MURRAYVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Year 12 Exams –

Our Year 12 Exams commenced on Wednesday with English Language and will continue through to the 18th of November. Our students were quietly confident after their first exam and I encourage them to continue to work hard till the end of their final exam.

Staffing –

We are in the fortunate position that our staffing is looking very stable for 2025 and will be welcoming Julie Cowley and Sonya Inglis back. Senior students have made their choices and our timetable for next year is almost finalized.

Our Primary structures will stay the same in 2025, with Mrs Wyatt taking Prep/ Year 1, Mrs Peers taking Years 2/3 and Ms Osborne taking Years 4/5/6.

Unfortunately, we have a couple of farewells to our education support staff this term. Tanya Thomas, after 18 years, has decided to hang up her Ag and Lab technician keys. She is going to take her Long Service Leave and then retire. She worked her last day, last Monday and we wish her all the very best in her retirement. Murray Schroeder is going to assist with Ag on a casual basis and Stacey Morzer-Bruyns is adding the role of Lab technician to her busy schedule. Also, we will be farewelling Guy Badman at the end of the year as he and his family are moving to Adelaide. We will miss Guy and his very efficient and no fuss work style, especially as we commence our major building project. We wish him and his family all the very best with the move and new challenges. We are currently advertising for his replacement and I hope to be able to make an announcement about this in a subsequent newsletter.

Lunchtime Soccer -

Lunchtime Soccer continues to be a hit with our upper primary and secondary students. The latest competition's Grand Final was played at lunchtime yesterday – United vs Mulcra. Although it could be argued that interference from a wayward basketball contributed to one goal, United had a convincing 3-0 win. Congratulations to Christo (Captain), Lachlan N, Jacob, Tyson, Frankie and Charlie S. Thanks again to Mr Finn for his organization of this competition and to Mr Brown and Mrs Morzer-Bruyns (who has stepped in for Mr Magnisalis after his hamstring injury) for their support of the comp by giving up some of their lunchtimes to play.

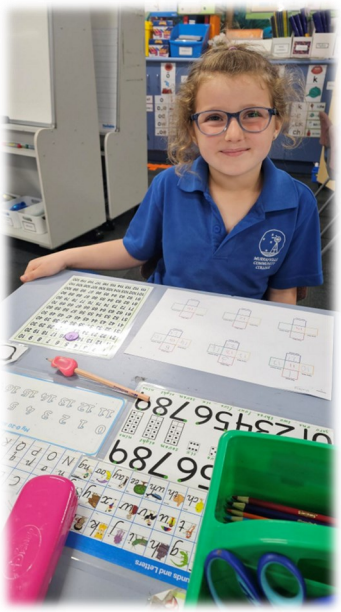
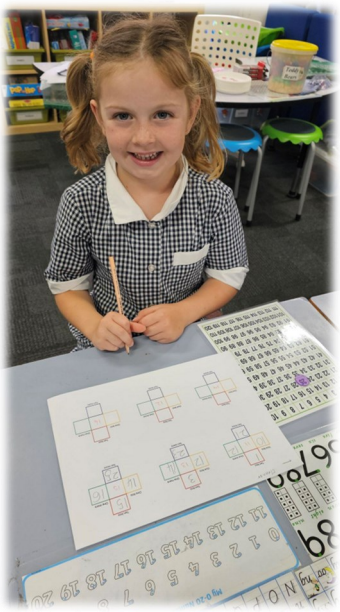
World Teachers Day & Education Support Week –

Last Thursday we celebrated World Teachers Day and Education Support Week with a special morning tea for our staff. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated and capable teachers and education support staff.

Natasha Mudie Principal

Persistence Respect Independence Determination Excellence

Inspiring PRIDE

The Prep/One students are loving being problem solvers in numeracy lessons!

PRIDE Awards

Prep/1
Eleanor CRANE
for showing EXCELLENCE during writing lessons, working well to remember all the parts of a sentence

2-3
Scarlett WILLISON
for showing INDEPENDENCE in her story writing

4-6
Billy KELLY
for showing EXCELLENCE in his pre test for fractions in maths

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 $4.00
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
Please - no more than $5 in your envelope

Prep/One students enjoyed reading 'Wombat Stew' and making their own delicious berry stew last week!

In the Tech area, Jacob and Jack showed off their finished projects

SMILE SQUAD

A reminder to parents who wish to utilize the visiting dental service that they require forms to be completed. These are available from the front office at the College and may be sent home with students if a request is made by phone or email.

1st November

On this day in 1952 on an atoll of the Marshall Islands, American scientists tested the first thermonuclear bomb, its power resulting from an uncontrolled, self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction.

Today is also

WORLD VEGAN DAY

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COLLEGE CALENDAR

11/11	College Council
	SWPBS Casual Day
12-15/11	4/5/6 Camp : Nunyara
18/11	VCE exams conclude
19/11	Year 12 Dinner
25-29/11	Year 11-12 Headstart Week
29/11	Last day Year 11
2-6/12	Year 10-11 Headstart Week
6/12	Last day Year 10
9/12	Music Concert
	College Council
10/12	Whole School Transition Day
12-13/12	Year 9 First Aid course
17/12	Presentation Night
18/12	Pool Parties & Activities

2025 Terms

Term 1 : 28 January (teachers start) to 4 April
Term 2 : 20 April to 26 June
Term 3 : 13 July to 18 September
Term 4 : 5 October to 18 December

Energy and persistence conquer all things

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.

Numeracy Tips

Understanding fractions

Fractions is a maths topic that is very relevant to everyday life. We use our knowledge of fractions to solve problems and make decisions all the time. Support your child by using mathematical language to talk about fractions. Here are some maths language terms your child uses at school:

Fraction – any part of a whole, a group or a number (for example, 4/5)
Numerator – showing the number of parts of the whole (for example, in the fraction 4/5 , the numerator is 4)
Denominator – shows how many equal parts the whole is divided into (for example, in the fraction 4/5, the denominator is 5)
Proper fraction – when the value of the numerator is less than the denominator (for example, 3/5)
Improper fraction – when the numerator is greater than or equal to the denominator (for example, 5/3)
Equivalent fraction – fractions that have the same value or amount (eg, 2/3 = 4/6)
Mixed numbers – a whole number and a fraction (eg 1 ½)

Children begin by learning that there are many numbers between whole numbers. A number line is an effective model to help your child understand this:

0 3/8 5/8 1 →

Your child also begins to develop an understanding of the relationship between fractions, decimals, ratios and percentage.

Decimals – a fraction that is made by dividing a whole into ten equal parts (tenths) or one hundred equal parts (hundredths). For example, 75 red pens of 100 total pens can be rewritten as 0.75 or .75
Ratio – a comparison of two or more amounts. For example, in a fruit bowl there are 3 apples and 4 pears. This ratio of apples to pears is represented as 3:4.
Percentage – is the number of parts out of 100. For example, in a collection of 100 buttons, 75 are red. This can be represented as 75 per cent or 75%.

Talk positively about how you use fractions in everyday life. Making models of fractions for your child will support their understanding of fractions. Try some of these ideas by making use of everyday objects:

- Can you show me halves and quarters as you cut the orange?
- Can you cut up the apple to make six equal pieces? What fraction of the whole apple is one piece? Four pieces? How else could you say that?
- What percentage of the glass is filled with water? What is the ratio of water to air in the glass?
- How do the hands on the clock face show the time quarter past? Why do we use the word 'quarter' when telling the time?
- If you fold a towel three times equally, what fraction does it show?

Connecting online

There are also other useful websites you can access from home, some of which are available to download as apps on various devices. Examples can be found on Fuse education; education abc; wolframalpha; ictgames; scratchjr; kodable