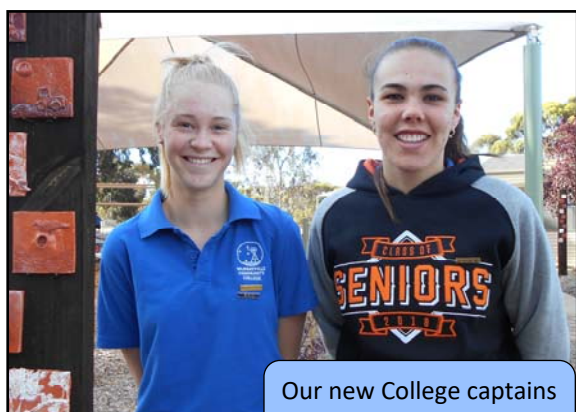


Murrayville Community College Newsletter



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Our new College captains
Kirsty and Maddison

From the Principal

Welcome back -

I trust that everyone enjoyed the break from the routines of school and found time to relax and recharge over the holidays. I would like to extend a very warm welcome all of the students that are new to our school, both in the early years and entering secondary school. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest staff members. Kaitlyn Hellwedge, after teaching at Redcliffs in 2017 has joined our teaching team and will be teaching Years 7, 8, 10 and 11 English. Dmitri Milde, who has made a recent career change, will be teaching Technology from Years 5-12.



New to MCC staff -
Kaitlyn and Dmitri

Penny Peers, who taught at Underbool Primary last year, is replacing Karen Willersdorf in Year 3/4 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) joining Jaimi Willersdorf (Monday, Friday) who will be teaching an extra day in Semester 1, whilst Karen is on leave.

These people will complement the team of inspirational, dedicated and committed teachers that ensure every student is provided with a world class education.

Looking ahead -

We again have an exciting and busy year planned for the students, and many opportunities for families to be involved in our programs and events. The three main events on the calendar in Term 1 are the **School Council BBQ and information night (13th of Feb)**, **House Swimming Sports (16th of Feb)** and the **Deb Ball (3rd of March)**. Please add these dates to your home calendar, as we would love to see you. At the first assembly for the year, I pointed out to the students that they were very fortunate to be studying at our school and benefitting from a rural

education. Last year we were the third ranked public school in the whole state of Victoria for the % of excellent Year 12 study scores, the only two public schools that ranked higher were single-sex select entry schools in inner Melbourne. Our results equalled or bettered many of the prestigious private schools also. I am very pleased to report that every Year 12 student from last year, who applied, was accepted into their course of choice at University and TAFE. I wish those heading straight into their courses and those who are entering work and/or taking a gap year all the very best in their endeavours.



New faces in our
P-2 classroom

Study –

After very successful years in 2016 and 2017, I have every confidence that our students can continue to achieve very strong results for themselves and the school. Building strong study habits prior to senior secondary is a key to success. I pointed out to the whole student body, that it is important to keep a life balance if you are going to be successful at school. This is important all through school, not just senior secondary. Students should get plenty of exercise, eat well, sleep well and spend time with family and friends. However, prioritising study so that it is completed when the student is still fresh and working efficiently, is important. Encourage your children to plan their study so that they can get it done early and have time remaining for other things. Please find the study policy attached to this newsletter, it outlines the expectations for home study. From time to time the home study undertaken by your child may be outside of these guidelines, but as a school we are aiming to ensure that all students have balance in their lives.

Mallee Cluster Teaching Day –

On Tuesday the staff and the three Year 12 girls studying Further Maths headed to Ouyen for a day of collaboration. The Further Maths girls met up with all of the other students and teachers from our cluster schools to go through the secrets of success and the benefits of working together. The majority of the cluster Primary staff worked on professional learning based on 'Big Write'. I want to thank Eryn Wyatt for the work she put in prior to the day to assist in leading this group and congratulate her on the quality of her presentation, by all accounts it was extremely professional and engaging. The secondary teachers broke into groups of like subjects and all worked diligently to set some actions that through collaboration, aim to further drive improvement in teaching and learning across the Mallee. I would like to congratulate all staff for the way they have embraced the spirit collaboration and the shared responsibility for all young people in the Mallee.

Natasha Mudie - Principal



Chaplaincy Matters

A big welcome back to students, families and staff as we begin a new school year! We trust the holidays were restful and that you were able to find a cool place on those hot days!

We are looking forward to beginning another year of Chaplaincy at MCC.

Some of you may be aware that the current round of Chaplaincy funding finishes at the end of 2018. The decision as to whether to continue the national funding is currently before parliament. We wish to raise awareness of this and ask that if you or your child has benefitted from the Chaplaincy programme in this school, or if you would like to see this service continue to be offered, that you consider writing a letter of support to politicians stating this. Unless we speak we will not be heard!

Letters can be sent to our local MPs as well as

- ★ The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, Prime Minister, Parliament House, CANBERRA ACT 2600
- ★ The Hon Scott Morrison MP, Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Australia, PO Box 6022, House of Representatives, Parliament House, CANBERRA ACT 2600
- ★ The Hon Simon Birmingham MP, Federal Education Minister, Parliament House, CANBERRA ACT 2600

We are happy to give you further information about the role of School Chaplains should you require this.

Our days here at school in 2018 will be Tuesdays and Thursdays, you are welcome to make contact with us any time through the school 03 50952001

or email ireland.barbara.c@vic.gov.au

*Working together for the well-being of our young people,
Paul and Barb*

CANTEEN

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

HOT FOODS (Monday & Friday)

SANDWICHES/ROLLS

(Monday to Thursday)

TOASTIES (every day)

Pies / Pasties \$4.50

Party Pies \$1

Sausage Rolls \$3

Sauce 20c

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

Sandwiches / Rolls (see price list provided page 3)

Ham & Cheese Toasties \$2

Please - no more than \$5 in your envelope

CANTEEN PRICE LIST for TERM 1



Available Monday to Thursday ...

FILLING	SANDWICH	ROLL
Ham	\$2.50	\$3.00
Chicken	\$2.50	\$3.00
Ham/Salad	\$4.00	\$4.50
Chicken/Salad	\$4.00	\$4.50
Salad	\$3.50	\$4.00
Ham/Cheese	\$3.00	\$4.00
Chicken/Cheese	\$3.50	\$4.00
Cheese	\$2.00	\$2.50
Cheese/Tomato	\$3.00	\$3.50
Ham/Tomato	\$3.50	\$4.00
Ham/Cheese/Tomato	\$4.00	\$4.50
Tomato	\$2.00	\$3.00
Vegemite	\$1.50	\$2.00

DRINKS

Nippy's milk drinks	\$2.00
Pop-tops - juice	\$1.50
Water	\$1.50

SNACKS

Zooper Dooper	40c
Icy Poles	\$1.20
Frozen yoghurt (tub)	\$2.00
Chips 27g (assorted)	80c

Salad = lettuce, tomato, beetroot, cheese, mayo

Ham & Cheese Toastie \$2.00

**PLEASE NOTE THAT SANDWICHES
& ROLLS ARE AVAILABLE
MONDAY TO THURSDAY ONLY**

**HOT FOODS (below) AVAILABLE
ON MONDAYS and FRIDAYS**

TOASTIES EVERY DAY

... IMPORTANT ...

ALL orders to be placed at the front office BEFORE SCHOOL

Please write name and what is required on a plain envelope (available from school) containing payment - secondary students may order at the front desk without an envelope.

Please ensure you have at least enough money to cover your order - do not expect the canteen to change large notes - definitely no more than \$5

HOT FOODS

Pies / Pasties (Pinnaroo Bakery)	\$4.50
Sausage roll (Pinnaroo Bakery)	\$3.00
Party pie 60g	\$1.00
Sauce	20c
Pizzas - Ham & Pineapple / Cheese & Bacon	\$2.00
Ham and Cheese Toasties	\$2.00

MONDAY	Sandwiches/Rolls <u>AND</u> Hot Foods including Toasties
TUESDAY	Sandwiches/Rolls <u>AND</u> Toasties
WEDNESDAY	Sandwiches/Rolls <u>AND</u> Toasties
THURSDAY	Sandwiches/Rolls <u>AND</u> Toasties
FRIDAY	HOT FOODS & Toasties <u>ONLY</u> (no sandwiches or rolls)



COLLEGE CALENDAR

Community Notices

13/2	Council BBQ / P-6 Information
16/2	House Swimming
23/2	UDSSA Swimming (Years 3-6)
2/3	Sunraysia Swimming (Primary)
3/3	Deb Ball
6/3	Mallee Swimming (Secondary)
9/3	Year 11 PE Cluster Trip (Ouyen)
12/3	Labour Day
22/3	LMR Swimming (Sec & Prim)
29/3	End of Term 1
1/4	Daylight Saving Ends
16/4	Term 2 Commences
27/4	House Cross Country
9/5	Mallee Cross Country
15-18/5	NAPLAN



Commencing
 Tuesday
 6th February
 3:30 to 4:30pm
 Lutheran Church
 Hall, Pinnaroo
 Children can be picked up from
 Pinnaroo school gate
 and walked to the hall
 Afternoon tea provided
 All Welcome



LOOP THE LAKE

Lake Crosbie
 Pink Lakes - Murray
 Sunset National Park
 Saturday 24th March
 * Registration 9am
 * Start 10am
 * All participants must register
 * Cost : Donation towards breast
 cancer in tin at registration
 * Wear something pink or dress up
 * Prizes for best dressed
 * A bus will loop the lake for those
 requiring a ride to the finish line
 * Sausage/hamburger sizzle and soft
 drinks available for \$2.50 each
 * Raffles and merchandise
 * Free water bottles along the way
 * No animals allowed

Underbool Primary School Breast Cancer Fundraiser

Come and join the kids to walk, ride
 or run the 10.5km loop
 There is also a pram friendly track
 suitable for all ages
 More info : 0408 393 817

ALL senior games
 will be played at Murrayville
 on Friday 16th February
 Times below are SA

6:30 Murrayville v Pinnaroo Black (women)
 7:30 Pinnaroo Green v Lameroo (men)
 8:30 Pinnaroo Green v Lameroo (women)
 9:30 Murrayville v Pinnaroo Black (men)
 Food and drink available on the night -
 Soft drinks and water \$2
 Beer and cider \$5
 Sausages in bread \$2
 Hamburgers/Chicken steaks
 (plain) \$5
 (with onions & coleslaw) \$7
 Icy poles 50c

A BBQ tea will be available when both junior
 and secondary teams play at Murrayville
 on Wednesday 14th February
 from 5-7pm
 Sausages in bread \$2
 Chicken Burgers
 (plain) \$5 / (with the lot) \$7
 Drinks \$2
 Icy poles 50c
 Please support these fundraisers

We can't change
 the direction of
 the wind, but we
 can adjust our
 sails to always
 reach our
 destination

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

1. Years 3-4 : Welcome to 2018
2. Year 12 VCE English : 2018 program
3. Year 9 English : 2018 program

Please check that you have received this and, if not,
 contact the College for another copy



Murrayville Community College Study Policy

Rationale

The most successful students are those who develop independent study habits. They practise important skills, revise content thoroughly and regularly and take responsibility for their own learning. Homework benefits students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.

It is an expectation that all students regularly complete study outside of school to be prepared for success in their studies.

Aims

The role of study in the education process is:

- To practise specific practical and thinking skills learnt at school
- To improve literacy and mathematical fluency
- To broaden student knowledge through current affairs
- To hasten student progress
- To develop effective revision skills
- To reinforce self-discipline and personal organisational skills

Implementation

Parents, teachers and students take responsibility for ensuring adequate time needs to be available for the completion of homework.

A suggested average time for each year level to assist staff and students with their planning is:

P-2	15 minutes per night
3-4	20 minutes per night
5-6	½ hour per night
7-8	¾ hour per night : Instrumental, Maths and English only as regular homework, + catch-up
9	1 hour per night
10	1½ hours per night
11-12	2+ hours per night

Term break study

At Murrayville Community College there is an expectation that senior students (Years 10-12) will continue to practise skills, consolidate content, prepare for forthcoming studies and complete essential work missed due to absence during term breaks. Students completing Year 9 may be required to complete pre-reading or preparatory work for commencement of Year 10 during the summer break. Year 12 students who do not complete term break homework have access to the Year 12 room denied.

Students from Years Prep to 9 are encouraged to read for pleasure during term breaks. Parents of students in Years Prep to 9 may request other work to catch-up or further develop skills and understanding. This homework needs to be negotiated with the individual student's teachers and requests need to be made no later than 2 weeks prior to the end of term to allow teachers time to prepare this work.

Monitoring homework

The Homework Policy is attached to the first newsletter of the year.

A letter may be sent to parents at the beginning of the year with specific expectations.

The diary/reading log is an organisational tool to be used in the communication between parents and students regarding homework, and students take their diary to all lessons.

Teacher/parent emails and Google Classroom/Class Dojo will supplement diaries and reading logs.

Responsibilities

Teacher's Responsibility:

Give feedback

Make sure homework is in diary, or allocated electronically

Make homework appropriate/relevant/differentiated

Adhere to homework timetable

Follow up on incomplete tasks / Homework Club

Provide opportunity to do tailor-made work at home to extend/reinforce/assist

Coach students through an understanding of the importance of the diary as an organisational tool

Form teachers to coordinate/facilitate

Recognise students who take responsibility for their own learning

Parent's Responsibility:

Take an interest

Check and sign diary (P-6)

Encourage and support

Provide a suitable homework environment

Be aware of timetable

Communicate with teacher

Interact with students – know what they're learning about

Student's Responsibility:

Use diary/Google Classroom

Ask for help before due date

Be organised – meet deadlines / have appropriate equipment

Expect homework, and do it

Tell parents what homework you have when asked

Evaluation

- This policy will be reviewed annually.

When First Approved: 26th March 2007

When Reviewed / Modified: 13th November 2017