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From the Principal

Welcome Back –

It was nice to ease back into the term with a short week. I trust everyone had a good break during the holidays and those who attended, enjoyed the Pinnaroo Show on Wednesday. Thank you to Julie Andrews for her coordination of the College Show Display, that was by all accounts a standout again this year. Although there are 10 weeks still to go in this Term, it promises to be a very busy one. Year 12s only have two weeks of school left prior to commencing their exams on the 30th of October. We have four camps/excursions this term: Year 9 to Rubicon, Year 8 to Aldinga, Year 5/6 to Ballarat, Year 11 Retreat, Year 9/10 Outdoor Ed and we have a Student Free Day on Monday 11th of November. Year 9 also complete First Aid training in December, preparations are underway for the School Magazine, Presentation Night (Wednesday 18th of December) and end-of-year reporting. I am positive that the next 10 weeks will fly and we will be thinking of Christmas, before we know it.

Planning 2020 –

Planning for subjects, timetabling, staffing and budgeting for 2020 is now well under way. Booklists will be coming home in the coming weeks and will need to be returned during November. It is imperative that parents let the school know now, if they anticipate that their child or children will not be returning in 2020 as this will impact on all of our planning.

Motorclassica Visit –

Mr Milde took 3 of his enthusiastic Technology students to this event in the World Heritage Royal Exhibition buildings in the Carlton Gardens in Melbourne on Friday. The students were treated to Australia's largest exhibition of new, exotic and prestige cars and motorcycles. By all



accounts the students enjoyed the motor show immensely, although it sounds like the majority of the displays might require winning the lottery to purchase. They also got somewhat of a politics lesson as they witnessed the Extinction Rebellion protest, first hand. Thank you Dmitri for providing these students with this enriching experience.

Women in School Leadership Trip to India –

As you are aware I was very fortunate to travel to Delhi, India in the final week of last term and immerse myself in the culture and education system of the region. It was truly an amazing experience, so much to see and learn. I am hoping to do a special assembly for the students to share my experiences with all of them **on Thursday 24th at 2.00pm** before the Year 12s finish. I would like to invite any parents and interested community members to join us for this presentation. I was very fortunate to spend part of my time in a very special school with a highly accomplished female Principal. I was very impressed by the strong school culture at S.D. Public school and the articulate students that attended. Education in India is quite different to that in Australia and my visit made me appreciate the fantastic teaching and learning resources available to our students and teachers. However children and teenagers are the same whether they be in Murrayville or Delhi, they have similar aspirations and dreams and as adolescents are troubled by the same sorts of things. I will do a full report on my trip and publish this in a later newsletter for those unable to attend on the 24th.

Loddon Mallee Regional Athletics –

Congratulations to Daniel McDonald who placed 3rd at Bendigo on Thursday and good luck to Matilda and Harvey who are competing in the Primary event today.

Accelerated Reader –

The fiction section of our library is undergoing a reshuffle to accommodate the Accelerated Reader program. This program assists students to choose books that are at their reading level and fosters a culture of reading throughout the school. This is an exciting development for our school and further information will come home to parents in the coming weeks.

Natasha Mudie - Principal



On the last Tuesday of Term 3, the VCE Further mathematics students attended a revision lecture in Euston. This was organised by Robinvale P-12 school together with all the cluster school Principals.

The revision lecture was given by Fiona Latrobe who is a very experienced Further Maths teacher with extensive experience in assessing and marking VCE Further Mathematics. The session included students from Robinvale, Manangatang, Ouyen and Murrayville. A similar revision lesson was given by Fiona last year and our students had found it invaluable in the lead-up to the exams.

This year's session was equally engaging and gave our students valuable insights into improving their study technique and approach to the exams. Special thanks to Natasha Mudie and the other cluster school principals for supporting this event and our students.

These types of events really show the worth of our cluster school collaboration.



CANTEEN

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

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

Pies/Pasties \$4.50 : Party Pies \$1 : Sausage Rolls \$3
Sauce 20c

Pizzas (Ham & Pineapple / Bacon & Cheese) \$2.20
Sandwiches - various prices
Ham & Cheese Toasties \$2

Please - no more than \$5 in your envelope

PRIDE AWARD

P-1:

Charlie SCHROEDER

for showing EXCELLENCE
during his Numeracy – addition lesson

2-4:

Thomas CRANE

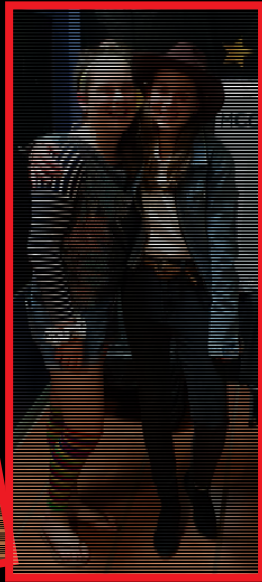
for completing classroom reading activity
INDEPENDENTLY and sharing with confidence

5-6:

Ivy BECKMANN

for a start to Term 4 that centres
on EXCELLENCE

WELL DONE



BLAST FROM THE PAST





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MCC display at the Pinnaroo Show

CODE RED

School Procedures for Bushfires

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life. Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. **Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.**

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter and SMS message. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day. **Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast.** This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child.

It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- School camps and excursions will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.

As a bus co-ordinating school all bus routes will be cancelled. On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.** For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day. As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have an up to date Emergency Management Plan.

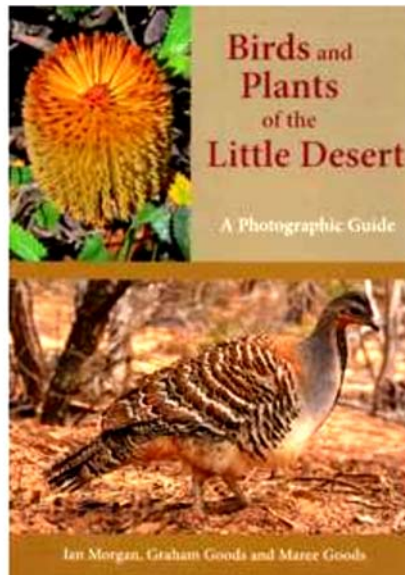
COLLEGE CALENDAR

25/10	Variety Club visit
28/10-1/11	Year 9 at Rubicon
30/10	VCE exams commence
11/11	Student Free Day : Staff PD College Council
15/11	Year 12 Dinner
18-22/11	Year 8 Aldinga camp
25-29/11	5/6 Ballarat camp
27-29/11	Year 11 Retreat
29/11	Year 11 Last Day
5-6/12	9/10 Outdoor Ed Aquatic Camp
6/12	Year 10 Last Day
12/12	College Council
12-13/12	Year 9 First Aid
18/12	Presentation Night

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.



MOTORCLASSICA



Our thanks to Ian Morgan who spoke at a forum in Murrayville recently and donated his book *Birds and Plants of the Little Desert* to the school Library. This will be a valuable resource for our students' local bio-diversity studies.



**A REMINDER
THAT HATS ARE
TO BE WORN
WHEN OUTSIDE
AT SCHOOL IN
TERMS 1 & 4**

A trap is only a trap if you don't know about it - if you know about it, it's a challenge

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME

1. Years 5-6 : Camp information

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

