

Murrayville Community College Newsletter



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From the Principal

Electives for 2019 –

The Teaching and Learning Committee of School Council met last night to discuss the offerings for electives next year. It was decided to offer these as Term electives and to extend elective choices to Year 7s. There are a number of new choices within this program and it is intended that we will run an information session for students and parents on Monday 19th of November from 5.30 -7.00pm, so that students can make informed choices about electives. No electives require texts, but parents may need to consider elective choices when ordering stationary.

Primary and Secondary Booklists –

Primary booklists are going home with students today. Please note there are different deadlines for the text and stationery lists. Secondary text booklists are due back to school by next Friday.

If parents or students have any questions about required texts, please contact the school.

Bushfire Preparedness –

We had our first Total Fire Ban in the Mallee yesterday and with harvest now getting under way it is timely that families begin to think about preparing for the possibility of grassfires and bushfires. I personally feel that this is the time of year when we are at the greatest risk of a significant grassfire. Whilst the crops are standing there is considerable fuel load, to carry a fast moving grassfire. Please ensure that you have a current bushfire plan and all of your family members are aware of it.

The school is a relatively safe place to be if there is a bushfire approaching. Our shelter-in-place venue (the gymnasium) is about to undergo some further upgrades, to seal it off from ember attack. We also have a fire-line and hydrants all of the way around the school so that it could be defended if the need ever arose.

I would like to advise that the school will be closed on **CODE RED DAYS**, and that no buses will run on those days.

School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children's services listed on the DEECD Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district.

Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter and SMS message. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast.

This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child.

It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- School camps and excursions will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.

As a bus co-ordinating school all bus routes will be cancelled. →



22-26 October

2, 9	100%
12	96%
5, 7	95%
1, 4	93.3%
11	92.2%
Prep	90%
8	89.2%
3	86.6%
10	85%
6	76.3%

Please notify absences before 9:30am or parents will be contacted by the school

Phone 5095 2001 or email oster.brenda.j@edumail.vic.gov.au



On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan. More information will be included in the next newsletter.

Natasha Mudie
Principal



PPS Pinnaroo
Primary School

HAMILTON SCHOLARSHIP

The Hamilton Scholarship is open to Pinnaroo Primary School students in their last year of primary schooling and in their first year of secondary schooling. Information regarding the scholarship is available at the front office at Pinnaroo Primary School. All applications are due by Friday 23rd November for the panel to read and nominate a scholarship winner or winners.

CANTEEN

ALL ORDERS TO BE PLACED
at the Front Office BEFORE SCHOOL
Late orders will only have access
to ham & cheese toasties

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)

Pies/Pasties \$4.50 : Party Pies \$1 : Sausage Rolls \$3

Sauce 20c

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

Sandwiches / Rolls

Ham & Cheese Toasties \$2

Please - no more than \$5 in your envelope

This week Mrs M introduced the primary school to Jackie French, an Australian author who grew up near Brisbane and has won over 60 book awards for both children's and young adult literature.



Jackie is the author of a wide variety of books including hilarious picture books through to incredible true Australian stories. At assembly on Monday Mrs M treated primary school students to a reading of 'Pete the Sheep'.
Eryn Wyatt



PRIDE AWARDS

P-2:

Bernice PIETERSE
for DETERMINATION
in her writing

3-4:

Emmazyn EDWARDS
for showing DETERMINATION
in Science experiments

5-6:

Zac KELLY
for showing RESPECT
in his approach to school and his learning
- being focussed and showing diligence

John and Maud Askew Primary Scholarships for Years 4, 5 and 6 students

Scholarship details

- Sponsored by Equity Trustees
- Valued at \$500 (Year 4 and 5) and \$1,000 (Year 6)
- Ten (10) scholarships for Year 4, (10) for Year 5 and (20) scholarships for Year 6 will be awarded in 2019.

Who can apply?

- Students who are currently completing **Year 4, 5 or 6** in 2018 in a registered **Victorian government school**
- Students involved in school and community activities
- Families or students who demonstrate financial need.

What documentation you need to provide?

- Applicant's 2018 academic results
- Statements confirming the applicant's involvement in school and community activities
- Evidence of the applicant's parent/guardian receiving Centrelink benefits in 2018 and the parent/guardian holding either a Health Care Card, a Low Income Health Care Card or a Pensioner Concession Card - Centrelink Reference Number required.

John and Maud Askew Primary Scholarships for Years 7 to 11 students

Scholarship details

- Sponsored by Equity Trustees
- Valued at \$1,000 each
- Thirty (30) scholarships will be awarded in 2019.

Who can apply?

- Students who are currently completing **Years 7 to 11** in 2018 in a registered **Victorian government school**
- Students involved in school and community activities
- Families or students who demonstrate financial need.

What documentation you need to provide?

- Applicant's 2018 academic results
- Statements confirming the applicant's involvement in school and community activities
- Evidence of the applicant's parent/guardian receiving Centrelink benefits in 2018 (for those students under the age of 16 years) and holding either a Health Care Card, a Low Income Health Care Card or a Pensioner Concession Card, or the applicant receiving the Youth Allowance (Centrelink Reference Number required).

Dammery Educational Trust Scholarships for Year 10 students

Scholarship details

- Sponsored by Equity Trustees Limited
- Valued at \$1000
- Thirty scholarships to be awarded in 2018.

Who can apply?

- Students who are completing **Year 10** in 2018 in a registered **Victorian government school**
- **Only** students who intend to complete **Year 11 in 2019** and **Year 12 in 2020** should apply
- Families or students who demonstrate financial need.

What documentation you need to provide?

- Applicant's 2018 academic results
- Evidence of the applicant receiving Youth Allowance or the applicant's parent/guardian receiving Centrelink benefits in 2018 and the parent/guardian holding a either a Health Care Card, a Low Income Health Care Card or a Pensioner Concession Card (Centrelink Reference Number required).

Closing Date for the above Applications

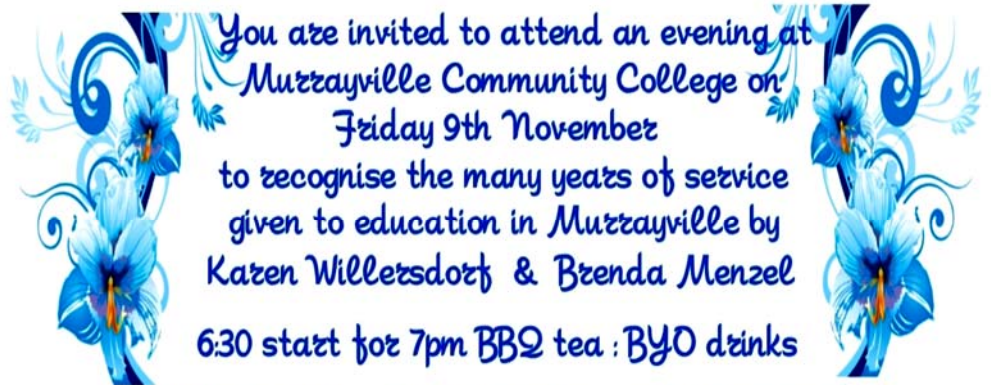
1 February 2019



COLLEGE CALENDAR

6/11	Melbourne Cup Holiday
13-16/11	5/6 Camp : Adelaide
15/11	Year 7 Immunisation
19/11	College Council
19-20/11	Years 10 & 11 Exams
20-28/11	Somers Camp
26-27/11	Year 11 Transition to Year 12
21-23/11	Year 12 Retreat
28/11	Student Free Day
29-30/11	Year 11 Transition to Year 12
3-7/12	Sport & Rec to Robe
10-14/12	7/8 Camp to Mt Gambier
11/12	Whole School Transition
13/12	College Council
	Year 6 to Ouyen - re Transition
13-14/12	Year 9 First Aid
19/12	Presentation Night
21/12	End of School Year

We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the first peoples and traditional custodians of the lands where we live, learn and work. We pay our respects to the Elders, both past, present and future, for they hold the memories, traditions, culture and hopes of Indigenous Australians.



RSVP to 03 50952001 or oster.brenda.j@edumail.vic.gov.au by 5th November please

BOOKLISTS for 2019

These were sent home today with PRIMARY students, with a request to return the relevant section by 16th November. Stationery order forms for the newsagency have also been given to secondary students this week. Please complete the secondary booklists and return to the front office as soon as possible to facilitate ordering. The SECONDARY forms are required by NEXT FRIDAY (9th November).

Year 7/8 Camp to Mount Gambier

December 10th – 14th 2018

Parents of Year 7/8 Students are reminded that the first \$150 of the Year 7/8 camp fee was due to be paid by today, November 2nd 2018. If you have not already paid this, can you please do so at your earliest convenience?

\$150 Due November 2nd 2018

\$200 Due November 23rd 2018

Please contact Joylene Moyle at the College if you wish to discuss payment.

Happiness is when
what you think,
what you say and
what you do
are in harmony

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

1. 3/4 Students : Swimming during PE
2. Year 11 : Adelaide Retreat to prepare for Year 12



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