

# MURRAYVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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*From the Principal*

It is hard to believe that we have been back at school for three weeks already! There has been a lot happening, as there always is in the first few weeks as students and staff settle into routines and we continue to set things up for the new school year.

**Welcome BBQ –**

It was great to be able to come together and hold our Welcome BBQ on Wednesday night. It is hard to find a date that suits everyone, but I would like to thank all of the parents and carers who made the effort to attend the information sessions and mingle with staff and other parents at the BBQ. Although this is our main Welcome event for the year, parents are welcome at school at anytime and we encourage you to be involved in your child’s education. A huge thank you to Ross Huxtable for cooking the BBQ and to Stacey Morzer-Bruyns for all of her help with the set up and during the evening.

**Swimming Sports –**

It is fabulous that we can hold a full sports day again with parents and carers in attendance. I look forward to seeing many of you there on Wednesday, but it is forecast to be very warm, so please come prepared.

**Author Visit –**

Toni Jordan the author of “Nine Days”, the novel that the Year 11 and 12 students are currently reading as their text study, will be visiting the school on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March. She will be running workshops for the students during the day that will deepen the students’ understanding of the text and assist them with their assessments. I am delighted that we have senior students attending from Ouyen, Tyrrell, Hopetoun, Rainbow and Manangatang to join in the learning and a collaboration opportunity for our English students and teachers. Toni Jordan is also putting on a community session for any interested parents or community members from 6-7pm. A huge thank you to Melanie Grant for organizing such a fantastic opportunity for our students.

**Parent Payments –**

Next week letters will come home requesting parent contributions to the cost of your children’s education. We have a very proud tradition at MCC of all parents contributing to the costs of educating our children. Historically, this has enabled us to provide students with additional opportunities, such as 1:1 access to iPads and computers, up to date texts and student workbooks, cooking, art and technology materials, subscriptions to learning programs and much more. In the past these costs were charged through the student booklists, however this is no longer possible under the new Department Payment Policy. In 2023 we are again simply asking for a parent contribution of \$200 per child, regardless of the year level.

**Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF) -**

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card valid on 31.1.2023 you will be eligible to claim \$125 for Primary School Students and \$225 for Secondary School Students to be used toward the cost of camps, excursions and sporting activities. If you applied for CSEF last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. If you are a new applicant and believe you are eligible, please contact Dana Lumb at the school who will assist you to complete an application.

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### School Based Apprenticeships –

Murrayville Community College has a number of students commencing and continuing School Based Apprenticeships this year and it is a credit to these students that they have used their initiative to secure these placements and are managing their time successfully to complete a trade qualification as they complete their senior secondary education. Congratulations to Dillon (commencing) and Jai (continuing) who have secured Diesel Mechanic Apprenticeships with Emmetts and Ronco Motors, respectively. Cody has commenced an Engineering/Fabrication apprenticeship with M.A.R.S Transport Equipment in the Riverland. Also Cooper and Rourke are about to commence a Cert IV in Agriculture through their continuing apprenticeships. These boys will continue their training through Longerenong College near Horsham in March. Noah has also commenced doing Structured Workplace Learning in Agriculture with Clayton and Des Sporn. I would like to thank all of these local businesses for providing our students with this wonderful opportunity.

Natasha Mudie  
Principal

### Timeline for our School Council election process:

**Closing date for nominations: February 20**  
**Distribution of ballot papers (if required): February 22**  
**Close of ballot: March 10**  
**Declaration of Poll: March 15**  
**New Council meets: March 27**

## PRIDE Awards

*Prep/1 :*

**Noah AURICHT**

for showing INDEPENDENCE with his writing  
and also using interesting vocabulary

*2 :*

**Xenophon DU PREEZ**

for showing DETERMINATION in Maths,  
and asking questions to improve understanding

*4-6 :*

**Jack McKEE**

for showing DETERMINATION in his writing sessions;  
trying hard and working on his skills

**Kalian MEESE**

for showing EXCELLENCE in her writing sessions;  
expanding on her ideas and developing  
her story lines



## WELL DONE

## CANTEEN

Ham Sandwich \$2.50  
Ham & Cheese Sandwich \$3.00  
Cheese Sandwich \$2.00  
Cheese & Tomato Sandwich \$3.00  
Ham, Cheese & Tomato Sandwich \$4.00  
Tomato Sandwich \$2.00  
Vegemite Sandwich \$1.50  
Pies/Pasties \$4.50 : Party Pies \$1.20 :  
Sausage Rolls \$3.50  
Sauce 20c  
Pizzas (Ham & Pineapple  
or Bacon & Cheese) \$2.50  
Ham & Cheese Toasties \$2

ALL ORDERS TO Front Office BEFORE SCHOOL

Late orders will only have access  
to ham & cheese toasties

*Please - no more than \$5 in your envelope*

CHECK PRICE INCREASES



### Valentine's Day

The Prep/Ones class enjoyed creating a Valentine's Day card and gift for someone they loved. Parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters and some pets would have received a beautiful gesture from the students after school on Tuesday.

Our youngest students were very excited to present their hand made cards to the special someone they chose.



Although we have had a good response to the information forms sent out a couple of weeks ago, there are still quite a few outstanding.

Thank you to those who have sent their forms back already.

Please can parents ensure that those outstanding are returned next week so that our records can be kept up to date (the white forms),





# 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.

- 20/2 College Council
- 21/2 UDSSA Swimming in Ouyen
- 22/2 House Swimming Sports
- 13/3 Labour Day
- 14/3 Student Free Day
- 16/3 NAPLAN Writing & Reading
- 20-24/3 Longerenong course continues
- 20/3 NAPLAN - Language & Numeracy
- 21-22/3 Primary Parent/Teacher interviews
- 27/3 College Council AGM
- 28/3 School Photos
- Interim reports due
- 3/4 Immunisation : Years 7 & 10
- 4-5/4 Secondary Parent/Teacher interviews
- 6/4 Term 1 ends
- 24/4 Term 2 commences
- 3/5 GRIP Leadership : Years 5/6
- 11/5 Uni/TAFE visits : Years 10-12
- 12/5 Careers Expo : Years 11/12
- 15/5 Regional Arts : Years P-12

## HOUSE SWIMMING

NEXT WEDNESDAY : 22nd February

9:40am start for Years 2-12

P-1 events from 12 midday

Individual medleys will not be held.

*Please note that the toddlers' pool will not be open.*



There will be a BBQ lunch available.

Water, fruit boxes and zooper doopers on sale at the pool.

Parents are encouraged to attend and support your children - please ensure spectators and students have hats, sunscreen, water bottles. Students whose parents are in attendance may go home at the conclusion of the carnival, other students will return to school to finish the day.



To forgive is  
wisdom, to  
forget is genius