

MURRAYVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Welcome back –

What a strange start to the term we have had when I am writing my first newsletter at the beginning of our fourth week of school. Our term started so positively with trips and activities planned. Fortunately, Liam was able to attend the Regional Cross Country Event in St Arnaud on the first Tuesday, our Year 5/6 students attended the Grip Leadership Conference on the first Wednesday (see back page), the P-1 class visited the Kindergarten, our Rural Youth Ambassadors got to complete one day of their two day symposium, and our VCE English students, although they didn't travel to Ouyen, were able to complete their combined workshop through our Webex technology. As you know, on that first Thursday, things deteriorated over the course of the day, culminating with the Premier announcing our fifth lockdown that evening.

I would like to commend our students, staff, parents, and carers for the way that you handled this fifth period of remote learning. Many year levels trialed some explicit teaching, through online classes over google classroom. This was reported to work well with students, keeping them connected to their learning and each other. Although we are well practiced at remote learning, it was still clear at the end of this latest stint, that there is a level of fatigue developing with this type of learning, especially with our 'middle years' students, who are struggling to stay as engaged as they were initially.

Unfortunately, this lockdown and the lockdowns in South Australia and now Queensland, show that things can develop rapidly with the Delta strain of Covid-19 and the main form of defence is short, sharp lockdowns with little to no warning, and I fear that we may have to be prepared for more of these before the year is over. This and the constantly changing restrictions make planning for events and activities quite problematic. Unfortunately, our participation in the Pinnaroo Mental Health Week has been postponed, the Senior Formal has been postponed. Both will be rescheduled to happen later in the year. Our Year 10 and 11 students had to unfortunately be withdrawn from the Bogong snow camp that was to be held this week, and we will make every effort to hold a snow camp for these students in 2022. Winjeel students had earned themselves a casual day through the School Wide Positive Behaviour program that was to be held on the first Friday of term, this will now be held this Friday the 6th of August.

Vaccinations -

The Department of Education is very clear in its advice with regard to Covid-19 vaccination, that everyone who becomes eligible for a vaccination should make an appointment to be vaccinated. Schools have been asked to provide as much flexibility as possible for staff to become vaccinated and I have told staff that they will not lose any entitlements if they need to take time off work to attend a vaccination appointment. We are fortunate that vaccinations are available through the Mallee Medical Practice in SA and at Mallee Track Medical Clinic in Ouyen. In SA everyone over 16 is eligible for a vaccination, they are happy to vaccinate Victorians, so the school will provide as much flexibility as possible to students who need to miss school to receive a vaccination. Please consider organizing your vaccinations for you and your family if you haven't already, so that we can hopefully reach the targets set on the weekend by National Cabinet. This will not only help us avoid further lockdowns and disruptions to school and sport, but protect the people around us, especially those who for medical reasons can't be vaccinated.

WINJEEL students are able to wear casual clothes on Friday 6th August in recognition of their achievements in the SWPBS program

Positive Behaviour

Natasha Mudie - Principal



In September last year Mrs Pritchard handed out to her kitchen garden students cuttings from the mulberry tree she had pruned at home. Imagine her pleasure when Emma provided proof of how well hers is growing!



Year 2-4 students found they could use their mouths to make a wide variety of sounds in their music lesson on Friday. They started with Australia in their studies of music around the world.

CANTEEN

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)
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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

PRIDE AWARD

P-1:

Ayla LUMB

for showing DETERMINATION to stay focussed on her work and give her best effort!

Ty WILLERSDORF

for showing RESPECT towards his and others learning during remote learning and in class

2:

Charlie SCHROEDER

for DETERMINATION to do his best during remote learning and being an active participator in online lessons

3-4:

Ryder LINDNER

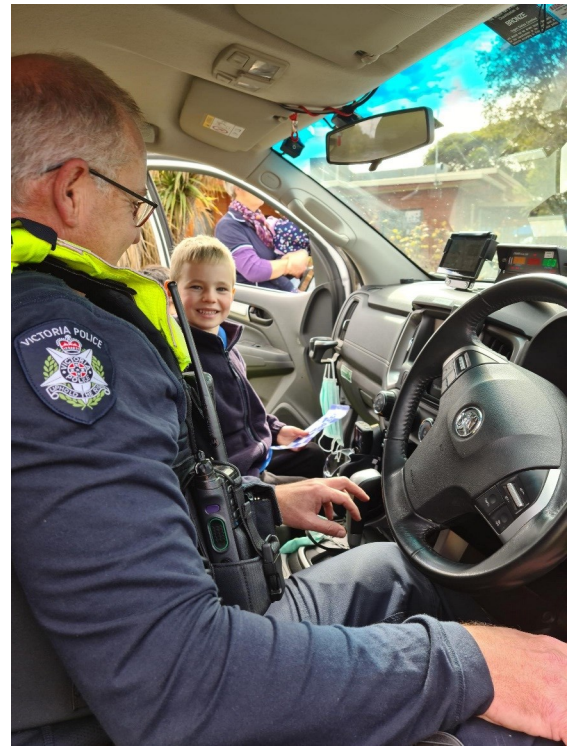
for EXCELLENCE in reading, using a range of comprehension strategies to engage with texts

5-6:

Izabella KELLY

for the RESPECTful way she conducts herself in class and in the yard - being a great role model!

WELL DONE



The Prep/One class thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the kindy last week - participating in an interactive learning session with the Police, Ambulance and SES officers.

Students learnt about what makes a situation an emergency, what they need to do in an emergency and who will come to their aid. Students will continue their learning to ensure they understand what to say on the phone to an operator in the case of an emergency and how they can manage a situation at home or school if they are faced with a serious situation that requires emergency services.



A huge thank you to Jess, Fionna, Ross and Kevin who ran the session for the kindy, care and school children. The children had the best time and were spoilt with a bag of extra learning materials and goodies.



budding emergency workers amongst our early years group.
Eryn Wyatt





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.



- 12/8 GAT
- 13/8 Flinders Uni Open Day
- 16/8 Book Week morning : P-6
College Council
- 18/8 House Athletics
- 27/8 UDSSA Athletics : Ouyen
- 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
- 6/10 Pinnaroo Show
- 7/10 LMR Athletics : Bendigo (Sec)
- 11/10 LMR Athletics : Bendigo (Prim)
- 11-15/10 Grade 5/6 camp

All dates are proposed only due to COVID restrictions in place at the time

On Wednesday 14th July, the Grade 5/6 class, Mrs Beckmann and Mrs Andrews had a very early start to travel to Mildura to attend the GRIP Leadership Conference for primary school students. GRIP stands for Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity and People – four important pillars of being a good leader. At the conference, students learnt about how to be a leader and participated in lots of interactive activities to develop their leadership skills and understanding. They discovered how to identify when it's their time to lead, how to take responsibility as a leader, how to develop and put forward bright ideas to lead positive change, and, how to develop a plan to put those bright ideas into action. They developed lots of positive ideas to create positive change at school. The session was attended by over 100 students from schools around Sunraysia. It was a great and very beneficial day.



I had a great day at the conference. I learnt that you can be a leader at any age and that I should always make a difference when I can. – Izabella

I learnt that it can be my time to lead when things relate to my talents, interests, experience or when I want to make a difference. I got some ideas from students from other schools. – Tyson

I enjoyed the GRIP Leadership Conference. I learnt how to become a great leader and that there are multiple ways to be a leader. I also learnt to be brave. – Jack B

I found the conference very useful and I learnt a lot. I learnt that you have to be able to put your hand up for things even if you don't feel confident to do it. – Charlie

I had a great day at the conference. I loved all the fun activities and games they had planned for us. I learnt that you can be a leader at any age and to make a difference when you can. – Emmazyn

At the leadership conference I learnt there's lots of ways to solve problems and that making plans is really important when you want to make a difference. – Nate

I learnt that it's time to start taking responsibility, to know when it's my time to lead and to always make a plan. There was a song playing throughout the conference called It's My Time to Shine and it was stuck in my head all night! – Oliver

I learnt to stand up and be a leader and to put others first. – Seth

I learnt that when it's my time to lead I need to get a grip, use generosity and integrity, make a difference and be responsible. I learnt that good leaders always put other people first, make sacrifices and are here to serve others. – Jaxon

I thought the conference was great because it helped me learn a lot about leadership, like not to be shy when presenting and talking to other people, and to put others first. – Jaid



It's hard to beat a person who never gives up