



Murrayville Community College

Newsletter

From the Principal ...

Active After Schools –

Our first week of Active After schools, run in conjunction with the Tennis and Basketball clubs has been very successful.

Thank you to Carly Heintze and Terri Walker for making this possible. Please note that the Aussie Hoops Basketball session on Monday nights will finish at 4.15 rather than 4.30 as advertised in last week's newsletter.

Last Day for Year 12s –

The Year 12s last official day of school has arrived!! They have provided the staff and students with lots of laughs with a range of practical jokes to greet everyone as they arrived today. We wish them very well over the next 4 weeks as they complete their VCE exams, and look forward to celebrating the real end to their year at the Year 12 Dinner on Friday the 15th of November.

Staffing News –

It is with great regret that I have to inform you that Bradley Sheridan has decided to move to a new position in Adelaide for 2014.

He has accepted a mathematics position at St Patricks Technical School. Although Brad was reluctant to leave our school, he still has ambitions to play football at a high standard.

We wish him all the very best in his teaching and football careers.

We are now advertising for an experienced VCE Maths and Science teacher for 2014 and beyond.



World Teachers Day -

Today is World Teachers Day and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our teachers, for the very special work they do. We are very fortunate to have a dedicated and highly effective staff at our school. They continually strive to improve their practice and to ensure that your children achieve the outcomes of which they are capable.

Secondhand Texts -

I draw your attention to the list of texts which may be re-used in class next year - see page 6. If you wish to have any of these advertised for sale the return slip needs to be at the front office by Wednesday morning.

Some students may wish to contact their peers in higher levels to make their own arrangements for purchasing secondhand texts.

Camps -

Our Year 11 Outdoor Ed students are off to Port Elliot next week with Josh and Jaimi Willersdorf. They will be undertaking a variety of water-based activities, as well as bike riding.

Thanks to Ken Chaplin, who will be assisting with the use of his boat, and as an instructor.

Hopefully, the weather will be warmer than this week for them. The following week will see our Year 9/10 Sport & Rec students travelling to Mt Arapiles for cycling and rock climbing activities which are a component of their course.

Open Day 2014 -

Council has approved a request from staff to conduct next year's Open Day a week earlier, to avoid a clash with the Murray Bridge HPV. Accordingly, it is scheduled for the second last Friday of term 3.

Memory Training -

The school has recently received information regarding Cogmed, a working memory program offered to students. This is an evidence-based, computerised training program designed to improve attention by effectively increasing working memory capacity over a 5 week period. Published studies have shown Cogmed training to address math skills, reading comprehension and attention deficits. After using Cogmed parents and teachers have reported improved social skills, taking initiative, remembering instructions, and completing assignments more independently. The objective is better academic results, particularly in reading comprehension and math. If you are interested, check out their website at www.cogmed.com.au

*Natasha Mudie
Principal*

FOR SALE BY TENDER

4 x Simpson Evolution 805 wall/under bench ovens with separate cooktops (solid hotplates) from the Home Economics Room

Please tender in writing, by Monday November 11th 2013 to

Board of Survey
Murrayville Community College
P.O. Box 116
Murrayville Vic 3512

No tender necessarily accepted



Please contact Joylene Moyle at the school if you wish to inspect the units



kinder transition continues ...

this week in the library

PRIMARY GOLD AWARDS



OUTWARD BOUND

Inspiring Australians

Spots are filling fast for the upcoming NAVIGATOR program designed specifically for 15-17 year olds who want to get ahead in whatever life brings them
Check it out at
www.outwardbound.org.au

CANTEEN

AVAILABLE MONDAY-FRIDAY

Wraps / Sandwiches / Rolls

Ham & Cheese or Chicken & Cheese Hot Rolls

ALL ORDERS ARE TO BE PLACED BEFORE SCHOOL

Please - no more than \$5 in your envelope

Prep :

Harvey Crane

for using good bike riding skills at school

1-2 :

Hannah Williams

for her excellent insight into and understanding of the books we have read

3-4 :

Kynan Milde

for consistently working hard across all subjects

5-6 :

Miranda Walker

for excellent reading skills in using appropriate reading pace



Memoirs written by Year 7 while completing a narrative unit in Term 3.

Chapter 12

School

Memories of school often fade, but for me there will be one moment that will last a lifetime.

I remember the day I was told that I was repeating year two. My teacher, Miss Woodville, told me that I would be her helper next year. 'Helper', it's a funny word.

I recall the first day of repeating year two. We were doing a mathematics sheet. I got it all right. At that moment, I thought, this isn't that bad. I had no idea what impact this decision would have on my life, and my self-esteem.

At the time I was repeating year two, I had no idea what had happened. As the years went on, I started to comprehend the impact, what it truly meant. I don't know why being kept down affected me so much. It played on my mind frequently. Most days were a reminder that I was older than everyone else in my year. Shame was the main feeling I had. I would try and figure out a way to get back to my old year level. Day after day, I would imagine Miss Woodville, taking me out of the room and saying that I had obtained great marks and was going back to my old grade. The sad thing was, the dream never became a reality.

I never felt smart. The fact that I had to be in a class with people who were at my level, but not my age, made me feel appalled. I was repelled. I was disgusted. I was sickened. I started to really hate anything to do with school. I don't think it was the learning; I think it was the fact that I was older than everyone else.

The person, who I was fighting, was myself.

Year 5 was the year we had the Wannabebetter Primary School election. I was the Prime Minister of my party and that was the first time I ever felt like I could achieve something. For once in my life, I was the leader and everything we did came back to me. The cherry on top, was the fact that my political party won. After that, I realised I could achieve more than I thought I could. Winning the election gave me the courage and determination to be the best.

In year 6, I started to take an interest in History and Classical Literature. From there I read more and more, and started to love History and English. As my primary school education came to an end, I realised, so much of what I achieved, came from being kept down. I believe the moment I finally accepted being kept down, that it was for the better, was when I got my end of year report. I got an A in English. So, after that, I decided that I would leave all my hate and anger towards school, behind me, and start anew. Years have gone by, but I still remember, 'The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet'. Aristotle

Stephanie Ford



The Election

It is raining outside, but that isn't why I am shivering. Tears fill my eyes. Panic tearing through me. My face, staring back at me. A reflection from one of the many windows in the assembly hall. Blue eyes stricken with fear. Unable to focus on the rows of seats. Staring at the stage where I fear to stand. My usual effervescent and bubbly personality, replaced by nervousness and dread.



It was Election Day. Fliers hanging up. Brochures handed out. A 3D model proudly on show next to the stage.

My group, 'Students Choice', was depending on me. I needed to persuade everyone to vote for us to lead the school.

We were the last to present our speeches. The Prime Minister of 'Students Choice', my friend Stephanie, steps up to the stage. She presents a clear and well thought-out presentation. If only I had confidence that I could do the same. It nears the end of her speech. I start to shake and sweat. I know the moment has come.

It's my turn. My teacher calls out my name and I step up to the podium. So many people. So many eyes glaring at me. We live in a small community, but that hasn't stopped there being a generous crowd. What if I embarrass myself? I know so many of those people. There was one person, in particular, that our party wants to impress. John Arnold.

He is the Mildura Rural City Council Mayor. He has come down to watch our election. I can't ruin it.

Butterflies swirling like a whirlpool in my stomach. I start to feel faint. My head aching. My throat dry. I try to concentrate on the words of my speech, instead of the audience's glares. I can do it. I try to tell myself, but the words have repeated themselves too many times to mean anything.

But I can do it. I *can* do it. I know I can.

Believing in myself, or not, I have to present my speech. So, I open my mouth and, line by line, word by word, I do it.

'... and that is why you should vote for 'Students Choice' election party. Thank you for listening.'

The audience clap and relief washes through me. It doesn't last for long, though. It still isn't over.

We wait for the votes to be counted.

Everyone goes back onto the stage for the announcements. John Arnold steps up to the podium and gives a speech before he announces who has won the election.

'Students Choice' My party! **We won!**

We go to shake hands with him and Mr Arnold pulls out four glass plaques, making today even more memorable. Steph gives a short, but meaningful speech. The crowd is charmed.

Everyone congratulates us before they leave. I am floating with happiness. I promise myself not to brag tomorrow. My confidence and loudness is back and I can't be more pleased with myself. I did it.

It makes you realise that it's not the end of the world. I think I will always be nervous and anxious before presenting a speech, but after doing events like this I know I'll just get more confident. It'll just get easier, like they say, 'practice makes perfect'.

Taylah Beer



MURRAYVILLE SWIMMING POOL



HOLIDAY SWIM FUN 2014

DATE:

13 January to 24 January 2014 (excl. weekends)

WHO CAN ATTEND:

Infants from 6 months of age to children up to 12 years of age
(Infants need to be accompanied by a parent/carer in the pool)

**CLASSES:**

1 x 30 minute lesson each day for 10 days (excl. weekends)

PROGRAM FEES:

\$10 per child per day.

Payments can be made upfront for the full program or on the day.

**ENROLMENT INFORMATION:**

Enrolment forms can be collected from the Pool Lifeguard at the Murrayville Swimming Pool.

If you would like an enrolment form e-mailed to you, please send a request for enrolment form to barbp@y7mail.com

Please submit enrolment forms by 31 December 2013.

The program will include:

- Water safety education
- Water entries
- Water familiarisation
- Buoyancy and mobility
- Correct stroke techniques (freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly)
- Survival strokes
- Rescues
- Water games in a learning environment



For any enquiries,
please call Barbara Pearson
on 0448 402 672
or e-mail, barbp@y7mail.com





farewell
year 12



Your old life is
over
a New Life
has begun

ITEMS WHICH WILL BE ON THE 2014 BOOKLIST & WERE USED BY STUDENTS AT MCC IN 2013

The prices are those paid in 2013, and are to be used when calculating the price you require for books you wish to sell.

Only the texts below are suitable to be resold for classroom use***** Please check the edition is correct *****

Macquarie Pocket Dictionary (4th edition)	34.95	Years 11-12
Jacaranda Atlas of Discovery	59.95	Yrs 7 – 10
Mathomat (Senior)	14.95	Years 10-12
Maths World - Units 1 & 2 Mathematical Methods (CAS)	72.95	VCE 1 & 2
Maths Quest 11 – General Mathematics A (Jacaranda) for TI-NSPIRE	78.95	VCE 1 & 2
Maths Quest 12 – Further Mathematics (Jacaranda) TI-NSPIRE (4th ed) + CD-ROM	78.95	VCE 3 & 4
Maths Method (Cambridge) - Essential Mathematical Methods 3&4 (Enhanced)	72.95	VCE 3 & 4
Specialist Maths (Cambridge) - Essential Specialist Mathematics 3&4 (Enhanced)	72.95	VCE 3 & 4
Imagining Australia - Australian History VCE Units 3&4 (McManus)	58.95	VCE 3 & 4
Heinemann Chemistry 1 (4th edition)	73.95	VCE 1 & 2
Heinemann Chemistry 2 (4th edition)	73.95	VCE 3 & 4
Nelson Cengage - Product, Design & Technology - VCE Units 1-4 (3rd edition)	67.00	VCE 1 - 4
Maths Quest 7 for the Australian Curriculum (with ebook plus)	64.95	Year 7
Maths Quest 8 for the Australian Curriculum (with ebook plus)	64.95	Year 8
Maths Quest 10a for the Australian Curriculum (with ebook plus)	64.95	Year 10
Nelson PE : VCE PE Units 1&2 (4 th edition)	75.95	VCE 1 & 2
Resources and Perspectives : VCE Geography Units 3 & 4 (GTAV)	79.95	VCE 3 & 4
Periodic Table of the Elements	3.30	VCE 1 – 4
The Happiest Refugee	31.95	VCE 1 & 2

Please complete details below if you wish to have materials advertised for sale in the school newsletter.

The form must be returned to the front office before school on Wednesday 30th October.

There will be no advertising of any materials not on the booklist for 2014.

I have the following secondhand books available for purchase by other students.

I understand that any agreement for sale will be made between myself and the purchaser and that I will be responsible for collecting any amounts due prior to handing over the item concerned.

Name :

Signature :

BOOK TITLE

CONDITION OF BOOK

PRICE REQUESTED

CONDITION OF BOOK - to be described along the following lines:

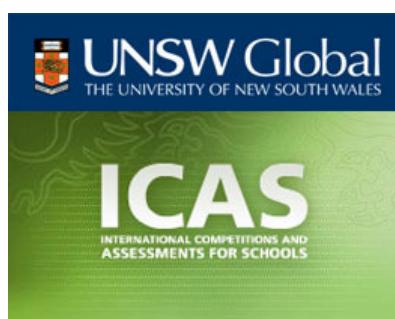
PRICE REQUIRED (% of new)

Excellent (indicating that there are no markings, no torn or dog-eared pages) 70%

Good (indicating that there are some markings and/or dog-eared pages) 50%

Poor (indicating that there are many markings but that the book is still usable) 25%

MATHS COMPETITION



Each year most students have sat for the University of New South Wales Maths Competition. In 2013 students were able to elect not to enter, though all students were encouraged to take part.

The competition ran on Tuesday 13th August, with most Primary students participating. Secondary students electing to participate were as follows:

Year 7 : Carrie Armstrong, Mitchell Parker

Year 8 : Abi Sparnon, Tara Heintze, Jessie Allan, Mariah Daniel, Lexi Thomas

Year 10 : Elly Thomas, Jess Armstrong, Kayley Beer, Hannah Allan

Year 11 : Andrew Menzel, Sam Wurfel

Year 12 : Anna Thomas, Jarrad Barford

All students gained valuable experience from their participation. Again, some excellent results were forthcoming, with high awards being given to the following students:

Credit:

Dermott Boston, Benjamyn Plum, Emma Allan, Clay Kingdon, Mariah Daniel, Jessica Allan, Lexi Thomas

Distinction:

Benjamin Finn, Taylah Beer, Tara Heintze, Abigail Sparnon, Ella Thomas

High Distinction:

Carrie Armstrong



COLLEGE CALENDAR

- 29/10-1/11 Year 11 Outdoor Ed : Pt Elliot
- 4-8/11 Outdoor Ed : Mt Arapiles
- 14/11 P-6 Plays at 11:15am
- 15/11 Year 12 Dinner
- 18/11 College Council
- 18-22/11 5/6 Melbourne Camp
- 20-21/11 Mock Interviews : Year 10
- 27/11 P-6 Science afternoon
- 29/11 Last day for Year 11 students
- 2-6/12 7-9 Canberra Trip
- 5/12 P-2 Ballet : Mildura
- 6/12 Last day for Year 10 students
- 10/12 Transition : K-10
- 12/12 P-6 Sleepover
- 18/12 Presentation Night

Aging
seems to be
the only available
way to live
a long time

Community Notices

BLOOD DONATION BUS

Mildura trip on Monday 4th November
We have had to cancel our last 2 appointments due to lack of numbers, please consider donating!
1 in 3 people will need blood during their lifetime but only 1 in 30 gives blood.
Contact Jacqui Gibson on 5095 2205 at the Neighbourhood House to book your seat.

At Jacob's Well....

Bible Study/Prayer Meetings

Every 1st & 3rd & 5th Wednesdays of the month
Nov 6th & 20th, Dec 4th & 18th, Jan 1st, 15th & 29th
7.30pm – 9pm

Just Church

1st Saturday of the month

Nov 2nd, Dec 7th, Jan 4th

Shared tea at 6.30pm

Meeting at 7.30pm

Non-denominational, all welcome

Enquiries : Kym 0429 184841 / Faye 0418 774055
27 Poole St, Murrayville

Murrayville Growers

Advisory Committee

ANNUAL MEETING at Murrayville Hotel

Thursday 31st October at 7pm

Speakers from

Grain Corp Marketing & Operations

Light supper to follow - All welcome

3MBR-FM : Annual General Meeting

Monday 28th October

Pinnaroo Hotel

Evening meal at 6.30pm (SA time)

followed by AGM

All welcome

2013 COW CUP : Silo Site Cricket Challenge

Bring the family along for a day filled with cricket, sun, snags, and of course the famous hobby horse race!

Sunday 3rd November : 10am start

At the old Danyo oval (just past the railway line on Danyo South Road)

Gold coin donation for BBQ lunch & tea

BYO Deck chairs, eskies, hats and sunscreen

For more information contact James 0401 371 492 or Colin 0403 286 365

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

(* Return from parents required)

- Years 3 & 4 - term planner and timetable

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

