

Murrayville Community College Newsletter

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From the Principal

Welcome back –

It is hard to believe but we are now already a week into Term 4. I hope everyone got the opportunity for a sleep-in, a recharge and left all of their sicknesses behind in the holidays, before we embark on this very busy term. With exams looming, the Year 12s have been completing their October tests (practice exams) this week to determine where they need to concentrate their revision efforts over the next 2 weeks. Their first exam is English on the 27th of October. There are also a number of camps this term, including 5/6 to Ballarat, 7/8 to Cape Bridgewater, 9/10 to Horsham & Mt Arapiles and the Year 11s to Adelaide for their Year 12 retreat. There are a number of transition events for students moving into the next stage of schooling,

beginning with visits from next year's Preps. There are a number of professional development opportunities for staff and in a few weeks report writing will be well underway. Classes and teachers will now begin to prepare the school magazine pages and we will blink and it will be Presentation Night. This is still an important term as students complete their units of work and final assessments.

Greening Mildura Garden Awards –

Last term, the school entered our garden in these awards. During the holidays we were informed that we were finalists and that the Greening Mildura Committee along with Sophie Thomson (from the ABC program Gardening Australia) would like to see our garden on Wednesday morning. Due to our distance from Mildura the committee used 'facetime' to see our wonderful garden and were able to talk to the students who explained how the garden is integral to their learning across the year levels. Students discussed how they grow and cook their own food in 3-6 Kitchen Garden and how they are promoting sustainability by making their own compost, the secondary Agriculture students explained how their course focusses on 'paddock to plate' and showed the propagation of seedlings in the igloo, the VCAL students explained how they had redeveloped the indoor garden and how they had met literacy and numeracy outcomes through this project, Darcy explained the concept behind the development of the Tranquility garden.

The students and Mrs Andrews also showed off the whole school arts projects that have enhanced our garden, such as the Marvellous Mallee totem poles and the bottletop mural.

It was an absolute thrill to be at the award ceremony when our school was awarded "The best school garden for 2017". I would like to acknowledge the following people who made success in this award possible - many thanks to; our wonderful students who are active gardeners and were involved in the projects that gave our school the edge, to Peter Sporn who always ensures our school gardens and grounds look immaculate, to Joylene Moyle who has assisted in the planning of the garden over a long period of time and put the award entry together, to Helen Pritchard who has taken on Kitchen Garden this year, to Janine Crane who comes in weekly to assist with Kitchen Garden, to Di Finn and Barb Ireland who assisted Darcy and the VCAL students with their projects and to Julie Andrews whose vision for whole school artworks have enhanced our garden immensely.

Duke of Edinburgh Award –

Our Year 9/10 students have again been very busy this week in their service. They cleared and cleaned up a whole section of the Pine Hill nature trail and removed a large amount of rubbish, mainly rusty tin cans from historical dumps. Great work!



Canteen -

Unfortunately Mrs Ross is extremely unwell in Melbourne and we are unsure when she will be back on duty. We wish her a speedy recovery from her illness and thank you for your understanding in ordering only hot foods in the meantime.

Zone Interschool Athletics -

Ten of our secondary students who had qualified to compete at this high level travelled to Bendigo Tuesday afternoon with Mr Willersdorf and Ms Witmitz to participate in the zone athletics. Although competing against quite professional athletes, our students performed extremely well and will, no doubt, benefit from their experience.

CANTEEN

**ALL ORDERS TO BE PLACED
at the Front Office BEFORE SCHOOL**

... HOT FOODS ONLY ...

because our canteen manager is away

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

There will be NO sandwiches or wraps

available until Mrs Ross returns

Bendigo Bank

On behalf of the SRC I wish to thank Bendigo Bank for supporting the student's application for \$550 to contribute to the purchase of sport singlets for interschool events. The number of our students who qualify to represent the school further afield at Regional and State level has increased over time. Our competitor schools all have professional sport singlets to wear on these occasions which are light weight for running and not too loose for events like high jump and long jump. I commend the SRC for their initiative in raising and seeking funding in their bid for our school to purchase sport singlets which can be worn with pride at these events. The singlets will bear the Bendigo Bank logo in recognition of the bank's funding contribution. Thank you Bendigo Bank!

Natasha Mudie - Principal

GOOD LUCK to ...

Jonathon Peers (High Jump and discus) and
Harvey Crane (1500m)

who will be competing at the Regional Athletics day held in Bendigo on Monday the 16th of October.

We look forward to hearing about your experience and results

CONGRATULATIONS to

Cooper Wisneske ...

who was selected to participate in the Darren Lehman Cricket Academy 12 and Under Super League Carnival at the Adelaide University Cricket ground at West Beach over the holidays. His side, the Southern Storm, was coached by Andrew Niblett. Cooper played very well throughout the carnival, bowling very good leg spin for the three days and never got out whilst batting.

His effort and skill were rewarded at the end of the carnival being selected in the DLCA Team of the Carnival from 72 players who attended, what a huge achievement. Well done Cooper!



On Monday morning, we went to Swan Hill for our 3/4 camp. On Tuesday we went to do rope making. You had to use twine which is a type of tree. Here is the instructions to make a rope. You had to have three metal hooks to make the rope and they had to have three hooks on your left and right. Also you had to have four layers of the twine rope. You turned the handle to twist the twine to make the rope. Later that day we all went to the Kaneira West school 3887. In the olden days they had to use black ink. We had to use ink too - it was a little bit hard. When we started Mr Watson came and sat next to Evie and I. Mr Watson was so good writing with ink but we still had fun. Brooklyn wrote on a chalkboard and it said the teacher was an old bag. So he had to go and face the wall. It was all pretend. At school camp I enjoyed going on the paddle steamer because it was good fun. Then we got to go on the top of the paddle steamer. I had a good time at the Pioneer Settlement. There was another school there and they played with us. *Mya*



Firstly, we arrived in Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement (the lodges). Then we played some games outside. The next day we cleaned up our bedrooms then we ate breakfast and then we cleaned up a bit more. After that we sat in our room and talked of how and what we were going to do. Matilda said we should sit on our beds and greet the teachers. Steffinie and Sam were sitting on their beds reading. Mya was outside the door. Matilda was the door opener. I sat on my bed and greeted the teachers. Jai's room basically won but we still had a lollipop.

On Tuesday at the Pioneer Settlement we went to an old school. Brooklyn called the teacher an old bag but it was just fake. He got sent to the naughty corner. It was really funny. On Wednesday we came home. I listened to music. I had great fun. *Evie*



On Monday the 18th we went to Swan Hill for camp. That night there was a spectacular laser light. It was about the history of the Murray river. It was so colourful it had rainbows, snow, bubbles and water.

On Tuesday night the 19th we were supposed to go swimming but the bus battery ran out so we had to do it on Wednesday when it got fixed, then we went. While we were at the pool it got warmer and warmer and we played chasey. Farren was it. On Tuesday when we had free time i bought a black swan, lollies and a glass ball. We did rope making but it was so hard to spin it, but it was worth it. We played tug of war and we did skipping. I didn't do it because I don't like skipping I will miss Swan hill but I will remember it forever. My favorite part was heading home. I really, really loved camp. *Samantha*



On Monday the 18th of September the 3/4 class went to Swan Hill for camp. When we got to Swan Hill we stopped to have lunch at a playground. After we had lunch everyone got into groups of three or four to play. Next the 3/4 class got to the pioneer settlement lodges. Then we set up our beds. Afterwards Mr Watson put me in a room with Brooklyn, Lachlan and Farren. Later on the 3/4 class went to the Pioneer Settlement and we met Glennis and she taught us doll making and it was fun. On Wednesday we went to the heated pool and it was so warm. It was the best thing at Swan Hill. Soon the 3/4 class went back to the Pioneer Settlement. Then we did an indigenous program and I loved it so much. Barch showed us how to throw a boomerang and I learnt how to make butter. *Harvey*

On Monday the whole class except Riley went to Swan Hill for camp. We went to a place called the Pioneer Settlement. We met a lady called Glennis who was going to teach us and show us around the settlement. Later in the afternoon we went on the P.S Pyap. It was kind of scary when we started moving but it was actually really fun! It went up the river and back, it took an hour! When we got back we went back to our camp. We got changed to go to the heated pool but the bus broke down. On Wednesday in the morning we had to leave to go to the heated pool! After we went to the pool we went back to the Pioneer Settlement to learn about how aboriginals lived 1,000s of years ago. Straight after that we had a bit of free time. Then we ran over to the bus and drove until we arrived at Ouyen. We ate morning tea while Mrs Willersdorf filled up the bus and then went home. *Ivy*

On the ride to Swan Hill I was next to Brooklyn and we listened to music and talked for 3 hours. We stopped in Ouyen and had morning tea. The next stop was Swan Hill. On Wednesday we learnt about indigenous people. We learned that they made a mark to tell that there is food in that tree. To get the food down from the tree they made steps to climb up the tree. There is a meeting tree to discuss important stuff. They made a pyap out of wood. They had to cut it out with a sharp rock. When someone can't cut more of the tree someone will climb on him and start where he left off. *Ethan*

3-4 Swan Hill
Camp Stories



On the 18th of September we left Murrayville at 8.55 to go to Swan Hill. When we first arrived at Swan Hill we went to the park and had lunch. Then we had a play on the playground equipment and after that we went to the Pioneer Settlement Lodges to get out our suitcases. Then we had to come back outside to go to the Pioneer Settlement.

We went to the front office to meet Glynis. Then Glynis took us out the back to show us around the whole Pioneer Settlement. Then we went in to groups of three and I was with Ethan and Brooklyn. We went to the big paddle steamer to look around, then we went to the general store and Ethan and I bought a mood ring. Ethan and I slept with our mood ring on but in the morning we noticed that the star came off. Then we woke up and saw the Hillston kids. So we played marks up and then we went to the Pioneer Settlement. We made dolls with wooden pegs. It was fun and we also did rope making. *Liam*



On Monday 18th the 3/4 class went to Swan Hill. In the middle of the trip we stopped at Ouyen and played at the playground. We also stopped at the Swan Hill playground for lunch. It was super fun because there were three parts of the playground. Two were normal and one was exercise. At the Pioneer Settlement we met someone called Glynis. We made dolls using pegs. I was going to make a ninja but it didn't turn out so I made a bird man.

On the last day we went to a heated pool and it was good fun because it was huge. I had a great time at camp. *Reece*



On Monday the 18th of September the 3/4 class went to Swan Hill for camp. The bus trip was around two hours long but we stopped at Walpeup and Ouyen.

Then before you know it we were there at Swan Hill. Before we went to the lodges we ate lunch and played at a playground next to the camp. At the lodges we had a huge grass area to play on. It was awesome.

We did lots of fun things but one of my most favourite was the laser light show. Sitting on the seats on the Murray river bank with lights shooting from the river telling a story about how the Murray river formed. It was...SPECTACULAR! My other most favourite thing was the school. Brooklyn called the teacher an old bag so he got a whack with the cane and then he had to stand in the corner.

We wrote in ink on a certificate. It had to be really neat. Swan Hill was amazing. One day you should visit Swan Hill camp. I loved Swan Hill. *Matilda*

3-4 SWAN HILL CAMP

On Monday all of the 3/4 class except Riley who was away went on school camp. I really enjoyed making butter or butter churning because we got to eat our butter with some damper our guide Glynis made. YUM! We had to use a butter beater to beat our butter. We enjoyed our butter and damper and then we did our next activity which was free time.

On Tuesday the 19th we learnt about morse code. Then we had to decode an encrypted message which was 'Many hands make light work'. I thought it was amazing. On Tuesday night we were meant to go swimming but the bus had a flat battery so we went in the morning. We also went to the general store and bought some rings - 1 mood ring and 2 normal rings that do nothing. I went on vintage car rides (the car was 92 years old) and 6 horse and cart rides. The horses' names were Jem and Joe. We even went on the paddle steamer called Gem. The Gem was also very old. The beds were so uncomfortable and they smelt yucky! The girls played 'who would you rather' and I snored the whole 2 nights there. It was the most marvellous camp ever. *Steffinie*

On Monday the year 3 and 4 class went to Swan Hill for our school camp. Firstly we had play lunch at Ouyen park. After that we played chasey on the playground. When we went to Swan Hill we went to our lodges and then we got our cases off the bus. Then we took them to our bedroom. Just then we went outside to play footy. We went to the Pioneer Settlement to look around. Then we went in groups and my group was Liam, Evie and me. We went to the Gem boat. We did activities including rope making and peg dolls. On Wednesday we went swimming and it was lots and lots of fun. That was the best school camp ever!!!! After that we went back to our lodges and got our bags and took them to our bus. Lastly we went home and when I got home I played clash of clans. *Farren*

On Monday we left to go to Swan Hill. We packed our luggage and put it on the bus. After all that, we said bye to our Mums and Dads and then set off to Swan Hill. On the way we stopped at Ouyen for a toilet break. Mrs Willersdorf drove the bus to a petrol station to get some fuel. While she was doing that everyone started playing on the playground till Mrs Willersdorf got back. Then we stopped at Swan Hill Playground and ate our lunch. After our lunch we played on the equipment there. After that we drove to the lodge and unpacked. On Tuesday, we went on a Paddle Steamer called the PS Pyap. On the PS Pyap it was fun because it moved and we went to the front of the boat. We went on the second floor but we weren't supposed to. On the way we went past the caravan park, a parked houseboat and an old paddle steamer. The other school was on the boat as well. On the way back the people at the caravan park waved and we waved back and they took photos of us. I liked the pioneer settlement because we could go in the olden days car, horse and carriage ride and the Gem. All the activities were fun especially in free time.



I went to play on the Gem, at the Church or Jail. I mostly went to the lolly shop to get some lollies. I also had 2 ice creams. I had a really fun time at Swan Hill and can't wait to go on my next school trip. *Jai*

There were lots of different activities on Monday but the one I am going to talk about was on Tuesday.

On Tuesday we went to the pioneer settlement school.

The teacher had written you old bag and she said "Who did this" and I put up my hand. Then I got up and had to stand in the corner of the room. But it wasn't me, it was just a joke that she did. After that we did writing but they used ink and we had to write our names and it was really fun.

The next day it was Wednesday and we went to the river and there was an aboriginal person and a fire. He taught us these amazing things that they did in the olden days. They had to make houses out of sticks and bark and he had built one. He was one of the best at building. They had to go and make weapons so that they could get food. I bought a boomerang. They used boomerangs to get birds and each person would get 5 or more. But I am just going to do it for fun. They used bigger weapons to get the kangaroos and emus too. The camp was THE BEST and I can't wait until next camp. *Brooklyn*



On Monday the 3/4 class went to Swan Hill with Mrs Willersdorf and Mr Watson.

On the way to Swan Hill we stopped for lunch at a playground and after lunch I played on the playground equipment. After that the 3/4 class went on driving to the lodges.

The last day came and we got up at 7, o'clock and after breakfast we were lucky we could go to the heated pool. After we went to the pool then we went back to the Pioneer Settlement for the last lesson. This lesson was about Indigenous life. Instead of wood for the spear there was bone. He showed us how to make a phone call aboriginal style. He showed us how to make a house out of wood, leaves and mud. We went back to Murrayville.

The camp was fun! *Lachlan*





COLLEGE CALENDAR

Community Notices

16/10	Regional Athletics (Prim)
17/10	P-2 to Kow Plains
27/10	Last Day for Year 12
1/11	VCE Exams Start
6/10	Year 7 immunisation
6-10/11	5/6 Camp : Ballarat
7/11	Melbourne Cup Holiday
13/11	College Council
13-17/11	7/8 Camp : Cape Bridgewater
17/11	Year 12 Dinner
20-24/11	9/10 Arapiles : Comm Rec Year 10/11 Exams
24/11	Last Day for Year 11
27/11-1/12	Senior Transition
1/12	Last Day for Year 10
6/12	Whole School Transition Day
14-15/12	Year 9 First Aid
20/12	Presentation Night
22/12	End of School Year

MURRAYVILLE EARLY LEARNING : LADIES NIGHT

Head on over to the Rec Hut on 20th October at 7.00pm for a casual night of shopping, jewellery making and playing with essential oils

Harvested pop up market / Little Henny Jewellery / Young Living Essential Oils

Tickets \$15.00 at the door—includes champagne on arrival and door prizes

Nibbles provided BYO drinks

For catering purposes please RSVP before 16th October to Merryn 0422 022 610

Come along and support this fundraiser for our little kinder

MURRAYVILLE MUSEUM & HERITAGE SOCIETY INC
CELEBRATING HISTORY WEEK

Open Day at the Museum
Tuesday 17th October
1.30-4.00pm

Vintage Clothes
Fashion Parade
Display of Junk Art
Raffle Drawn – 5 Prizes
Entry \$5
Afternoon Tea provided




Murrayville Swimming Pool

A lifeguard update course will be held at the Murrayville pool on Sunday 29th October

They would like to run a full lifeguard course on this weekend as well but need a minimum of 8 new lifeguards

If you are interested in becoming a lifeguard or would like to complete your update, please let Penny Peers know asap on 0427 952 192



YOUTHBREAKTHRU

Featuring youth from CMF International, Fiji.
Including Sereana, Miriama, Ratu & Junior Suguturaga

Live Dancing' Singing & Testimonies from Youth about their breakthrough moments

October 28th 2017 : PINNAROO INSITUTE
11.30am-12..30pm
ALL AGES WELCOME

BRING A FRIEND
Free Sausage
Sizzle
\$1 Soft Drinks
Phone
0429 184 841 or
0418 774 055



Murrayville Dramatic Society
presents

WINK AT THE SPHINX!

Murrayville Public Hall
Friday 27 October at 7:30pm - \$15
(Tickets available at door)

and
Saturday 28 October- \$25
(Table bookings available at the Murrayville Newsagency - 5095 2181)



Learn from the mistakes of others - you can never live long enough to make them all yourself

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

1. Years 5/6 : overview of term 4
2. Year 11 - English text requirements for next year



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