



From the Principal

Welcome back –

We have had a busy and productive first week and all students seemed to settle in well and were equally as keen to make a positive start to the year as the teachers. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of the students that are new to our school, both in the early years and entering secondary school. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new teachers Mel Grant, teaching Secondary English, Jessica Allan, teaching Year 5/6 and Alicia Hogan who is teaching Year 1 on Fridays, Year 2/3/4 Humanities and providing additional support across the P-6. I would also like to warmly welcome our two new integration aides, Kasey Berlin and Nicole Kelly, who are sharing a full time role supporting the Prep class. We have had some work done to the school over the holidays, including more painting and the installation of an electronic scoreboard in the gym. A huge thank you to Peter Sporn, who spent a lot of time at school during the holidays ensuring the school and surrounds were looking amazing for our return.

Prefects –

Congratulations to our 2022 Prefects! Well done to these students for stepping up and leading. I am sure there will be greater opportunities in 2022 to run activities and events with the student body, with the Department's commitment to face-to-face learning!

Covid –

I am very thankful that we have got through the first week of school without any impacts from Covid. The kids have been great and complying readily with the mask directions and have been making the most of this better weather to spend more time outside. It is important that as a community we remain vigilant and the students continue to do their RA tests twice weekly, as our neighbouring schools have reported that they have been impacted by positive cases.

Newsletters -

Will again be fortnightly in 2022, generally going home on a Friday depending on my movements and the school program. Our newsletter will again be supplemented by flyers, facebook posts, sms messages and emails. As always the website contains a wonderful wealth of information.



Looking ahead –

We are very optimistic about 2022 and have an exciting and busy year planned for the students, with many opportunities for families to be involved in our programs and events. However the operational guidelines for this first month are quite restrictive and for this reason we will be postponing our annual **Back to School BBQ and Information night**. On Monday the 14th of February we are engaging a motivational speaker to talk over Webex to the secondary students. His name is Luke Kennedy and he covers a range of topics especially targeted at teenagers. The Year 7, 8 and 9 students will be doing these session in the morning and the Year 10 and 11 students will be joining the 10s and 11s from across the Mallee Education Cluster (**online**) for two sessions later in the day. It was our hope to have these sessions face-to-face but unfortunately that wasn't possible this time.

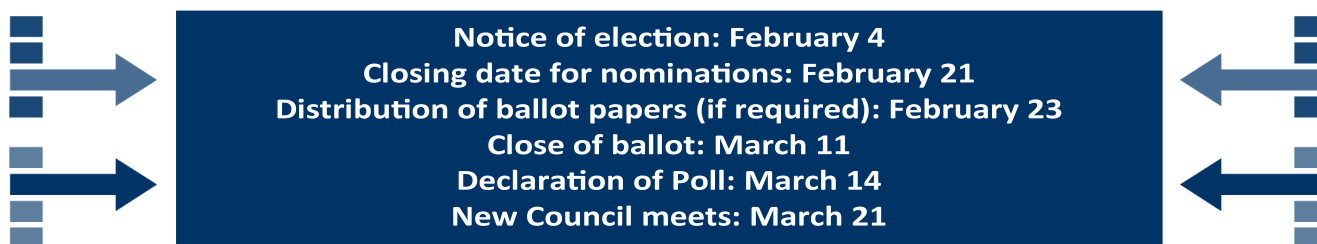
It is always fantastic to see parents and extended family supporting the students at the **House Swimming Sports (Friday 18th of Feb)**. At this stage we expect that we will be able to welcome families as spectators, but will monitor our local situation carefully and adjust this if necessary.

Anaphylaxis & Asthma - Just a reminder that we have students attending our school who could potentially have a fatal anaphylaxis attack from exposure to nuts. Although I can never guarantee that school is nut free, I ask that nuts and nut products are not brought to school. Students that have Asthma need to have a care plan, signed by their doctor, and their reliever medication (puffer) and spacer accessible to them at school, at all times.

Child Safety – The staff and I take our obligations to Child Safety very seriously. All staff are trained as Mandatory reporters of Child Abuse. The Child Safety policy can be found on our website.

College Council Elections –

Although it feels as though we have just settled back into school, I need all parents to begin thinking about the 2022 College Council. The tenure of a number of School Councillors is about to expire. The expiring parent reps are Christine Wyatt, Jessica McKee and Sheryn Bennier. Expiring staff reps are Kaitlyn Hellwege (already left). We thank them all very much for their contribution to the college over the last two years. I implore all parents to please consider nominating for this very important role in our school community. The College cannot operate without a full council. It is important to note that if you have been on College Council previously, you can nominate again – this includes the members whose tenure is expiring. Nomination forms are available from the school and are also downloadable from the Council section of the school website. The timeline for this election is as follows.



School Procedures for Bushfires -

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 updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.

Natasha Mudie - Principal



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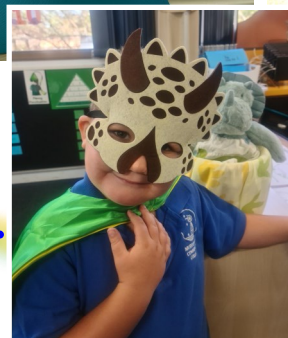
WELCOME



*our new
staff members*

The Grade 1s have been busy creating their under the sea classroom complete with Rainbow fish and Ollie Octopus!





Determined Dinosaurs

We have had a busy start to the term in the Prep room.

Some of the exciting activities we've enjoyed together this week have been – opening our first day bag with our family, making new friends, using our play area and new toys, creating our own library ruler for borrowing, having a tour and story-time in the library, working independently to create our own Stegosaurus, enjoying some delicious fruit whilst listening to some dinosaur stories, swimming lessons, gardening, kinetic sand play, playing outside on the playground, using our dinosaur costume and having literacy and numeracy activities in our classroom. We love learning together.

PE Timetable for 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
L 1				10/11 PE	12 PE
L 2		9 PE	12 PE	10/11 PE	12 PE
L 3				12 PE	10/11 PE
L 4	1 PE	2-4 PE	Prep PE	12 PE	10/11 PE
L 5		7/8 PE	5/6 PE	7-9 PE	SPORT

- * Preps will be swimming on Fridays during Lesson 4 for Weeks 2 – 5 with the Year 10/11 PE Students, not Wednesdays.
- * They will then return to Wednesday's Lesson 4, after Week 5.
- * Preps and Ones will have an extra swimming lesson Weeks 2 and 3 on Thursday Lesson 4.



2022 Prep Students



Below is a listing of uniform still remaining in stock at school.

Once these supplies are used, parents will need to make future orders via Tri State Graphics in Renmark

The link is

<https://www.tristategraphics.com.au/murrayville-community-college>

<u>POLO SHIRTS</u>	Stock
Size 4	5
Size 6	1
Size 8	3
Size 10	2
Size 12	1
Size L	1
Size XL	2
Size XXL	2

<u>FLEECY JACKETS</u>	Stock
Size 6	8
Size 8	4
Size 10	2
Size 12	5
Size 14	1
Size S	4
Size M	3
Size L	3
Size XL	4
Size XXL	2
Size 4XL	1

<u>SPORT JACKETS</u>	Stock
Size 10	4
Size 12	4
Size 14	5
Size 16	3
Size M	2
Size L	1

<u>TACTICS SHORTS</u>	Stock
Size 10 kids	2
Size 12 kids	2
Size 8 ladies	2
Size 12 ladies	2

<u>RAZOR PANTS</u>	Stock
Size XS	3
Size S	5
Size M	3
Size L	2
Size XL	3
Size 2XL	2

<u>SPORT POLOS</u> <u>- Winjeel</u>	Stock
Size 6	4
Size 8	5
Size 10	5
Size 12	5
Size 14	2
Size 16	4
Size S	4
Size M	4
Size L	4

<u>SPORT POLOS</u> <u>- Lowan</u>	Stock
Size 6	5
Size 8	6
Size 10	4
Size 12	5
Size 14	6
Size 16	3
Size S	5
Size M	4
Size L	5

<u>WINDCHEATERS</u>	Stock
Size 6	8
Size 8	6
Size 10	4
Size 12	5
Size 14	3
Size S	1
Size M	4
Size L	4
Size XL	2

<u>SHORTS</u>	Stock
Size 10 ladies	4
Size 12 ladies	2
Size 14 ladies	3
Size 16 ladies	4

<u>FACE OFF PANTS</u> (Ladies)	Stock
Size 8	2
Size 10	1
Size 12	2
Size 14	1
Size 16	2

<u>LONG SLEEVED POLO SHIRTS</u>	Stock
Size 6	1
Various 12-16	7
Size L	8
Size XL	3
Size XXL	7
Size 26	2

<u>SKORTS</u>	Stock
Size 8 kids	2
Size 4	1
Size 6	4
Size 8	5
Size 10	6
Size 12	7
Size 14	6
Size 16	8

<u>UNISEX SHORTS</u>	Stock
Size 8 kids	7
Size 10 kids	5
Size 12 kids	4
Size S	6
Size M	4
Size L	5
Size XL	3

<u>GREY MELANGE PANTS</u>	Stock
Size 12	4
Size 14	5
Size 16	3



Sport Jacket (hoodie)



Razor pants



There are also a few of these heavy duty jackets still available (no logo)

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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 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 or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.

CANTEEN PRICE LIST as at 4/2/22



SANDWICHES

FILLING	PRICE
Ham	\$2.50
Ham & Cheese	\$3.00
Cheese	\$2.00
Cheese & Tomato	\$3.00
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.00
Tomato	\$2.00
Vegemite	\$1.50
Ham & Cheese Toastie	\$2.00

DRINKS

Iced chocolate/strawberry/
coffee \$1.50

Juice box \$1.00

SNACKS

Zooper Dooper 40¢

Billabongs \$1.40

Frozen yoghurt (tub) \$2.20

Chips - large \$1.50

LCMs \$1.00

Roll-ups 60¢

HOT FOODS

Pies / Pasties (Pinnaroo Bakery) \$4.50

Sausage roll (Pinnaroo Bakery) \$3.00

Party pie 60g \$1.00

Sauce 20¢

Pizzas - Ham & Pineapple / Cheese & Bacon \$2.20

*Sandwiches & Hot Foods
are available every day*



... IMPORTANT ...

**ALL orders to be placed at
the front office**

BEFORE SCHOOL

**Please write name and
what is required on a
plain envelope
(available from school)
containing payment -
students may order at the
front desk without
an envelope.**

**Please ensure you have
at least enough money
to cover your order -
the canteen cannot change
large notes -
definitely no more than \$5**

COLLEGE CALENDAR

- 16/2 Mallee Arts Roadshow : P-6
- 18/2 House Swimming Sports
- 23/2 UDSSA Sw8imming (Primary)
- 2/3 Mallee Swimming (7-12) : Mildura
- 7/3 Immunisation
- 9/3 Sunraysia (Prim) : Mildura
- 10/3 School Photos
- 14/3 Labour Day Holiday
- 17/3 LMR Swimming : Swan Hill
- 26/3 HPV : Mt Gambier
- 4-8/4 Yr 10 Cape Bridgewater camp
- 8/4 End of Term 1
- 26/4 Term 2 begins
- 5/5 Sunraysia Cross Country (Prim)
- 13/5 House Cross Country
- 18/5 Mallee Div Cross Country (Sec)
- 31/5 LMR Cross Country (Prim & Sec)
- 13/6 Queen's Birthday Holiday
- 24/6 End of Term 2

The future starts
today,
not tomorrow

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.



Community Notices



... MORE FROM OUR 'DETERMINED DINOSAURS' (SEE PAGE 5)



The Smile Squad dental program will be providing free dental examinations and free dental treatment at school to interested students during this term. They will be undertaking examinations from 8-10 March, then treatments for 3 weeks from 15th March. Consent form packs have been sent home with students today. This is provided by the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME

1. Student information details - parents to check and return please
2. Smile Squad dental service information
3. Form containing various permits

