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## Newsletter



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From the Principal

#### **Transition Day**

This was a very successful day, even though we welcomed a smaller number of transitioning students to past years. All of the students were involved in engaging and exciting activities and reported having a very enjoyable day!

#### Last Day for Year 10

Today is their last official day for the year. The Year 10's have been involved in transition to VCE since finishing their exams last week. They will now be well placed to complete any further preparatory activities during the holidays.

#### **School Captain Interviews**

There has been much interest in the positions of School Captains for 2016. Mrs Inglis and Mr Willersdorf, together with Ella and Tori have interviewed a number of applicants this week. I look forward to Presentation Night with anticipation to see who has been successful. The SRC executive will also be announced on this night. For 2016 we have discussed with our potential student leaders and SRC class representatives the extra-curricular activities in which our leaders are expected to involve themselves.

#### **Victorian Young Leaders Program to China**

Taylah and Maddison will be flying back into Australia this Sunday, having completed their Mandarin exams and their six week program in China. They will present to parents, liaison teachers and Principals on the morning of Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> of December at Marlo, before travelling home. The girls have investigated the contrast in farming practices in Australia and China and this has formed their Global Education Project. They will make a very short presentation on Presentation Night and this will be followed up by a full presentation to the school community in 2016.

Those students who nominated to participate in the Alpine school in 2016, have also been confirmed as participating in the same program to China.



#### Pierre de Coubertin Award

This award recognises secondary school students who demonstrate values consistent with the Olympic Movement

through participation in sporting activities. Kobe Henderson (at right) has shown these attributes throughout his time at MCC and is a very worthy recipient. Congratulations Kobe.

#### **Duke of Edinburgh Award**

Students in Years 9 to 11 will be encouraged to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award program in 2016. This program fits tightly with the college's PRIDE values. Success in the award will require students to show *Persistence, Independence and Determination* it will foster *Respect* for others and encourage our students to achieve *Excellence*. I met with these students to discuss this possibility and was very impressed with the level of enthusiasm shown. Further information will be sent out to parents at the beginning of next year, however feel free to access further information at

http://www.dukeofedvic.org.au/

#### **Casual Day**

It was great to see the school transformed into a place of enchantment on Monday, full of *Fairies and Wizards*, who were very enthusiastically playing UNO and other board games at lunchtime. Congratulations to the SRC who raised \$148 for the Make a Wish foundation through this event.

#### **International Science Fair**

Next week, Mariah Daniel, Lexi Thomas, Kayley Beer and Miss Bailey will be attending the International Science Fair in Melbourne run in conjunction with the John Monash Science School. The program that the girls have chosen looks like an amazing opportunity. I know they are all very excited and I look forward to a full report when they return.

> Natasha Mudie Principal



Attendance at MCC 23-27 November	
5	98.0%
7	97.0%
Prep	96.7%
8	96.4%
1 & 3	95.6%
9	92.5%
4	92.0%
10	91.9%
2 & 6	86.7%



#### THE HOUR OF CODE COMES TO MURRAYVILLE

We live in a world surrounded by technology. And we know that whatever field our students choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly hinge on understanding how technology works. But only a tiny fraction of us are learning computer science, and less students are studying it than a decade ago.

That's why our entire primary school is joining in on the largest learning event in history: The Hour of Code, during Computer Science Education Week (Dec. 7-13). More than 100 million students worldwide have already tried an Hour of Code.

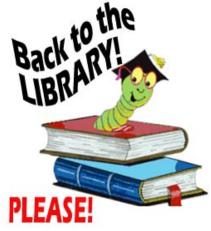
Our Hour of Code is a statement that Murrayville Community College is ready to teach these foundational 21st century skills.

See http://hourofcode.com/au for details, and help spread the word.

Jeanette Morehouse (Organiser)

#### What is the Hour of Code?

- A one hour activity where students of all ages can choose from a variety of self-guided tutorials that work on any modern browser, tablet, smartphone (or even with no computer at all!).
- A spark to keep learning computer science as students see what they create right before their eyes and are empowered to keep going
- A global movement with more than 100 million learners in 180 countries, with tutorials available in 40 languages
- No prior experience is needed



It's time to return all materials borrowed from the library. Please can parents and students check at home for any items

that belong to the school and make sure that they are brought to school and handed in to Mrs Oakley. Thank you.



REMEMBER THAT THE ONLY
HOT FOOD THIS TERM IS

Ham & Cheese or Chicken & Cheese Hot Rolls

**AVAILABLE MONDAY-FRIDAY** 

Cold foods are: Wraps / Sandwiches / Rolls

ALL ORDERS ARE TO BE PLACED BEFORE SCHOOL

Please - no more than \$5 in your envelope



Certificates for Inspiring Pride were awarded to:

Prep-Year 2

Oliver Berlin – for EXCELLENCE shown with oral presentations of his rhymes Emmazyn Edwards – for PERSISTENCE shown with her spelling Farren FINN – for PERSISTENCE

in improving his handwriting

Years 3/4

#### **Rourke MUDIE** -

for displaying increasing DETERMINATION to become more independent in the classroom

Years 5/6

**Suzanne BECKMANN** – for showing EXCELLENCE

during Book Club lessons,

being a contributing and thoughtful member as well as leading the group successfully

**Annika YARD** – for RESPECT and INDEPENDENCE shown by being responsible for her learning materials as well as taking responsibility for our class learning area

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# **COLLEGE** CALENDAR

7/12 College Council 7-8/12 Year 9 Exams 9-11/12 Year 9 Transition to Year 10 16/12 Presentation Night 18/12 End of Term 4 (1:30 finish) 27/1 Text collection - secondary 28/1 10 First Aid 29/1 Return to school Years 1-12 1/2 Prep students commence 24/3 End of Term I 11/4 Term 2 commences 24/6 End of Term 2 11/7 Term 3 commences 16/9 End of Term 3 3/10 Start of Term 4

An important reward for a job well done is a personal sense of worthwhile achievement

End of Term 4

# **Community Notices**

#### **MURRAYVILLE SWIMMING POOL**

Due to funding cuts the pool will now be open if the forecast is 21 degrees and above as of 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Please check Lameroo forecast the day before. Hours remain the same: Weekdays 3:30-6pm Weekends and holidays 2-7pm.

#### **MURRAYVILLE NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE**

will be taking a bus to Murray Bridge mobile mammogram unit on Friday 19th February, and is able to make pickups along the way Cost is \$15 per person for the bus For an appointment or further info contact Jacqui at Neighbourhood House on 03 5095 2205



#### **COWANGIE EMPTY CHRISTMAS TREE**

Annual service will be at the **Cowangie Uniting** Church on Sunday 6th December at 9.30am. All donated gifts will be delivered to Mallee Family Care. If you have gifts and

you can't attend, they can be left at the school or at the Murrayville Newsagency. Morning tea to follow the service. All welcome.



#### **PINNAROO CHRISTMAS PARADE**

Friday 18th December Leaving south oval at 7pm Lions BBQ from 6:30pm Organize a float for the street parade Photos with Father Christmas - \$5 Decorate anything on wheels Cash prizes

Christmas lights judged 17th December Donations towards the event for the children can be left at the Pinnaroo Newsagency or mailed to PO Box 27 Pinnaroo Supported by Pinnaroo Lions Club



#### MURRAYVILLE FOOTBALL CLUB

would like to thank its growers/ supporters and welcome new members at a FREE BBQ at the Football Grounds on Friday 11th December at 6:30pm (Some beer also supplied)

A REMINDER THAT THE HEXT HEWSLETTER (11 DECEMBER) WALL BE OUR LAST FOR 2015 PLEASE EUSURE NOTICES ARE IN BY NOON WEDNESDAY

## COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

(\* Return from parents)

1. Years P-2: details of Mildura trip and sleepover

2. Year 2: welcome to Year 3 in 2016

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

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