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Newsletter

Murrayville Community College



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From the Principal

Last week –

Although this has been the longest term we have had for some time, at eleven and a half weeks, for some reason when we get to December the days seem to evaporate. This has been a fantastic year for our school with a number of outstanding achievements by our students. It really feels like, as a school, we are again walking that path to “Excellence”. Students are striving to achieve their very best and are unwilling to settle for mediocrity. They are displaying the PRIDE values of Persistence, Respect, Independence and Determination to achieve excellence across a wide spectrum of curricular and extra-curricular areas. These achievements will be celebrated on Monday night. As staff we are constantly striving to improve our practice and structures to support our students and provide them with every opportunity to exceed their potential.

Year 12 Results –

Our students received their Year 12 results on Monday morning. In addition to the four Year 12 boys the majority of the Year 11 class also received either one or two results for their Year 12 subjects. I am pleased to report that we have a large number of very happy students, staff and one thrilled Principal. I don't want to be a spoiler

for Presentation Night, but I would like to congratulate all students on their results. Overall they are well-up on recent previous years with very strong results at both an individual and a class level. It is clear that our students were well prepared for the end-of-year exams that yield so much influence over their final result. It was absolutely fabulous to see so many exam results exceed the teachers' predictions. A very strong study ethic is now becoming the norm for our senior students and this is paying them dividends.

Congratulations to all of you!

Presentation Night –

I realise I said this last week but I have put it in the newsletter again as a reminder. Presentation Night is a special night in the school's calendar and is an opportunity to recognise the achievements of our students and to see them perform. Our guest speaker this year will be past student Grant Bailey. **All students are expected in full uniform and to be at the hall by 7.30pm ready for the program to commence at 8.00pm (Victorian Time).** Reports and magazines will be distributed to families of secondary students at the end of the night. P-6 reports will go home on Monday afternoon.

P-2 Performance –

I, along with many parents, grandparents and community members

were treated to a special rendition of “The Gingerbread Man” on Thursday morning. I was very impressed with all of the students' execution of their various roles and must say that their attempts to outdance the Gingerbread Man were very groovy. Well done all of our performers and to Mrs Willersdorf and Celeste for their direction and guidance.

Celeste St Clair –

This year Celeste has been furthering her education at MCC, doing her Year 13. This has enabled her to complete a School Based Apprenticeship in Children's Services (Cert III level). She has been an asset as a teacher assistant in the P-2 classroom and I know that the students have adored her. As part of her Children's Services Certificate she has been volunteering at Mallee Minors one day a week and I am very pleased to announce that she has been appointed as a childcare worker for this service across its three locations (Ouyen, Underbool and Murrayville) for 2017.

Congratulations Celeste, we will miss you.

Year 9 First Aid -

Our Year 9 students have completed their Senior First Aid certificate this week under the instruction of Natasha Anderson from Mallee First Aid. This is an important qualification for securing employment in their later teens and post school.





Bumper Harvest –
Mrs Inglis and Mrs Thomas have completed the school harvest this week, between the harvest bans and the showers of rain. The small paddock of crop that was not cut for hay was sown with compass barley.

William Venning brought the seed from home and this crop formed his enterprise for Agriculture. It was very unfortunate that he was too busy working on his own 'harvest job' to come back in and see the final chapter.

Mrs Inglis and Mrs Thomas were astounded by the yield and report that it is the best crop they have ever seen at school! Congratulations William.

Year 7-8 Camp –

All reports from the Year 7/8 camp to Anglesea have been very positive, the weather has been mainly favourable to their activities and it sounds as though all of the students are having a fabulous time.

HPV –

It is with deep regret that I have to announce that I have decided to suspend the HPV program for 2017. This is a very expensive program for a small school like ours to run and unfortunately budgeting for all of our programs is getting harder and harder. It is also extremely demanding on the staff, who take on the responsibility of running this program. For the last three years Eryn Wyatt has been meticulous in her organisation of trainings, preparations and competitions. Our students have benefitted from her extremely professional approach and have achieved some outstanding results through this program. Shilo Wyatt also deserves a great deal of recognition as he has also consistently supported the program and spent countless hours in his own time, preparing the cars, assisting with scrutineering and race days, transporting the cars for repairs and negotiating this on behalf of the school. I would like to take this opportunity to commend them both on this outstanding effort. Thank you so much!

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and safe and happy holidays. See you all in 2017!

Natasha Mudie - Principal

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

NO CANTEEN on Tuesday



Merry Christmas



Certificates for Inspiring Pride were awarded to:

Years P-2

No award this week

Years 3/4

Mac Godden - for the RESPECT he showed for others while on camp

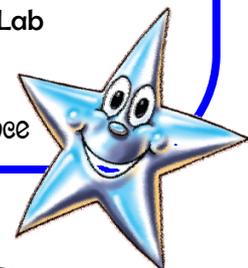
Years 5/6

Jarrod WILKIE - for showing RESPECT towards his and others learning in Integrated Studies!
Being a great team member!

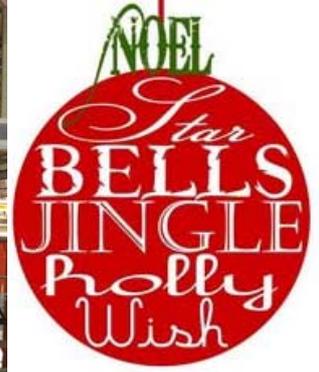
Marnie BELLCHAMBERS – for showing PERSISTENCE in class to complete quality work

Timothy VIRGO – for showing DETERMINATION to complete quality work and maintain a clean work space in the Science Lab

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Year 12 Retreat



From the 23rd to the 25th of November the Year 11 class travelled to Adelaide for our Year 12 retreat after our final exams. The 3 day experience of the trip aims to give students the opportunity to bond and become closer before the upcoming year, to look at further education options and to develop our independence and resilience. This year Mr Willersdorf thought it would be a good idea for our class to separate into small groups and take public transport throughout Adelaide for us to improve our time management skills and learn how to read public transport timetables.

We travelled to Adelaide on Wednesday morning and went straight to Flinders University. Once everyone had stopped complaining about the steep hills it was a really good eye opener for many of our class mates. Our two tour guides were really helpful in answering every question that we had and were quite easy to relate to. Whilst we were at

Flinders we had an amazing opportunity to look at the anatomy program, a computer as big as a table had two human bodies downloaded on it. The bodies had been donated to the science faculty for investigation and for students to study on. The Head of Anatomy let us have a go on the computer however most of us were not game to touch it because it cost the university \$90,000! After the Flinders tour we all divided up into our groups and went to the destination that we were given by Mr Willersdorf and Mrs Cowley. Our group had to make our way to the aquatic centre at Marion before heading back to the resort. All of us were really nervous to start with, but once we caught our first bus, we relaxed and enjoyed ourselves. We stayed at Adelaide Shores Resort and had a great experience there, including pizza and bonding.

Thursday we headed into the city for some breakfast and then we were off to Uni SA. At UniSA we were able to see the new medical radiation area, where students learn how to use radiation to target cancers, which was really interesting. Once again on Thursday we caught public transport from the city back to the resort, via Harbour Town. This was a very funny trip, where Ryan learnt a lot about Lexie and girls in general. We also learnt about 'express' buses, which take you straight to the airport! This wasn't part of the plan, however it did cross our minds, whether we should go somewhere more exciting. Thursday night we had tea at Café Primo and that was a really good time to bond and for the girls to learn a lot about basketball. Once we had finished dinner we were off to bowling, which was good fun. We played two games and everyone was swapped around to give everyone a chance to work with others who weren't in their transport groups. We all told Mr Willersdorf that we needed bumpers, but he wouldn't let us because that was taking the easy way out. By the time we had finished bowling everyone had smiles on their faces, especially Ryan who was showing off with 6 strikes in a row! The big lesson of the night was that we need to believe in ourselves and what we are capable of. Mr Willersdorf said "You guys can do it! You shouldn't look for the easy way out first. You should try

and see how it goes, rather than giving up before you've even started."

Friday we visited Tonsley Tafe, and our tour guide Dennis was awesome. He showed us around all the trade areas, and even got Jack and Caleb motivated to do something exciting in their woodwork next year! By Friday, we were all very tired, but overall the trip was a great chance to develop closer friendship in the class and with Mr Willersdorf and Mrs Cowley.



Lexie, Tara and Ryan

Marvellous Mallee

This year the school was fortunate enough to receive a grant from the Mildura Rural council for an Art Project to showcase the Mallee. We have decided to incorporate Visual arts and dance to showcase 'Marvellous Mallee'.

In art classes Julie Andrews has students producing a clay tile to showcase an aspect of this area. The tile is then fired, glazed and fired again. These will then be placed onto totem poles which will be scattered round the school. It is anticipated that every child in the school will produce a tile.



Next year parents and people in the community will also have the opportunity to come to school and make their own tile that will depict an aspect of the Mallee that is important to them and have this placed on a totem pole. This is a community school so we hope to have as many community members participate as possible.

In conjunction with this we have Sue Howard-Denton visiting the school for a week in March where children will be learning a dance that will portray the Mallee. This will culminate in a performance at school, on Friday 24th March 2017. The night will begin with the official opening of the Art project 'Marvellous Mallee', followed by dance performances and will conclude with a BBQ tea .



Save
THE
Date



PARENTING ONLINE



96% of parents took action to keep their child safe online*

KIDS ONLINE
Parent views and information needs

86%
Took a hands on approach

Strategies				
63% Helped with online tasks	61% Joint online activities	33% Listened to kid's online problems	19% Dealt with online incidents	

70%
Monitored their child's use

Strategies				
55% Watched what they do online	37% Checked browsing history	25% Checked social media profile	23% Checked friends and groups	19% Friended them

59%
Limited their child's use

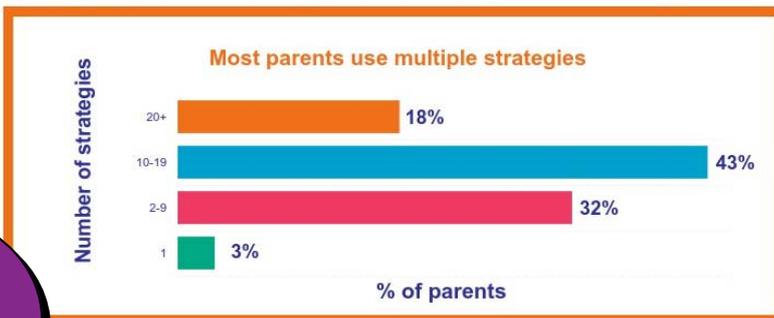
Strategies				
43% Asked them to reduce use	36% Temporarily removed devices	20% Disabled their data access	17% Used internet filters	16% Disabled in-app purchases

79%
Had rules

Types of rules				
57% Length of time online	54% Websites accessed	50% When they can go online	48% Types of accounts	42% Suitability of apps

79%
Spoke to their child

They talked about...				
55% Online rules	52% What they can do online	49% Being responsible & respectful	48% Ways to stay safe online	44% Reducing time online



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This week's message



COLLEGE CALENDAR

19/12 Presentation Night
20/12 End of Term 4

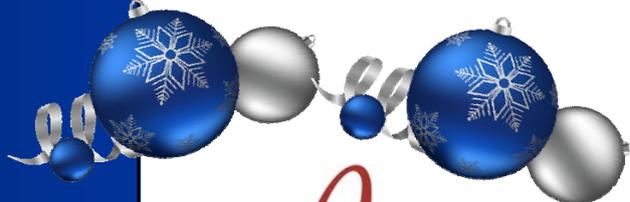
2017 Dates

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

30/1 Teachers return
31/1 Staff First Aid (no students)
Secondary text collection
9am - 12 noon
1/2 Students return to school
1-3/2 Charlton Driver Ed
3/2 Cluster PD for Staff
(no students)



Community Notices



The Joy
of CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATE THE SEASON

A reminder to parents that all absences must be notified to the school and that any planned holidays need to be discussed with the Principal (not just the class teacher).

The school is legally responsible for ensuring that all student absences are followed up.

If your child is ill it is advisable to contact the school by phoning 03 5095 2001 or sending a message via 0457 518 394.

**Remember :
Presentation Night
on Monday**



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



TERM 4

4	95.77%
3	95.58%
5	94.1%
Prep	93.92%
8	93.35%
9	93.27%
2	92.5%
10	91.4%
7	91.23%
12	90%
6	89.06%
11	88.24%
1	86.06%