

MURRAYVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

This term is racing away and has been an incredibly busy and exciting one for students, staff and the Principal!

Budget Announcement – At the end of last week in the Victorian State Budget it was announced that Murrayville Community College will be receiving **\$4.68 million to upgrade and modernise the school**. This is an exciting announcement, especially as we are able to have a lot of input into the vision that we have for the

school moving forward and what we would like to see at our school. I would like to invite any interested school community members to a consultation session on Thursday the 15th of June to provide input into the initial processes for this. There will be further opportunities to be involved down the track, when plans and buildings will be discussed at more length. I will also be sending all families a few survey questions that will serve the dual purpose of providing input for the building project, but also for the 4 yearly review that is happening next term. Your perceptions, input and feedback is important and highly valued and I would really appreciate it if you can please either attend the session or provide some feedback through the survey.

Mission to Mars – I was lucky enough to accompany the majority of our secondary students on this fabulous camp last week. The activities that the students engaged in at KIOSC (Knox Innovation Opportunity & Sustainability Centre) were absolutely excellent, as were the teachers and facilitators. The students created illuminated etched acrylic signs in the first session, they then entered the world of virtual reality and had to complete various missions as though they were an astronaut training to complete various tasks on Mars. They then coded programs for a drone to make its way around an obstacle course (as though it was completing a mission on Mars). Finally on Friday the students had to code and program Lego Mindstorm robots to complete various missions on a Mars mat. All of the activities were challenging but very engaging for the students. The teachers and facilitators at KIOSC were blown away by our students and said that it was very rare to have such a wonderful group of engaged, persistent and determined students! I'm sure that the students received extra prizes and the school brought home a range of giveaways because of our students' demeanor. The KIOSC people said that we should be very proud of them and we most definitely are! A huge thanks to Mr Milde who coordinated the trip and to Mr Brown who also attended and supervised.

HPV – Congratulations to all students involved in the most recent HPV race at 'The Bend' on Saturday 20th of May. A huge thank you to the parents for their involvement throughout the preparation phase for assisting with supervision of training and for their help on the day. Special thanks to Terri Walker for taking the car to scrutineering prior to the race and organizing the team shirts. Thanks again to Mr Milde for his coordination of the HPV program.



Reconciliation Week – This week is Reconciliation week with the theme "Be a Voice for Generations". Miss Lozz has facilitated activities throughout the school for students to be involved in reconciliation and learn about our shared culture, histories and achievements.

Arts Council – This week the Asanti Dance Theatre presented their "A taste of Africa" program to our students from Prep to Year 12. The students thoroughly enjoyed this performance, including the hands-on interactive sessions.

Student Free Day – Just a gentle reminder that next Friday 9th of June is a Student Free Day for staff to complete their assessment and reporting for Semester 1. I hope everyone enjoys the extra-long weekend.

Natasha Mudie - Principal

ASTRONOMY NIGHT & COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Thursday 15th of June @
Murrayville Community College

Murrayville Community College wishes to invite all community members to an astronomy night hosted by the Victorian Space Science Education Centre (VSSEC)
4:30-6pm : Community consultation session about the College's \$4.68M building fund - finger food provided
6pm : Information session and Q&A with VSSEC staff about astronomy
6:30 pm onwards : Telescope use (if poor weather the radio telescope will be used)
Come along to see **what is out there!**

PRIDE Awards

Connor SCHROEDER

for showing EXCELLENCE when learning his counting numbers and completing his Ninja Number Belts

1

Scarlett WILLISON

for showing EXCELLENCE in her handwriting by taking care with her work

2-3

Billy KELLY

for RESPECTFULLY sharing his ideas and prior knowledge with the class

4-6

Eli GUERIN

for showing DETERMINATION to complete his work through all challenges

Rory LLOYDE

for showing EXCELLENCE in his creative writing



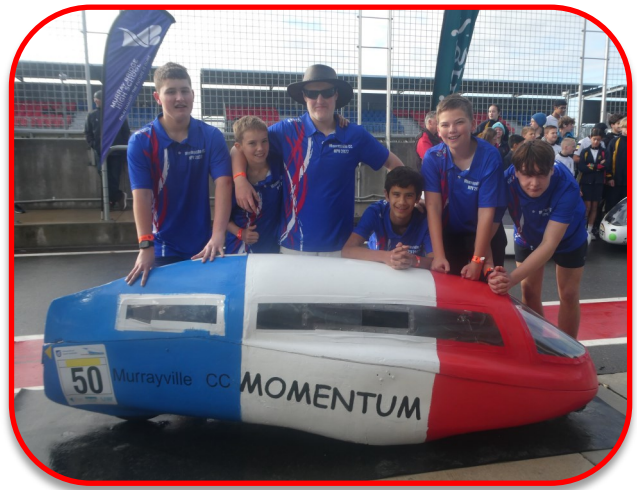
WELL DONE

CANTEEN

- 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 20¢
- 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

Price of chips is now \$1.80

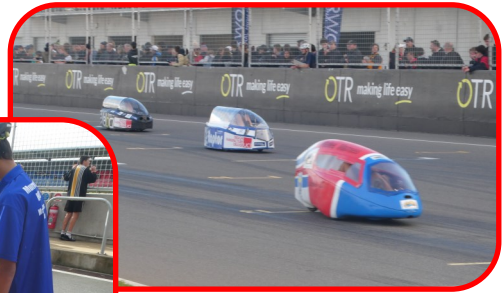


On Saturday 20th of May students and parents travelled to The Bend racetrack at Tailem Bend to compete in round 2 of the AHPVSS. Due to some students only competing in Term 1 and some being away, there were not enough riders to make up two teams. However, after Jack McKee kindly accepted an offer to race, we were able to have two teams. Everyone looked sensational, wearing the team shirts organised by Terri Walker.

The day started out badly, with a heavy shower of rain just as we had set up. Unfortunately, the riders had just started their track walk so they had to quickly scurry back! Luckily that was the only rain we experienced for the rest of the day. Both teams competed well in the S2 class which had 38 entries with riders from Year 9, or under 16s. Considering our riders ranged from 11 to 14, this was an excellent effort! Momentum, which had the older riders, finished 27th in class and 111th overall. Mallee Madness finished 29th in class and 113th overall, only one lap behind Momentum.

The students worked well as a team, encouraging each other, and performing their roles with little assistance. It was also great to have all the parent support, which certainly made the day run smoothly.

Special thanks to Terri and Craig Walker for taking the HPVs to scrutineering on the Friday. Everyone is looking forward to the next race in Adelaide at Victoria Park on Sunday June 18.





Mission to Mars





STEAM activities at MCC

We had a great time in Melbourne! The students used some new technologies which some of them will have more exposure to here at school.

We have another incursion happening on 16/17th of June, with Emma from the Victorian Science and Space Education Centre (VSSEC) coming to perform some water rocket activities with Years 3-10.

Students from 7-10 will conduct their activity in periods 3 & 4 on Thursday 15th of June, while 3-6 will do theirs in periods 1 & 2 on Friday 16th June.

Apparently they could get wet, so a change of clothes may be required those days!!

Preps and Year 1 can watch the launches if they want to in period 2.

Also on the Thursday night VSSEC will run an astronomy session. Emma will bring a telescope and we may dust off the school's telescope as well. This will obviously depend on the weather, but it will be a chance to get the community involved.

We will advertise it on Facebook and through the communities. It will be on a football/netball training night unfortunately, but hopefully we can attract some students and community members to come along.

We will also have a BBQ tea to attract people.

Dmitri Milde (STEAM Co-ordinator)



STEAM Club

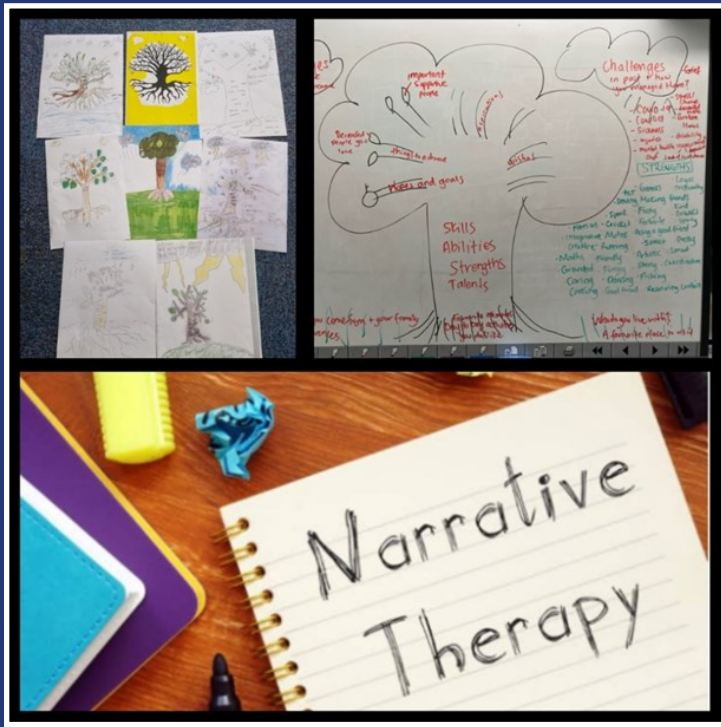
The lunchtime Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Maths (STEAM) Club has been experiencing a variety of activities.

On Thursdays the Minecraft Club has conducted several activities from building a house to creating a rocket to go to the moon.

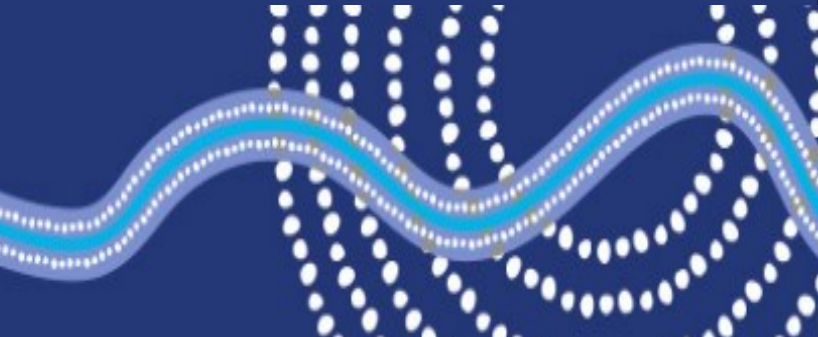
On Fridays there is a robotics session, using the Lego Mindstorms EV3. Also on Fridays we have been learning how to use a radio telescope to look into space.



Science | Technology | Engineering | Arts | Mathematics



As part of Reconciliation Week activities Ms Lozz led a Narrative Therapy activity with the year 4 – 6 class. The task to draw or decorate a tree with each part representing something different. The roots being where your family comes from, the ground being the present day to day activities they engage in, the trunk highlighting the skills and abilities they have and branches to identify hopes and dreams. The leaves were important people in their life, fruit being gifts from others and the clouds representing challenges and how they have overcome them. The students listened, engaged well and showed curiosity and wisdom, whilst respecting one another.



Reconciliation Week is 27 May to 3 June each year. This is a time for all Australians to learn about shared cultures, histories, and achievements with the intention of understanding how to reconcile. This kicked off with a bang at our school. The teachers, along with Ms Lozz, collaborated to research the heritage and culture of the Primary School students with the intention of coming together in placing their hands and background on a banner for all to see. At Recess Hangout the young people were able to decorate leaves with Indigenous colours, creating their own designs. At Lunchtime Hangout the Secondary School was able to join in the festivities and place their hand in paint to show their respect for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to close the gap and join in Unity. It helped to start the conversation about what Reconciliation Week is about and why it is so important. The young people's enthusiasm was fantastic!





Taste of Africa



A noisy and vibrant morning

COLLEGE CALENDAR

- 6/6 Regional Cross Country at St Arnaud
- 9/6 Student Free Day
- 12/6 King's Birthday Holiday
- 14/6 Pets in Schools (Primary)
- 15/6 VCE GAT exam
- 19/6 College Council
- 23/6 Term 2 ends
- 8/7 Year 10 Drive-in Movie Night
- 10/7 Term 3 commences
- 17-21/7 Years 10&11 Bogong Camp
- 4/8 RFDS flight simulator
- 8/8 Crow Kid performance : P-12
- 28/8 Student Free Day
- 29/8 VCE English to Ouyen
- 15/9 Term 3 ends
- 2/10 Term 4 commences
- 4/10 Pinnaroo Show
- 9/10 Year 7 immunisation
- 9-13/10 Year 9 Rubicon camp

Tough times
never last,
but tough
people do

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



JUNIOR JOEYS!

Netball development program for children interested in learning basic netball skills.
 For anyone born 2018 or earlier (turning 5 this year)
 Continues Thursday 18th May and running every second Thursday, 3:30pm-4:15pm.
 At the Pinnaroo netball courts.

Please head to Pinnaroo Netball Club's Facebook page or contact Steph Heinicke at pinnaroosecretary@gmail.com for more information and to register.

