

MURRAYVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Secondary School Structures and Electives for 2022

I have spent a lot of time reviewing the way that we offer a breadth of subject choices through electives in the Middle school and by providing VCE choices to students from Year 10. For a number of years electives have been offered to Years 7 & 8 and 9 & 10 as separate groups. However, with fewer students these elective classes were in some cases getting very small. Next year, we have a small Year 7 class, a larger Year 8 class and small Year 9 class, and so to even up the numbers and have viable groups for collaborative learning we have adjusted the elective structure to be offered to Years 7, 8 and 9. Year 7s will be restricted in their choice in first semester so that they have the opportunity to try all subjects. Subjects in the Elective program include Food Technology, Technology (HPV car preparation & racing), Technology (wood & metal), Agriculture, Art, Performing Arts. Students in Years 7 & 8 will also complete a term of Health and a semester of Digital Technologies., while those in Year 9 will complete a term of Health and term of Careers.

In the senior part of the school, historically, we have offered early access to VCE for Year 10s through Humanities (11 Geography & 11 History) and through 11 Studio Art in the electives. With smaller classes coming through it actually enables us to be more responsive and individualise the learning program to each student. In 2022 we have decided to align the Year 10, 11 and 12 programs to offer more breadth of subject choice to each student. In Maths this allows students who have forged ahead in Maths pathways to access Year 11 Maths. Year 10 students will be offered the choice to complete either Year 11 PE or Year 11 Psychology in one block and will also be able to choose from Year 11 Studio Art, Year 11 Ag, Year 11 Design Technology or Year 11 Biology. Year 10 students have welcomed this development and school council extensively discussed these changes before approving them last Monday night.

Instrumental Music Program in 2022

With the departure of Mrs Pritchard at the end of the year I have looked into alternatives to run our instrumental music program. I have been in discussions with Music Alive in Loxton. They currently service Pinnaroo Primary School and have committed to providing a service to the students of Murrayville Community College. As we have a large collection of instruments we are keen to involve as many students as we can. Music Alive will bring two teachers to the school once a fortnight, so we are hoping that we can offer instrumental music to primary students as well as secondary students. I ask that parents discuss with their children if they wish to learn an instrument or continue to learn an instrument. I will send a survey link later in the week so that I can collect expressions of interest. Obviously, it will depend on how much interest there is whether we can cater for all, but we will do our best and of course tuition will be free to parents. Parents may need to pay a refundable deposit on a school instrument if it is taken home.

Stationery Lists & voluntary fees for 2022

Booklists are coming home this week and will look very different this year. We will only be sending home a stationery list for parents to prepare for next year. We will be asking for a voluntary payment of \$200 per student, at the beginning of next year to go towards the costs of providing texts, devices, subscriptions, local excursions etc. The school will purchase all texts through the library for student use and in the primary years we will be also providing much of the stationery requirements. Hopefully this makes the process much simpler for parents.

Natasha Mudie - Principal

The Prep/One class have been busy learning about shapes in numeracy. They completed a shape hunt, recording their findings and sharing their discoveries. The Prep students also completed a recount about their shape hunt in their writing lessons.

Eryn Wyatt



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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

Last week

Andy BERLIN

for showing PERSISTENCE when learning his tricky words

This week

Ayla LUMB

for showing PERSISTENCE to learn her tricky words

Ty WILLERSDORF

for showing DETERMINATION during his Big Write sessions

2:

Last week

Patrick WYATT

for INDEPENDENCE in planning his own suspense story

This week

Chloe PALMER

for DETERMINATION to improve her writing by including adverbs and adjectives

3/4 :

Last week

Thomas CRANE

for showing EXCELLENCE in learning and recalling his times tables

This week

Kalian MEESE

for showing EXCELLENCE in spelling, remembering spelling rules and applying these to her writing

5/6 :

Last week

Seth WALKER

for the INDEPENDENCE and effort he displayed during Integrated Studies

This week

Nate KELLY

for continuing to strive for EXCELLENCE and doing his best in every learning task he completes
Outstanding work!

Izabella KELLY

for the INDEPENDENCE she displays to consistently read at home every day. Excellent work!

WELL DONE



Year 2 students were involved in an activity inspired by their class novel *George's Marvellous Medicine*. They created their own interesting concoctions to make their very own Marvellous Medicine.

Do not try this at home!!

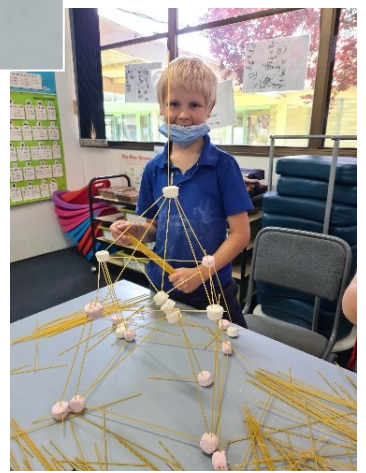
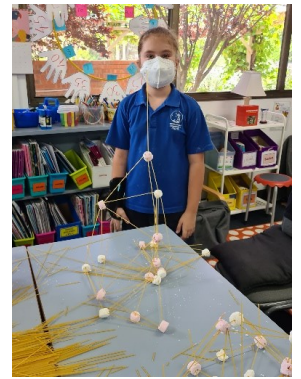
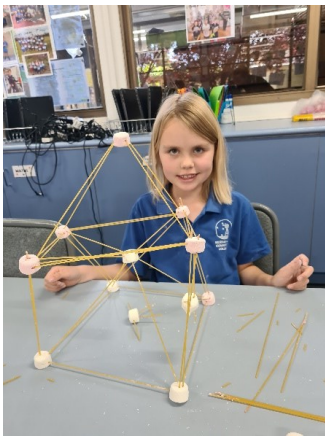
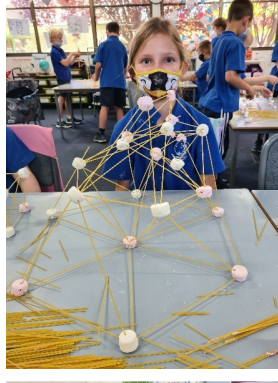
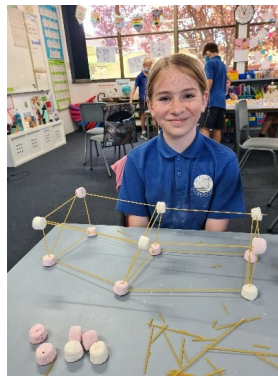


Year 2's Marvellous Medicine



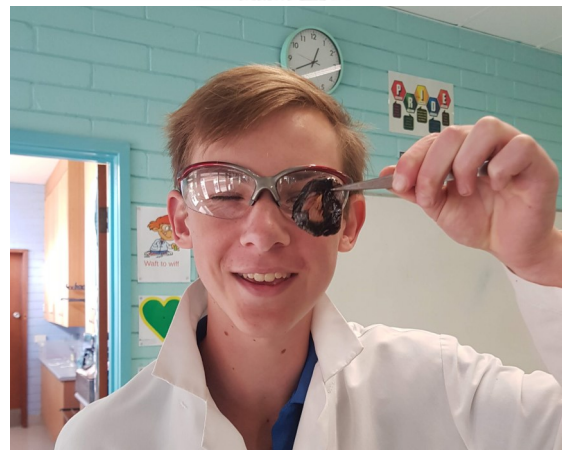
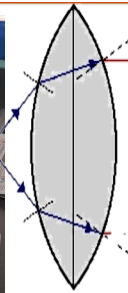
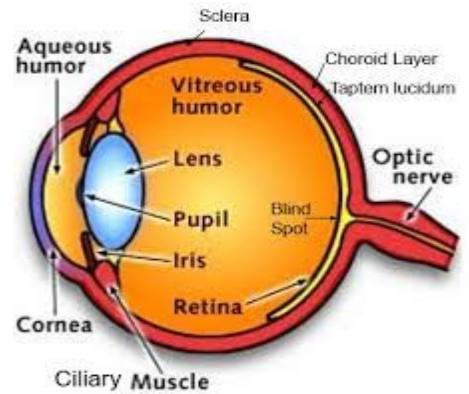


Grade 2,3,4s have been enjoying building and constructing in Design Technology. They were able to create cars that were powered by balloon air and race these against each other. Tower building was much more fun when it involved spaghetti and marshmallows.



Year 8 Science

Year 8 students have been investigating light in Science. They have completed experiments involving the reflection and refraction of light and applied their understanding to how the eye operates. The students conducted a dissection of an eye to consolidate their learning.



REFLECTION AND REFRACTION OF LIGHT

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.



- 18/11 Kinder to Prep transition begins
- 24/11 6 TO 7 & 7 to 8 Transition Day
- 26/11 SRC Casual Day & Sausage Sizzle
- 1/12 Whole school transition day
- 9-10/12 Year 9 First Aid
- 30/11 Year 11 last day
- 15/12 Presentation Event (live-streamed)



P-1 learn about shapes



Perseverance is
 the hard work you
 do after you get
 tired of doing the
 hard work you
 already did

