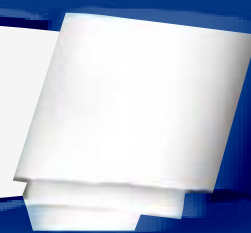




# Murrayville Community College



## Newsletter

### From the Principal

#### HPV –

There have been a number of modifications made to the cars over the past few weeks, including structural work and fibre glassing. Thank you to Andrew and Ken Menzel for the amazing effort they have put in. They have sourced parts and carried out the majority of the repairs themselves.

Thanks also to Ken and Brenda for organising the repairs to the fibreglass shell of Momentum and for taking this car to and from Pinnaroo for this.

We currently have two teams of six students committed to HPV for 2014 and they have begun training this Wednesday.

Of course, for the amount of investment by the school, it would be great to see even more students join in.

#### School for Student Leadership –

As you may know, William Venning has been accepted into the Snowy River School for Student Leadership in Term 2. The principal of this school, Terry Gladstone, visited last week and advised that there was still a vacancy. We now have Ryan Hawthorne taking up this position. This will be great as it will mean the boys can go as a team and complete their Community Learning Project together.

#### Somers Camp –

Lara Mudie and Henry Wallis returned from Somers Camp on Wednesday afternoon.

They were both thrilled with their experiences on camp and created an excellent journal of their time. They also made a number of new friends that they will be able to keep in touch with over time.

#### Annual Report –

The Annual Report for Murrayville Community College will be presented to School Council on Monday night after which it will be available on the School's website or in hard copy from the school, and in time on the My School website. The report shows Murrayville Community College is still performing very well in our junior and middle schools.

NAPLAN results show very good levels of relative growth between test periods and apparently this is one of the most important measures of student achievement. Although there were some excellent individual VCE results in 2013, when averaged out we are still only performing in the range of the middle 60% of schools.

#### Attendance Data -

Our attendances so far this year have been very good, as can be seen in the data provided.

I hope this can be maintained.

Natasha Mudie  
Principal

#### February Attendance at MCC

Preps	96.9%
Year 1	97.7%
Year 2	94.8%
Year 3	96.5%
Year 4	90.9%
Year 5	96.3%
Year 6	96.9%
Year 7	95.2%
Year 8	97.8%
Year 9	96.3%
Year 10	92.4%
Year 11	95.9%
Year 12	92%

*Congratulations to Year 8 on their narrow win from Year 1*



Proudly participating in

# National Ride2School Day

## 19 March 2014



We are encouraging children to Ride, Scoot, Skate or Walk to School. Even if it's part way. That's ok!

Part Way Is Ok! is the slogan. Children who catch the bus are encouraged to ride, scoot, skate, walk to the bus.

On Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of March children who participate will be given a certificate, fresh fruit will be available on arrival and Ross Huxtable will also be at the school 8.25-8.55am using his speedo to clock students fastest time. Children who participate will be recorded for the ride to school census that day.



**PARENTS - Please be careful of riders that day as they will be using the road for their speed checks.**



**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th March. Envelopes have been sent home with all students. Please read instructions carefully and return no later than Friday March 21.

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open. The Challenge encourages families to be actively involved in supporting their children to read a set number of books and record their efforts online.


A parental consent form has been sent home with your children to be completed and returned to the school to enable their registration.

For more information contact **Bec Oakley**



National Simultaneous Storytime is an important annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 14th successful year it is a colourful, vibrant and fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children's book that explores age appropriate themes and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Grades 1 to 6.

**NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME**  
21 MAY 2014




# 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

Congratulations to the following Prep students who have read 25 nights at home this year:



- Farren Finn
- Liam Wisneske
- Lachlan Nuske
- Seth Walker
- Reece Walker
- Ethan McKee
- Evie Oakley
- Riley Musgrove
- Harvey Crane





**UNSW**  
AUSTRALIA

## The UNSW English Competition

Each year the University of New South Wales invites students in Years 3-12 across Australasia to enter the English Competition.

The English Competition is a multiple choice test that investigates a student's ability to analyse, interpret, and understand different forms of information. The test time period is different for different year levels, varying from forty-five minutes to an hour.

The competition is immediately sent away to be marked externally. Students receive a certificate which outlines their strengths and weaknesses, as well as how they performed in relation to the cohort that sat the tests. Participation, Credit, Distinction and High Distinction certificates are awarded.

Murrayville Community College has been administering this competition from Years 3-12 for many years. Four years ago, in the secondary sector, it was decided that entry into the English Competition should be voluntary. The reason the change was implemented was due to the fact that some students were not taking the competition seriously, while others were expressing the fact that they found it too stressful and became disheartened when they received their results. English teachers now encourage all their students to participate, and most do, but not all. Students are much happier having a choice. Those pupils who don't sit the test, attend normal classes. Recently, when discussing this competition, it was expressed that all students in Years 3-12 should be given the choice to participate. The English Competition is challenging; much harder than the reading component of NAPLAN, and has always been seen as an extension program for students who enjoy academic challenges. Last year it was stated in the newsletter that if primary parents felt the English Competition placed too much stress on their child, they could request that they be excluded. Some parents chose to do this. They believed the anxiety experienced was detrimental. This year, students in Years 3-12 will be encouraged by their English teacher to participate; however, it will no longer be compulsory for all students across the school. We encourage parents to talk to their child/children about the English Competition.

More information can be found by accessing the following website, or please contact the appropriate classroom teacher, or myself, at the school.

[www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/subjects/english](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/subjects/english)

Fionna Edwards (KLA Coordinator)

## Writers Wanted

Entry is now open in the 2014 Schools Writing Competition. Students all over Australia are invited to enter their short stories or poems and battle it out for the great cash prizes on offer. This year there is no theme. Entrants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild and get their creative juices flowing to write on any topic and in any style. Students from all grades are welcome to enter - Kindergarten to Year 12.

Additional information can be found at [www.write4fun.net](http://www.write4fun.net) or email to [enter@write4fun.net](mailto:enter@write4fun.net).

Entry is free and all entries must be in by Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Information about the competition can also be found on the pinboard in the student centre.

Fionna Edwards (KLA Coordinator)

*This week's questions ...*

*Comedy theme*

*(from Brodie, Henry & Jaxon )*



1. Who were the main characters in the movie *Dumb and Dumber*?
2. Who plays the role of *Doctor Doolittle*?
3. Who wrote the book *Just Crazy*?
4. Who's the main character in *The Cleveland Show*?
5. Who tries to kill Lois in *Family Guy*?



## Year 8 English competition

*Last week's answers ...*

*genre of Classical Romance*

1. Mr Darcy
2. Scott Fitzgerald
3. Romeo
4. Keira Knightly
5. Bronte Sisters



*Winners were Maddison, William, Shantelle and Mr Willersdorf ...*

*- congratulations!*



*This is the final week of our competition.*

*Thank you for participating.*

# Where have the Drops been?



**Reece...**  
I played bingo.

**Lachlan...**  
I went on the boat.

**Liam...**  
I went to Mildura.

**Riley...**  
I went camping by the river.

**Evie...**  
I went to Narooma.

**Harvey ...**  
I went camping in the desert.

**Seth...**  
I went fishing.

**Farren...**  
I saw a truck.

**Ethan...**  
I went to Water World.



**Murrayville Early Learning Centre - Ladies Day**  
Murrayville Hall : 4th April from 6-9pm  
You are invited to a 2 course meal to help fundraise for the Centre  
Stalls - great food - bar facilities - fashion parade  
Fashion parade by LamiSaru from Loxton at 7pm  
Brands such as *Betty Basics, Jump, Ladakh, Mesop, Ping pong, Sass, Seafolly, Wish and Yarra Trail*  
Stalls include:  
LamiSaru, Tupperware, Body Shop, Psychic, Massage and Nails by Nikki & Mel,  
Two Little Moos, Flaschengeist, Naturopath Merryn, Rellinquitsh, Phoenix Trading (cards/stationary), Just Wrapped, Lorraine Lea Linen, plus many more  
Pre-paid tickets \$20 from:  
Commonwealth Bank Murrayville, ANZ Pinnaroo  
or kindy mums Sally, Christine, Lisa, Belinda,  
Melissa, Katharine, Kasey  
Price at door \$25  
Tickets include free entry into door prize



## Community Notices

**At Jacob's Well...**  
Prayer & Bible Study  
Wednesdays at 8pm  
Bring along your questions/insights  
Prayer Mornings  
every Monday,  
Wednesday & Friday  
at 6.30 -7.30am  
Prayer requests welcome  
All meetings in chapel room  
- all welcome  
Parking on Poole St under the pines and  
pedestrian entry through front gates  
Phone Kym 0429 184 841  
or Faye 0418 774 055



# COLLEGE CALENDAR

18/3	Loddon Mallee Swimming Primary Regional Swimming
25-26/3	School Photos
26-27/3	Parent/Teacher Interviews
31/3	Arts Council : P-6
1/4	Immunisation : Years 7 & 9
4/4	End of Term
22/4	Start of Term 2 (Tuesday)
25/4	Anzac Day
3-4/5	HPV Round 1 at Loxton
9/5	House Cross Country
13-15/5	NAPLAN Tests
16/5	Mallee Division Cross Country UDSSA Cross Country
3/6	Loddon Mallee Cross Country
11/6	UDSSA Lightning Prems
14-15/6	HPV Round 2 - Adelaide
23-27/6	Author Visit & Workshops Year 10 Work Experience
27/6	End of Term
14/7	Start of Term 3
22/7	Immunisation : Years 7 & 9
26-27/7	HPV Round 3 - Adelaide

# Community Notices



## MURRAYVILLE RECREATION RESERVE

### CAR BOOT SALE

\$50 per site -  
sell your own items!  
Sunday 16 March from 10am  
Bookings essential  
Book with :  
Graham Wyatt (5095 2240)  
Carly Heintze (0427 952 049)  
or Lisa Crane (0418 835 210)



## PINNAROO LIONS CLUB AUCTION

Sunday 30th March at 1pm  
South oval at Pinnaroo Showgrounds  
7am registration at the oval  
For more details contact  
Bill Venning (0427 778 462)  
or Sharon Phelps (0428 581 485)

## Mallee Youth

Youth this Friday night is in Pinnaroo at the Church Hall starting at 5.30pm and finishing at 8.30pm (SA times).  
So if you are free, come along and join in for some "Aeroplane Bunco" fun and yummy meal of Pizza and Jelly (Aeroplane brand of course)! Cost \$2.

Find out more about Wills and the different types of Powers of Attorney to see how you can give instructions to your family about your legal and medical preferences should you fall ill or lose the capacity to make those decisions yourself.

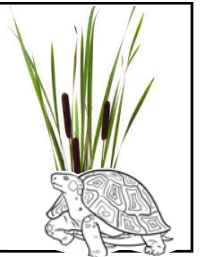
The Murray Mallee Community Legal Service together with the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria will be offering free advice and information on wills and powers of attorney in Murrayville on Tuesday, April 1st  
Information session to start at 6pm  
To be held at Murrayville Neighbourhood House  
Please RSVP to Jacqui on 5095 2205

## PINNAROO WETLANDS

### "Day on the Green"



Official Opening  
Sunday 4th May  
Free Family and  
Children's Entertainment



## Murrayville & District Liaison Committee

Meeting at Murrayville Public Hall  
Wednesday 19th March at 8pm  
Guest Speaker -  
Inspector Simon Clemence (Victoria Police)  
will give a presentation on  
Emergencies should they happen  
ALL WELCOME  
*Peter Willersdorf (Secretary)*

## PINNAROO NETBALL CLUB JUNIOR TRAINING

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March @ 4pm  
Please contact Shona Hyde for  
more info...  
08 8577 8888  
0418 582 544  
[shonahyde@hotmail.com](mailto:shonahyde@hotmail.com)



MORE COMMUNITY NOTICES ON PAGE 4

Nothing is particularly hard if you divide it into small jobs

## COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

(\* Return from parents required)

1. P-6 students : Premier's Reading Challenge \*

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

