

# MURRAYVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



## No. 4 : 15 March 2023

*From the Principal*

### **NAPLAN –**

NAPLAN commenced today for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the writing test. All of the NAPLAN tests are conducted online this year with the exception of Year 3 writing. The schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Lesson 1 - Writing
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – Lesson 1 - Reading
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – Lesson 1 - Conventions of Language & Lesson 3 – Numeracy

Catch-up tests will be provided next week for any students that require them. NAPLAN is just a snapshot of the students’ performance at a point in time and although students should try their best, they need not feel stressed or anxious about their performance. Teachers use a range of varied assessments across the year to measure performance levels and growth.

### **Senior Girls Careers Trip -**

The girls from Years 10, 11 and 12 spent Thursday and Friday in Mildura exploring a range of careers. They visited the Sunraysia Institute of TAFE, Latrobe Uni, Mildura Private Hospital and a beauty salon. The students explored careers in medicine and nursing, allied health and community services such as social work at the hospital. A wide range of further education opportunities and pathways were presented at Latrobe and SuniTAFE including courses for beauty. The students also enjoyed some social and bonding time on Thursday evening.

### **Author Visit –**

The visit from Toni Jordan last Monday was a great success. It was fabulous to have three other schools attend the sessions and for all of the students to share their ideas and understandings of the book. I’m sure these sessions will provide the students with useful insights that will enhance their ability when writing their creative SAC in English, in the coming weeks. I would like to particularly thank Melanie Grant for her organisation of the day and the community evening and thank you to all of the community members who took the time to read “Nine Days” and come along and participate Monday evening.



### **SRC Planning afternoon -**

The new SRC and Prefects stayed after school last Tuesday to plan for the year ahead. They generated some great ideas for activities and the ways that we can improve the school. I very much look forward to working with them in 2023 to help bring these ideas to fruition. Thankyou to Megan Osborn, Julie Cowley and Melanie Grant for their organisation and assistance on Tuesday evening.

### **Regional Swimming –**

Well done to Patrick, Jaxon and Matilda who competed at Swan Hill on Tuesday in the North West Victoria Regional Event.

**Outdoor Education Camp –** The three boys doing Year 12 Outdoor Education are visiting the Grampians and Halls Gap this week as an essential part of their studies. They are required to reflect on their experience in both their SACs and Exam. They need to look at the perspectives of the early Aboriginal inhabitants, the early settlers and modern tourists. They have three very full days of activities.

*Natasha Mudie - Principal*



## SRC Planning Night

Last Tuesday night we had a successful evening with almost all of our prefects and SRC members attending.

We had a variety of great ideas for future events throughout this year and everyone had an opportunity to present their ideas of events they wished to see the school plan, or ideas to help improve the school. We would like to thank all the teachers involved in organising this night, especially Miss Grant and Mrs Cowley. Thanks also to everyone who helped prepare snacks throughout the night and dinner at the end. Through all the ideas involved we were able to decide on a theme for the upcoming casual day, to be held on Tuesday 21st March.

The theme will be 'Favourite Movies Character'.

Thanks to everyone who was able to attend and contribute a range of ideas in order to further improve our school.

*Nathalia Mountford*

## PRIDE Awards

*Prep/1*

**Connor SCHROEDER**

for showing DETERMINATION when challenged and achieving his goals

*2-3*

**Billy KELLY**

for showing INDEPENDENCE in maths – listening to instructions, setting his book out neatly and persisting with challenges

*4-6*

**Parker EDWARDS**

for showing PERSISTENCE in his learning in the classroom



**WELL DONE**

## CANTEEN

PLEASE CHECK NEW PRICES ON  
CANTEEN LIST ON PAGE 5

- Ham Sandwich \$2.50
- Ham & Cheese Sandwich \$3.00
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- 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 \$2.50

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

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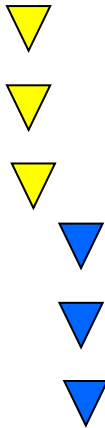
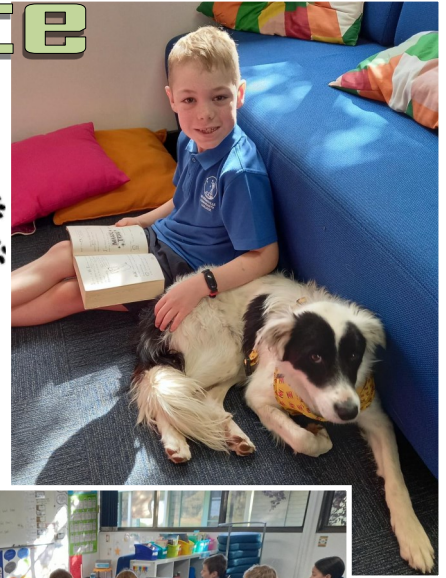


# A new classmate

In writing, the grade 2/3 students have been learning about persuasive writing. To immerse students in this, Pixie came to visit. Students had to think of reasons why Pixie should stay at school, and write sentences about this. Pixie loved her visit, and all of the pats she got from the students. 🐾

From the students:

- Pixie must stay at school because she is so nice and friendly. – Parker
- Pixie must stay at school because she is very playful and no one will get left out. - Xenophon
- Pixie must stay at school because she is friendly, so if somebody is sad, she can cheer them up. - Billy
- Pixie must stay at school because everyone can pat her at break times. – Alex.



The Grade 2/3 class was extremely excited to have Norbet visit them on Wednesday!  
Thank you to Billy for bringing in his bearded dragon to share with us.



from the  
2/3  
classroom







*senior girls  
careers  
excursion*



*author visit*



Last Monday, author Toni Jordan visited Murrayville in order to hold a special day with our VCE students. Students in Year 11 and 12 are reading Toni Jordan's novel *Nine Days* as part of their English studies. Hopetoun, Rainbow and Ouyen schools also attended, which was great for our students to see other peers in the region who are also studying the text. Toni started the day with a talk explaining her inspiration and process behind writing *Nine Days*, and how she developed her characters. Then, following morning tea, students participated in a creative writing workshop focusing on different character voices and writing techniques Toni had used for the different characters. The students then had a quick workshop from Miss Grant on how to put all of this information together to prepare for their assessments and study skills to apply these ideas to the exam later in the year.

It was a very successful day, and the teachers are all excited to continue to collaborate in the future, with another day in August with Rosalie Ham coming to Ouyen, when the students are studying *The Dressmaker*.

Toni also presented at a community session in the evening, with a great turnout. It was nice to see so many community members visiting school and taking an interest in what the students are studying. Toni has written many books, and it was fascinating to hear her inspiration and processes as well as the success of her novels around the world. Thank you to all who contributed to making the day and success and for coming along and participating.

A special thank you to Stacey Morzer-Bruyns and Belinda Kelly for all of their help with the catering for the day, and to the families who donated food. It was very much appreciated and received lots of compliments!



# CANTEEN PRICE LIST as at 15/3/23



## 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	\$2.50

## DRINKS

Iced chocolate/strawberry/coffee	\$1.60
Juice box	\$1.00

## SNACKS

Zooper Dooper	50¢
Billabongs	\$1.50
Frozen yoghurt (tub)	\$2.50
Chips - large	\$1.50
LCMs	\$1.00
Roll-ups	60¢

## HOT FOODS

Pies / Pasties (Mrs Macs)	\$4.50
Sausage roll (Mrs Macs)	\$3.50
Party pie 60g	\$1.20
Sauce 20¢	
Pizzas - Ham & Pineapple / Cheese & Bacon	\$2.50

*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

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.



- 14-16 VCE Outdoor Ed Camp
- 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
- Eye tests
- Interim reports out
- 31/3-2/4 HPV in Mt Gambier
- 3/4 Immunisation : Years 7 & 10
- 4-5/4 Secondary Parent/Teacher interviews
- 6/4 Term 1 ends
- 24/4 Term 2 commences
- 25/4 ANZAC Day
- 3/5 GRIP Leadership : Years 5/6
- 11/5 Uni/TAFE visits : Years 10-12
- 12/5 Careers Expo : Years 11/12
- 15/5 Comic Art Workshops : Years P-12



The Prep students have thoroughly enjoyed their start to the school year. They have been involved in a variety of activities and have loved learning how to write their name properly, learning about letters and numbers, planting their own succulents, using plasticine to make their



fingers strong for writing and making amazing creations, meeting the



What would you attempt to do if you knew you would not fail?

dragons that live in our classroom and they particularly loved having a special visit from a class member's pet lizard. It has been a super busy start with many 'first' memories being made and definitely more to come!