

# MURRAYVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



**No. 14 : 29 November 2021**

*From the Principal*

### **Presentation Night –**

With the easing of restrictions significantly since the state reached 90% double vaccinated, we have had further discussion and feel that it is appropriate to revert back to holding Presentation Night in the hall on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> of December. Although the program will be shorter and will include less items than normal, we felt that it would still give parents and grandparents the opportunity to share in the achievements of the students, when these opportunities have been quite limited in 2021. The night will commence at 8pm.

### **Vaccination requirements of staff, parents and visitors –**

From today all staff, parents, visitors, contractors are required to show evidence of being double vaccinated against Covid-19 to come inside the school buildings at school or attend school functions, such as Presentation Night. Parents and visitors are also required to QR Check-in when entering school buildings or attending school functions. Please see the excerpt from the latest Operational Guide, below.

### **Vaccination requirements for parents, carers and other adult visitors not performing work**

*All parents and carers attending schools, including for drop-off and pick-up, must adhere to physical distancing, face mask requirements, respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene.*

*Parents, carers and other adult visitors not performing work who enter school buildings must check-in using the QR code.*

*Parents, carers and other adult visitors who enter school buildings (see examples below) must have had two doses of COVID-19 vaccine by 29 November 2021 or have a valid medical exception. If they have not, there are some limited exceptions in which they can enter school buildings:*

- *when attending to administer medical treatment to their own child when the treatment cannot be administered by the school*
- *when attending to collect their child who is unwell and cannot leave the school building unaccompanied by their parent/carer.*
- *when attending briefly and not involving any sustained contact with staff or students, for example, to collect a completed art project or similar.*
- *Attending school for drop-off and pick-up and not enter school buildings*

*Parents, carers and other adult visitors not performing work need to show evidence of vaccination when entering a school building. This includes for the purpose of activities such as school tours and kindergarten transition programs.*

*Parents, carers and other adult visitors attending a gathering at school, such as a fete, school play or graduation ceremony, whether indoors or outdoors, need to show evidence of vaccination on arrival.*

*When parents and carers do not meet vaccination requirements, the school should hold meetings and other discussions (such as Student Support Group meetings) virtually.*

*More information about vaccination requirements for parents, carers and other visitors not performing work attending school sites is available online: [COVID-19 Vaccinations – Visitors and Volunteers on School Sites : Policy | education.vic.gov.au](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/COVID-19/Vaccinations-Visitors-and-Volunteers-on-School-Sites-Policy)*

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**Transition –**

Some of our new students commenced Transition last Wednesday. Students from Pinnaroo and Underbool spent the day in class with their peers. Our whole school Transition Day is this Wednesday and parents should have received a letter regarding this. All students go up a year level for the day and follow a special timetable to enjoy some of the highlights that 2022 will have to offer. A parent information session for parents new to secondary school will follow.

**Oops –**

I had a fairly major ‘Oops’ on the weekend. On Friday night I thought I would top up the turtle pond in the indoor garden. Unfortunately, I got sidetracked and forgot to turn off the tap...until Saturday!! This resulted in a fairly major flood of the carpet in the Student Centre and some small sections in the Music Room and VCAL room.

So we have had to take up some of the carpet tiles, to dry them and we have de-humidifiers working to dry out the concrete slab. Hopefully they will be re-layed, steam cleaned and good as new in about a week’s time. A huge thanks to Sandra McNally, Kaitlyn Hellwege and Sonya Inglis who came to my rescue and helped lift all of the wet carpet tiles.



**Duke of Edinburgh Camp –**

Our students in Years 9 & 10 who have been working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Award are completing their Adventurous Journey component at Robe this week. They will be Bushwalking, Kayaking and using the new Stand-up paddleboards that were purchased this year. This is a fabulous camp and fortunately the weather is set to be warm for at least the first part of their trip. I’m sure they will have a great time! Many thanks to Josh Willersdorf for his organization of the camp and to Sonya Inglis and Julie Cowley for attending and supervising.

Natasha Mudie  
Principal

# CANTEEN

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

<b>EVERY DAY</b>	<b>HOT FOODS &amp; Toasties ONLY (no sandwiches)</b>
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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

**Alex PALMER**

for showing RESPECT to his classmates by always being an amazing helper

2:

**Scarlett BERLIN**

for PERSISTENCE to stay focussed in all activities, especially during writing

3/4 :

**Emma BERLIN**

for EXCELLENCE in reading, finishing lots of books and completing the quizzes

5/6 :

**Jack BELLCHAMBERS**

for the initiative you showed when volunteering to help run Lunchtime Clubs. It was very RESPECTful!

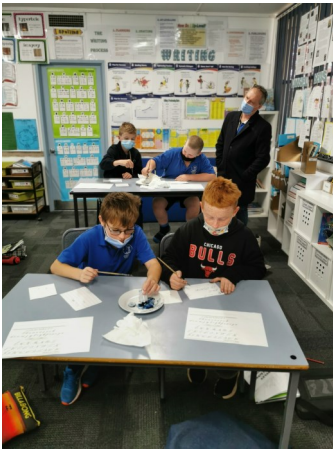
**Charlie WELL\$**

for the continual INDEPENDENCE he displays when working on his own and support he offers to others

## WELL DONE

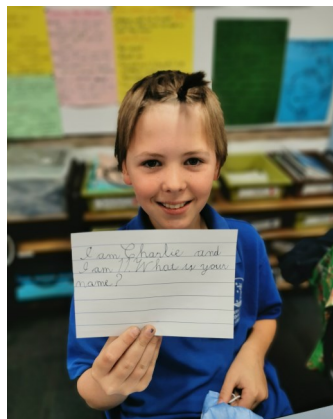
# School on the Goldfields with Sovereign Hill

This year, Grade 5/6 was meant to travel to Sovereign Hill to attend school camp. However, lockdown prevented that from happening. So instead, we had Sovereign Hill come to us in the classroom!

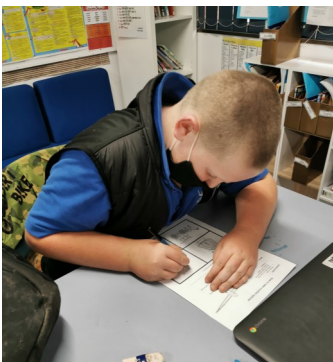


Recently, our class participated in a special Sovereign Hill day at school. We watched a series of videos which were produced by Sovereign Hill, about school life for children living on the goldfields. We discovered how strict schooling was in the 1850s; that children should only speak when spoken to, and that there were different schools for children from different classes of families. Students used to call their teacher Ma'am or Sir, so Mrs Beckmann had us call her Ma'am for the day and we had to say it at the end of every sentence.

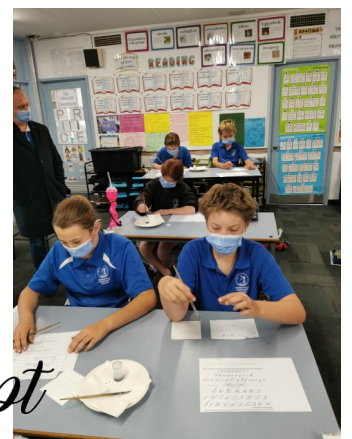
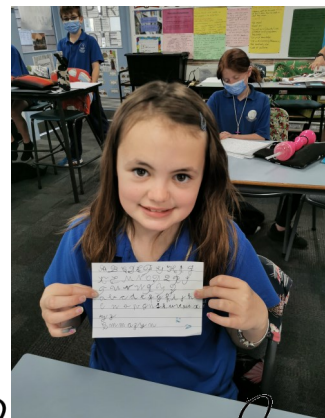
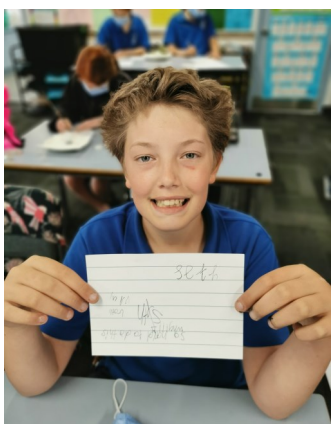
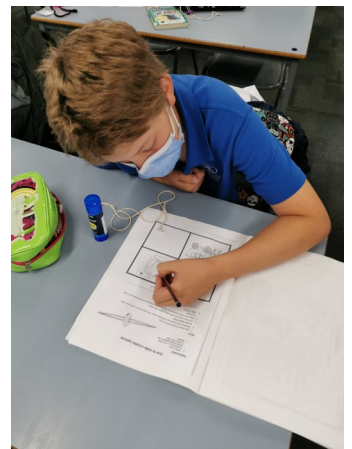
We participated in a writing lesson, just like students in the 1850s would have done. We used ink and nib pens, had to write with our right hands and practised forming letters the way students learnt to write back then. It was fun, but also a challenge.



After that, we learnt about the types of games children on the goldfields played. We made our own button spinners, tried drawing exact replicas of pictures and played some 1850s games outside. We learnt that boys growing up on the goldfields weren't allowed to play with skipping ropes and girls weren't allowed to do the horseshoe throw. We didn't think that was fair, so we all enjoyed playing all the games together.

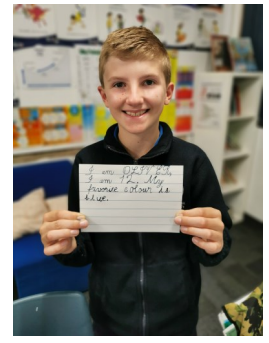
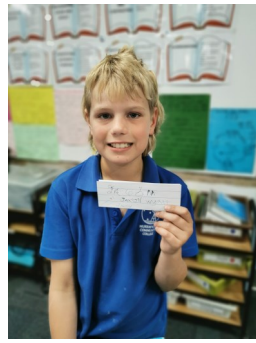
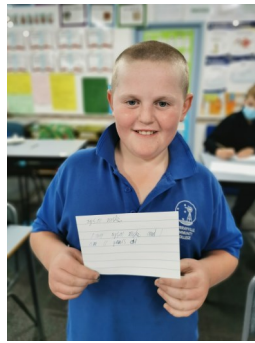
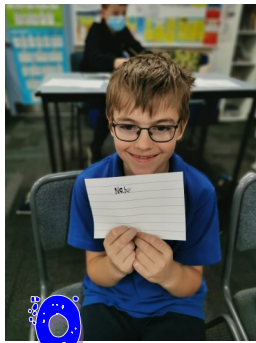


Our Sovereign Hill day was a great experience to participate in and we are very grateful to Sovereign Hill for creating these videos and activities especially for us, since we were unable to attend camp.



*Cursive Script*  
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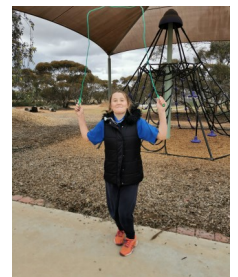
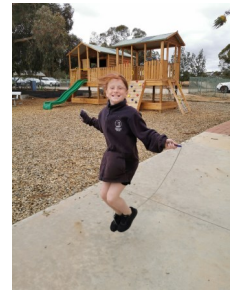
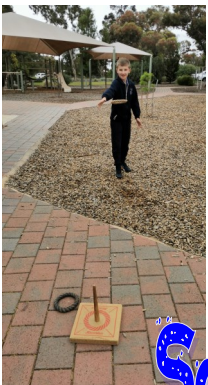




# Our thoughts...



- I really enjoyed the day, it was a great experience to have. My favourite part was the writing lesson. It was really fun to learn how to write with a nib pen and ink. – Izabella
- Our Sovereign Hill day was so much fun. I enjoyed writing with the nib pens and ink, and also making a button spinner. – Tyson
- The Sovereign Hill day was so much fun. I hope other schools can do it too if they don't get to go there. – Seth
- I really enjoyed using the nib pens to write and playing the horseshoe throw. – Oliver
- My Sovereign Hill day was fun. Making the toys was amazing, but writing with the nib pens was really hard and I accidentally spilt the ink. – Jaxon
- I really enjoyed the Sovereign Hill experience. I would love to do it in real life. – Jack
- The Sovereign Hill day was a good experience. I loved writing and playing with the skipping rope and singing the skipping song. Making the button spinners was also fun. - Jaid
- In class, we wrote with nib pens which was challenging because we had to write right-handed, but it was fun. We spilled our ink. – Nate.



# Sovereign Hill comes to us!



## KITCHEN GARDEN

Final cooking lesson for the Year 3/4 group was on Wednesday. On the menu ...

- ★ Roasted Beetroot & Feta Salad
- ★ Sautéd Garlic Broad Beans
- ★ Cabbage & Beef Stew
- ★ Rhubarb & Sour Cream Cake



## PEER TUTORING ...

... in the 9/10 Music Class

- ★ Zac instructs Shania in guitar playing
- ★ Shania encourages Zac to become a flautist

# COLLEGE CALENDAR

30/11-3/12	Robe Camp (Duke of Ed students)
1/12	Whole school transition day
3/12	Year 10 last day
8/12	Years 3-6 to Renmark P-2 Christmas activities P-6 tea at school
9/12	College Council
9-10/12	Year 9 First Aid
15/12	Presentation Evening

## A reminder to parents

If you intend to purchase the required stationery for next year (as per lists sent home with students) from the local newsagency please ensure that your order forms are returned by **TOMORROW** if you wish to make use of the special prices shown on the list

Be a first rate  
 version of yourself,  
 not a second rate  
 version of  
 someone else

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.



Cowangie Uniting Church  
**Empty Christmas Tree**  
 (& closing service)  
**9:30am, Sunday 12 December**  
 Gifts/donations for Mallee Family Care, welcome on the day, or can be left at Murrayville Newsagency



## FROM OUR AG DEPARTMENT

On Thursday 18th November, Cooper used his newly acquired shearing skills on the 14 school lambs. Rourke then joined him on the shearing board to tidy up some of Cooper's ewes.



The grape vine cuttings from Mrs Pritchard's garden are loving their new home at school. Kitchen Garden students are excited to see their progress.

