



No. 14 : 14 September 2023

From the Principal

End of term –

I'm not sure about parents, but it definitely feels like the holidays are a week late for us. Unfortunately, we have had a lot of staff and students sick this week with an awful flu virus and this has impacted our ability to get the 7-11 interim reports out by today. I can assure everyone that they will go home in the first week of term and staff will contact parents if any follow up interviews are required.

This term has been a very busy one, the Primary students competed at Lightning Premierships, with the netball girls progressing to the regional level, the Shaka Project visited and addressed the secondary students, the 9/10 girls visited Mildura for the STEM Idols excursion, Kindergarten transition visits have begun, our house athletics and interschool athletics carnivals were held, we had Book Week activities and book fair, the Year 12s visited Ouyen to meet with Rosalie Ham the author of "The Dressmaker", we had students attend the Emergency Services day in Ouyen, we held activities for Women's Health Week, students attended performances "Crow Kid" and "Brilliant at being resilient", secondary students participated in a virtual reality Careers incursion, Year 10 students had an excursion to Mildura to visit the ABC studio and Sunraysia Daily, we celebrated RUOK day, VCE students have attended revision lectures, and we held a fabulous Open Day. In addition to the activities for students we have completed our school review with visitors into our school for the Validation day, fieldwork day and strategic planning day, all staff completed professional learning during the Student Free Day around Dyslexia, Dyscalculia and Dysgraphia, the literacy teachers have completed extensive training in "The Writing Revolution" and we have engaged our architects ready for our upgrade and modernisation, of which master planning and consultation will commence next term.

Staffing for 2024 –

I am thrilled to announce that we have employed Stephanie Morris as our Science / Agriculture teacher for next year. Stephanie is very familiar with Murrayville, she completed a teaching placement here in Term 1 and has played netball for Murrayville this year. We have also appointed Maryanne Jones to the Arts / Humanities position. Maryanne is an experienced teacher who has taught in rural schools in Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales previously. I believe they will both be an excellent fit for our college.

We are currently advertising for an additional Maths / Science teacher and will be advertising for a Technology teacher next term. I am confident that we will be able to attract quality teachers to these positions also.

Congratulations –

I want to make mention of some special achievements by some of our students. Firstly, Jai Carlile who is completing his school based apprenticeship with Ronco Motors was nominated for the Murraylands School Based Apprentice of the Year, and came runner up for our region. Secondly, Zhoe and Scarlett Willison competed at the Adelaide Show last week and did extremely well in the horses in action section. Congratulations to Seth Walker who also competed at the Adelaide Show in a quad bike competition. It is so fantastic that our students are competing at this level. Finally congratulations to Rourke Mudie and Cooper Wisneske who have completed their last block release at Longerenong this week. They have now completed all of the theoretical components of their Certificate IV in Agriculture - their graduation ceremony will be held in March next year.

I wish all students, families and staff a restful and enjoyable break over the holidays and look forward to seeing everyone back for Term 4. Just a reminder to everyone that Monday the 2nd of October is NOT a public holiday in Victoria, but there is no school on Wednesday the 4th of October so that students can attend the Pinnaroo Show.

Natasha Mudie - Principal



PRIDE Awards

Prep

Ryan WILLERSDORF

for showing EXCELLENCE when decoding, blending and reading words - showing great fluency

Levi KELLY

for showing PERSISTENCE towards challenges, staying focussed and using strategies taught.

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Pearl SCHROEDER, Josie LUMB, Scarlett WILLISON & Ayla LUMB

for the RESPECT shown towards our school and wild-life by picking up rubbish for a whole lunchtime

Noah AURICHT

for showing EXCELLENCE in learning his lines for the class play and using lots of expression in the performance

2-3

Parker MORRISON (2 awards)

for showing INDEPENDENCE with his school routines and

for showing PERSISTENCE to remember his lines and performing in the Open Day play

Andy BERLIN

for showing PERSISTENCE with his HOT writing task, and including some excellent vocab

4-6

Hudson CRANE

for showing EXCELLENCE in learning and memorising his times tables

Savannah MORRISON

for showing EXCELLENCE in learning her script and memorising her lines for the play

Scarlett BERLIN

for showing EXCELLENCE in learning and memorising her times tables

Phoenix MORZER-BRUYN

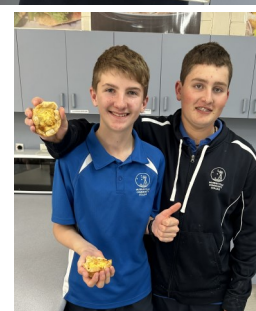
for showing EXCELLENCE in writing a narrative using her knowledge of sentence structure.

Kalian MEESE

for showing DETERMINATION to others in her performance of our play - good job in moving out of her comfort zone



WELL DONE



Food Tech this week

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 \$2.50

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

OPEN DAY



Open Day



The Enormous Turnip
Years 2/3



Perfect Parents
Year 6



The Foiled Robbery
Year 4



The Treasure Map
Year 5



4 Little Pigs
Prep



3 Billy Goats Gruff
Year 1



Our Primary students entertained with a series of plays



Services on display included:

- Victoria Police
- Country Fire Authority
- State Emergency Service
- Ambulance Victoria
- Forest Fire Management Victoria
- Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action
- Mallee Track Health and Community Services
- Community Road Safe Mildura
- Red Cross

OUYEN EMERGENCY SERVICES DAY

On Wednesday a group of students from Years 4-6 and Year 11 travelled to Ouyen for the Emergency Services Day at the Ouyen Lake. A wide range of services were represented and the children enjoyed learning what they do and checking out the equipment involved in their work. Hopefully some were encouraged to become volunteers in one or more of these services that are so important in our communities

On Wednesday 6th September, the school celebrated Women's Health Week in a similar fashion to the Men's Health Week celebrations held in Term 2. Ms Lozz organised a delicious and healthy lunch for all students. Following lunch Ms Lozz gave a presentation about health issues impacting girls and women, and all female secondary students completed a quick activity to identify a health goal for themselves to improve their health and wellbeing. Some awards were also given to female secondary students who have displayed some excellent values during 2023. These awards were voted for by all secondary students.

The "Most Encouraging" award was awarded to Zhoe Willison for consistently displaying positivity towards her peers.

This award was a close competition and we need to mention Alana Oster who was just one vote behind Zhoe.

Some comments made about Zhoe in the nomination process were:

- she is very supporting
- she's always positive and encouraging towards others, she isn't negative or rude to others
- she is very encouraging
- she always makes people laugh and encourages them not to give up



The "Resilience" award was awarded to Sharlene Sharp for bouncing back and displaying resilience.

Some comments made about Sharlene in the nomination process were:

- she has an ability to bounce back and remain positive
- she always has a smile on her face
- she continues to smile and live her life

The "Role Model" award was awarded to Shania Heintze for consistently displaying the school PRIDE values of persistence, respect, independence, determination and excellence.

Some comments made about Shania in the nomination process were:

- she is always showing PRIDE and is a really good role model. She is always showing respect towards her peers and teachers
- always uplifting others, being a good class mate even when the rest of the class is playing up, always participating in school events and sports and showing kindness to her peers
- studies hard and tries her best
- all students can look up to her as she always follows the rules
- always polite, kind, and helps people whenever needed



The "Reach Out" award was awarded to Mya Jenzen for regularly checking in on her peers to see how they are going.

This was another award with very close results, and special mention goes to Evie Oakley and Katie Meehan who were both only one vote behind Mya.

Some comments made about Mya in the nomination process were:

- she always checks up on people when they seem off and she makes them feel better
- she is always checking in to see if I'm okay
- she will ask if you're ok when someone is sad
- she's always there for me and whenever she thinks things aren't right she always asks and makes sure myself and everyone is alright. She always makes people feel better when they're down and is always willing to help.

Big thanks to Ms Lozz for organising yet another successful event for our students.



Our Prep students thoroughly enjoyed the healthy lunch of wraps, fruit and juice. They've been spoilt for choice at lunchtimes over the past couple of weeks.



People who need help sometimes look a lot like people who don't need help

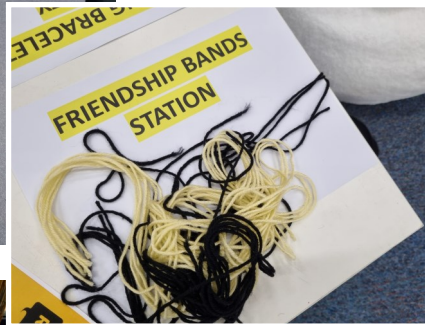
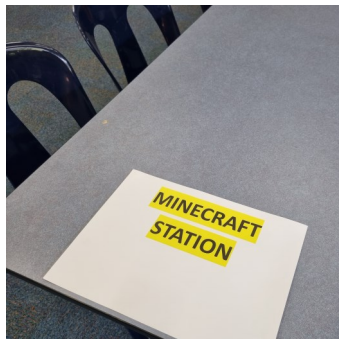




NATIONAL RU OKAY DAY!



Thursday 14th September was **RU OKAY DAY**. This is our National Day of Action when we remind Australians that every day is the day to ask, 'are you OK?' and start a meaningful conversation whenever they spot the signs that someone they care about might be struggling with life.



The young people were delighted to have activities to learn about how to check in. We had reminders of the process and signs of struggles. Also giveaways; pocket size laminated slips, lanyards, wrist bands and sparkle glitter affirmations. There were board games, write your own comic, pingpong, mine craft, music & more for the young people to engage in.



Always check on your mates!
Ms Lozz ❤️ ❤️ ❤️



2023 MOC SOCIAL

Theme: Hollywood Glam/Celebrities

Get ready to walk the red carpet with some of your favourite celebrities

Tuesday the 3rd of October

Primary: 6:30 - 8:30

Secondary: 8:00 - 10:30

\$5 entry fee

Parents will have to sign their children in and out at the start and end of the night.



**CHECK ON YOUR MATES.
CHECK ON YOUR QUIET MATE.
CHECK ON YOUR LOUD MATE.
CHECK ON YOUR OK MATE.
CHECK ON YOUR NOT OK MATE.
CHECK ON YOUR TEAM MATE.
CHECK ON YOUR FLAT MATE.
CHECK ON YOUR WORK MATE.
CHECK ON YOURSELF, MATE.**





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.



15/9	Term 3 ends
2/10	Term 4 commences
3/10	School Social
4/10	Pinnaroo Show
9-13/10	Year 9 Rubicon camp
18/10	Last day for Year 12
24/10	VCE exams commence
6/11	College Council
15/11	VCE exams completed
15/11	VCE exams completed
16-17/11	Year 10/11 Exams
20-24/11	Year 10/11 Head Start Week
24/11	Last Day for Year 11
29/11-1/12	Year 9 Outdoor Ed Camp
5/12	Whole School Transition
11/12	College Council
11-15/12	Sovereign Hill camp : Years 4-6
18/12	Presentation Night



Australian
Road Safety
Foundation



Even if you're on the
right track,
you'll get run over if
you just sit there

Every year, more than 1,100 lives are tragically lost on Australian roads - more than 65% of the Australian road toll. The rate of serious road-related injury in rural areas is nearly twice that of those in major cities.

September is set aside as Rural Road Safety Month to reinforce the need for drivers to **RESPECT THE ROAD.**

This, of course, applies at all times, not just during September.