

MURRAYVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

*The Principal's report will be sent as a
separate document.*

SWPBS Primary Picture Competition Winners

P/1 –
Stella Willersdorf and
Patrick Wyatt

2/3/4 –
Davyd Davydiuk and
Phoenix Morzer-Bruyns

5/6 –
Izabella Kelly and
Nate Kelly



kitchen garden

The 5/6 class were recently unable to do their usual outside activities for Kitchen Garden due to rain, so undertook inside activities, with the kids learning about minibeasts. They worked in pairs and read the chosen book to each other, prepared a small talk for the class, then created their own minibeasts - on display in the gallery.



CANTEEN

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

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

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

PRIDE
AWARD

P-1:

Chloe PALMER

for showing PERSISTENCE towards learning
her numbers to 100

2-4:

Bernice PIETERSE

for showing PERSISTENCE in her reading
both at home and at school

5-6:

Izabella KELLY

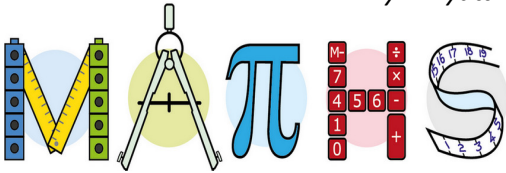
for working hard to develop INDEPENDENCE
with her learning

WELL DONE

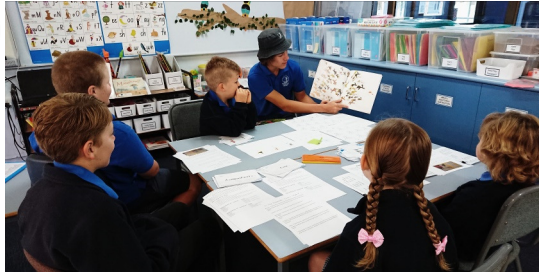
The Primary staff ventured to The Lake Primary School on the recent student free day for a Mathematics conference.

It was an excellent day, being able to gain further knowledge into different Maths programs, ideas and activities to further strengthen our Numeracy program. We all went to different sessions and speakers and gained a variety of new ideas, as well as consolidating some of the great learning that is happening in our school.

Eryn Wyatt



reading



buddy



Buddy Reading Morning
 The Primary students thoroughly enjoyed their Buddy Reading Session with the Secondary students at Assembly on Monday. The Year 11s engaged the primary in a few short stories followed by some questions and discussions. The younger students loved working with the older students and sharing a love of reading with each other.
Eryn Wyatt

Grandma

Tyson ...

My Nana's name is Judy. She has glasses to read. When I see her she always has a blue t-shirt on. My Nana is so friendly and kind. She has a massive smile on her face and colourful eyes. My Nana makes me so happy when I see her because I don't see her much. When she comes I feel so excited. She is a fantastic Grandma. One time when she came up she brought a game called Spot It. We were playing joyfully. My Grandma is a pleasant and kind person because she helps me do stuff.



The Grade 2, 3, 4 class have been writing descriptively about characters. Inspired by the picture book, "My Nanna is a Ninja," we wrote about our own Grandparents' traits.

Jaxon ...

My Nan's name is Gail. She is a super lady. She has blue eyes and a nice laugh. My nanna is skinny and funny. Often she wears glasses and has brown coloured hair. My nanna is tall and is a kind lady. My grandma makes me feel very happy. She is a marvellous and outstanding human because there are fun things to do. My grandma is enthusiastic because there is lots to do. When I see my outstanding grandma she makes me feel energetic. My Nan is a very pleasant person to me, therefore that makes her a 100% glorious person.

Davyd ...

My Grandma is wrinkly and she has big eyes that you can get lost in. She is quiet. My Grandma makes me feel full of love because she loves me. When I see her she makes me feel alive and happy. She makes me feel excited and ecstatic because she plays games with me.



Thomas ...

My Grandma's name is Maxine. She is a lovely Grandma because she lets me have some fruit lollies. My Grandma makes me feel very surprised because she always gives me money when it is my birthday. She is very extraordinary and happy whenever I see her. My Grandma is magnificent Grandma because she is joyful. My Grandma is super happy when I am with her. She is kind because I get icypoles when I visit. Her favourite game is Panda pop.

Jaid ...

My Nanna is a very lovely lady. She has a wrinkly face and my Nanna is 100% beautiful because she has beautiful clothes and makeup. Sometimes we go to my Nanna's house and she gives us big hugs. Because we haven't seen my Nanna in ages, she has brown eyes and short hair that is blonde. She wears earrings and my Nanna is short. I feel very surprised because when I see her we haven't seen my Nanna in ages. Me and my family have lunch with my Nanna and Nanna gives us presents when it is Christmas and it makes me so excited that I don't want to open the presents. She makes me super happy because we have a fire and we have dinner together. Me and my family have a movie night after dinner and we have popcorn with our family and it makes me happy. My Nanna bakes us cookies and cake and we eat the cookies together with my family.

Cornelius ...

My Grandma is gorgeous and nice. I like her because she gives me hugs. My Grandma makes me feel happy because she plays ball. My Grandma makes me feel fantastic because she plays dominoes. I feel excited when I see her. I like my Grandma. When she is acting marvellously she makes me laugh.

Alex ...

My Nanna is kind and has glasses. She always has a bunch of flowers and she is wrinkly and old. Her hair is short and gray and she has a smile. My Nanna is happy and excited. She is good and loving because her friends take care of her.

Phoenix ...

My Nan has beautiful short blonde hair. She has a bright smile and beautiful blue eyes. Even though she is small she is very nice to cuddle. She is fabulous in every way.

Emma ...

My Grandma's name is Rhonda. She has brown green eyes and has glasses. She also smiles a lot and she is a nice friendly person. Her hair is grey. She also makes me feel happy because we get to do lots of activities like making boxes and she likes to do gardening, cooking and reading. When she comes to my house she brings scones and we have a cup of tea with the scones, which makes me feel wonderful. When I go to her house we make boxes and decorate them and that makes us feel joyful and fabulous and when we get to spend time together it is always fun.

Bernice ...

My Grandma makes me feel happy because she does nice things like playing outside and going to the supermarket. She is energetic because she makes me do handstands and cartwheels and skipping with the skipping rope in the backyard on the trampoline.

I love you Grandma!



Jack ...

My Nanna has blonde hair and white skin and a black suit. She is medium size and she has a big smile. My Nanna makes me feel happy and she bakes me delicious cookies. When she knocks on the door I can't believe my eyes. My Nanna is perfect.

Ryder ...

My Grandma wears black glasses for when she reads. Granny has short grey hair and it looks very soft. She has slightly wrinkled hands and blue eyes. Granny looks very intelligent. My Granny makes me feel happy because she helps me do things. Granny makes me feel energetic because there are always lots of fun things to do with her. For example we bake cookies.



SRC Activities Afternoon
 On Friday, 13th March, the SRC held an activities afternoon for all students. Everyone had a lot of fun and it was wonderful to see kids of all ages participating so positively with each other. I am very pleased and thankful for how all of the SRC reps ran the event. Tug of war and the teamwork games were very popular! Thanks to all students for making it an enjoyable arvo.
 Luka Morzer-Bruyns (SRC President)



Chaplaincy matters

What a week it's been! The response to Covid-19 has brought with it many challenges for all. This is at the forefront of all of our minds, including the children's and has with it significant anxiety and disappointment.

There are many good online sources that discuss helping children process the information they are constantly hearing and the actions that are following. We would like to encourage you to not be afraid to discuss Covid-19 and its implications in a child friendly way.

These links have some useful tips for these conversations:

<https://www.unicef.org.au/blog/news-and-insights/march-2020/how-to-talk-to-your-children-about-coronavirus>

<https://childmind.org/article/talking-to-kids-about-the-coronavirus/>

Something we have learned to do in challenging times is to just take one day at a time. To not look too far forward into circumstances that do not yet exist. Being in the moment helps us to find peace in amongst the chaos. Is there something that you are thankful for? Something that has brought you joy? Communicating these kinds of things with children will help them be at peace also.

Please let us know if there are any ways we can be of assistance to you in these challenging times.

Working together for the well being of our young people,

Chaplains Paul and Barb



Ag students on the boards



9/10 Ag students recently spent much of a school day learning and helping out in the Thomas' shearing shed



in the kitchen & garden last week



Lots of helpers in the kitchen this week!

Thank you to -

- Janine Crane
- Lesley Wisneske
- Jude McKee
- and staff members -
- Kieren Brown
- Julie Andrews
- Keryl Beckmann



Our menu was:

- Pumpkin scones (Mrs McKee)
- Zucchini Fritters (Mrs Crane)
- Rhubarb and Apple Crumble (Mrs Beckmann)
- Quick Naan (Mrs Wisneske)
- Tomato and Potato Curry (Mr Brown and Mrs Andrews)



COLLEGE CALENDAR

- 5/4 Daylight Saving ends
- 14/4 Term 2 due to commence
- 29/4 School Photos
- 30/4 Responsible Pet Owners : P-6
- 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
- 4/10 Daylight Saving starts
- 5/10 Term 4 commences
- 8/10 Regional Athletics - Secondary
- 12/10 Regional Athletics - Primary

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



'ALL THINGS KIDS'
 Toys
 Clothing
 Books
 on sale from 12-5
 Friday 27th March
 at Pinnaroo Oasis
 Community Centre

FREE
 Sausage Sizzle
 Produce & Bread
 available



This coming weekend
SHALOM MUSIC FESTIVAL
 Jacob's Well Rereat, Murrayville
 Friday 5-10pm
 Saturday 1-10pm
 Sunday 10am-12 noon
 Featuring local and regional Christian artists
 providing Blues, Rock, Country Gospel, Folk,
 Testimonies, Dance, Classical Guitar
 Weekend Ticket -
 Adults \$10 : Children \$5

SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

During assembly last Thursday Term 1 awards were presented as below:



	RESPECT	LEARNER	SAFE
P/1	Charlie Schroeder	Stella Willersdorf	Scarlett Berlin
2/3/4	Tyson Nuske	Alex Beckmann	Ryder Lindner
5/6	Ethan McKee	Charlie Wells	Ivy Beckmann
7/8	Alisha Palmer	Matilda Wyatt	Brooklyn Morzer-Bruyns
9/10	Allea Heintze	Marnie Bellchambers	Shae Grembka
11/12	Kynan Milde	Jaylen Barford	Harry Ribbons

Children must be taught how to think, not what to think

Coronavirus COVID-19

Community Update



A COVID-19 outbreak is occurring across the globe and represents an increasing threat with the World Health Organisation declaring a pandemic. This requires our health service to take action in response.

Victorians should now take steps to prepare for the possibility of transmission of coronavirus disease in Victoria in the coming weeks and months. MTHCS is working actively with our regional health care partners. Any community member who suspect they may have the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) are advised to first call the dedicated hotline on 1800 675 398. Please keep Triple Zero (000) for emergencies only. It is possible that some MTHCS programs and services will be cancelled by order of the Department of Health and Human Services or at short notice. These decisions will be made to help minimise the risk of transmission of the virus and to protect our community. We apologise for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding and patience.

Call ahead

The health service is progressing with preparations for the pandemic. To assist with management and containment of the virus, it is extremely important that you first telephone ahead and speak with staff so that you can be triaged and provided with an appropriate response. Please do not attend at the Urgent Care Centres or medical clinics without first phoning ahead.

Elderly and aged care residents

MTHCS takes the welfare of our aged care residents very seriously. All precautions are being undertaken. We continue to ask that visitors refrain from coming to our residential aged care sites if they are unwell, particularly with any respiratory illness or gastro type illness. Visitors who are unwell are welcome to phone our aged care facilities and speak to their loved to inquire about their welfare. We also ask that visitors to our aged care facilities are kept to a minimum. This precaution is to protect the residents of our facilities. Programs such as the Music Therapy Kinder and Playgroup sessions, planned for our residential aged care services have been cancelled until further notice. Please be aware of elderly residents, friends and neighbours who are vulnerable and may need help being kept informed. Assist them to ensure they are following appropriate protocols such as hand hygiene and keeping in touch with friends and family.

Some of the common symptoms

Many people who contract COVID-19 will suffer only mild symptoms. However early indications are that the elderly and people with pre-existing chronic medical conditions are more at risk of experiencing severe symptoms. The most common symptoms reported include:

- Fever
- Breathing difficulties such as breathlessness
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Fatigue or tiredness.

Ways to reduce your risk

Protect yourself from coronavirus by washing your hands regularly with soap and water and try not to touch your face, including your eyes, nose or mouth. One way to become infected is to transfer the virus from a contaminated surface to your face or mouth by touching. Consider slowly stocking up on essential items, just in case you need to self-isolate. If you or family members feel unwell with any of the common symptoms, medical advice is to stay home from work or school until obtaining further medical treatment and directions. We are requesting that MTHCS staff who are unwell should not come to work.

Self-isolation

If you are in any of the risk categories and begin to feel unwell and develop a fever or shortness of breath, a cough or respiratory illness either during your period of isolation (self-quarantine), or in the 14 days since arriving home from international travel, you should seek immediate medical attention. Call ahead to your GP or urgent care centre and mention your overseas travel before you arrive so they can prepare appropriate infection control measures. You can use the self-assessment tool at the DHHS website to help decide if you should be tested. If you have serious symptoms, such as difficulty breathing, call 000 and ask for an ambulance and tell the operator your recent travel history.

Personal safety

Staff and community are strongly advised to take measures to protect themselves and their family. This includes practicing good hand hygiene and maintaining social distance which includes avoiding mass gathering events.

The coronavirus situation changes rapidly.

To stay up to date visit [#COVID19](https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)

Protect yourself and your family

Wash your hands regularly



1

Wet your hands.



2

Put soap on your hands.



3

Rub the soap over all parts of your hands for at least 20 seconds.



4

Rinse your hands under running water.



5

Dry your hands thoroughly with disposable paper towel or hand dryer.

Stay germ free and healthy