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From the Principal

Welcome back –

I hope everyone had an enjoyable break and the spring sunshine killed off some of the flu germs that were circulating at the end of last term. The countdown is now on for our Year 12 students, they now only have 1 ½ weeks of school left before SWOT Vac and their first exam is on Tuesday the 24th. The term is a busy one, with a number of camps and excursions, transitions for our new students into Prep and Secondary school, and presentations. Our Music Alive concert is set for Monday the 27th of November and Presentation night is scheduled for Monday the 18th of December.

Social -

The students looked to be having a fabulous time at the social last Tuesday night! The decorations and new disco lights created a perfect mood. Thank you to the Prefects and the SRC for their organization of the night and to Miss Grant, Mrs Cowley and Ms Osborne for their organization of the Prefects and the SRC.

Pinnaroo Show –

Congratulations to Julie Andrews on her last Pinnaroo Show Display. It showcased our fantastic students and the activities and programs carried out by our school. Congratulations to all students who submitted entries on Wednesday or participated in the show in some way.

Regional Athletics –

Congratulations to Zac, Nate and Brooklyn who competed at the North West Regional Athletics Carnival in Bendigo on Thursday. All boys, even though they didn't place, were highly competitive in their events and represented the school with pride.

Yr 9 Rubicon –

The Year 9 class with Mr Brown and Mrs Willison are attending the Rubicon Outdoor School this week with Year 9 students from Ouyen. The students will be participating in a range of activities, including white water rafting, bushwalking, mountain biking and abseiling.

School Procedures for Bushfires -

Please refer to page 5 for information on this topic. You may like to retain this page for future reference.

Natasha Mudie - Principal

our regional athletes in action





2023 MOC 2024



Theme:
**'Hollywood
and
Celebrities'**





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.

- 9-13/10 Year 9 Rubicon camo
- 18/10 Last day for Year 12
Body image speaker : Yrs 6-9
- 24/10 VCE exams commence
- 6/11 College Council
- 5-7/11 Mission to Mars
- 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
- 27/11 Music students' concert
- 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



More of our MCC celebrities



Everyone thinks
of changing the
world, but no one
thinks of
changing himself

School procedures for the bushfire season

Each year, to prepare for bushfires and grassfires, schools and early childhood services complete a range of activities.

The Department of Education runs an annual fire risk assessment of schools and early childhood services. They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 4) and are published on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR).

All schools and early childhood services listed on the BARR and Category 4 list will also close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district.

When the Bureau of Meteorology provides public fire danger rating forecasts or fire weather warnings, they use fire weather district areas. In Victoria, there are 9 fire weather districts, which are based on Local Government Area boundaries. Our school is in the **Mallee fire weather district**.

As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.

What does this mean for our school?

Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a Category 3 school.

Our school will close on a day forecasted as Catastrophic fire danger rating in the Mallee fire district.

What is the department's policy?

The department's [Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy](#) requires all schools and early childhood services on the BARR and the Category 4 list to close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled.

When will our school be closed due to Catastrophic fire danger?

Our school will close on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating in the Mallee fire district**.

Closure of the school due to a forecast Catastrophic day will be confirmed on the day prior and we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day. Any information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by email, text and if possible a note home.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, even if the weather forecast changes. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to be aware that:

- No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

Families are encouraged to action their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Catastrophic days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day.

What can families and the school community do to help us prepare?

- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.
- Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, checking our website [www.murrayvillecc.vic.edu.au], by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed due to a Catastrophic fire danger. Further information can be found on the [CFA's website](#).
- Action your family's bushfire survival plan if your own triggers are met. Our school community may be spread out across many areas and some families may be at higher risk than others. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are actioning your bushfire survival plan and if your children will be absent on these days.
- If your child is old enough, talk to [them about bushfires](#) and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can find more information on emergencies, warnings and preparedness actions here:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

