

# MURRAYVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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*From the Principal*

## **Welcome back –**

Hopefully this is the last time I welcome students back to school due to a lockdown. I am extremely optimistic that the worst is behind us and that we can look forward to a normal year, filled with the learning and activities that we love, in 2022. The students and staff are excited to be back at school, even if getting up in the mornings has been a bit difficult. The students have settled in well and the school once again has a lovely productive vibe.

## **Good Luck Year 12 -**

Our Year 12 students have had two very challenging years but are now into the final stretch of their VCE. Their last official day of school was last Friday, where they entertained us all with some 'Muck Up Day' antics. They commenced exams this week, with English being their first exam on Wednesday. The students have worked hard all year and so far, have felt well-prepared for their exams and have come out of the first exams feeling confident that they have done well. Fortunately, some of our students who are aspiring to university, have already been offered places based on their Year 11 results. I still expect that they will do well in their exams and with the 'Consideration of Disadvantage' that their results will reflect their effort and abilities.



## **Teacher appointments –**

I am thrilled to announce that we have appointed three teachers since the last newsletter. Firstly, we have appointed Melanie Grant to the position of Senior English Teacher, to replace Kaitlyn Hellwege, who has secured a position at Merbein P-10 College. Melanie has been teaching in Ouyen for the past 8 years and is extremely professional. She has the ability and passion to teach English and Maths to VCE and will enable the school to offer commerce subjects such as Legal Studies and Accounting in the future. Secondly, we have appointed Jessica Allan as Year 2 teacher, and she will also have the Year 1s on a Friday. Jessica has just graduated from her teaching degree at Latrobe University in Mildura. Finally, we have appointed Alicia Hogan for Term 1 as our Year 5/6 Teacher, to replace Keryl Beckmann who will be taking Long Service Leave for Term 1. Alicia has been teaching for the past three years in Adelaide at Christies Beach High School. We feel very fortunate to welcome three outstanding teachers to our team.

## **Primary classes for 2022 -**

Given the outstanding success we have had with the InitialLit program in our early years classrooms over the past three years, we have committed to delivering it at early years levels with a teacher in 2022. In 2022 we will have a stand-alone Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 class each morning. This will enable those students to complete the InitialLit program for their literacy learning and have greater assistance at their level for Maths. The Year 1s will join the Year 2 class in the afternoons and on Fridays. 2022 Teachers will be: Prep : Eryn Wyatt / Year 1 : Penny Peers / Year 2 : Jessica Allan / Year 3/4 : Jaimi Willersdorf / Year 5/6 : Alicia Hogan.

## **Transition –**

With the easing of restrictions we can now plan for transitions for our students from kindy to school and from primary to secondary. Kindy transition is planned for Mondays and Thursdays, beginning on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> of November. We are also planning primary to secondary transition days on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of November and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> of December.

*Natasha Mudie - Principal*



# kitchen garden is back on!

Wednesday's 3/4 groups were assisted by Mrs Crane, Mrs Andrews, Mrs Morzer-Bruyns, Mrs Wells and Mrs Willersdorf. The menu comprised:

- ★ Beef and cabbage chow mein
- ★ Stewed rhubarb and custard
- ★ Pumpkin and spinach salad



# 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)**

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

**Alex PALMER**

for showing INDEPENDENCE to complete all his remote learning tasks to a quality standard

2:

**Parker EDWARDS**

for PERSISTENCE shown in learning his Friends of 10 in math

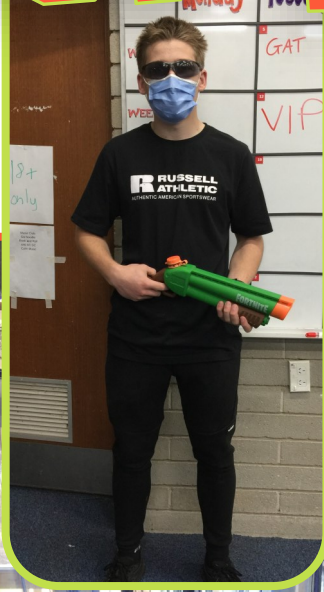
# WELL DONE







# MUCK-UP DAY



# OUR ILLUSTRIOUS YEAR 12S



# School procedures for the bushfire season

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.

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 recently updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.

## ***What can parents do?***

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.

Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website [www.murrayvillecc.vic.edu.au](http://www.murrayvillecc.vic.edu.au) and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.

Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.

If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website –

see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season, visit the CFA website at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.



# COLLEGE CALENDAR

- 27/10 VCE exams commenced
- 8/11 College Council
- Year 7 immunisation
- 15/11 Road Smart : Year 10
- Final VCE exam
- 30/11 Year 11 last day
- 15/12 Proposed Presentation Event

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

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.



Year 12 (plus a couple of staff) took to the field for their final soccer match during Friday's sport lesson



Impossibility:  
a word only to be found in the dictionary of fools

Senior boys recently erected the new outdoor table tennis equipment which has been enthusiastically utilised as the weather has warmed up

## NAPLAN Online:

The National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is preparing for the Murrayville Community College to run online in 2022. A School Readiness Test (SRT) is scheduled to be held on Monday the 15th November, 2021 for Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 students. The students currently in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 complete the SRT as they are already in the system.

The School Readiness Test is intended to confirm our technical capacity to conduct the tests. There are no results or data collected from the test, it is simply to check our ability to successfully run the test with our given technological infrastructure.

In order to do this we are requested to run two consecutive test times on the given day with the anticipated number of students who will be sitting the test in 2022.

15th Nov	Test	Format	Year levels	Test duration
Lesson 2	Omnibus test	Questions from reading, conventions of language and numeracy.	Years 3, 5, 7, & 9	60 min
Lesson 4	Writing	Online writing	Years 5, 7, & 9	57 min

(Year 3 do not participate in the online writing test as they will continue to complete a paper writing test in 2022.)

## Public Demonstration Site:

In advance of taking NAPLAN Online, students, teachers and parents are invited to use the public demonstration tests to familiarise themselves with the type of questions and related functionalities available in the NAPLAN Online assessment.

Some of the key features include a range of question types, onscreen tools, timers and interactive navigation. Students are encouraged to try all the tests for their year level to practise the complete range of question formats available in the online assessment.

The demonstration tests cover a sample of possible questions and do not reflect the range of literacy and numeracy content or skills NAPLAN Online will assess. While it is helpful for students to become familiar and comfortable with the format of the online test, ACARA does not encourage students to study separately for NAPLAN. That is why you will not find answers to the demonstration tests.

To access the demonstration tests you can use the following link:

<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

Scroll down and click on the relevant Year level and follow the prompts through to the example test.

Year 3

Year 5

Year 7

Year 9

If you have any questions or concerns regarding NAPLAN please contact your classroom teacher or Janene Chaplin. For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at [www.vcaa.vic.edu.au](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au) or the NAP website at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au).