



# Murrayville Community College

## Newsletter

*From the Principal ...*

### **Lucy Fisher**

Wednesday and Thursday this week the new leadership team (Sonya Inglis, Bruce Armstrong, Brad Sheridan and myself) had the opportunity to work with Lucy Fisher, who is a leadership coach. The purpose of this coaching session was to plan for the implementation of purposeful lesson observation and feedback for staff.

We are fortunate as a school that the Empowering Local Schools grant secured last year has enabled us to undertake excellent professional development such as this.

### **Winter Games**

Most of our senior students travelled to Robinvale on Wednesday to participate in Football, Soccer and Netball.

Congratulations to all of the students on their excellent performances and especially the soccer and football teams who were successful in the final.

Our netballers also had a good day, finishing as runner-up in the final. Special thanks to Nic Finn, who umpired the soccer all day. Thank you also to attending staff - Josh Willersdorf, Theo Magnisalis and Bec Oakley - for their umpiring and coaching duties on the day and for making our involvement in the games possible.



### **Ballarat University Visit**

Representatives from Ballarat Uni visited the school yesterday to deliver presentations to Year 10 and 11 students.

These presentations encourage the students to consider the advantages of university and TAFE pathways, as well as providing information about uni life, scholarships and accommodation.

### **Rural Youth Ambassadors**

Wednesday and Thursday this week Astrid Moyle and Samuel Wurfel travelled to Melbourne to participate in the Rural Youth Ambassadors program.

This marks the changeover from last year's ambassadors - Stephanie Armstrong and Anna Thomas. Stephanie also travelled to Melbourne last week to participate in the Country Education Project Rural Education Conference, where she presented and was given the privilege of closing the conference. Congratulations Stephanie.

### **HPV Round 2**

A number of students are travelling to Adelaide this weekend to compete in the year's second race.

The primary team will be attempting to defend their title from Round 1 and will be joined by a senior secondary side for the first time for the year.

Good luck to both teams, and a big thank you to

Bruce Armstrong and Brad Sheridan for their work in preparing the students.

### **Social**

Notes have been sent home with details of the social being organised by our SRC for next Friday night (2nd August). Parents are requested to read this letter and ensure forms are returned if students will be attending.

The theme for the social is 'FORMAL' and students have been encouraged to dress accordingly. Primary students will be involved from 7-8:30pm, with Years 6-12 from 8-11pm, and all students are to be signed in and out of the event.



*Natasha Mudie  
Principal*

## 2013 Essay Award

The Order of Australia Association Mallee Regional group is sponsoring an Essay Award for students at Secondary Schools. Two awards will be given; one for a student in years 7-9 and the other for a student in years 10-12. The essays should be the individual work of students and each award will consist of \$800.00 to assist in the student's education. A 'runner-up' award of \$100.00 will also be given for each section.

The title of the essay is, 'Pride in Australian Citizenship' and students are invited to express their own experiences and interpretation of what the subject means to them.

Whilst writing skills will form part of the assessment process, the adjudicators will also take into account how the subject matter captures the spirit and meaning of being in Australia. As a guide, the expected essay lengths will be 500/700 words for years 7-9 and 750/1000 words for years 10-12. The essays may be submitted in hard copy or, preferably, on computer readable medium in 'Word' format.

The winning entries will be notified on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 for presentation of the awards during the Australia Day celebrations.

If students are interested in participating, entry forms are available at school.



Fionna Edwards  
KLA Language Co-ordinator



### COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

(\* Return from parents required)

1. All Parents - re social on 2nd August  
(Mrs Parker) \*
2. Year 12 Biology students - SAC 4th August  
(Mr Sheridan) \*
3. Years 3/4 - term overview and timetable  
(Ms Luckman)

*Please check with your children that you have received this information and contact the College if you require another copy*

### ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS

will resume on Monday of next week  
It will again be run on Mondays & Wednesdays, and we will be doing Athletics & Hockey



## CANTEEN

Wraps / Sandwiches / Rolls  
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

HOT FOOD AVAILABLE AS FOLLOWS

**MONDAY** - Pizza (\$1.50)

Ham & Pineapple / Cheese & Bacon

**WEDNESDAY** -

Hot Dogs (\$1.30) / Pumpkin Soup (\$2)

**FRIDAY** - Pie Day

Pie 200g (\$1.80)

Sausage roll 120g (\$1.40)

Party pie (50¢)

Sauce (20¢ or 2 for 30¢)

Prices may vary with new deliveries

**ALL ORDERS ARE TO BE PLACED BEFORE SCHOOL**

*Please - no more than \$5 in your envelope*

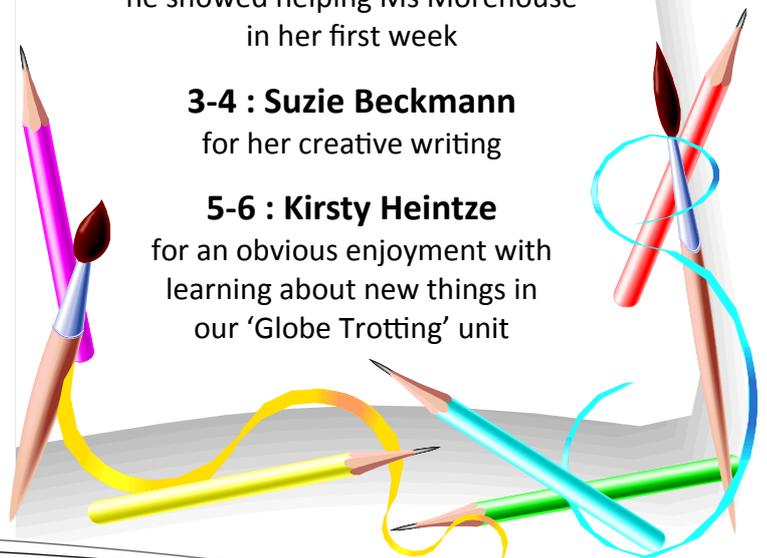
## PRIMARY GOLD AWARDS

**Prep : Harvey Crane**  
for enthusiastic work with the class calendar

**1-2 : Cooper Wisneske**  
for his kindness and the responsibility he showed helping Ms Morehouse in her first week

**3-4 : Suzie Beckmann**  
for her creative writing

**5-6 : Kirsty Heintze**  
for an obvious enjoyment with learning about new things in our 'Globe Trotting' unit



## Careers News - University Open Days !!

Universities and TAFE Institutes hold annual Open Days for the public. They are an opportunity to visit, talk to staff and students, collect information and see facilities. As such, they are a fun way to gain a taste of university life, find out the information you need and narrow down your options.

Open Days are generally held in Term 3(August).

### SA August Dates

FLINDERS UNIVERSITY - 16<sup>TH</sup> & 17<sup>TH</sup>

ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY - 18<sup>TH</sup>

UNI SA (CITY WEST CAMPUS) - 18<sup>TH</sup>

### Vic August Dates

MONASH UNIVERSITY- 3rd Berwick, Gippsland & Peninsula; 4th Caulfield, Clayton & Parkville

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY - 11th Melbourne; 25th Ballarat

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY - 4th Warrnambool; 11th Geelong Waterfront and Waurn Ponds; 25th Melbourne Burwood.

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY - 9th Shepparton; 14th Mildura; 18th Bendigo; 25th Melbourne; 30th Albury-Wodonga.

RMIT - 11th City, Brunswick and Bundoora

SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY - 4th Hawthorn

UNIVERSITY OF BALLARAT - 25th (Sunday)

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE - 18th Parkville Campus, Dookie Agricultural College & Vic College of the Arts and Music

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY - 25th (Sunday)



## 5 TIPS FOR GETTING THE MOST OUT OF OPEN DAYS

### 1) MAKE A PLAN

With so many open days happening at once you will need to plan well in advance, especially if you're considering attending multiple open days or need to book travel and accommodation. First step is to create a shortlist of the institutions you are most interested in.

Note that some institutions' open day dates will conflict, which may mean that you need to conduct more research to decide which open day you would prefer to attend. Also note that institutions with multiple campuses generally hold campus open days on different dates, so if your preferred course is available at more than one campus it is a good idea to check out each one to find out which environment you prefer.

### 2) COME PREPARED

You will need to make a schedule for each open day so you know what time you need to be there, what you want to see and where you need to go. Print the institutions' open day program from their website and add to your schedule any information sessions you would like to attend (such as course and entry pathway seminars), noting time and location. Also schedule time to check out facilities you are interested in (such as student accommodation). Find out parking and public transport information in advance.

Bring a family member or friend to keep you company and give you a second opinion.

### 3) TALK TO THE RIGHT PEOPLE

Don't be afraid to speak up at information sessions; this is a life-changing decision so make sure you don't leave with questions unanswered. Write down important information and grab pamphlets so you have the information handy when you're finalising your preferences.

It might pay to write down a list of questions in advance for each information session and make a list of things you want to find out about, such as student exchange or clubs.

Student guides will be milling about, so ask them questions too. Not only will they clue you in on all the best spots on campus, they will be able to honestly answer all your questions about what life at the institution is like from a student's perspective. Take advantage of those around you, if there is anything you need clarified specific to your course (such as the availability of work placements or deferral options), don't be afraid to ask a staff member. It is much easier to address questions now - especially if you are lodging your tertiary preferences later in the year. Make the most of the day to find out exactly what you need to know; speak to lecturers, tutors, career advisers and so on.



#### Questions you should be asking include:

What are the entry requirements and pathways available?

How flexible is course delivery?

When are course intakes?

How does the university ensure the employability of its graduates?

Are there any extra features in the program (internships, international study tours, industry projects, etc.)?

What types of careers do graduates go into?

### 4) EXPLORE THE CAMPUS

Check out the facilities that the campus offers and explore the buildings you will most likely be studying in. This is especially important for students studying courses that require them to use special lab or computer facilities as an integral part of their studies, such as design, IT, health sciences or science.

Check out the accommodation options available. This is a good chance to see what they actually look like and how close they are to the institution and the city.

Look beyond all the hype and balloons. Ask yourself: can I really see myself here? You want the university to have an atmosphere that will make you want to spend time there, rather than just attend your classes and head straight home. Whether you're after masses of landscaped lawns or on-campus galleries, gyms and cafés, it is important to choose a campus that suits you and will provide the experience you want.

Check out your transport options and do a trial run. If the campus is within driving distance, is there plenty of parking? Is it free or does it require a permit? If public transport is the way to go, figure out which forms are available, how frequent it is and which route to take.

### 5) ENJOY YOURSELF

Most importantly, make a day of it with your friends and family.

Once you've found out what you need

to know, enjoy the day!

## Chaplaincy Matters

Hello to all.

It is great to start the new term with focus and we have been discussing with secondary classes the importance of positive habits that will help them get the most out of their learning and their time spent at school.

We have covered the areas of sleep, eating, organization and goal setting - all of which help build resilience and "pave the way" for success for students.

We have spoken to the students about the effect of screens on both quality and quantity of sleep. A recent ABC news article has suggested that the blue back light from computer screens and hand held devices has a direct affect on a persons sleep, because of its ability to affect the production of melatonin, a hormone that helps sleep. This article can be found at <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-07-01/artificial-light-leading-to-increase-in-sleep-disorders/4790448>

The key message we gave to students around this topic was to turn off the screens at least an hour before bed to allow a sufficient length and depth of sleep during the night.

Kindness alert: The P-2 "You can do it" class is on the lookout for people doing things that are kind. We are encouraging them to report acts of kindness, some of which we are reading about at primary assemblies. It's great to see quite a collection of reports coming in and we really love reading about the way students are caring for each other.

Just a reminder that we are in the school on Mondays and Thursdays and would love to see you anytime.

Working together for the well being of our young people.

*Paul and Barb*

## EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with costs associated with their children's education.

To be eligible you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit (eg. Health Care Card, Sole Parent Entitlement) within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a foster parent.

**To be eligible for the second instalment cards/entitlements must be valid on the first day of Term 3.**

**EMA applications must be submitted to school by 2nd August 2013 for the second payment. Parents with continuing eligibility, who received the first instalment of 2013, will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment.**

Application forms are available from the school, please contact Joylene Moyle if you believe you are eligible.



## WINTER GAMES

Students from Years 10-12 journeyed to Robinvale on Wednesday to compete in the Winter Games.

Pictured are our teams in Netball, Soccer and Football - the football and soccer teams were formed in combination with Manangatang.

Individual sport write-ups of this very successful day will be included in next week's newsletter.



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## A Friendly Place To Be

The 5/6 students have been drawing posters with words that help describe our school and here are some of their thoughts

KIND

HELPFUL

NICE

HONEST

HAPPY

FUNNY

RESPECT

AWESOME

POSITIVE

THEY CARE

DON'T TALK BEHIND PEOPLES BACKS

DON'T JUDGE PEOPLE



IMAGINATIVE

CLEAN SCHOOL YARD

COLOURFUL

EASY TO MAKE LAUGH

HELPS CLEAN UP

DISCIPLINED

### HPV RACING

All the best to the two teams who will be racing in Round 2 of the HPV Super Series in Adelaide this Sunday. The senior secondary students (Andrew Menzel, Jarrad Barford and Anna Thomas) will have a little help from some junior secondary students (Matt Beer, Moss Kingdon and Nicholas Bridge).

The primary team of Taylah Beer, Lillian Moyle, Carrie Armstrong, Maddison Mudie and Emma Allan will be all out to defend their titles after taking out both overall primary and all girls primary category in Round 1 earlier this year.

A big thanks to Andrew Menzel, with help from Matt Beer, for the fantastic work he has been doing on the Momentum vehicle. Andrew's excellent design and spray painting are worth seeing whenever you get the chance.

Let's hope the weather holds!

Go teams!



### MURRAYVILLE FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUBS

2003 Premiership Reunion

Saturday 10th August

Dinner at the Hall \$15

Band \$15

Red Dirt Cartel playing

A great night out - all welcome



# COLLEGE CALENDAR

- 27-28/7 Pedal Prix : Round 2
- 30/7 Arts Council : 3-12
- 31/7 English Competition  
Arts Council : P-6
- 2/8 SRC Social
- 6/8 Regional P-6 Netball Finals
- 9/8 Tree Planting Day
- 12-16/8 9/10 Snow Camp : Bogong
- 13/8 Maths Competition
- 16/8 UDSSA Athletics : Ouyen
- 21/8 House Athletics
- 28-30/8 3/4 Camp : Swan Hill
- 3/9 Mallee Division Athletics
- 16-20/9 Dance & Author
- 20/9 Open Day  
End of Term 3
- 21-22/9 Pedal Prix : Round 3
- Term 4 7/8 Canberra Camp (date TBA)
- 7/10 Start of Term 4
- 9/10 Pinnaroo Show Day
- 10/10 Region Athletics : Bendigo
- 18/10 Final round of immunisations
- 18-22/11 5/6 Melbourne Camp

Experience is the  
name everyone gives  
to their mistakes

# Community Notices

## Patchwork Day & Friends Quilt Show

at the Roxy Theatre in Ouyen on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be stall holders, quilting demonstrations, morning and afternoon tea and a light lunch. A bus will leave from Murrayville to Ouyen if there is enough interest. To book your seat for one of these dates please contact Jacqui at Neighbourhood House on 5095 2205.

## MURRAYVILLE LAWN TENNIS CLUB

AGM  
 Tuesday 20th August at 7pm  
 Tennis Clubhouse  
 Please come and support your club and bring along your ideas  
 All intending Senior and Junior players for 2013/14 season please leave names with Carly Heintze (0427 952 049)

## BLOOD DONATION BUS



There will be a bus travelling to Mildura on Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup> for people who would like to donate blood to Australian Red Cross Blood Service.

We have had to cancel our last appointment due to lack of numbers, please consider donating! Contact Jacqui Gibson on 5095 2205 at the Neighbourhood House to book your seat.

## Murrayville Community Information Session

Earlier this year Council asked the Murrayville community to help develop the 2013 - 2017 Council Plan.

A follow up meeting is now planned for Wednesday 31 July 2013 at Murrayville Hall from 5.30-7pm to outline what is planned for the community in the next 12 months. Council Staff and Councillors will be present to answer your questions.

To find out more call council on (03) 5018 8100

## Pinnaroo Football/Netball Club GOODS & SERVICES AUCTION / COCKTAIL NIGHT

Saturday 27th July at 8pm  
 Pinnaroo Show Pavilion  
 Gold coin entry  
 Dress Code : *Cocktail*  
 Live music  
 Drink specials



## Murray Village Soccer Club

A great series of games were had over the holidays and with the return of Nic & Ben Finn to the village, excitement is building as we approach finals time.

Games on Wednesdays  
 4.10pm for kids  
 4.45pm for adults  
 Sundays 2.30pm  
 (subject to numbers)

All Welcome  
 Phone Nic 0407 343 405  
 or Kym 0429 184 841



## 'Just Church'

At Kym & Faye's  
 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month  
 Starting 3<sup>rd</sup> August  
 Shared Tea 6.30 – 7.30pm  
 Meeting 7.30 – 9pm  
 All Welcome, Just as U R!  
 Jacob's Well Retreat  
 27 Poole St, Murrayville  
 Ph 03 5095 2199  
 Mob 0429 184 841

You are invited to learn about  
**FAITH  
 INKUBATORS**  
 at the Pinnaroo Lutheran Church this Sunday  
 2pm start  
 4pm church  
 Tea to follow



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