directly 0407715189 if you would like to access a hamper.

We would like to wish students, staff and families a wonderful Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday break,
Paul and Barb Ireland, School Chaplains



COLLEGE CALENDAR

- 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 re-
sume
- 5/4 End of Term 1
- 23/4 Term 2 commences
- 28/6 End of Term 2
- 15/7 Term 3 commences
- 20/9 End of Term 3
- 7/10 Term 4 commences



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

CAROLS IN THE PINNAROO WETLANDS

This Sunday (16 December)
 commencing with a
 Sausage Sizzle at 5pm
 Soft drinks & Icy poles available
 Carols to follow
 Bring a chair or rug



How you spend your
 time is more
 important than how
 you spend your
 money : money
 mistakes can be
 corrected, but time
 is gone forever

