

Murrayville Community College Newsletter



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From the Principal

Royal Flying Doctors visit –

On Monday our P-6 students were treated to a truly unique experience - the RFDS educational program that brought their full-size aircraft simulator to visit our college and teach our students about the Flying Doctor's role in keeping country Australians healthy. The Aeromedical Simulator that the students climbed inside of was a life-sized replica of a Flying Doctor plane. It was fully equipped with stretchers, communications equipment, oxygen, suction and the medical equipment used by the doctors, nurses and pilots of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Our students heard stories, landed the plane in the outback, rescued a patient and most importantly, climbed on board, strapped themselves in and enjoyed this fantastic experience.

ANZAC Day –

This is a significant day in Australia, when we pause to remember and appreciate those who have served and sacrificed in all wars. It was fantastic to see so many of our students attending and involved in both services. Our students were involved in both the Pinnaroo and Murrayville services. Lexi and Maddison laid the college wreath at the Pinnaroo dawn service, Lexi marched as did Jade, Dermott and Cody who are involved in Scouts. The scout group also helped form the guard of honour at the wreath laying ceremony. In Murrayville, Kynan Milde was assisting in the running of the service and Tara read the poem "In Flanders Fields" during the ceremony, in addition to laying the college wreath.

Farewell Beke –

It is hard to believe that this fabulous, vibrant young woman has been here for 10 months and her stay is almost at an end. Today is her last day of school before she flies out for Germany on the weekend. It has been our pleasure to host Beke as an exchange student. She has been an enthusiastic and motivated member of our school community, made the most of every opportunity and participated in a variety of extra-curricular activities. She has been a valuable member of the secondary choir and participated in elective dance. She has given her all in class, sports and on camps. I sincerely hope that you have had a great experience in the Mallee and enjoyed your time at our college. We will miss you Beke!

Cross Country -

Our house Cross Country will run next Friday morning, commencing at 9:30am. More details are provided on page 2 of this newsletter, and I encourage parents to support students with their attendance.

3-Way Interviews -

These commenced on Wednesday evening in Murrayville for parents of secondary students and will continue next Wednesday in Pinnaroo. Please encourage your child/ren to attend with you and use this opportunity to discuss their progress with their teachers.

Natasha Mudie - Principal

TESSELAR BULBS ...

A reminder that orders end Monday. Please support our kitchen garden project by going online to order some extra colour for your gardens.



Attendance
17/4 - 21/4

Prep,1,2,3,4	100%
5, 10	97.73%
6	96.88%
12	93.34%
7	93.19%
8	91.67%
11	85.42%
9	83.34%

Parents please note 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).

If your child is ill please contact the school by phone (03 5095 2001) or email.

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY – Friday 5th of May

Races will start at 9:30am and finishing at approximately 10:45am.

Students may come dressed ready to run in their sports clothes and will change back into their school clothes at recess. They are expected to come to school as normal in the morning to mark off rolls. Primary students will then be bussed down to the oval while secondary students will be walking with staff members.

All secondary students will run first, starting at 9:30am.

All primary students will then run, starting at approximately 10am.

Presentations will follow straight after races finish.

The course is the same as we used last year, starting on the oval near the ticket box gate, running along the boundary line and in between the benches, around the golf course and football oval, and finishing near the middle of the oval which will be marked out.

- 5-6 year olds run 500m or 1 lap of the oval
- 7-8 year olds run 1km or 2 laps of the oval
- 9-18 year olds run 3km or 2 laps around the golf course

*16-18 year old Boys run 5km or 3 laps around the golf course and 1 lap around the oval.

Please park vehicles near the tennis and netball courts, not around the football oval as this is where the students will be running. The best place to watch students run is in front of the rec hut, down to the football change rooms, or in the middle of the oval on the opposite side of the finishing straight. The course will be marked out with cones so it should be easy to see where to view the run.

ADVANCE NOTICE for parents of Secondary Students

Pathways and VCE Information

for 2018 will be on 9th August at 3:30pm (following the House Athletics)

CANTEEN

ALL ORDERS TO BE PLACED
at the Front Office BEFORE SCHOOL

AVAILABLE MONDAY-FRIDAY

Cold foods are: Wraps / Sandwiches / Rolls

Hot foods are:

Ham & Cheese / Chicken & Cheese Hot Rolls \$4

HOT FOODS available on

MONDAYS and FRIDAYS ONLY

Pies / Pasties \$4.50

Large Sausage Rolls \$3

Party Pies \$1

Pizzas (Ham & Pineapple or Bacon & Cheese) \$2

Sauce 20c

Please - no more than \$5 in your envelope

Check NEW prices in last week's newsletter

On days when the Canteen Manager is absent there will only be PASTRIES and PIZZAS available - no sandwiches/rolls/wraps will be prepared

FRIDAY 5th & Monday 8th May will
be PASTRIES and PIZZAS ONLY

PRIDE AWARDS

Prep-2 :

Sarah ALLAN -
for EXCELLENCE
in Spelling

3-4 :

Riley MUSGROVE -
for showing DETERMINATION
to improve his Cross Country
Mya JENZEN -
for showing DETERMINATION
to improve her Maths and English
by doing extra work at home

5-6 :

Eliza WALLIS -
for showing DETERMINATION
towards her Mathematics work and improving
her process knowledge
Sharon JOSEPH -
for showing DETERMINATION
towards her Mathematics work and improving
her process knowledge

THE FORENSIC DETECTIVE

Interested in Forensic Science? Deakin University is running hands-on laboratory workshops giving students an opportunity to take their learning to a new level. Year 9 and 10 students with an interest in forensic science are invited to attend. During the 3 hour workshop they will complete activities related to:

- entomology
- fingerprinting
- pollen, hair and fibre analysis

Daily sessions run from 10am to 2pm Monday 5 - Friday 16 June at the Geelong campus. Strictly limited to 40 students per day (2 labs of 20).

Further info at deakin.edu.au/sebe



A big thank you to every teacher and student for making my school-time in Australia so enjoyable. From day one I felt welcome at this place and this school, as all people were open, friendly, wanted to know me and include me in their friendship groups. I could not ask for a better family, school and community to spend my time with. 10 months in this school - never thought it would be over this quick. Living in a small town was nothing new but being at such a small

school was a completely new experience however I really liked it. It gave me the opportunity to get to know everyone personally and I met absolutely great people who I made even better memories with! You guys make it really hard for me going back to Germany. But I can happily say this place will always be my second home. I have already seen Sydney, Melbourne, the Mallee and Adelaide, and I will definitely come back after finishing school to see more of Australia.

Good luck to Lowan and Winjeel for cross country and to all netball and football teams for this season. Becks



CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card successfully validating with Centrelink on either the first day of term one or term two

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$125 for primary school students and \$225 for secondary school students. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, and have not already made a claim, please contact Joylene Moyle at the school to make a claim.

NAPLAN
NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy

The National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2017 for Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 students will be held on Tuesday 9th May, Wednesday 10th May and Thursday 11th May. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

Writing: The NAPLAN Writing test assesses a student's ability to convey thoughts, ideas and information through an independent construction of a written text in standard Australian English.

Reading: The NAPLAN Reading test assesses the ability of students to independently make meaning from written standard Australian English texts including those with visual elements.

Language Conventions: The NAPLAN Language Convention test assesses a student's ability to independently recognise and use correct standard Australian English spelling, grammar and punctuation in written contexts.

Numeracy: The NAPLAN Numeracy test assesses student's knowledge of mathematics; their ability to independently apply that knowledge in context, and their ability to reason mathematically.

All Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 students are expected to participate in NAPLAN tests. During test week catch-up time is available up to and including Friday 12th May for students who are absent and need to sit the required tests.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding NAPLAN please contact your classroom teacher or Janene Chaplin.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAP website at www.nap.edu.au.

COLLEGE CALENDAR

1/5	Bulb orders due
3/5	Parent/Teacher Interviews : Pinn
4/5	Arts Council : 7-12
5/5	House Cross Country
9/5	Practice GAT : VCE students
9-11/5	NAPLAN
15/5	College Council
16/5	Mallee Cross Country
	Arts Council : P-6
9-11/5	NAPLAN
23/5	SAPOL Driver Safety : Year 11
25/5	Year 7 immunisation
6/6	Zone Cross Country
19-23/6	12 Outdoor Ed
23/6	Macbeth Workshop : Year 10
26-30/6	Year 10 Work Experience
27/6	Reports sent home
30/6	Cluster Day : Student Free
	End of Term
17/7	Start of Term 3
	Year 7 immunisation

Community Notices

Eagles Baseball Club invites you to come and join their family friendly club
 TIME : Thursday from 4:30pm
 LOCATION : Old Aerodrome Sporting Complex, Mildura
 For more information contact the club on ebcmildura.secretary@gmail.com
 Kim Law - 0428399336 or Andrew Law - 0447006975
 Facebook - *Eagles Baseball Club Inc*



AGE GROUPS
 U/7 – T-BALL
 U/10 – COACH PITCH
 U/13 – LITTLE LEAGUE
 U/15 - BASEBALL
 U/17- BASEBALL
 SENIORS - BASEBALL



Cut off date for all Junior age groups is May 1st

Sensational Saturday
 with Sean W Smith
SATURDAY 29TH APRIL 2017
@ MALLEE LIFE CHURCH
 88 RAILWAY TCE NORTH, LAMEROO
 For kids age 6+ **7 - 9 PM**



PLAYERS/SUPPORTERS REUNION
 Murrayville Football & Netball Clubs
 Saturday 17th June
 Registration from 10am at the oval
 Football/netball from 10:30am,
 followed by dinner, jumper auction
 and music in the Murrayville Hall
 RSVP by May 17th

WELL WOMENS CLINIC : MURRAYVILLE
 Glennis Barnes from MTHCS will be
 visiting Murrayville on
 Tuesday May 8th
 To book your pap smear appointment
 please phone
 Joy on 5095 2070
 or Jacqui on 5095 2205

HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT Share your Australia

Open your home and heart to an overseas exchange
 student and gain an international family member!
 WEP gives priority to families who are curious and keen to
 share their part of Australia with an eager young student
 aged 15-18 and attending school full-time.

Check out wep.org.au/host
 for more information



Compromise
 is the
 cornerstone
 of diplomacy