

Newsletter

Murrayville Community College



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From the Principal



Elevate Education –

This week all of our secondary students participated in two excellent

study skills sessions run by Elevate Education. All students were very impressed with the enthusiasm and passion expressed by Jesse the presenter. He worked with the Year 7-9 students on kick starting their study skills and junior time management, showing each student useful strategies for managing their time and getting the most out of their precious study time. The senior students completed sessions on acing the exams and motivation for success. Feedback from the students afterwards was overwhelmingly positive and many expressed how it motivated them to achieve their best.

Year 12 Geography Fieldtrip –

On Wednesday, nine of our students completing Year 12 Geography travelled to Mt Barker to complete fieldwork on the urban development happening there. The students must study an area undergoing land use change and Mt Barker is a perfect example of this as it is growing rapidly and is set to overtake Mt Gambier as SA's second largest city in a few short years. The students surveyed residents, conducted traffic counts

and housing surveys. They also visited Mt Barker council and spent an hour with the Town Planner, to discuss how this development will be sustainable in the future. The students now need to write up their findings into a major 2000 word report for assessment. Thank you to Mr Willersdorf who drove the school car and assisted on the day.

Chromebooks -

The new computers that were ordered for students in Years 3-7 have arrived and are now set up and ready for the students to use. Year 7s will make the transition from the laptops they have been using to the new chromebooks today. Students in Years 3-6 will get to use their new chromebooks from early next week. The iPads that they have been using will remain in the primary classrooms and will be used as a class set when they are deemed most appropriate for an activity. The chromebooks are a little bit different to a Windows laptop. They do not run Microsoft Office, instead the students work off the Google Education Platform. They use Google Docs to create a document instead of Microsoft Word. There are a number of advantages to using Google Docs, the main advantage being that all of the work done saves automatically and can never be lost. Students will take a few days to adapt, however I expect that they will get used to them very swiftly.

Reminders -

- ★ Please make sure photo envelopes are returned if you require individual/class/family photos.
- ★ Bulb order forms and payment are also required.
- ★ Monday is a public holiday and so there will be no school - enjoy the long weekend!

Natasha Mudie
Principal



Attendance at MCC 29 Feb - 4 March

7	98.58%
9	98.19%
12	98.00%
2	97.78%
1	96.67%
6	96.37%
4	96.00%
11	96.48%
3 & 5	93.34%
10	91.12%
Prep	86.67%
8	86.16%

Labour Day holiday on Monday

SCHOOL PHOTOS ... Monday 21 & Tuesday 22 March

Envelopes from boss photography were sent home last week

If you wish to purchase photos please make sure the envelopes are completed and returned, with payment, by NEXT Thursday (18th March)

Over the last couple of weeks children in Year 6 have participated in the Better Buddies program. This program aims to create a friendly and caring school environment especially for children just beginning school. The program is supported by the Alannah and Madeline foundation. This is a national charity set up to keep children safe from violence.



The year 6 students were selected last year as buddies for the new Prep students and been involved with them since their transition program in Term 4.

The values of this program are :

Friendlessness, Caring for others, Respect, Responsibility, Valuing differences and Including others.

The students have worked together on several projects and had a special luncheon together on Thursday.

Children were presented with a bear by their buddies on Tuesday - the Buddy Bear is a mascot of the program.



Certificates for Inspiring Pride were awarded to:

Prep-Year 2
Harvey CRANE

for displaying EXCELLENCE
in completing all of his Maths work

Years 3/4
Zac KELLY

for displaying exemplary DETERMINATION
to succeed in Mathematics and for his recent acts of
empathy and understanding towards fellow students

Years 5/6
Cooper WISNESKE

for showing EXCELLENCE
in his learning and the standard of work
that he produces

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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

SRC CASUAL DAY

Thursday 24th March - *last day of term*

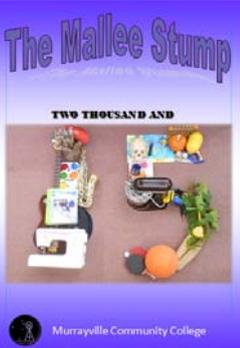
Theme: Dress in colours that represent one of the specific Cancer Council awareness colours eg **PINK - Breast Cancer**



Gold coin donation

- * Guess the number of Jelly Beans in a jar
- * \$1 for 1 guess / \$2 for 3 guesses
- * Jar located at the College front office
- * Competition available to anyone

All money raised goes to the Cancer Council



COMPETITION NOW OPEN!

Would you like to see your design appear on the front cover of this year's 2016 college magazine, *The Mallee Stump*? Entries are now open for all current Murrayville Community College students.

You can use any medium – photography, drawing, painting or sculpture. Your design must incorporate the number 16, and be able to be reproduced in A4 portrait format. Entries close on Friday May 6th. Submit your entries to me and good luck!

Mrs Helen Parker (Editor)





Plasticine brains ... courtesy of the Psychology class, as they studied the way in which each area of the brain is responsible for a person's behaviour

The College is running a fundraiser with Tesselar to aid the budget for our Kitchen Garden.

Bulbs are a great choice for both new and pro gardeners and are a great way to encourage kids to have an interest in gardening.

Included with this newsletter is an order form showing the spring bulbs available from Tesselar as part of this project. Please ensure that all orders are returned to the College, with payment, by the end of this term (Thursday 24 March). Payments must be made to the front office by cash or cheque.

Tesselar Fundraising with Bulbs

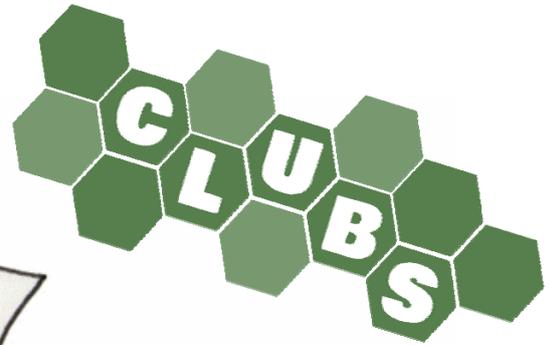
[UNSW English and Mathematics Competitions](#)

Could families please return the permission slip, found at the bottom of the letter dated 16th February, if their child/children would like to participate in the UNSW English and Maths Competitions. The closing date for these competitions is the 24th March.

Thank You.

Fionna Edwards (English Coordinator)

★ PRIMARY CLUBS
★ YEARS 7+8 READING



Our primary club activity program is much loved by the students. It gives them a chance to explore a diverse range of inspiring special interests and activities outside of the usual range of the primary curriculum. This year, to allow as many volunteers as possible to take part, we will be running the program continuously throughout the year. So here is your chance to share that hobby that you love!!

We are calling for Community and Parent volunteers ...

- ★ Do you have a skill or an interest that you would like to share with our primary students?
- ★ How about volunteering to run a 5-week lunchtime club?
- ★ Or how about starting an interest group that can meet every two weeks or monthly over a term or longer?

All you need to do is choose the time of year and the day that suits you, and decide which age group would be best (Prep to Year 5 or Years 3 to 6).

Contact Ms Morehouse by March 18 on 0432 853 910 or at the Prep/1/2 room.

Reading

We are also requiring helpers in the secondary sector ...

Mrs Edwards is seeking parents or volunteers who are willing to assist students in Years 7 and 8 develop their reading skills. If there are enough helpers, the program will entail an adult assisting a small group of students (approximately four), helping them to work through a reading activity aimed at developing comprehension skills.



No experience is needed - just having an adult present will aid in keeping the group on task and focused.

The lesson will take place in period 4 on Mondays (12:15-1:15pm)

Please contact Mrs Edwards at school if you are able to help.

be seen. be professional. be employed.

ADELAIDE
careers & EMPLOYMENT expo

The 2016 Adelaide Careers & Employment Expo is happening on **Friday 20th and Saturday 21st May**

at the Jubilee Pavilion, Adelaide Showgrounds.

Friday is the day dedicated for students to attend with

their schools, however if you'd like to attend with your child/children on the Saturday,

they'll have the opportunity to speak with leading training and education providers, receive guidance from professional Career Advisors, and figure out what they might be interested in doing once they leave school.

Grab a coffee and relax and/or chat with other parents regarding the best way to guide your children through what can be an overwhelming and confusing time.

It's been a very successful Term 1, in both the kitchen and the garden. Our older students are increasingly demonstrating their expanding knowledge and skills and our newest additions have undertaken the challenges set for them with great enthusiasm.



Menu Week 3

- Baked Eggplant Parmesan
- Crispy Eggplant
- Orecchiette pasta with homemade tomato sauce
- Italian Garden Salad
- Apple Cake

Sleep Over Menu Week 5

- Margherita Pizza
- Potato, Rosemary & Rocket Pizza
- Crudité with Minty Yogurt Dip
- Three Ingredient Pineapple Cake



Menu Week 7

- Homemade Gnocchi with Sage Burnt Butter Sauce
- Fettuccine with Zucchini & Lemon Pasta Sauce
- Ratatouille
- Pumpkin, Rocket and Goat's Cheese Salad
- Italian Leafy Green Salad



COLLEGE CALENDAR

14/3	Labour Day
16/3	Robinvale Road Show : period 5
16-17/3	P-6 Parent/Teacher interviews
17/3	Regional Swimming : Swan Hill
21/3	College Council AGM
21-22/3	School Photos
23/3	P-2 Grandparents Day
24/3	Casual Day
	End of Term 1
3/4	Daylight Saving ends
11/4	Term 2 commences
19/4	Science activities : Years 3-6
25/4	Anzac Day
28/4	Year 7 immunisation
6/5	House Cross Country
10-12/5	NAPLAN
17/5	Sunraysia/Mallee Cross Country
31/5	Regional Cross Country
7/6	GAT : VCE students
13/6	Queen's Birthday
24/6	End of Term 2
11/7	Term 3 commences

Facts do not
cease to exist
because they
are ignored

SUMMER UNIFORM

There are still a few of the summer uniforms (\$50 each) available.

Size 8 *If you wish to purchase one of*
 Size 10 *these please send the money to*
 Size 16 *the front office at school*

Community Notices

FEMALE PLAYERS WANTED

- ★ 3 Colours SC is looking for female players
- ★ Under 14/15 girls
- ★ Senior Womens

Further information:

Vince Maiorana 0416 054 372 r threecolourssc@live.com.au



NATIONAL HEARING CARE

Will be visiting Murrayville on
Wednesday 23rd March 2016 to perform hearing screenings
and promote community awareness of hearing loss

For more information or to book an appointment
phone Jacqui at the Neighbourhood House on 5095 2205

BIG FRIDAY @ MALLEE LIFE CHURCH

88 Railway Tce North, Lameroo
Friday 18th March 7 – 9 pm
A night out for kids, year 1 - year 7
Featuring: concert with highly
sought after kids entertainer Sean W
Smith, carnival games, crafts, photo
booth, cafe (nothing over \$1!) lucky
dips, giveaways,
bookstall and much more!
Just \$3 per person for pre-night reg-
istration / \$5 on the night / Maxi-
mum \$10 per family
For enquiries about transport or
registration forms contact Kym and
Faye Kingdon 03 5095 2199

GRAPE STOMP

Kym & Faye Kingdon
invite anyone who would
like to participate in
harvesting & stomping
grapes to come along to
Jacob's Well Retreat on
Saturday 12th March
from 1.30pm onwards
Bring secateurs if you can
and food to share for a meal afterwards
if you wish to stay - BBQ available
Some drinks supplied
Come for the length of time you choose
Further details call Kym
on 0429 184 841



Murrayville Football Club Under 13s training
will now start after the junior basketball semi-final
on Wednesday 16th March at 5:30pm.

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

(* Return from parents/carers)

1. Selected students for regional Swimming competition *
2. Primary students - times for Parent/Teacher interviews

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

