

# Newsletter

## Murrayville Community College



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*From the Principal*

### Victorian School Garden Awards –

This Tuesday, Lila, Cooper, Patricia and I attended the awards ceremony at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Melbourne. Although we weren't successful in any of the state awards it was a big thrill for us to be presented with our regional award for 'best edible garden' in our region for P-12 schools. Thank you again to Kim Luckman for the work that she does every day towards developing our fantastic kitchen garden program and for the added effort of preparing the entry for this award.



### EnviroEdu –

Our P-6 students, along with the kinder children, were treated to fun and interactive sessions yesterday with Sarah and Michael from EnviroEdu in Mildura. They brought with them a Murray Darling Python, a Sand Goanna and 'Tully' the Sugar Glider. Our students had the chance to get up close and personal with these Australian natives and discussed the need for conservation to preserve their habitats. Michael discussed Aboriginal culture and the importance of these animals as totems. The students were shown a range of Aboriginal instruments and tools and had the chance to have a go on the Didgeridoo. We are very grateful to Landcare who financially supported this program, giving our students this very special opportunity.

### P-2 Excursion and Sleepover –

Last Thursday our Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students travelled to Loxton. They visited the Historical Village and spent time at the new adventure playground. They enjoyed both of these activities immensely. The students returned to school for tea and a sleepover in their classrooms. Thank you to Ms Morehouse for organising this for her class,

also to Mrs Willersdorf for driving the bus and giving up her time to also sleepover. Thanks also to Paul and Barb who drove the school car and assisted with the children during the day at Loxton.

**Last day for Year 10s** - Most of our Year 10s have been away all this week at Robe and Naracoorte, caving, kayaking, snorkelling and bushwalking. However, today is their last official day of school for the year. The next two weeks will be again very quiet with the Year 3/4s away at El Shaddai next week and the Year 7/8' away at Anglesea the following week.

### Victorian Young Leaders to China –

Blake, Lillian and Lara are entering their last week of this amazing experience. They had a wet week at Pak Lap Wan Island in Hong Kong, but were still able to appreciate the beautiful scenery and complete some of their abseiling, kayaking activities. Apparently the

rougher weather

provided great waves for boogie boarding. They have a very full program right until the end and I know that they are using every spare minute to brush up on their Mandarin, before their final assessments. I wish them very well with these and am very much looking forward to seeing them as they step out of



customs at Tullamarine next Saturday morning.

*Natasha Mudie  
Principal*



### Attendance 21/11 - 25/11

Prep, 3, 9	100%
2	96%
10	95.56%
1, 7	95%
11	94.12%
4	94%
6, 8	93.85%
5	91.43%



# ENVIRO EDU



## Learn Local...Act Global



Certificates for Inspiring Pride were awarded to:

Years P-2  
No award this week

Years 3/4  
**Noah EWINS** - for his INDEPENDENCE when participating in class discussions

Years 5/6  
**Jett OAKLEY** - for showing improved INDEPENDENCE when managing his diary and homework.  
**Cody BENNIER** - for showing INDEPENDENCE when managing his diary and homework, always completing tasks and handing them in on time

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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



The P, 1 and 2 trip to Loxton Historical Village and Loxton Pioneer Playground last Thursday was a wonderful experience for all. First up was school assembly by the flagpole, the oath of allegiance and a short lesson in the tiny classroom. Leaving the old schoolhouse and heading for the bush kitchen, the children were surprised and delighted to see a kangaroo hopping through the village. Everyone enjoyed making damper and butter, and also participated in making a piece of rope. While the damper was cooking in coals, the children were able to explore the village and the many informative displays of life in the olden days. Finally the damper was ready so we all relished a hearty morning tea of damper, freshly made butter and jam!

Many thanks to the volunteers at the village for such a great visit. On the way out of the village the children had a quick look at the rising waters of the Murray River, before heading for the Loxton Pioneer playground. I think the pictures say it all! What a happy, energy-filled afternoon with everyone trying out the many different play facilities. After around 3 hours of play, the children were pretty tired, so back we came to school to set up for our sleepover, before heading down to the park for a take-away dinner with some added salad.



Many thanks to Chaplains Paul and Barb for accompanying us in an extra car and to Karen Willersdorf for once again driving the bus and giving up her evening to sleep at school. Well done to all of the children - they behaved exceptionally well and showed great independence and care for each other.



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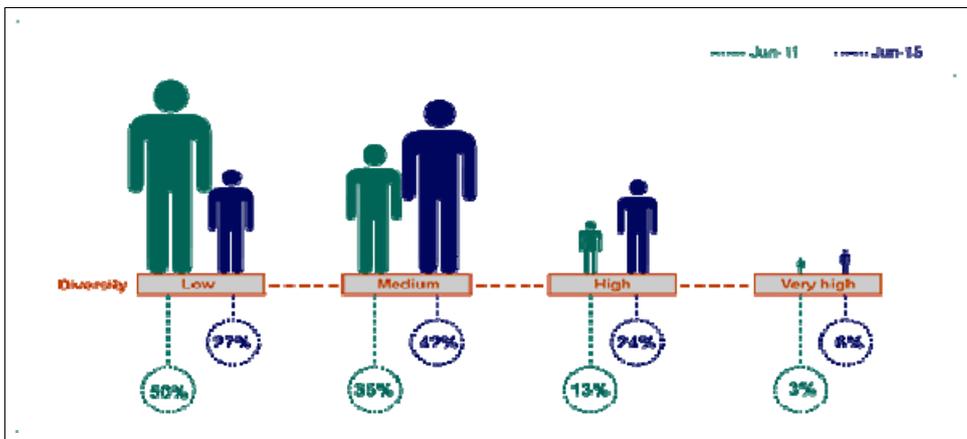


## Diversity is key

The growing digital life of young people in Australia is evident in the increased diversity of their online participation, with teens undertaking a greater range of activities online (Figure below) - which may be a reflection of increasing confidence and willingness to explore the online environment.

At June 2015, six per cent of online teens could be described as 'very high diversity' users of the internet, undertaking 10 to 12 separate activities online, up from three per cent at June 2011. A further 24 per cent could be considered 'high diversity' users, performing seven to nine separate activities online at June 2015, up from 13 per cent.

The number of different types of activities performed online by teens

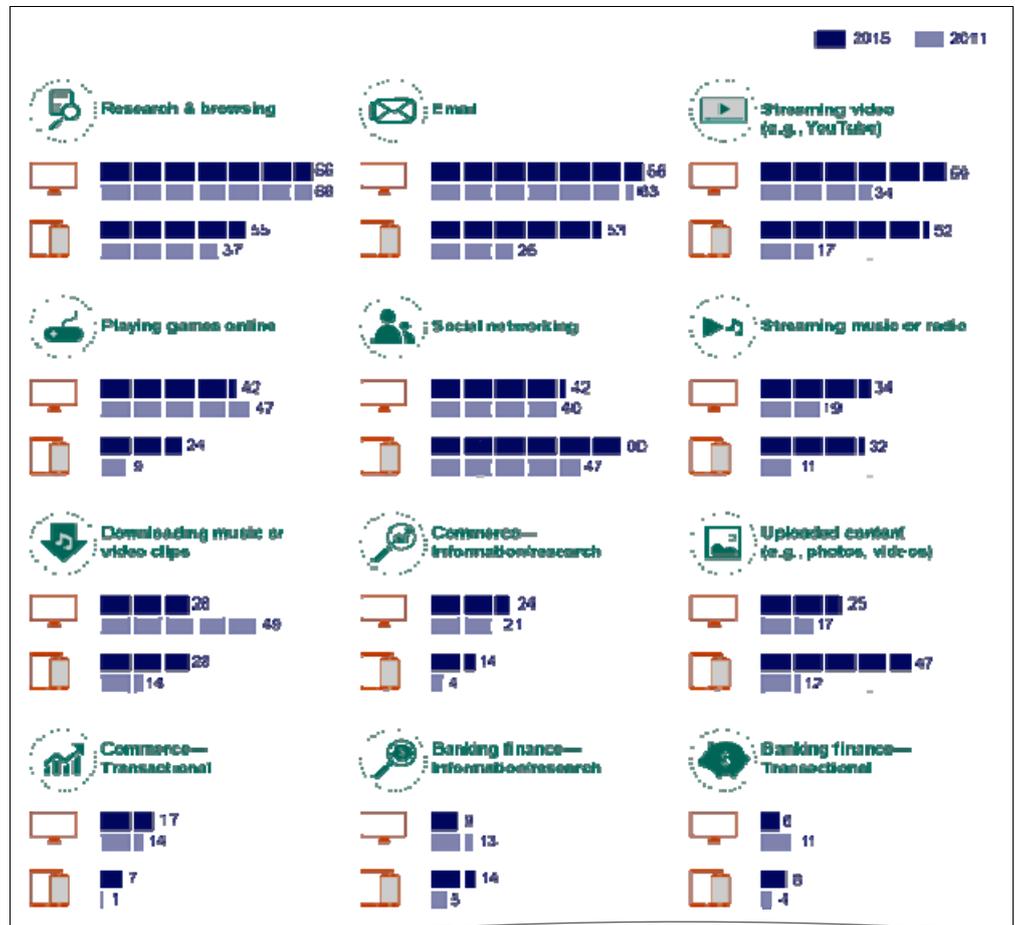


### Legend

- Low diversity: 1-3 activities.
- Medium diversity: 4-6 activities.
- High diversity user: 7-9 activities.
- Very high diversity: 10-12 activities.

## The shift to wireless

Teens now use a range of consumer devices to go online, a reflection of the trend to multiple screen time discussed earlier. For some activities, such as social networking and uploading content, wireless devices, in particular mobile phones, have become the preferred device to undertake these activities online (Figure at right). For other activities, in particular streaming, use of these services via wireless devices has seen a large increase since 2011, to the point where now there is little difference across devices in terms of the levels of activity.



**This week's message**



# COLLEGE CALENDAR

5-7/12	3/4 Camp
8/12	Whole School Transition
12/12	Year 6 Graduation Party
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

# Community Notices



### CAROLS IN THE WETLANDS AT PINNAROO

Sunday 18th December  
Sausage sizzle, Soft drinks & Icy poles

Available from 5:30pm

Carols begin 6:30pm

Bring a chair or rug

*Items include: Choir / Puppets / Drama*

Battery operated candles available for purchase

In the case of bad weather,  
venue will change to Pinnaroo Institute

**FREE Activity Bag for Children**



## P-2 TRIP TO LOXTON

There is a huge amount of school uniform in the secondary Student Centre (under the Careers table). Please ask students to check whether any of this belongs to them, as unclaimed items will be taken to the Thrift Shop at the end of the year.



The love of liberty  
is the love of  
others.  
The love of power  
is the love of  
ourselves

### COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME

1. Grade 6 Graduation Party information
2. Grade 5/6 - Film viewing permission required

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

