

Newsletter

Murrayville Community College



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From the Principal

College Council BBQ –

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our annual Welcome BBQ. The night had an excellent social vibe as parents and staff chatted over their meals. It seemed a shame to stop the socialising, to begin the more formal part of the evening. Google classroom was briefly introduced to parents. A letter will come home next week to all families with a full set of instructions and login details for parents. Information sessions were also held for parents of students in P-2 and 3-6, giving an overview of classroom routines and expectations. Special thanks goes to Richard Kalms for bringing the BBQ and cooking it along with Colin Beer and Vincent Morzer-Bruyns. Thank you to Diane Finn and the Hospitality students for preparing the fruit salad and a huge thank you to Karen Willersdorf for her organisation of the night.

as College Council President from 1982-1990. Dennis was pivotal in ensuring that students could travel across the border from SA freely and was one of the founding members of FOCUS (Freedom of Choice Under Siege). Dennis was a giving community member, contributing to the school community at the same time as serving on the organising committees of sporting clubs and his church. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this very sad time.

College Council Elections –

It is that time of the year again!! A number of School Councillors' tenures are about to expire. They are Carly Heintze, Kym Kingdon, Michelle Thomas, Stacey Milde, Sheryn Bennier (co-opted), Josh Willersdorf and Theo Magnisalis. We thank them very much for their contributions to the college over the last two years. Please consider nominating for this very important role in our school community. It is important to note that if you have been on College Council previously, you can nominate again – this includes the members whose tenure is expiring. Nominations forms are available from the school and are downloadable from the home page of the school website. See next page for the timeline.

House Captains – Congratulations to our House Captains for 2016: Lowan - Jessica Allan and Lexie O'Loughlin Winjeel – Henry Gibson and Ryan Lewis. These students are now faced with organising their teams for the **House Swimming Sports, next Friday 11th of February.**

Student Free Day –

The Mallee Cluster are holding their annual Professional Development Day on **Wednesday the 24th of February.** The



New Prep students, who commenced on Monday - Tyson, Alysa and Jaxon



2016 College Captains-Lexi Thomas & Matthew Beer

Vale Dennis Heintze –

I would like to acknowledge the very sad passing of one of our past College Council Presidents. Dennis Heintze was a dedicated College Councillor for many years and served

focus for this day is the successful teaching of writing, which fits in perfectly with our school priorities. This day will be attended by all teaching staff and for this reason will be a Student Free Day.

New Bus -

The students travelling on the Ngallo/Loxton Rd bus run are very lucky to be travelling on a new seat-belted bus since the beginning of the school year. With the introduction of seatbelts it is required for travellers under 7 years of age to be in a booster seat. If anyone has a booster seat that they are not using or no longer want, could you please contact the school.

Natasha Mudie
Principal

The timeline for our School Council election process is as follows:

Notice of election: February 5

Closing date for nominations: February 19

Distribution of ballot papers (if required): February 23

Close of ballot: March 6

Declaration of Poll: March 7

New Council meets: March 21

WELCOME!

We welcome the students at right to our College
Cody, Casey, Mac, Harry, Nishar
Mac and Nishar previously lived in Thailand, so will
find the Mallee quite different.
Cody, Casey and Harry come to us from Pinnaroo
Primary School.



BACKPACKS FOR STUDENTS

If you are considering purchasing a backpack for your child you may be interested in the following advice that we have received via the Australian Physiotherapy Association. The design should minimise shoulder, back and neck problems that can occur from incorrectly wearing or overloading a backpack.

- A backpack should weigh no more than 10% of a child's body weight
- When sitting, the backpack should not extend higher than the shoulders
- The backpack should fit the child - don't buy a big pack for your child to grow into
- Secure the waist straps to help transfer some of the load to the hips and pelvis

SCHOOL

CANTEEN

**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



CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

A group of children from 9-12 years of age will leave Mildura on
30 March and return on 5 April

The cost of \$327 includes travel, accommodation,
meals and activities

Volunteer adult leaders are being sought -
participation at no cost

Children from the Mallee are included in the group

*If you are interested please phone 5023 4166
or email mike-sl@bigpond.com*

SWIMMING SPORTS : Next Friday

Friday 12th February
 9:15am start for Years 3-12
 P-2 events from 11:30am

Some individual medleys will be raced during PE lessons
 Variety of foods on sale (price at left)

Parents encouraged to attend and support your children
 Please make sure students have hats, sunscreen, water bottles
Buses will run as normal

On Sale at the Canteen

Bottled Water	\$1.50
Pop Tops	\$1.40
Fruit Boxes	\$1.00
Chips	80c
Salad Rolls	\$3.50
Meat Rolls	\$4.00
Sandwiches	\$2.50
Tea / Coffee	\$1.00



House captains for 2016 are:
WINJEEL - Henry Gibson, Ryan Lewis
LOWAN - Lexie O'Loughlin, Jessica Allan

PE Timetable for 2016

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
L 1	11PE			11PE	
L 2	11PE			11PE	7/8PE
L 3	9/10PE	12PE		3/4 or 5/6PE	12PE
L 4		12PE	7/8PE	P/1/2PE	12PE
L 5	11PE	12PE	PRIM SPORT	9/10PE	SEC SPORT

Please make sure that your child(ren) has the correct sporting attire for PE and Sport lessons. Students are to bring bathers for all of term one, as well as sports clothes towards the end of the first term.

COLLEGE CALENDAR

12/2	Swimming Sports
15/2	College Council meeting
19/2	UDSSA/MMM Swimming
24/2	Sunraysia Swimming (Primary) Cluster Day (Student Free)
2/3	Mallee Division Swimming
17/3	Regional Swimming : Swan Hill
16/3	Robinvale Road Show : period 5
21/3	College Council AGM
24/3	End of Term 1
11/4	Term 2 commences
25/4	Anzac Day
28/4	Year 7 immunisation
6/5	House Cross Country
17/5	Sunraysia/Mallee Cross Country
31/5	Regional Cross Country
24/6	End of Term 2
11/7	Term 3 commences
10/8	House Athletics
15/9	Open Day
16/9	End of Term 3

Failure is the
condiment that
gives success
its flavour

Community Notices

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

MURRAYVILLE NETBALL CLUB

General Meeting
Tuesday 9th February
4pm at the Rec Hut
All interested players & supporters please attend
Apologies to secretary, Faye Kingdon
Applications for coaching positions due Mon 8th February
Please use application forms available from Faye (phone 0418 774 055)
mwillenc@gmail.com

FOUND - CAMERA CASE

A Lowepro camera case containing a lens and charger is waiting to be collected from the College front office
It was left on the Community Bus during the school holidays and must belong to someone who is seriously interested in photography
Please collect or contact the school to make arrangements for collection



Mental Health Carer Support and Respite : Murray Bridge

(Servicing the Pinnaroo area)
Uniting Communities Carer Support and Respite Service aims to assist families and individuals to develop a range of skills and strategies in to help support their family member with the mental health challenge.
Sometimes everything can seem to get on top of us and as a carer you may feel overwhelmed and not know which way to turn. By talking with the Support Worker who has experience of caring for a person with a mental health challenge, you can share in a safe and caring environment and be provided social emotional and/or practical support in your caring role.
This is a free and confidential service. No diagnosis is required.
You can self refer or be referred by another service provider.
Services they can offer are:

- Respite including short term breaks from the caring role
- Educational programs to increase knowledge, understanding and acceptance with the aim of increasing the carers resilience and self care
- Advocacy that will strengthen and empower carers
- Information and referrals to other community supports
- Social and recreational activities
- Carers support groups
- In home and out of home support

To make an appointment or to find out more please phone 08 8531 0571

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

1. SRC : planning meeting
2. Years 3-4 & 5-6 : 2016 information

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

