

# MURRAYVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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*From the Principal*

## **Out of Lockdown –**

Thank you to our parents and families for their support during our most recent stint of remote learning, last week. Fortunately, our staff and students are now well prepared to do short periods of learning from home and it was pleasing to see that almost all students had completed the tasks set over the period. Hopefully this will be our last period of remote learning.

Although the lockdown was unwelcome, it may have been timely. I noticed that we had a number of students and staff missing school, in the previous week or so, due to a cold virus (not Covid-19) that has been circulating in our community. Hopefully, the circuit breaker lockdown has slowed this up also. Many of our staff are having their flu jabs at school today and I would like to take this opportunity to recommend that our families consider getting this too. I have seen senior students severely disadvantaged due to bouts of flu, for which there is very little compensation through our VCE system. Given that we still ask that parents keep their children home when they are unwell, anything that boosts our immunity and prevents sickness will be beneficial to students' learning.

We are now working under a new set of guidelines, that I anticipate will take us through till the end of term. I will list the main points here:

- Secondary students and staff need to wear a mask indoors
- Social distancing, hand hygiene and enhanced cleaning are an expectation
- Non-essential visitors to schools are limited
- No interschool activities (including sports)
- No transition programs
- Work experience can go ahead

School is close to normal, however some of the interschool sports events that were planned in the lead up to the end of term have had to be abandoned, such as Primary Lightning Premierships and Regional Cross Country. Other events that were planned for last week, the Year 9 Rubicon catch-up in Ouyen and the 5/6 Grip Leadership conference in Mildura have also had to be postponed. Given that residents of the border bubble can't travel more than 70kms into Victoria if they want to enter SA, these events would have been problematic for us anyway. I am very thankful that we are able to travel freely in SA and that our students are able to still participate in their community sports on the weekends.

## **Postponement of the GAT -**

Due to the lockdown continuing in Melbourne the General Achievement Test for those students completing a Year 12 subject has been rescheduled from this Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of June to a date to be determined in the coming weeks. This will not disadvantage our students as it is not the type of exam that can be studied for.

## **Reconciliation Week –**

Reconciliation week was to have been celebrated from 27<sup>th</sup> of May – 3<sup>rd</sup> of June, the theme this year was “*Actions for reconciliation*”. Our teachers had a number of small activities planned, that will probably be carried out this week. The main activity is a colouring-in competition, run jointly with Art and the Library. There are a number of book prizes on offer, so good luck to all of those who enter. Thank you to Mrs Parker for her coordination of activities.

## **Reports -**

Staff were able to use the latest period of remote learning to make a start on preparing mid-year reports, we anticipate that these will be ready to go home just before the end of term.

*Natasha Mudie - Principal*



This small group of students attended school on Thursday, and helped Mrs Pritchard and Mr Watson plant seedlings for the Kitchen Garden.

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# CANTEEN CHANGES

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

**EVERY DAY**

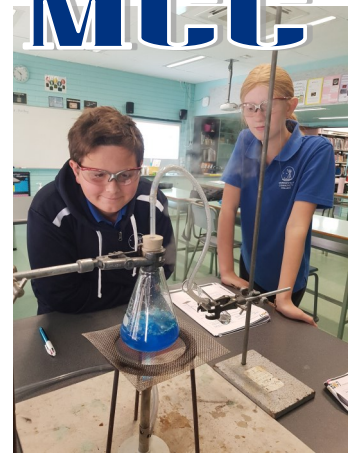
**HOT FOODS & Toasties ONLY (no sandwiches)**

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

Pizzas (Ham & Pineapple or Bacon & Cheese) \$2.20  
Ham & Cheese Toasties \$2

*Please - no more than \$5 in your envelope*

**NOTE CHANGE TO ONLY HOT FOODS**



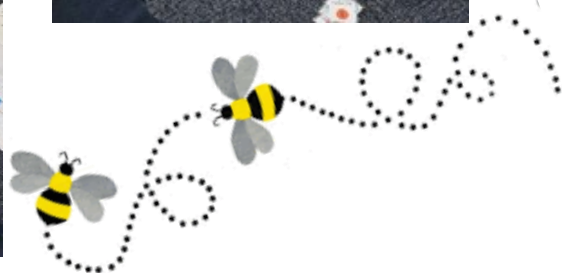
Year 7 Science students have been undertaking evaporation and distillation experiments



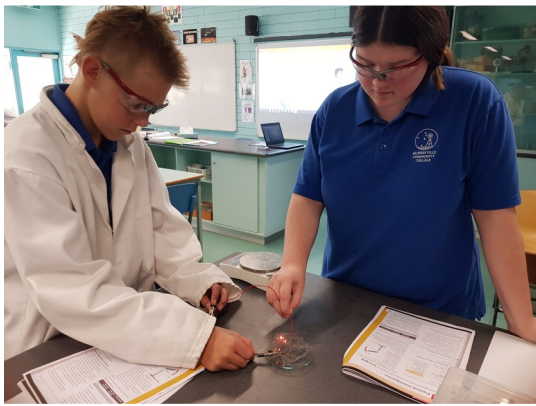
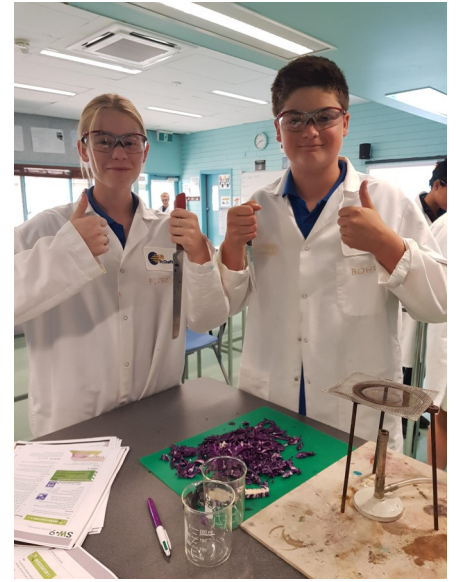
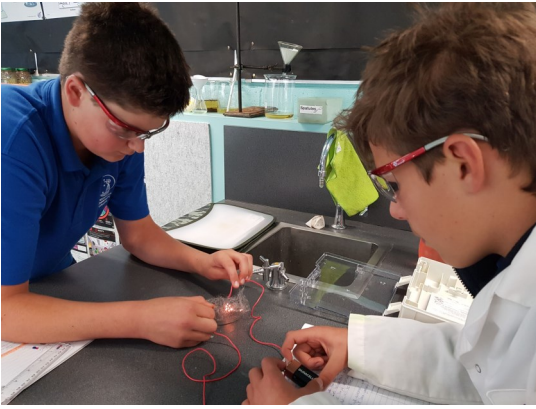
# plant lifecycle and pollination

In grade 2,3,4 Science we have been learning about the plant lifecycle. We thoroughly enjoyed learning the importance of bees and the role they play to pollinate plants. Each student got to have a turn being a bee for the lesson by wearing pipe cleaner bee legs on their fingers. They buzzed outside in a swarm and used their bee legs to 'pollinate' the chalk flowers to ensure they can progress through the life cycle and grow a fruit.

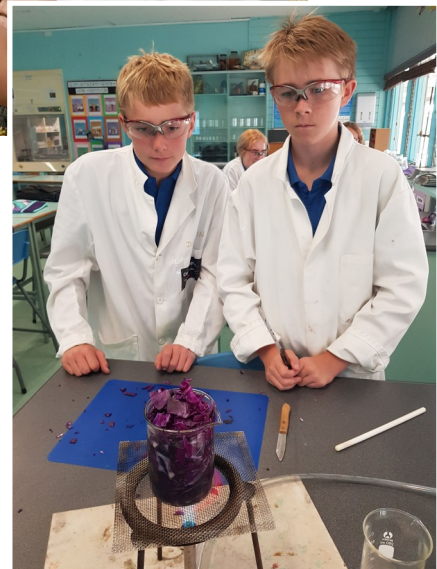
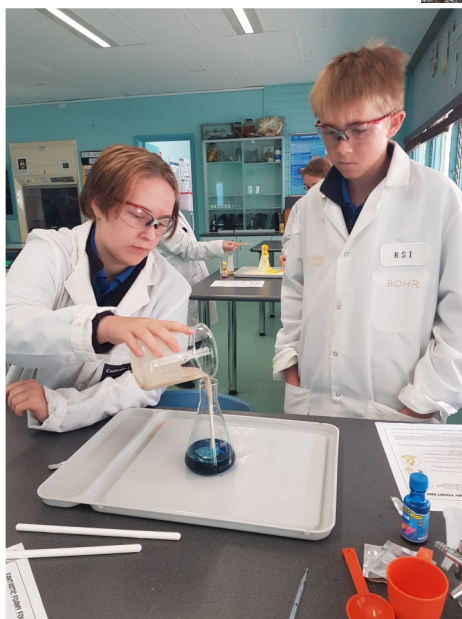
We continued our learning in Digital Technology by coding the Bee-Bots to pollinate all the flowers before returning to their hive.



Sometimes bees get tired from flying and fall asleep inside flowers with pollen on their bee butts



Year 9 –  
making red cabbage indicator, testing the law of conservation of mass and elephant's toothpaste reactions

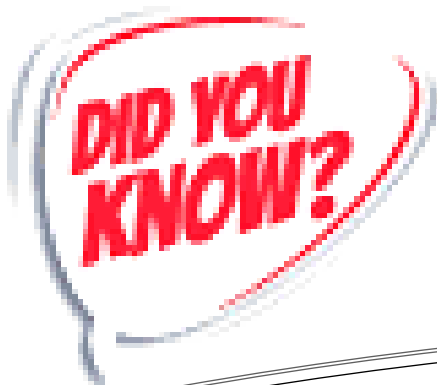


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# DID YOU KNOW?

- hippopotamuses have killed more people in Africa than any other animal
- the Arctic Ocean is the smallest in the world
- the most common mental illnesses are anxiety and depression
- crocodiles never outgrow their enclosure
- our skin is the largest organ making up the human body
- everyday is a holiday somewhere in the world
- there are 31,557,600 seconds in a year
- there are 22 stars in the Paramount studios logo
- in a deck of cards the king of hearts is the only king without a moustache
- black on yellow are the 2 colours with the strongest impact
- the safest car colour is white
- the most commonly forgotten item for travellers is their toothbrush
- apples are more effective at waking you up in the morning than coffee
- room temperature is defined as between 20 to 25C (68 to 77F)
- the hyoid bone in your throat is the only bone in your body not attached to any other
- the movie Pulp Fiction cost \$8 million to make with \$5 million going towards actors' salaries
- there are only 4 words in the English language which end in 'dous' (they are: hazardous, horrendous, stupendous and tremendous)
- the oldest word in the English language is 'town'
- your most sensitive finger is your index finger (closest to your thumb)
- 'Bookkeeper' and 'bookkeeping' are the only 2 words in the English language with three consecutive double letters



# COLLEGE CALENDAR

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.



- 14/6 Queen's Birthday Holiday
  - 20/6 HPV : Adelaide
  - 21/6 College Council
  - 25/6 Enviro Ed session after recess ?
  - End of Term 2
  - 12/7 Start of Term 3
  - 15/7 VCE English Workshop - Ouyen
  - 2-6/8 Bogong Camp
  - 2/8 College Council
  - 19/8 House Athletics
  - 31/8 Mental Health workshops for students and parents
  - 1/9 Mallee Div Athletics : Ouyen (Sec)
  - 6/9 Yr 7 immunisation
  - College Council
  - 7/9 Sunraysia Athletics : Mildura (Prim)
  - 14-17/9 Footsteps Dance
  - 17/9 End of Term
- All dates are fluid due to COVID restrictions



Year 8 Science classes have included heart dissections and exploding bottle reactions



The only way to have a friend is to be one

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