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Newsletter



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From the Principal

Welcome back -

I trust everyone enjoyed their break from routine during the holidays and had a pleasant Easter. The new term promises to be a very busy right from day one. There are a number of events that students and parents will be preparing for over the course of the next ten weeks. These include our ANZAC performance, Mallee Cluster Professional Development Day, two rounds of HPV races in Loxton and Adelaide, NAPLAN, Cross country events, Lightening Premierships, The Deb Ball, the General Achievement Test (GAT) for students completing a Year 12 study, Year 10 Work Experience and whole secondary school camp to Tasmania.

ANZAC Performance 7.30 pm 24th April -

A reminder to everyone that all students are expected to attend the ANZAC performance next Friday night. Classes have been busy preparing presentations and songs to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Gallipoli landings. Next week Sue Howard-Denton will be here and students in Years Prep to 8 will be learning class dances to perform on the night. Many students are also involved in the choir items or secondary class presentations, and all students will be performing a whole school song. Any members of our community are welcome to attend and we would love to see the hall full for the evening.

Mallee Cluster Professional Development Day –

Next Monday the 27th of April will be a student free day as staff will be travelling to Ouyen to carry out professional development around differentiation of the curriculum and making consistent judgements in assessment. Our teachers will be planning assessments with teachers from other schools that can be given to students across the cluster to ensure that judgements are consistent.

Interim Reports 7-10 -

Interim reports will be distributed to students next week and interviews will be held on **Wednesday 29th of April**. Please keep this date free.

Debutante Ball -

Dance practice for those students involved in the Deb ball will begin next week each night after school. Sue Howard-Denton will be teaching the students their dances, that they will continue to practice in sport on Fridays, between now and the 29th of May.

Meetings and Professional Development this week -

Monday -

Primary & Leadership meeting Tuesday –

Whole staff meeting focussed on the findings from the review and immediate actions

Wednesday -

IXL Maths PD for all maths staff (morning), Electronic communication PD (afternoon)

Thursday –

ANZAC meeting

New Smoking Regulations -

Included with this newsletter to parents is a brochure detailing revised Victorian regulations regarding smoking around schools, childcare centres and kindergartens. While we appreciate that you are already aware smoking has not been allowed on school premises, please familiarise yourselves with the updated bans.

Natasha Mudie Principal



Literature Circles

In Year 7 and 8 we are looking forward to running Literature Circles in the classroom. The program operates as follows:

- During week one, students get into groups and select a novel that they want to read. Each individual in the group reads the same piece of fiction. They then chose to read to a certain page number, this varies depending on how thick the book is, but usually it is halfway through. A post-it note is placed on the designated page. Students must read up to the note, and no further.
- Students are required to complete a task that encourages them to collect, reflect and analyse the assigned book. The tasks will be explained to the students before they are given out. If there is any confusion about what is involved,
- Students come together the second week and share their tasks. The concept works like a book club, in which people meet to discuss the book they have read. At the end of the discussion, they select a page number again, and a new role.
- Literature Circles is a time for students to make connections between the book they are reading, their past experiences, other books and authors. They can seek answers to questions and respond to the ideas and questions of others.

To assist in making this program successful, which it has been in the past, we are looking for parental assistance for Year 7.

We would love you to be a part of the program. Involvement would entail coming to the school for one lesson a week, reading a book; the same one as the group you are working with, and completing a task. Having an adult present assists discussion, provides a model for good work habits and allows students to delve deeper into the book and consider the underlying issues.

Lesson times are as follows:

Tuesday: 11.15 – 12.15 or 2.15 – 3.15 Thursday: 9.00 - 9.55 or 11.15 - 12.15

Depending on parental interest, one of the above times will be selected.

I realise that many parents work, and everyone's lives are very busy. However, please contact me if you are able to be involved in this very worthwhile program. We hope to have Literature Circles up and running this term.

Fionna Edwards (0429 952095 or 03 5095 2095)



AVAILABLE MONDAY-FRIDAY

Wraps / Sandwiches / Rolls Ham & Cheese or Chicken & Cheese Hot Rolls

MONDAY - PIZZAS \$1.60 Bacon & Cheese or Ham & Pineapple

FRIDAY - PIES, PASTIES \$3.70, SAUSAGE ROLLS \$2.70 & PARTY PIES 70¢ Sauce extra 20¢ (or 30¢ for 2)

ALL ORDERS ARE TO BE PLACED BEFORE SCHOOL

Please - no more than \$5 in your envelope

PLEASE CHECK PRICES ON PAGE 5 and PLACE THE LIST SOMEWHERE FOR EASY REFERENCE

Quite a few of our primary students order hot foods on the wrong days

SPORTS IACKETS

Students who ordered the sports jacket to wear when competing at interschool events are able to collect their jackets from the front office when they pay the \$45. Please check your size with Mrs Oster as soon as possible, even if you are not yet able to collect the items. There appears to be some discrepancy with sizes, so until those who ordered have confirmed their jacket sizes, the spares will not be available for any other students requiring them.



TASMANIA Camp June 15th - 19th The Tasmania camp is now only 8 weeks away and the Tasmania second payment of \$175 was due today.

If you haven't already paid this, please make sure that payments are finalized at your earliest convenience next week. The final payment of \$175 is due to be received by Friday May 29th.



Prep and some Year 1 students have been visiting the Ag Centre at school, and recounted their visit on Monday ...

- Today I saw sheep (Oliver)
- Today we saw the sheep (Seth)
- Some some states of the second of the sec
- Today I saw big sheep (Sarah)
- Today I saw sheep (Nate)
- One day I saw 2 alpacas and I saw 14 mum sheep (Lachlan)
- Today I saw sheep (Laila)
- I saw 2 alpacas (Riley)

Chaplaincy Matters

An exciting new addition to the Chaplains' room this term is an "Unlimited Function" painting by past student Elise Summerton.

Many would be aware that over the past 12 months or so, Elise has been using her skills in art to produce some wonderful paintings. In addition to being beautiful to look at, Elise's painting has a story to it. It reminds us that life can bring obstacles, sometimes extremely challenging ones. We do not have a choice in these things that come our way. But like Elise, we have the chance to make a positive choice within our difficulties. Elise has chosen to make use of her skills in painting, despite her changed circumstances, that bring enjoyment to many people. Her paintings show us that the world is still beautiful and that we can find things to celebrate if we so choose. Thank you Elise for this wonderful message through your painting.

We hope that you will love coming and seeing Elise's painting in the Chaplains' room for yourself.

Chaplaincy days are Mondays and Thursdays once again this year. You are welcome to contact us with any areas of concern about your child's well being.

Working together for the well being of our young people,

Paul and Barb







Meanwhile, Mrs Andrews' 9/10 Art elective students have been busy brightening the school surrounds with colourful visuals -

Steph and Sydney (left) Jaxon and Crystal (above)



CANTEEN PRICE LIST as at 15th April 2015

please put this in

		suitable position		
FILLING	SANDWICH	ROLL	for easy refere	ence
Ham	\$1.80	\$2.40	DRINKS	
Chicken	\$1.80	\$2.40	Long Life Milk	\$1.30
Ham/Salad	\$3.00	\$3.50	Long life juice	\$1.30
Chicken/Salad	\$3.00	\$3.50	Water	\$1.50
Salad	\$2.50	\$3.00		
Tuna/Salad	\$3.50	\$4.00	SNACKS	
Ham/Cheese	\$2.50	\$3.00	Billabongs	\$1.20
Chicken/Cheese	\$2.50	\$3.00	Zooper Dooper	40¢
Cheese	\$1.50	\$2.10	Icy Poles	\$1.00
Cheese/Tomato	\$2.50	\$3.00	Crunchas	70¢
Ham/Tomato	\$2.50	\$3.00	Frozen yoghurt (tub)	\$1.80
Ham/Cheese/Tomato	\$2.80	\$3.20	Chips 27g (assorted)	80¢
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Meat/Salad/Bread	\$6.00		than \$5 should be tendere	<u>ed</u> .
Salad only	\$5.00			



MONDAY - PIZZAS - Ham & Pineapple; Cheese & Bacon (\$1.60)

<u>WEDNESDAY</u> - Specials (as advertised in newsletter)

FRIDAY

Pies / Pasties \$3.70 (Pinnaroo Bakery)

Sausage roll \$2.70 (Pinnaroo Bakery)

Party pie 60g (70¢)

sauce 20¢ or 2 for 30¢

Hot Ham & Cheese or Chicken & Cheese Roll \$3







Community Notices

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24/4 Anzac Performance 7:30pm

27/4 Student Free Day - Staff PD

29/4 7-10 Parent/Teacher interviews

Keys Please: Year 10 upwards

30/4 SAPOL: Year II

1/5 House Cross Country

Relationship Session: 7-10 girls

3/5 HPV Round I at Loxton

12-14/5 NAPLAN

15/5 Mallee Division Cross Country 7-12

18/5 Mallee Cross Country for P-6

19/5 Pupil Free Day: Staff PD

20/5 College Council

29/5 Deb Ball

Federation Uni visit (Years 10-12) 1/6

2/6 Regional Cross Country

5/6 Casual Day

10/6 GAT

Primary Lightning Premierships

13-14/6 HPV Round 2 in Adelaide

15-19/6 Tasmania Camp: Years 7-12

22-26/6 Year 10 Work Experience

MURRAYVILLE FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB

FOOTY AND NETBALL STARTS THIS WEEKEND AND WE ARE ALL OFF TO PEAKE

FOOTBALL MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE

MEMBERSHIP PRICES FOR 2015 ARE: Men \$70.00 Ladies \$60.00 Juniors \$25.00 Membership can be p[aid to Belinda Brown, via Internet banking (BSB 063 673 Account No. 1000 1747 - Please show your name against the payment), or at the first home game 2nd May 2015.

CASSEROLE TEA 'MOTHERS DAY' – SATURDAY 9TH MAY 2015

Each footy club player's family is asked to donate their family's favourite casserole. This is trying something different, as it is always a struggle this time of year to find enough helpers due to cropping.

The footballers will be waiting on the ladies - something to look forward to! Could your delicious casserole please be taken to the rec hut hot at tea time. Out of town families can bring theirs in a crock pot to be heat d up in the afternoon.

Prices: \$10.00 per family, \$7.00 single Please let Belinda Brown know if you are unable to supply a casserole (0427 956 211)

Good luck to all footy and netball players this weekend

Murrayville Community College ANZAC COMMEMORATIVE CONCERT

Murrayville Hall Friday 24th April at 7:30pm Songs, readings and dance presentations to remember the ANZACS as part of the 100th year commemorations Gold coin donation for LEGACY

PARILLA SEASONAL MARKET in Parilla Parking Bay

Sunday 19th April: 9am - 2pm Lots of Stalls ...

food, drinks, crafts, jewellery, giftware, plants, etc Enquiries to Debbie Hyde (08) 8576 6062 - after hours

Murrayville ANZAC **Remembrance Day**

Saturday 25th April 9:30am - Marchers (service personnel and/or family members) assemble at railway station carpark 10am - RSL memorial gates, bowling club - ANZAC service followed by morning tea and viewing displays in hall



Well done is better than well said

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- P-6 students change of date for VCOP sessions 1.
- 3-6 students overview of Term 2
- Parents of students whose immunisation details are incomplete 3.
- HPV Participants details re Loxton race 4.
- 5. All students - ANZAC performance requirements
- 10-11 students 'Keys Please' information

Please check that you have received this information and, if not, contact the College for another copy