

Murrayville Community College



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From the Principal

Welcome back -

I trust that everyone enjoyed the break from the routines of school and found time to relax and recharge over the holidays. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of the students that are new to our school. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome back Keryl Beckmann who has returned to teach Year 5/6 after a number of years at Red Cliffs East PS and welcome our new teachers Rachel Wells who comes to us from Gladstone HS to teach English, Humanities and Agriculture and Kieren Brown who is teaching VCE Science, Maths and Computing.

Newsletters -

Will again be fortnightly in 2020, generally going home on a Monday depending on my movements and the school program. Our newsletter will again be supplemented by flyers, facebook posts, SMS messages and emails. As always the website contains a wonderful wealth of information.

Looking ahead -

We again have an exciting and busy year planned for the students, and many opportunities for families to be involved in our programs and events. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all families to our **Back to School BBQ and information night, this Thursday (6th of Feb)**, It is a great way to meet with your children's teachers in a relaxed and informal setting. It is always fantastic to see parents and extended family supporting the students at the **House Swimming Sports (Friday 14th of Feb)**. Please add these dates to your home calendar, as we would love to see you.

Cluster Day –

The teaching staff gathered in Ouyen last Wednesday for professional learning and collaboration with our colleagues from the Mallee Cluster schools (Underbool, Ouyen, Werrimull, Robinvale and Manangatang). We were very fortunate to participate in an interactive session run by past Teacher of the Year, Hayley Dureau on 'Student Voice and Agency'. Improving 'Student Voice and Agency' is a priority at MCC in 2020. This aims to empower students to have greater influence over the way they are taught and how they learn as well as extra-curricular activities and the physical learning environment.



2020 College Captains

Mobile Phones –

The statewide policy, banning the use of mobile phones by students came into effect on the students return to school. Secondary students are required to place their mobile phones in their class tray in the PE office before morning form assembly and Primary students need to hand their phones to Mrs Beckmann. These phones will be locked away for the duration of the day, so all parent contact needs to come through the school reception.

Anaphylaxis & Asthma -

At the first assembly I reminded students that we have students attending our school who could potentially have a fatal anaphylaxis attack from exposure to nuts. Although I can never guarantee that school is nut free, I ask that nuts and nut products are not brought to school. Students that have Asthma need to have a care plan, signed by their doctor, and their reliever medication (puffer) and spacer accessible to them at school, at all times. P-6 students keep a puffer and spacer in the Primary school. This year we are requesting that secondary students bring a puffer and spacer that can stay at school. These will be stored together in the PE classroom, where they are accessible during PE and Sport and can be quickly located by anyone in the school in the event that the student is having an asthma attack.



Child Safety –

The staff and I take our obligations to Child Safety very seriously. All staff are trained as Mandatory reporters of Child Abuse. The Child Safety policy can be found on our website.

Study –

After a number of very successful years, I have every confidence that our students can continue to achieve very strong results for themselves. Building strong study habits prior to senior secondary is a key to success. It is important to keep a life balance if you are going to be successful at school. This is important all through school, not just senior secondary. Students should get plenty of exercise, eat well, sleep well and spend time with family and friends. However, prioritising study so that it is completed when the student is still fresh and working efficiently, is important. Encourage your children to plan their study so that they can get it done early and have time remaining for other things. Please find the study policy attached to this newsletter, it outlines the expectations for home study. From time to time the home study undertaken by your child may be outside of these guidelines, but as a school we are aiming to ensure that all students have balance in their lives.

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 DEECD 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.

CANTEEN

ALL ORDERS TO Front Office BEFORE SCHOOL

**Late orders will only have access
to ham & cheese toasties**

MONDAY	Sandwiches/Rolls <u>AND</u> Toasties
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Pies/Pasties \$4.50 : Party Pies \$1 : Sausage Rolls \$3
Sauce 20¢

Pizzas (Ham & Pineapple *or* Bacon & Cheese) \$2.20

Sandwiches/Rolls - various prices

Ham & Cheese Toasties \$2

FULL PRICE LIST included on page 6

Please - no more than \$5 in your envelope

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 updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.

College Council Elections –

Although it feels as though we have just settled back into school, I need all parents to begin thinking about the 2020 College Council. The tenure of a number of School Councillors is about to expire. They are Carly Heintze, Sheryn Bennier, Jessica McKee and Christine Wyatt, Helen Parker and Diane Finn. We thank them all very much for their contribution to the college over the last two years. I implore all parents to please consider nominating for this very important role in our school community. The College cannot operate without a full council. It is important to note that if you have been on Council previously, you can nominate again – this includes the members whose tenure is expiring. Nomination forms are available from the school and are also downloadable from the Council section of the school website. The timeline for this election is published on page 5.

*Natasha Mudie
Principal*

Welcome to the MCC community



Primary sector ...
New preps are Xenophon, Ayla, Lucas
Year 1 - Billy, Samuel
Year 5 - Izabella, Charlie



Skye and Lucy have joined the
Years 7 & 8 classes



New to our teaching staff ...
Rachel
Kieren
Keryl



School Procedures for Bushfires -

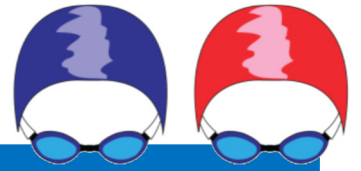
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HOUSE SWIMMING

Friday 14th February

9:20am start for Years 3-12

P-2 events from 11:30am

Individual medleys will be raced during PE lessons

BBQ, sandwiches, cakes and drinks on sale

Parents encouraged to attend and support your children

Please make sure students have hats, sunscreen, water bottles

Buses will run as normal

Prices	
Bottled Water	\$1.50
Zooper Dooper	40¢
Icy Pole	30¢
Hamburgers	\$2.00
Sausages - 1	\$2.00
2	\$3.00
Tea / Coffee	\$1.00



If there are sufficient parents interested and time permits, we will run a parents v students race at the end of the day

House Captains selected by students for 2020 are:

WINJEEL - Allea and Ruby
LOWAN - Ben and Miranda



The Primary UDSSA Swimming carnival will be held in Murrayville on Friday 21st February. More information on this event will be sent out shortly.



COLLEGE CALENDAR

- 14/2 House Swimming
- 21/2 UDSSA Swimming at Murrayville
- 3/3 Sunraysia Prim Swimming at Mildura
- 4/3 Mallee Div Swimming at Mildura
- 19/3 Regional Swimming at Swan Hill (Primary & Secondary)
- 27/3 End of Term 1
- 14/4 Term 2 commences
- 29/4 School Photos
- 1 or 8/5 House Cross Country
- 5/5 Sunraysia Cross Country at Mildura
- 20/5 Mallee Div Cross Country at Ouyen
- 2/6 Regional Cross Country at St Arnaud (Primary & Secondary)
- 26/6 End of Term 2
- 13/7 Term 3 commences
- 12/8 House Athletics
- 26/8 Mallee Div Athletics at Ouyen
- 27 or 28/8 UDSSA Athletics at Ouyen
- 8/9 Sunraysia Athletics at Mildura
- 18/9 End of Term 3
- 5/10 Term 4 commences

Praise loudly -
blame softly

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 LAWN TENNIS CLUB ROTATING DINNER

Saturday 14 March
 \$30/couple

Register at Murrayville Newsagency
 or Lisa Crane (0418 835, 210)
 Carly Heintze (0427 952 049)
 Brady Watson (0401 962 544)
 by 26 February

Payment at the Newsagency
 or EFT to BSB 633-108

A/c 1587 94650

Reference : Your name



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

The timeline for our School Council election process is as follows:

Notice of election: February 3

Closing date for nominations: February 21

Distribution of ballot papers (if required): February 24

Close of ballot: March 13

Declaration of Poll: March 16

New Council meets: March 23

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME

1. P-1 : Introduction to 2020
2. 2-4 : Introduction to 2020
3. 5-6 : Introduction to 2020
4. SRC : Planning evening on 10th February
5. P-12 : Information re Parker Edwards
6. HPV Students : Timetable of practices and event dates
7. Year 7 : Science introduction

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



CANTEEN PRICE LIST as at 3/2/20



SANDWICHES & ROLLS

Available Monday, Tuesday Wednesday ...

FILLING	PRICE	ROLLS
Ham	\$2.50	\$3.00
Chicken	\$2.50	\$3.00
Ham/Salad	\$4.00	\$4.50
Chicken/Salad	\$4.00	\$4.50
Salad	\$3.50	\$4.00
Ham/Cheese	\$3.00	\$3.50
Chicken/Cheese	\$3.50	\$4.00
Cheese	\$2.00	\$2.50
Cheese/Tomato	\$3.00	\$3.50
Ham/Tomato	\$3.50	\$4.00
Ham/Cheese/Tomato	\$4.00	\$4.50
Tomato	\$2.00	\$2.50
Vegemite	\$1.50	\$2.00

DRINKS

Nippy's milk drinks	\$2.00
Juice box	\$1.00

SNACKS

Zooper Dooper	40¢
Billabongs	\$1.40
Frozen yoghurt (tub)	\$2.20
Chips 27g (assorted)	80¢
Shapes	60¢
LCMs	\$1.00
Roll-ups	60¢

Salad =

lettuce, tomato, cheese, cucumber, mayo

Ham & Cheese Toastie \$2.00

EVERY DAY

**SANDWICHES/ROLLS
ARE AVAILABLE
Monday, Tuesday and
Wednesday ONLY**

**HOT FOODS
Thursday and Friday**

... IMPORTANT ...
ALL orders to be placed at the front office BEFORE SCHOOL
 Please write name and what is required on a plain envelope (available from school) containing payment - students may order at the front desk without an envelope.
 Please ensure you have **at least enough money** to cover your order - do not expect the canteen to change large notes -

HOT FOODS

- Pies / Pasties (Pinnaroo Bakery) \$4.50
- Sausage roll (Pinnaroo Bakery) \$3.00
- Party pie 60g \$1.00
- Sauce 20¢
- Pizzas - Ham & Pineapple / Cheese & Bacon \$2.20

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MURRAYVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDY POLICY

Rationale

The most successful students are those who develop independent study habits. They practise important skills, revise content thoroughly and regularly and take responsibility for their own learning. Homework benefits students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning. It is an expectation that all students regularly complete study outside of school to be prepared for success in their studies.

Aims

The role of study in the education process is:

- To practise specific practical and thinking skills learnt at school
- To improve literacy and mathematical fluency
- To broaden student knowledge through current affairs
- To hasten student progress
- To develop effective revision skills
- To reinforce self-discipline and personal organisational skills

Implementation

Parents, teachers and students take responsibility for ensuring adequate time needs to be available for the completion of homework.

A suggested average time for each year level to assist staff and students with their planning is:

P-2	15 minutes per night
3-4	20 minutes per night
5-6	½ hour per night
7-8	¾ hour per night : Instrumental, Maths and English only as regular homework, + catch-up
9	1 hour per night
10	1½ hours per night
11-12	2+ hours per night

Term break study

At Murrayville Community College there is an expectation that senior students (Years 10-12) will continue to practise skills, consolidate content, prepare for forthcoming studies and complete essential work missed due to absence during term breaks. Students completing Year 9 may be required to complete pre-reading or preparatory work for commencement of Year 10 during the summer break. Year 12 students who do not complete term break homework have access to the Year 12 room denied.

Students from Years Prep to 9 are encouraged to read for pleasure during term breaks. Parents of students in Years Prep to 9 may request other work to catch-up or further develop skills and understanding. This homework needs to be negotiated with the individual student's teachers and requests need to be made no later than 2 weeks prior to the end of term to allow teachers time to prepare this work.

Monitoring homework

The Homework Policy is attached to the first newsletter of the year.

A letter may be sent to parents at the beginning of the year with specific expectations.

The diary/reading log is an organisational tool to be used in the communication between parents and students regarding homework, and students take their diary to all lessons.

Teacher/parent emails and Google Classroom will supplement diaries, communication books and reading logs.

Responsibilities

Teacher's Responsibility:

- Give feedback
- Make sure homework is in diary, or allocated electronically
- Make homework appropriate/relevant/differentiated
- Adhere to homework timetable
- Follow up on incomplete tasks / Homework Club
- Provide opportunity to do tailor-made work at home to extend/reinforce/assist
- Coach students through an understanding of the importance of the diary as an organisational tool
- Form teachers to coordinate/facilitate
- Recognise students who take responsibility for their own learning

Parent's Responsibility:

- Take an interest
- Check and sign diary (P-6)
- Encourage and support
- Provide a suitable homework environment
- Be aware of timetable
- Communicate with teacher
- Interact with students – know what they're learning about

Student's Responsibility:

- Use diary/Google Classroom
- Ask for help before due date
- Be organised – meet deadlines / have appropriate equipment
- Expect homework, and do it
- Tell parents what homework you have when asked

Evaluation

- This policy will be reviewed annually.

When First Approved: 26th March 2007

When Reviewed / Modified: 13th November 2017