

Newsletter

Murrayville Community College



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From the Principal

Staffing -

I am very pleased to announce that our staffing for 2017 has now been finalised. The following appointments have been made:

- ◇ Hailee Witmitz – Secondary English *Full time* (teaching Yr 7, Yr 8, Yr 10 and Yr 11)
- ◇ Julie Cowley – Humanities/Geography *2 days* (teaching Yr 7, Yr 8 and Yr10)
- ◇ Jaimi Willersdorf – Primary *1 day* (teaching Yr 3/4 with Mrs Karen Willersdorf)
- ◇ Sandra McNally – Teacher Assistant *Full time* (working with Ms Jeanette Morehouse in the P/1/2 class)

Our timetable is also almost finalised and almost all senior students have been able to study all of their chosen subjects. 2017 is shaping up to be a very exciting year.

EnviroEdu –

Next Thursday our P-6 students and the Kindergarten students will be involved in fun, interactive educational sessions. These give the students the opportunity to connect with some of Australia’s native animals and learn about conservation management. We have been very fortunate to have the support of Landcare who have covered the cost of this program for our students. Children will get the opportunity to get up close and personal



with a diverse range of Australia’s native and threatened species, including reptiles, birds and marsupials. An aboriginal Educator will also assist with the session and will give an aboriginal perspective to conservation.

I would like to extend a warm invitation to parents, carers, grand parents and community members to join in one of the sessions if possible. They will be held in the Primary gallery at the following times:

- ◇ Session 1 (Kinder/Prep/Yr 1) : 11.15-12.15
- ◇ Session 2 (Years 4/5/6) : 12.15-1.15
- ◇ Session 3 (Year 2/3) : 2.00–3.00

Year 11 retreat and transition –

The Year 10s and 11s have now completed their exams. The Year 11s are preparing themselves for Year 12, on retreat in Adelaide, with Mr Willersdorf and Mrs Cowley. They are looking at pathway options at Uni and TAFE, discussing effective study habits and routines and carrying out some team building activities whilst having a city orientation. Thank you to those teachers for making this happen. Year 11s completing VCE will have transition for a number of subjects from Wednesday to Friday, next week.

Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars -

Congratulations to Taylah Beer and Maddison Mudie who have been accepted into this Melbourne University enrichment program. This program will afford the students the opportunity to mix with like-minded peers and future leaders, as well as provide them with a tailored program of events and activities that will support and enhance their secondary studies, inspire their career plans and provide opportunities to interact with the University community.

Robe/Naracoorte – Outdoor Education/ Duke of Ed trip –

Many of our Year 9/10 students will be away next week with Mrs Inglis, Mr Willersdorf, Mr Magnisalis and Mrs Finn. This trip involves a

variety of outdoor activities and teamwork. It will fulfil the requirements of the VCE Outdoor Ed program and the Adventurous Journey component for those completing the Duke of Edinburgh award. Did I mention fun? It is also lots of fun for the students attending. I look forward to some great photos in next week’s newsletter!

*Natasha Mudie
Principal*



Attendance 7/11 - 18/11

3	96.67%
10	96.3%
9	94.95%
Prep	94.45%
8	93.17%
4	92.23%
2	91.12%
6	91.03%
5	88.89%
11	86.61%
7	81.25%
1	69.45%



On Friday the 2nd of December the SRC have organised a casual day. A gold coin donation is required and has a theme of red, white and blue, to raise money for the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia. At lunch there will be a paper plane competition, the one that flies the longest distance will receive a prize.

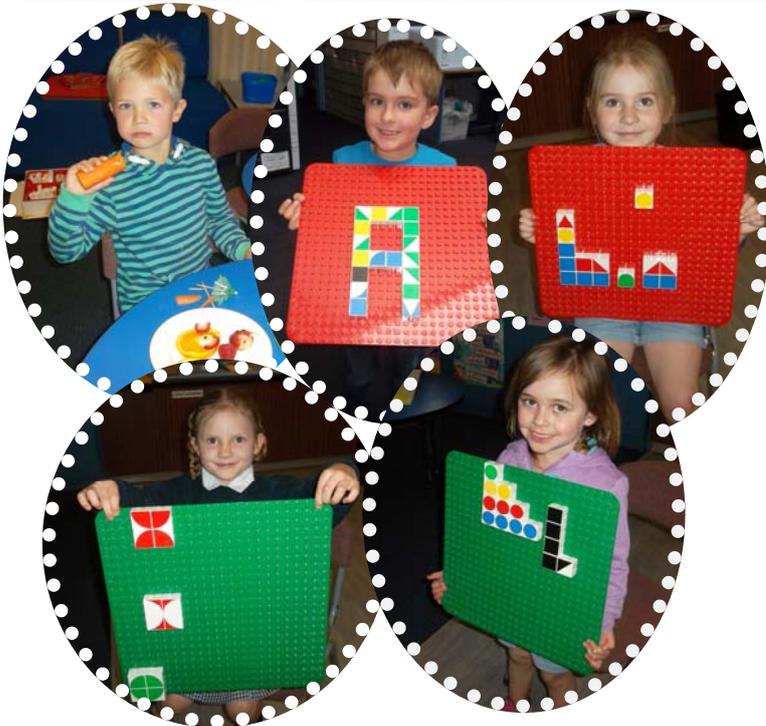


ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE
OF AUSTRALIA



SRC Casual Day

Designed by Hugh Parker



2017 Preps are well are looking forward to 'big school'



Certificates for Inspiring Pride were awarded to:

Years P-2

Oliver BERLIN - for EXCELLENCE

in his language work,
showing determination to complete activities

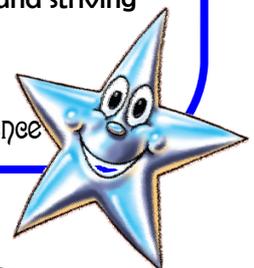
Years 3/4

Mya JENZEN - for her growing DETERMINATION
to remain focussed during activities that require
strong listening skills

Years 5/6

Rourke MUDIE - for showing INDEPENDENCE
towards all areas of his learning and striving
to improve

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CANTEEN

AVAILABLE MONDAY-FRIDAY

Cold foods are: Wraps / Sandwiches / Rolls

Hot foods are:

Ham & Cheese / Chicken & Cheese Hot Rolls \$3.50

**ALL ORDERS ARE TO BE PLACED
BEFORE SCHOOL**

Please - no more than \$5 in your envelope

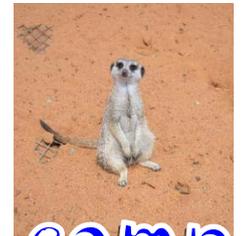
5/6 Camp 2016 - On Tuesday the 1st of November to Friday the 4th, the Year 5/6s went on camp to Adelaide. They were really excited and especially enjoyed all the different activities. We would like to share with you our camp experiences and the activities that we enjoyed the most. By Jasper Standley

Bus Ride - The 5-6 class travelled in the school bus to Adelaide for camp. Everyone was enjoying talking and playing in the bus, also we shared our candy on the way home. When the music was on, we sang together. We had a lot of fun. My favourite part on camp was going in the boat, because we got to see a dolphin and dolphins are my favourite animal. We also saw a jellyfish and the jellyfish was so cute, we saw lots of them. I really enjoyed it and I think everyone had fun on the 5-6 camp.

By Nishar Godden



Monarto Zoo Tour- On Tuesday the 1st of November we went on a Monarto Zoo tour in the school bus. We had a tour guide called Pete, he was from South Africa. We got to go into the actual animal enclosures and get a close up with all the animals. When we went into the lion's enclosure the lions came up to the bus and Pete looked very worried but thankfully he got the gate shut in time. We got to see the lions being fed and some started fighting over the



of painted dogs. By Rourke Mudie

5/6 camp

Monarto Zoo Self Walk - After we completed the bus tour we then had time to walk around part of the zoo. We went and saw the rock wallabies in their enclosure, it was made to be like the wallabies habitat in the wild. We also saw some chimpanzees in their enclosure as well as some in the open, lazing on their platform. Afterwards we followed a walking trail track that took us 15 minutes to get to the Black Rhino. We made the trip back to the cafe to purchase anything we wanted from the shop and then hopped on the bus and headed to Adelaide (Nunyara). My favourite thing of the whole trip was the Adelaide Oval tour.

By Daniel McDonald



Nunyara – At Nunyara, our accommodation, we went into the meeting room and Karen from Nunyara gave us some instructions/rules about the play areas, meal times and what time we needed to be quiet by at night. After this chat, we found out what dorm room we were in. We went into our dorms, unpacked our stuff and then went outside to play. There was a large twister board, a maze, a hill to play on and stepping logs. My favourite part of camp was the Ice Arena because I have never been ice skating before. By Marnie Bellchambers

Aquatic Centre - At the Marion Aquatic Swimming Center we got to go down a waterslide. There were two different types, an orange one, which was fun because it was longer and finished in a spiral bucket and there was a blue one that was just a normal slide. We also got the chance to dive off the diving boards. We started on the one meter board and then we got to



jump off the three meter one. It was exhilarating and it went pretty quickly. At the end we got to play a game of 'keepers off' in the shallow pool. My most favourite part of camp was the Adelaide Oval tour. By Jarrod Wilkie



Supper - Every night before bed we would get together in the lounge area downstairs and have milo and cookies together. We would take turns reflecting on what we enjoyed most from the day and why. The thing I enjoyed most was definitely the ice skating arena.

By Kayla Wallis

Museum Session - The 5/6 class went to the Maritime Museum in Port Adelaide and Sally (our teacher guide) was talking about all the prisoners that came over from England in a very big and harsh boat. We also got to look at how little space the convicts had to sleep in because two people had to sleep in one bed and they had to sleep head to toe. Their water had rats and mice in it and it also had mould in it as well. The travellers had no showers in there and hardly any space to put their bags or possessions. They were rarely allowed on deck, so no sunlight or fresh air. My favourite part of camp was when we got to go on the boat at Port Adelaide and we saw a dolphin. The man that took us said that they normally do not even get to see one at this time of year. There was also many jellyfish in the sea.

By Tiana Jenzen





Exploring the Museum - One of the activities that we were involved with was going to the Maritime Museum on Wednesday morning. We learned about how England originally founded Australia. There was no more room in the English jails and they didn't want the convicts in their land. We got to explore the museum first hand but most important was going on one of the sail ships, that they had in the museum and seeing how harsh the conditions were back then. We also got to see a Clipper Ship, it is the oldest ship of its kind. It was used to transport goods and passengers from Australia and Britain. It played an important role in immigration from other countries. I have realised how privileged we are to see it in a museum and not have been one of the people on the ship, because there was a lot of sickness on the ships and the doctors didn't know what to do. It was all very fascinating. My favourite part of camp was ice skating. By Micaela Meyer



Lighthouse - On Wednesday 2nd of November we went to the Port Adelaide Maritime Museum. After looking around in the magnificent museum we made our way to the Maritime Lighthouse which was outside the museum. The red and white lighthouse was really big and it looked amazing outside and inside, however mostly everyone was scared because of the height. But after listening to a couple of Mrs Wyatt stories that were really fascinating and everyone enjoyed it. My favourite part of camp was going to Bounce. By Tim Virgo

Maritime Museum Boat Ride - After we looked around the lighthouse, we hopped onto a boat called the 'Archie Badenoch' and got to have a tour of the port. It was really cool how we got to see different types of ships like tugboats, barges and cargo ships. Along the way, we were very fortunate to see a dolphin in the port and according to the man that is pretty rare. But by far, my favourite part of camp was the Adelaide Oval tour. By Cooper Wisneske



Bounce - On the 2nd day of camp we travelled as a class to Bounce. We were free to roam around the area and try all the activities they had to offer. I personally enjoyed jumping around with my classmates that I don't usually hang with. I actually nailed a flip onto a balancing block a fair way up (Suzanne Beckmann also flipped with me at the same time). Bounce was obviously my favourite part of camp because there was so many different activities to choose from and that was why I never stood still. By Allea Heintze



Bowling - On Wednesday the 2nd of November, my class and I went bowling at night. We all split into groups and there were four teams. Whoever got the first strike in the first bowl of the game would win \$5.00. I won \$5.00 for the first strike in the second game. We only used the bumpers in the second game. My favourite bit was seeing the giraffes in real life at the zoo. I learnt some amazing facts at the Monarto Zoo which I will remember forever. By Emma Parker



Adelaide Oval tour - On the third day of camp we had an Adelaide Oval tour. A tour guide showed us around and told us the history of the oval. We got to go into the change rooms, the coaches box and the old score board which was amazing!!! While we were there the stadium was being cleaned, also the 'Redbacks' cricket team was practicing on the oval which was cool. My favourite part for the whole camp was ice skating. By Suzanne Beckmann



5/6 camp



Central Markets - On the 4th of November the 5/6 unit went to the Adelaide Central Markets for camp. There was a lot of food stores and a section where there were souvenirs. Most of the class bought lollies from the lolly shop. There was also a sheet each group had to fill out which asked questions about the different foods sold in the market. I'm pretty sure Mrs Wyatt's group did the best. My favourite part was when the class went bowling. By Jett Oakley



Ice Arena - On the 5/6 camp to Adelaide we went ice skating for two hours. Everyone was enjoying themselves. There was skate-aids for people that needed help. People fell over and got up, some people could not get up so they would crawl along the ice to get to the wall and get up using the support. My best moment at camp was ice skating because I learnt how to ice skate without using the wall or skating-aids. By Cody Bennier

Movie - On camp, we watched a movie on Thursday night. The movie we watched was The Jungle Book. It's about a boy named Mowgli who is being driven out of the Jungle by an enraged tiger named Shere-Khan. It's a good movie based on a classic one. My overall favourite part of camp was going to Adelaide Oval and going into the clubrooms, the old scoreboard and the coach's boxes, and going into the Sir Donald Bradman exhibit whilst also learning a lot about football and cricket. However, we weren't able to go on the oval as there was a cricket match the next day. By Dermott Boston



Meals - Nunyara supplied us with all our meals, they were yummy. In the morning we had a choice of many different cereals and toast. For lunch and snacks we had packed rolls, water, cookies, muffins, juice boxes and fruit. For dinner we had baked vegies and roasted chicken on Tuesday, pasta on Wednesday and a mild chicken curry and salad on Thursday. We sat together for breakfast and dinner like a restaurant. My favourite part of camp was ice skating because I have been three times, and every time I go I am getting better and falling over less. By Patricia Bellchambers

Woodhouse Activity Centre - On the last day we went to the Woodhouse Activity Centre, we all enjoyed it and had a blast. Woodhouse Activity Centre is a place with fun obstacles to do, and there is a big long slide that you could go down. At



the end of the course you go through big tyres and you feel a great sense of relief that you have finished. My favourite time at camp was when we went to Bounce. By Talita De Wet

Woodhouse Activity Centre - On the way home, we stopped at The Woodhouse Activity Centre. We completed Woody's Challenge Hill which was an obstacle course. It included climbing walls, a big slide, a rat house maze, net climbing, rope challenges and balancing activities. After



we completed the challenge twice we stopped for lunch and then had some free time in the tunnel and fort area. My favourite part of camp was ice skating because I had never experience it before and I enjoyed being audacious.



By Amelia Peers

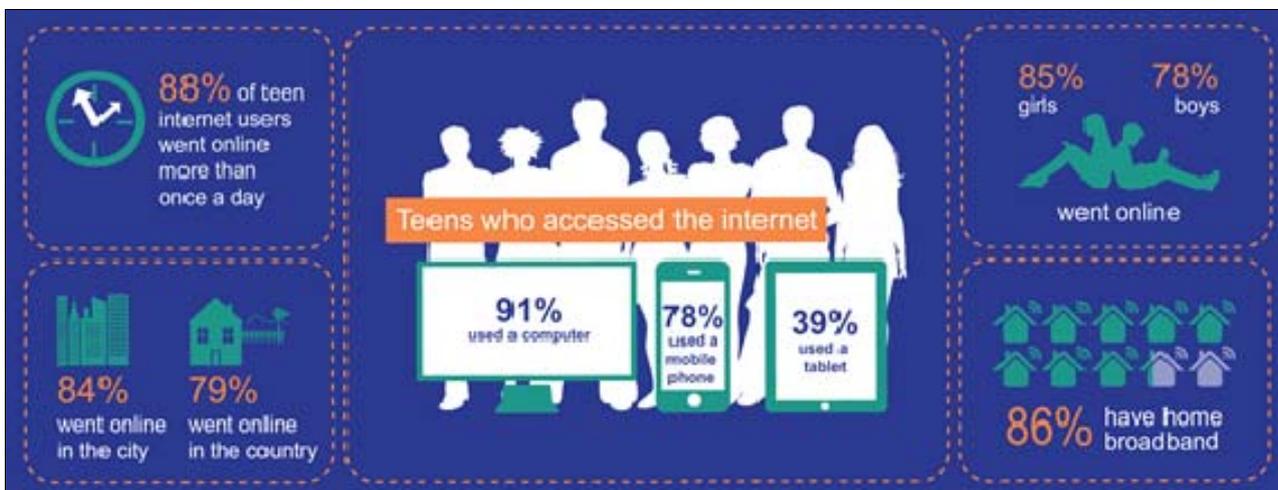
5/6 Camp - We had an exceptionally busy, but fabulous adventure on camp. Thank you to all the parents for your support and a big thank you to Mrs Parker and Mr Watson who helped to make our Adelaide trip a memorable one. Mrs Wyatt

Aussie teens and kids online

... shedding light on how young people are engaging online, the devices they use and the services and activities that draw them online, providing an update to Aussie teens online - research released in July 2014. Understanding the levels of online engagement by young people is the first step in exploring related issues such as trust and online safety, themes which will be explored in future research.

At June 2015, over 935,000 teens had gone online in the previous four weeks. That's 82 per cent of all teens, up from 74 per cent four years earlier. Teenage girls are more likely to have been online than boys, while those living in cities were more likely to have accessed the internet than their regional counterparts.

Key indicators of Aussie teenagers online, June 2015

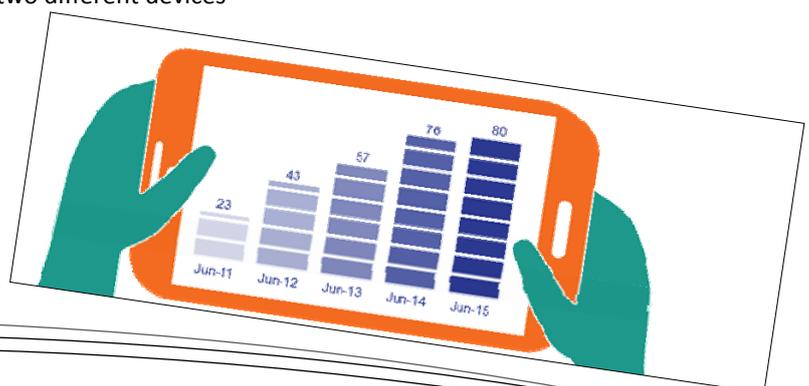


- At June 2015, 82% of teens had been online in the previous 4 weeks
85% were girls, 78% boys
- 64% streaming video
47% playing games online
78% emailing
54% social networking
78% research and browsing
- 27% between 9am and 2:59pm
49% between 3pm and 4:59am
74% accessed between 5pm and 10pm
28% between 10pm and midnight
8% between midnight to 6:59am
- 52% of teen users access the internet on two different devices
30% are using three devices
18% are reliant on only one device

Devices used to go online

As highlighted in the figure above, Australia's teenagers are using a range of devices to access the internet, in proportions almost identical to the adult population. At June 2011, smartphones were used by less than a quarter of teens. Four years later, at June 2015, 80 per cent of all Australian teens used a smartphone.

This week's message





COLLEGE CALENDAR

- 28/11-2/12 VCAL Work Experience
Outdoor Ed Camp : 9/10
- 30/11-2/12 VCE Year 11 Transition
- 29/11 Garden Awards : Melbourne
- 1/12 Enviro Ed : K-6
- 2/12 Last day for Year 11
Casual Day
- 5-7/12 3/4 Camp
- 8/12 Whole School Transition
- 12-16/12 Anglesea Camp : 7/8
- 12/12 College Council
- 16/12 P-6 Pool Party
- 19/12 Presentation Night
- 20/12 End of Term 4

2017 Dates

- Term 1 : 30/1 (Teachers) - 31/3
- Term 2 : 18/4 - 30/6
- Term 3 : 17/7 - 22/9
- Term 4 : 9/10 - 22/12

Don't just order
 people to do things
 - grab an oar and
 row with them

Community Notices

KAROONDA FARM FAIR LIFE IN THE MURRAYLANDS PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



FREE TO ENTER AND OPEN TO ALL AGES!

A COMPETITION FOR
PHOTOGRAPHS OF ALL
THINGS MURRAYLANDS...
weather, people, animals,
flora, architecture etc.



ENTRIES CLOSE 17TH MARCH 2017

ENTRIES CAN BE SUBMITTED BY EMAIL OR POST



For entry form and more information:

Website: www.farmfair.com.au
 Email: shaneandsonmarcho@hotmail.com
 Phone: Sonja 0400 284 468

SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is welcoming more exchange students into Australia in February 2017 and is currently seeking community-minded, volunteer host families for some of these students from a variety of countries. If you are interested in hosting one of these young people, more information can be found at www.scce.com.au or by phoning 1800 500 501.



AFL 9s is Here

AFL Sunraysia and Mallee Sports Assembly plan to introduce AFL 9s to Sunraysia. The competition, for mixed teams, will run over 11 weeks from 14 November to 12 December, re-commencing 23 January to 27 February.

The cost will be \$20 per team, \$9 per player per week.

The aim is to provide all Australia Football enthusiasts, as well as those new to the game, with a match play experience that has strong parallels with the traditional game.

It is easy to play, non-contact and provides an environment whereby participation enjoyment and safety are a priority - a game for everyone who enjoys their football.

Nine players per team, on the field at one time, but teams are encouraged to have more registered to ensure they can field a team each week.

Matches on reduced size fields and will consist of 2 x 20minute halves with no time on. Games at oval number 7 at Aerodrome Oval complex, entrance off Flora Ave, Mildura.

For further information or to register a team visit the <http://afl9s.com.au>

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME

1. 3-4 : film viewing while on camp
2. 11 : bus travel while in Adelaide on retreat

Please contact the school if .you have not received this information and we will send a copy home

