

MURRAYVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Staffing –

It is with disappointment that I have to inform our school community that Ms Osborne, our wonderful Year 4,5,6 teacher, will be leaving us at the end of term. She has accepted a position at Donald Primary School which is close to the property she recently bought. I completely understand her reasons for moving and we wish her all the best in her new home and school, but she will be sadly missed by us all.

Swimming –

Our students have continued with interschool swimming over the past couple of weeks. The UDSSA swimming sports were held here for the first time since before the pandemic and were a great success. Secondary students have competed at Mildura on Tuesday with 3 boys qualifying to swim in the regional event in Swan Hill next Tuesday - well done to Clayton, Noah and Phoenix. A huge thank you to Mr Willison for his organisation for both of these events and for driving the secondary students to Mildura on Tuesday. Thankyou also to his helpers, those who assisted with UDSSA and with Mallee Division on Tuesday. Good luck to our students who will be swimming at the Regional event in Swan Hill Tuesday!

NAPLAN –

Testing will be completed next Wednesday and Thursday after the long weekend for students in Years 3,5,7 & 9. For those students who take their computers home, it is important that they have them at school and fully charged for these two days as all tests (with the exception of Yr 3 writing) are online.

Canberra Camp –

There is now only a short week of school before the majority of the secondary students will be heading to Canberra on camp. This is a fantastic camp with so much to see, do and learn in the nation's capital.

I am sure that the students will have a wonderful time.

A huge thank you in advance to attending staff Mrs Inglis, Ms Jones, Mr Finn and Mr Magnisalis.

Sydney Camp 2025 –

We are in the process of making some plans for a whole secondary school camp to Sydney in 2025. This also will be a very exciting opportunity for our students.

Tips for Parents -

The Education Department has a guide for parents of young children and we will be including some of these in the newsletters. On the back page this week we begin with some Literacy Tips that will hopefully enable you to assist your child with speaking and listening.

Labour Day Weekend –

I hope everyone manages to stay cool and has a restful long weekend.

Enjoy!

Natasha Mudie
Principal



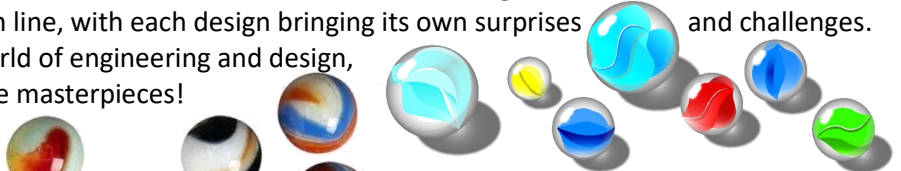
Persistence Respect Independence Determination Excellence

**Inspiring
PRIDE**



In our 2/3s Design Tech class, we embarked on a thrilling adventure of creativity by designing our very own marble runs! Imagine the excitement as we crafted intricate tracks for marbles to zoom through twists and turns. It was a blast watching our marbles race to the finish line, with each design bringing its own surprises and challenges. We had a marble-ous time exploring the world of engineering and design, turning simple materials into exciting marble masterpieces!

Mr Brown



PRIDE Awards

Prep

Charley CHANTER

for showing PERSISTENCE when learning to form his letters correctly and write his name

1

Amelia WILCOX

for showing DETERMINATION to write and learn her tricky words

2-3

Noah AURICHT

for showing DETERMINATION to present in front of the class in drama lessons

4-6

Hudson CRANE

for showing PERSISTENCE in learning Maths facts and times tables



WELL DONE

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



One of the activities involved pedal power smoothies - messy, but lots of fun!



On Wednesday our students from Years 9-12 were involved in workshops provided through the Central Mallee Schools Health and Lifestyle network. A wide range of speakers/presenters engaged students with information re:

- ◆ Gambling
 - ◆ Consent and relationships
 - ◆ Mental Health and resilience
 - ◆ Vaping risks
- and a variety of interesting lunchtime activities

HEALTH ROADSHOW





Prep-1 Science



What is Harmony Day

Our diversity makes Australia a great place in which to live. Harmony Day is a **celebration of our cultural diversity** – a **day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home**. Held every year in March, Harmony Day coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Orange has been the Harmony Week colour since the first event was held in 1999. **Traditionally the colour orange relates to social communication, stimulating two-way conversations**. It aids in the development of new ideas and frees the spirit of its limitations, giving us the freedom to be ourselves.

Harmony Day, an event officially expanded and renamed as **Harmony Week** for its 20th anniversary in 2019, is a government-declared observance celebrated annually on or around 21 March in Australia.



COLLEGE CALENDAR

11/3	Public Holiday
12/3	Regional Swimming : Swan Hill
13/3	NAPLAN commences
18-22/3	Canberra Trip : Years 7-12
25/3	Primary interviews College Council
26/3	Primary interviews Harmony Day lunch
28/3	Term 1 ends
29/3	Good Friday
7/4	Daylight Saving Ends
15/4	Term 2 commences
17/4	School Photos
23/4	Secondary interviews - Murrayville
24/4	Secondary interviews - Pinnaroo
8/5	Year 4-6 Grip Leadership
9/5	Mallee Division Cross Country
10/5	Deb Ball

Ambition
is the path
to success

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.



Literacy Tips

Helping your child to speak and listen

Talking to your child

As your child moves through primary school, they will speak with greater fluency and with a greater knowledge of the world.

Some tips to foster more fluent speaking include:

- ◆ Continue to involve your child when discussing everyday activities, such as grocery shopping, gardening, cooking dinner, collecting mail from the mailbox, doing housework, and travelling in the car or bus.
- ◆ Try to ask your child specific questions about their day. A general question like "how was your day?" will likely get a single-word response of "good." Ask specific questions like "what is the book you are reading in class about?" or "what did you do at lunchtime today?"
- ◆ Involve your child in your discussions about the day's events or current events. Ask their opinion. This helps them understand different perspectives and increases their vocabulary.
- ◆ Use simple prompts to encourage the child to expand upon responses, such as, "What makes you say that? What happened after that? What did you think about that?"
- ◆ Show a genuine interest in your child's reading, writing and viewing of all types of texts. Talking about texts can create meaningful discussions and help your child see them as important.
- ◆ Show interest in topics your child is studying at school. These can be a great springboard into discussions.
- ◆ Encourage your child to discuss their everyday problems and feelings.
- ◆ Use questions and discussion to explore other people's feelings. This will help your child to develop empathy for others.
- ◆ Use questions and discussion to broaden your child's experience and knowledge of the world, particularly during new experiences or on outings.

(to be continued)