



# Murrayville Community College

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### From the Principal

#### Questacon Visit –

We were very fortunate to have Questacon visit on Friday for a free hands on workshop for our students in Years 6-10. The workshop focussed on innovative design thinking, and equipping students with the confidence to test and refine ideas through hands-on digital and practical prototyping. Our students participated in the *Wind Tunnel Challenge* where the students were presented with the challenge of engineering an object using limited materials that will float in a wind tunnel for a minimum of 10 seconds. It took students through the innovation process of think, make, try and refine. This environment encouraged and allowed students to learn from their mistakes, which is integral and invaluable to the learning process as a whole. Scientific concepts such as air resistance and lift were also reinforced through the process.

#### Interschool Swimming –

A big congratulations to all of our students who competed at Ouyen last Friday. It was fantastic that MCC was declared the overall winning school. Special congratulations and good luck to those who have advanced to the next level to swim in the Sunraysia South Carnival on Thursday. Good luck to our secondary students who will be representing MMM (Murrayville, Managatang, Millewa) at the Mallee division swimming in Mildura tomorrow. Thank you to all of the parents who are supporting by attendance at these interschool events. Congratulations to Mr Willersdorf on his fantastic organisation of all of these events, February and March are very busy times for sports coordinators.

#### Attendance -

I have been recently reviewing our Attendance Policy and checking the School Attendance Guidelines. I thought it timely to remind parents that attendance at school is treated very seriously by the department and rightly so. Daily attendance at school is compulsory for all students aged 6-17.

Daily attendance is important for all

children and young people to succeed in education and to ensure they do not fall behind both socially and developmentally. School participation maximises life opportunities for children and young people by providing them with education and support networks. School helps people to develop important skills, knowledge and values that set them up for further learning and participation in their community. We are obligated to follow up any absences and there is a set of procedures to follow when unexplained absences accumulate.

We ask that parents contact reception either by email, SMS or phone on the day of an unplanned absence by 9.30am, after this time reception staff will follow up the absence by SMS or phone. Please provide a reason for the absence as the college is obligated to keep a record of the reason for the absence, given by the parent. I as principal must then determine whether this is a *'reasonable excuse'*. Illness, health appointments, bereavement are all examples of *'excused absences'*. Absences when attending a family holiday during school time is only marked as an *'excused absence'* when the parents have contacted the school in advance. Notes or messages that do not include a reason for the absence, mean the absence will be recorded as an *'unexcused absence'*. Five or more unexplained or unexcused absences is enough to trigger further procedures.

Please understand that our staff are only doing their job, when they are following up absences and are requesting a reason for the absence and are not attempting to pry or make judgement.

Natasha Mudie  
Principal



#### 18 Feb - 1 Mar

★ 12	100%
Prep	98.5%
9	95.4%
11	95%
5	93.5%
10	90.8%
8	90.5%
3	90%
2	89.2%
4	88%
6	87.5%
1	86.6%
7	83.3%

Please notify absences before 9:30am or parents will be contacted by the school  
Phone 5095 2001,  
SMS 0457 518 394 or  
email oster.brenda.j  
@edumail.vic.gov.au

### Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund

Families, or students over 16, who hold a valid means-tested concession card on the first day of term one (29.1.19) or term two (23.4.19) may be eligible to claim from the Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund. The school will be paid for each eligible applicant and will receive \$125 per primary student and \$225 per secondary student to be used for their Camps, Sports & Excursions.

If you believe you may be eligible, please contact Joylene Moyle at the school before June 21st to apply. If you have claimed in previous years, Joylene will automatically claim for you again in 2019.

#### Timeline for School Council election process:

Distribute ballot papers (if required): March 5

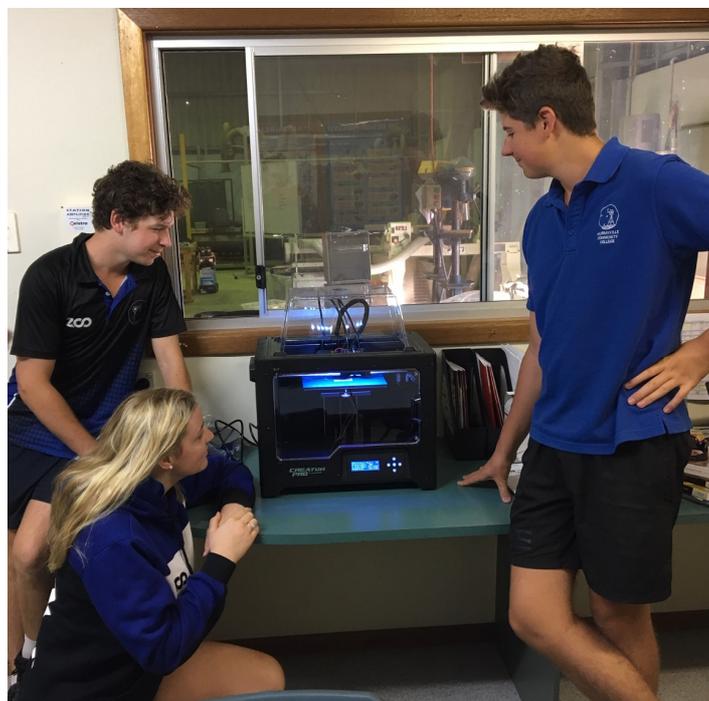
Close of ballot: March 15

Declaration of Poll: March 18

New Council meets: March 25



Systems Engineering students are seen checking out the Flashforge 3D printer in action. We thank the Parent Club for contributing their 2018 fundraising towards the purchase of this innovative equipment.



## CANTEEN

ALL ORDERS TO Front Office BEFORE SCHOOL

Late orders will only have access to ham & cheese toasties

MONDAY	Sandwiches <u>AND</u> Toasties
TUESDAY	Sandwiches <u>AND</u> Toasties
WEDNESDAY	Pizzas <u>AND</u> Toasties <u>ONLY</u> (no sandwiches)
THURSDAY	Sandwiches <u>AND</u> Toasties
FRIDAY	HOT FOODS & Toasties <u>ONLY</u> (no sandwiches)

Pies/Pasties \$4.50 : Party Pies \$1 : Sausage Rolls \$3  
Sauce 20c

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

Sandwiches - various prices

Ham & Cheese Toasties \$2

*Please - no more than \$5 in your envelope*

## PRIDE AWARD

*P-1:*

**Stella WILLERSDORF**

for showing INDEPENDENCE  
being ready in the morning and for all her lessons

*2-4:*

**Davyd DAVYDUIK**

for showing EXCELLENCE  
in all areas of his learning

*5-6:*

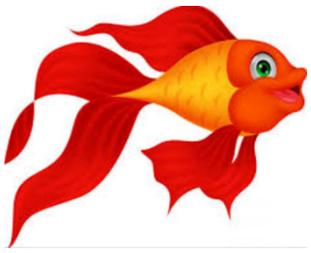
**Evie OAKLEY**

for showing RESPECT  
towards others in the primary school, showing  
initiative, helping and looking out for others

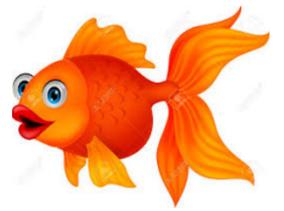
**Ethan McKEE**

for showing EXCELLENCE during oracy and  
composing engaging presentations

## WELL DONE



# Prep/Ones



We have had a busy start to the term in the Prep/One room.

Some of the exciting activities we've enjoyed together have been making new friends, using our play corner and new toys, a tour and story-time in the library with Mrs M, working independently to complete a puzzle, fruit time with interactive stories, swimming lessons and carnival, having time with the year 2's engaging in literacy games, gardening and kinetic sand play with our year 5/6 buddies and enjoying our new sand pits and sand pit toys.



## Chaplaincy Matters

2019 is off and racing and it's great to be back at school. Here's to a positive and successful year for our school community.

Chaplaincy at MCC is again being offered in 2019. We would like to update you with days that we are available and to let you know what the Chaplaincy programme offers your school.

Chaplain Paul will be attending school on Tuesdays and Chaplain Barb on Thursdays, we will continue to do some volunteer days when possible and we look forward to attending school events together.

The role of a Chaplain in the school varies greatly, depending on needs that arise. We are here to support, in whatever way is needed. We work in a team setting to respond appropriately to needs that arise for students, families and the wider school community.

A "day in the life" of chaplaincy here at MCC can look like:

- ☺ individual appointments with students;
- ☺ working with the well-being team;
- ☺ class room visits;
- ☺ providing optional lunch and recess time activities;
- ☺ "well-being chats" in classrooms *or*
- ☺ running group work (eg Seasons for Growth, Shinegirl or Strength).

We value a pro-active approach to well-being, which is why we see great significance in group programmes. Our first priority is always immediate needs, which are unpredictable, so this is just a bit of a rough sketch!

Where individual appointments or group programmes are offered, students may only take part in these if written consent from parents is given. Many students have completed consent forms for Chaplaincy, signed by parents. These are held by the Chaplain and can be altered at any time by parents. When programmes are offered, a separate consent form is sent home for each of these. No consent form is required for class visits or recess and lunch time activities.

Our work as School Chaplains is always under the direction of our Principal, Mrs Mudie.

If you would like to make contact with Chaplain Paul or Chaplain Barb, this can be done by phoning the school 03 5095 2001 or by emailing [reland.barbara.c@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:reland.barbara.c@edumail.vic.gov.au) or [ireland.paul.w@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:ireland.paul.w@edumail.vic.gov.au)  
We would love to hear from you at any time during the year should you have any questions about chaplaincy or if we can help out in any way.

The Chaplains' room is located in the corridor between the student centre and gym. We often have lunch and recess time activities available here for students, with games, toys and craft activities on offer. This room is also used for meetings and appointments; we would love to make you a tea or coffee if you are visiting the school and have time for a chat.

Here's to a great year!

Working together for the well-being of our young people,

*Paul and Barb*

*"You can do what I cannot do. I can do what you cannot do.  
Together we can do great things."* Mother Teresa



## UNIFORM PRICES

POLOS		RAZOR PANTS	
4-8	\$19	XS,S,M	\$36 (limited stock)
10-14	\$20		
S-XXL	\$21	MELANGE PANTS	
		Youth 12-16	\$27
L/S POLOS		FACE-OFF PANTS	
12-26	\$20	8-12, 16	\$30
		14	\$36
WINDCHEATERS		UNISEX SHORTS (Taslon)	
6-14	\$25	Kids 8-12	\$19
S-XL	\$31	Adults S-XL	\$22
HATS		SHORTS - SPORTS	
Surf (logo)	\$10.50	8, 12-16	\$31
Surf (no logo)	\$9.50	10 (Biz Cool)	\$22
Bucket	\$10	SKORTS	
		Kids	\$22
SPORTS JACKET		Adults 8-16	\$27
10-16	\$38	SUMMER DRESS	
S-L	\$42	8 & 16	\$50 (limited stock)
JACKETS (Bulky)		SPORT TOPS	
S,M,L,XL	\$65	6-L	\$26
(limited stock)			
BAGS (Senior)	\$50		
(limited stock)			



## MURRAYVILLE WINS THE DAY!

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 12 keen Primary students travelled to Ouyen for the UDSSA Swimming Carnival. We had fantastic weather and our students did a marvellous job on the day, winning the overall meet.

I would like to thank everyone that came along to support the students, the parents that helped time some events and Miss Sarah and Mrs Morzer-Bruyns for being the other staff members with jobs on the day. Congratulations to Matilda for winning freestyle, backstroke and butterfly and also breaking the UDSSA backstroke record. Congratulations to Brooklyn for also winning freestyle, backstroke and butterfly, to Jai for winning breaststroke and to Harvey for breaking the breaststroke record in his heat. Also to all of our other students that competed during the day, you did a fantastic job.

The next stage is the Sunraysia South Carnival, which is on Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> of March at the Mildura Wave Pool.

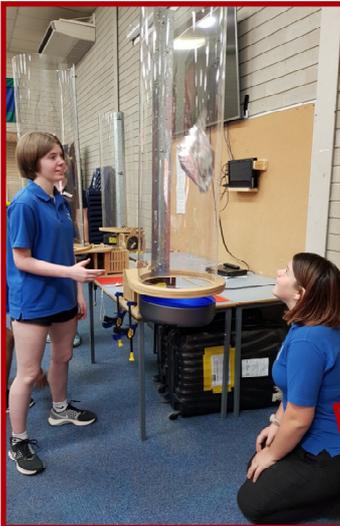
Matilda and Harvey have qualified for this stage with the times that they posted at the UDSSA event.

I would like to wish them all the best and can't wait to hear about the experience.

*Josh Willersdorf  
(Sport Coordinator)*



# QUESTACON science on the move



# SCIENCE ALIVE!



**Questacon**  
The National Science and Technology Centre

# COLLEGE CALENDAR

5/3	Mallee Division Swimming : 7-12
13/3	Immunisation : Year 7
25/3	College Council
21/3	LMR Swimming : Swan Hill
5/4	End of Term
19-22/4	Easter
23/4	Term 2 commences
25/4	Anzac Day
14/5	Sunraysia Cross Country : Primary
14-16/5	NAPLAN
22/5	Mallee Div Cross Country : 7-12
29/5	School Photos
4/6	LMR Cross Country : St Arnaud
17-21/6	Year 7 Grampians Camp
28/6	End of Term
15/7	Term 3 commences
28/8	Mallee Division Athletics : 7-12
30/8	UDSSA Athletics : P-6

All our dreams  
can come true  
if we have the courage  
to pursue them

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.



## Community Notices

### MILDURA ALL ABILITIES REGIONAL LAWN BOWLS CARNIVAL

Thursday 21st March

Schools : 10am-noon

Seniors : 12:30-2:30pm

Mildura Workers Bowls Club

Registration essential

Participants graded on experience

Free BBQ lunch

More info - phone 5021 3464



### MOSAIC WORKSHOP

Have you wanted to try doing mosaics but haven't had the equipment or know where to start?

Then this class is for you!

All tools and equipment supplied.

Thursday 14th March from 6:30-8:30pm

Cost is \$65 for 5 sessions

Bookings and payment by 4th March

Contact Jacqui at Neighbourhood House

(5095 2205)

### 'FESTIVAL OF SMALL HALLS'

Lameroo Hall : Thursday 14 March

Doors open 6 for 6:30pm start

Bar facilities & Supper available

Adults \$20 Kids under 15 Free

*Family Friendly Event*

Tickets online, Lameroo PO or at door

Pre-purchase appreciated to assist

with catering

*With assistance from: Lameroo Lions*

*Club, SMD Council, Country Arts SA*

### 'ANIMAL FARM'

A one-man adaptation of

George Orwell's masterpiece

Presented by SA State Theatre Co

Lameroo Memorial Hall

Saturday 6 April at 7pm

*Tickets -*

*Under 17 \$10 : Adults \$27*

### BOWLS THAT'S FAST & FUN

for Under 18s

Boys and girls - no experience needed

Free to play

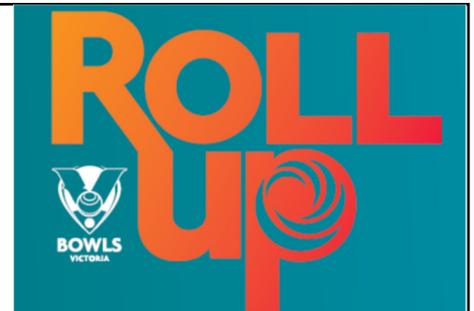
Food, drinks and music

Coaching and equipment provided

Mildura Bowls Club

Wednesdays at 4:30pm, starting 17th April

Contact Chris Mitchell 0409 348 600



## COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME

1. Years 2-4 Parents : Google classroom issues
2. Year 9 : Halogen Leadership conference in Adelaide

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

