

Murrayville Community College Newsletter



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From the Principal

Year 12 Dinner

What a great night last Friday for the young people pictured above, as well as their parents and teachers, many of whom danced/talked the night away well past the usual finishing time. I wish to thank the teachers for their contributions to the evening's program, particularly Mr Willersdorf for his assistance with the organisation and taking on MC duties and Mrs Inglis for her customary Powerpoint presentation.

Staffing

It is with great regret that I have to announce that due to falling enrolments and an associated decline in our budget we will not be able to renew the contracts of two of our education support staff in 2018. This is in no way a reflection on the way they have carried out their duties in the past as they both have been very valuable members of our staff and are much loved by all the staff and students. Firstly, Mrs Ross has been part of the fabric of the college for over 30 years in different capacities and has been serving in her role as canteen manager since 1998.

She has consistently gone over and above the call of duty in this role and provided the students and staff with a wide array of fresh and healthy food options. The students and staff will miss her happy nature and quick wit.

Secondly, Mrs Oakley has been working as our librarian and assisting classes and students in the primary and secondary sectors, mainly with literacy, since 2011. She has brought a friendly and uplifting vibe to the library and has done some very valuable work with a large number of students across the school. We will all miss her approachability and friendly smile, next year. The library and canteen duties will be redistributed between remaining education support staff, Mrs McNally, Mrs Sporn, Mrs Willersdorf and Mrs Oster as part of their roles for 2018.

Sumdog Success!

Sumdog is an online learning platform that the school subscribes to for students to practice their mathematics concepts and skills in a fun and engaging way. This week our Year 3/4 students



13-17/11

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| 1 | 100%  |
| 10 | 98.1% |
| 4 | 98% |
| 8 | 97.7% |
| 6 | 97.5% |
| Prep | 91.4% |
| 3 | 91.1% |
| 7 | 88.3% |
| 2,9 | 87.5% |
| 5 | 87% |
| 11 | 84% |

Please note : the school must be notified of all absences - if your child is ill please phone (03 5095 2001) or send an email

have competed in the Sumdog Loddon Mallee Mathematics contest and were the first ranked class! Our Year 3/4's competed against 33 other classes and 638 students. The students are awarded points for the number of problems they do and their accuracy. Congratulations to the whole class! Special congratulations to these people who were in the top 50: 4th Reece, 6th Jai, 8th Ethan, 19th Brooklyn, 21st Liam 24th Harvey, 29th Farren, 35th Mya, 50th Matilda

School Camps

I had the privilege to spend 2 days this week at the Horsham/Mt Arapiles camp where the Advance students have undertaken rock climbing, kayaking and bushwalking as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award. I thoroughly enjoyed the time I spent with the group and joining in their activities. I was extremely proud of the group, when their rock climbing instructor told another instructor that they were about the best group she had ever had!! I had to concur the students were fantastic on this trip and the way that they worked together and supported each other was excellent. A huge thank you to Mrs Inglis, Mr Willersdorf and Mrs Finn for their efforts on camp.

Last week's Year 7/8 camp at Cape Bridgewater had some adjustments to its program because of the deluge of rain, but students were still able to complete most of the planned activities (more on pages 3-5). Another huge thank you to Mrs Andrews, Mrs Chaplin, Miss Witmitz and Miss Bailey for attending this camp.

For the past 3 days our current Year 11 students have been on retreat in Adelaide in preparation for Year 12. Team building, student motivation, morale and goal setting were the aims of this camp, which included a visit to Flinders University and the International Hospitality School at Regency TAFE, as well as learning how to use public transport. Again a huge thank you to Miss Bailey for attending this camp also. Next week these students will be undertaking transition into some of their 2018 subjects.

Year 10 Exams

From Wednesday to Friday next week our Year 10 students will have exams in Geography, Science and English. These exams are designed to prepare students for the pressures of Year 12. A number of Year 10 students will be undertaking a Year 12 study in 2018. Results from these will be included as part of their end of year reports.

Primary Booklists

A reminder to parents who have not yet returned these - please make sure they are in by 29th November so that items can be ordered and available for students at the start of the new school year.

Natasha Mudie
Principal

CANTEEN

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

HOT FOODS & SANDWICHES/ROLLS/WRAPPS

Pies / Pasties \$4.50

Party Pies \$1

Sauce 20c

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

Sandwiches / Rolls / Wraps

Please - no more than \$5 in your envelope

The canteen is now back to provision of all items,
as well as the continuation of hot foods
until stocks are depleted

PRIDE AWARDS

P-2:

Nate KELLY -

for showing DETERMINATION
to succeed in completing his Big Write

3-4:

Matilda WYATT -

for EXCELLENCE
in her Lit Circles work

Reece WALKER and Liam WISNESKE -

for DETERMINATION
to achieve good results for our class in the
SUMDOG competition

5-6:

Zac KELLY -

for showing RESPECT
in his role as a Buddy
and being a great role model



On Monday, the first day of camp the year7 & 8 went to Cape Bridgewater for their camp. Our first stop was Pinnaroo to pick up the rest of the class. On our way we stopped at Bordertown to have a stretch. We kept on going then stopped at Penola to have some delicious lunch. From there we went straight on to Cape Bridgewater, we stayed at the Coastal Camp. When we got there we waited a few minutes for Ouyen then went to our cabins to settle in and unpack. After we unpacked we had a quick swim and walk on the beach, it only took us a few minutes to walk down there but the hill was super steep. When we got back we had a shower, dried off and had some tea. As soon as we finished tea we jumped on the buses and travelled to Portland. When we were there we had a look at the port and saw all the big ships getting loaded up. When we came back we had some milo and biscuits for supper then went to bed.

Tuesday was one of the hottest days on camp. However, later in the day, it started to rain, just as predicted. In the morning, we went snorkelling around the coast. It was a long and tiring walk there but it was very fun to see the weird bushes and trees. When we got there, Joe put us into two groups. Group 1 went snorkelling first. After that, group 1 went on a boat ride to see the seal colonies and then continued snorkelling. The other group went rock pooling and then the groups switched over. While rock pooling we got to see heaps of sea stars and some other little sea creatures. After all of that, we walked back to town along the beach, over and around the rocks. We dumped our stuff and headed down to the beach. After a quick swim, we commenced a

raft building competition. Group 2 were the winners while group 1's raft the trip down to the beach. After another swim, there was a sandcastle building contest. Group 2 were yet again victorious with their remake of a thong, against group 1's interpretation of the town. After a final swim we returned back to the camp. After dinner we went for a drive to the blow holes and the Petrified Forest, the forest consisted of some sandstone sculptures that had been created by the force of the ocean. That night we had a quiz night. We were split into groups of four with the Ouyen kids. Jasper and Jarrod's group (Standley's knives) won. After that, we all settled into our beds for the night.



CAPE BRIDGEWATER



On Wednesday morning we went sand boarding. It was raining and the dunes were slippery so the sand stuck to us. We could either choose to go on the board with someone else or alone. Many of us were covered in it due to falling off the boards and rolling down the hill. The hill was very steep and it was quite a tough walk to the top! After a few hours we went back to camp to



have showers and wash off. After lunch, the year 7 & 8s split into groups and rotated between two activities, surfing and caving. Surfing was a blast and everyone enjoyed giving it a go, first the instructors showed us the steps towards standing up and then we spent time perfecting it in the water. Almost everyone got up on their

board and got to ride the waves. Caving was a great experience to go beneath the ground and explore the small spaces of the caves. It was a bit of a squeeze but almost everyone got through it, some of us even had to crawl through puddles of dirty water. After dinner everyone got their sleeping bags and we watched "Finding Dory" in the church at the campsite and ate popcorn. We then had supper and got into

bed ready for another rainy day on Thursday. On Thursday we woke up and it was pouring with rain like it had been the previous night. We were supposed to complete a range of outdoor activities like abseiling and canoeing, but it was too wet. So after breakfast we drove for over an hour to where it was still raining. We first arrived at the Flagstaff Hill Museum where we looked around a historical village. We were informed about the boats that sank around Victoria's coastline which was really interesting. After this we drove to the mall to do some shopping. We all purchased some things that we would not get

Warrnambool



in Murrayville. After an hour we got back on the bus with our purchases and went to the bowling alley. We split into Ouyen/Murrayville groups and played one round of ten pin bowling. We all tried our best and had fun. Then we travelled home and chilled until dinner was served. Dinner was Lasagne and the servings were huge! After tea we had a bit of chill out time and met up with Ouyen people and then the teachers invited us to a disco. We all danced and had fun with each other until 10pm and then we all got to bed and enjoyed the sound of the rain, before a big day of travelling back home! We really enjoyed camp overall with Ouyen and we all want to go back!

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The apple tree donated by Greening Mildura has now been planted by the 3/4 Kitchen Garden students (and Mrs Pritchard). Now we look forward to it providing some nice juicy apples, as well as some extra shade.



COLLEGE CALENDAR

Community Notices

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|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| 27/11-1/12 | 11-12 Transition Year 10 Exam Week |
| 29/11 | Transition : Years 6 & 7 |
| 5/12 | Last Day for Year 10 |
| 6/12 | Whole School Transition Day |
| 14/12 | P-2 Sleepover 3/4 Plays |
| 14-15/12 | Year 9 First Aid |
| 18/12 | Primary Graduation |
| 19/12 | P-6 Pool Party lunch |
| 20/12 | Presentation Night |
| 22/12 | End of School Year |
| 2018 | |
| 30/1 | Secondary Text Collection |
| 31/1 | Students Commence for 2018 |



*If you have any
SPARE FRUIT
our primary teachers
would be pleased to
have it for students
who do **not** bring
anything for fruit break*

Murrayville Early Learning Centre AGM

Friday 1 December at 3:30pm
at the Centre
All families welcome
Apologies to Merryn Beckmann

Sunnycliffs Primary : 1929-2017 Sunday 3 December : 10am to 2pm

An open invitation is extended to all past and present students, parents, teachers and interested community members to visit the school one last time as we move towards closing at the end of 2017. You will be able to visit the classrooms and view photos and memorabilia from the past 88 years. For updated information contact the school on 03 5024 1684 or visit <https://www.facebook.com/SunnycliffsPrimarySchool/>

If anyone has 'Kinder Surprise' egg-shaped containers they don't want, could you please save them for me at school. I will need quite a few – and I don't want to have to eat all that chocolate! Thank you very much. *Helen Pritchard.*

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Youth Services Mildura

Activities include:

- ★ Self Defence \$
 - ★ Laserforce \$
 - ★ Aqua Coaster & Putt Putt \$
 - ★ Movies & Pizza \$
 - ★ Mega Splash Pool Party
 - ★ Film Festival
 - ★ Waves Fun Session
 - ★ Freestyle Art
 - ★ Outdoor Pool Challenge
- January 15-25 : Ages 12-16 years
More information by phoning 5018 8280
or at www.mildura.vic.gov.au/youth
\$15 for those marked \$
Lunch and snacks provided on most days
Enrolments close January 5

EMPTY CHRISTMAS TREE

*(Please bring gifts
for underprivileged
children)*

Cowangie Uniting Church
Sunday 10 December
9:30

If you have any new gifts for children, these can be left at the Murrayville Newsagency. All gifts will be taken to Mallee Uniting Care in Mildura

There is only one thing more painful than learning from experience - that is not learning from experience

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

1. P-2 trip to Mildura
2. 5-6 health education information
3. 5-6 : Year 6 graduation night plans
4. 3-4 : Plays on 14 December

