

MURRAYVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Welcome back -

I hope that everyone had a restful break over the holidays and enjoyed their time away from the daily routines of school.

Staffing –

I am sure that the Murrayville grapevine has been working well over the past week or so and you may have heard that we are losing Dmitri Milde. He informed me in the last week of the holidays that he has accepted a position at Red Cliffs Secondary College and today would be his last day. We have farewelled him at short assembly at school this afternoon. Technology teachers are very difficult to replace and filling any teaching vacancy in Murrayville mid-year is almost impossible. Therefore, I have worked out a number of contingencies to ensure that our students are not disadvantaged by this move.

Year 12 Design Technologies –

Theo Magnalis will be travelling up from Underbool each Tuesday morning to take the practical components of this subject and ensure that the students are able to complete their construction projects. We are very thankful to Ouyen P-12 College for their generosity in accommodating this and to Theo for helping us out. Diane Finn will be taking the students for the remaining three lessons each week, where they will complete their folio and theory tasks. Diane has taught Design Technologies many times, but using different materials (food and textiles instead of wood or metal). The development of the folio and the theory is still very similar regardless of the material. I feel that these students will be well prepared for the SACs and the end-of-year exam.

Year 11 Systems Technology –

There is one student completing this study that is very closely associated to Physics. Mrs Inglis and Mr Brown have kindly offered to oversee the teaching and assessment of this subject until the end of the year.

Year 7/8 Digital Technologies –

Mr Milde was to be co-teaching this subject with Mr Watson, but Mr Brown has also offered to assist with this subject. As our VCE Applied Computing teacher he has a very good knowledge and passion in this area. I am sure that the Year 7/8 students will enjoy their semester of Digitech immensely.

Technology electives –

We had offered 2 lessons of Technology to the Yr 7,8,9 students in the 2nd semester. We have rejigged the electives (and made some a little less elective) so that Year 9 will have an extra term of Outdoor Education (2 lessons), taught by Mrs Mudie in Term 3 in addition to the one planned for Term 4. Year 7/8 students have only had one term of Art (2 lessons) so far, so they will do Art for 2 lessons until the end of the year.

Year 4,5,6 Technology –

Mr Milde was to be taking one lesson of Technology with the 4,5,6 class, this will now be taught by Mrs Finn on Monday afternoons.

HPV –

We have invited all HPV students and parents to a meeting after school on Monday afternoon to discuss the contingencies around this extra-curricular program, but I am confident that we can reach a resolution that will be favourable to those involved.

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The new timetable reflecting these changes will begin on Monday. We will still be looking to appoint a new technology teacher for 2024, but I think our chances of attracting a quality replacement will be better in Term 4 and we can advertise this position and any other vacancies at a time when most teachers that are thinking of moving are looking at positions.

Lightning Premierships –

Well done to all of the Year 5/6 students that travelled to Red Cliffs on Wednesday to compete in Netball, Soccer and Aussie Rules Football. Special congratulations to Phoenix and Kalian who were part of the winning Netball team on the day and have qualified for the regional finals in Swan Hill in August. Well done to the boys that played Aussie Rules and made it to the Grand Final, unfortunately the St Marys team was too strong for them. Our soccer team unfortunately didn't have any wins, but the games were very competitive and enjoyable by all reports. A big thank you to Mr Watson and Mrs Morzer-Bruyns for taking the students and assisting with umpiring and coaching on the day.

Naidoc Week –

Naidoc Week was the last week of the holidays and the theme for 2023 was "For our Elders". Thank you to Miss Lozz and Mrs Morzer-Bruyns who have put together a display in the library. As a school we acknowledge all first peoples of the beautiful lands of which we live and celebrate their enduring connection to Country. We honour the wisdom and pay our respects to their elders past and present.



FOR OUR ELDERS

Natasha Mudie - Principal



Students in the 2/3 class have been learning about time in Maths this week



2 o'clock
1/4 to ...
Half past ...



1/4 past 3
o'clock
1/4 to ...
Half past ...



Lightning Premierships

6 students, along with Mr Watson and Mrs Morzer-Bruyns, travelled to Red Cliffs on Wednesday 12th July to participate in the Lightning Premiership Carnival.

Football

Thomas Crane, Jack McKee and Cornelius du Preez participated in the Football event, combining with Ouyen, Underbool and Werrimull and coached by Mr Watson. All students played well, winning 2 out of 3 games and making the grand final against St Mary's Robinvale. Unfortunately, the boys went down in the Grand Final, but they all enjoyed the experience.



Netball

Phoenix Morzer-Bruyns and Kalian Meese both participated in the A grade netball, having a very successful day winning all of their matches and therefore qualifying for the Regional Event in Swan Hill on Tuesday 8th August. Thankyou to Mrs Morzer-Bruyns for assisting with the Netball and umpiring on the day.



Soccer

Eli Guerin participated in the soccer event along with students from Ouyen, Underbool and Temy having a great day, meeting lots of new friends.





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.



18/7	Flinders Uni visit
2/8	Shaka Project Workshop : 7-12
4/8	RFDS flight simulator
8/8	Crow Kid performance : P-12
	Lightning Prem Netball final
9/8	9/10 Girls STEM Idols excursion
17/8	House Athletics
24/8	Primary Book Week Day
25/8	UDSSA Athletics
28/8	Student Free Day
29/8	VCE English to Ouyen
30/8	Mallee Division Athletics
6/9	Emergency Services Day
	Sunraysia South Athletics
	Women's Health Week BBQ
7/9	OPEN DAY at MCC
8/9	'Brilliant at Being Resilient'
14/9	RUOK Day
15/9	Term 3 ends

DID YOU KNOW ?

- Iceland consumes more Coca Cola than any other country
- the word 'almost' is the longest word spelt alphabetically
- human thigh bones are stronger than concrete
- more people are allergic to cows milk than any other food
- more people are killed from bees than snakes
- the average person laughs 10 times a day
- the Atlantic Ocean is saltier than the Pacific
- your mouth produces 1 litre of saliva a day
- if your DNA was stretched out it would reach to the moon 6,000 times
- you begin to feel thirsty when your body losses 1% of water
- hiccups usually lasts for 5 minutes
- not all your taste buds are on our tongue (10% are on the insides of your cheeks)
- the life span of a house fly is between 10 to 25 days
- the smallest dog is the Chihuahua
- there are 70 million sheep in New Zealand (with 4 million people)
- the worlds smallest bird is the 'bee hummingbird' found in Cuba
- men are stuck by lightning 7 times more than women
- women make up 49% of the worlds population
- carrots contain 0% fat
- 1 billion snails are served in restaurants each year

The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity



at MCC is ON
September 7