



# Murrayville Community College

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*From the Principal*

### Schools that Excel -

I am thrilled to announce that our school has been recognised by 'The Age' newspaper in their inaugural 'Schools that Excel awards'. We have been informed that after looking at the data of secondary schools across the entire state of Victoria we have come out as the top Rural and Remote school for VCE improvement and performance across the past 10 years. Henrietta Cook, the Education Editor at 'The Age', and her photographer Justin, visited the school on Thursday morning. They toured our facilities, spoke to students and staff, joined in the tasting of the Year 5/6 Kitchen Garden delights and were very impressed with the school as a whole. The AGE will feature a story on MCC next Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> of March. Mrs Inglis and I will be honoured to accept this award on behalf of the whole school community in Melbourne on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of March. I believe that some of the structural changes that we have made to the timetable that have enabled our students to spend more time with their teachers, and supports such as Edrolo, have assisted us to improve our results. However, I think we are now really achieving a 'culture of aspiration' across the school, which means that every student is intrinsically motivated to achieve their very best. The tone throughout the whole school has been amazing this year. It is fabulous to walk through the school and see every student totally engaged in their learning and working to their full potential.

### School for Student Leadership –

Our students currently at the Snowy River campus of the School for Student Leadership are now on the countdown to the end of their experience, just as we are on the countdown to the end of term. Miss Bailey, as liaison teacher, will travel to Marlo next week to be included in the Community Learning Project presentations. I have been checking on the Snowy website and Facebook page and there are some great photos of our students



participating in a range of activities such as surfing, bushwalking, camping canoeing, mountain biking and much more. They have completed their first expedition (expo) through some of the most spectacularly beautiful environments in Australia. Parents & siblings visited them over the long weekend and I am sure they were all a little bit sad when their families headed home without them, however I know their saddest day will be the day when they say goodbye to all of the fantastic friends that they have made over the 9 weeks, on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April. I wish them all the very best for their last 3 weeks at Snowy.

### Parent teacher interviews –

Although this has been a slightly longer term than our Term 1s of previous years, it has still seemed to fly and it is now time to take stock of the progress that has been made this term. P-6 interviews are commencing this week at the pre-arranged times. Secondary interviews will be held in the last week of term, in Murrayville at school on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of April and in Pinnaroo at the Pinnaroo Football Clubrooms on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of April. Secondary interim reports will come home on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of April.

*Natasha Mudie  
Principal*



### 4 - 15 March

	<b>6</b>	<b>100%</b>
	Prep	99.2%
	1 & 4	98.8%
	9 & 12	98.1%
	2	96.8%
	10	95.3%
	8	94.4%
	7	93%
	11	90.7%
	5	90.5%
	3	88.8%

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.

# NAPLAN

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM  
Literacy and Numeracy

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2019 for Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 students will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

Writing: The NAPLAN Writing test assesses a student's ability to convey thoughts, ideas and information through an independent construction of a written text in standard Australian English.

Reading: The NAPLAN Reading test assesses the ability of students to independently make meaning from written standard Australian English texts including those with visual elements.

Language Conventions: The NAPLAN Language Convention test assesses a student's ability to independently recognise and use correct standard Australian English spelling, grammar and punctuation in written contexts.

Numeracy: The NAPLAN Numeracy test assesses student's knowledge of mathematics; their ability to independently apply that knowledge in context, and their ability to reason mathematically.

All Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 students are expected to participate in NAPLAN tests. During test week catch-up time is available up to and including Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May for students who are absent and need to sit the required tests.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding NAPLAN please contact your classroom teacher or Janene Chaplin.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA

website at [www.vcaa.vic.edu.au](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au)

or the NAP website at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au).

# 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:*

**Cornelius Du PREEZ**

for showing DETERMINATION  
towards completing an engaging project on sharks  
and presenting it very well in class

**Alex BECKMANN**

for showing PERSISTENCE when learning her numbers  
and counting patterns

**Bernice PIETERSE**

for showing DETERMINATION towards learning her  
sounds and tricky words

*2-4:*

**Nate KELLY**

for showing DETERMINATION to his learning  
by completing further research at home

**Phoenix MORZER-BRUYN\$**

for showing PERSISTENCE in all Maths lessons

*5-6:*

**Reece WALKER**

for showing DETERMINATION in reaching his personal  
and team goals

**Ivy BECKMANN**

for showing RESPECT in her daily interactions with all  
staff and students. Thank you!

## WELL DONE

My name is Kayla and I am from Murrayville Community College and I have participated this term in the Snowy River School for Student Leadership. The reason that I have done this is I wanted to get out of my comfort zone, try new things, become a more confident public speaker and make memories. My highlights so far would be the outdoor activities like expo, stand up paddle boarding, surfing, bridge building and bike riding. Through these activities I have learnt to be more resilient and be confident in my abilities. Some of the indoor classes that I have enjoyed have been metacognition. Metacognition is thinking about the way that you think and make decisions. I realized through this that I think statistically and don't use emotions or try new things much.

The Snowy River School for Student Leadership is different in many ways to other schools because all 45 of us are living in such a close environment for the whole nine weeks. We also need to share a room with a roommate and learn to be flexible and get along with people with different personalities from yourself. There are many speaking roles that students like myself participate in multiple times throughout the duration of 9 weeks. One of them would be student leader. There are 2 student leaders every day and they make community and personal goals, they organize the duties and talk about classes and any other announcements. Usually everyone has one or two duties every day to ensure that the campus runs smoothly and that all the staff aren't doing it all.

Every day (except rest days) we have three classes; morning class, afternoon class and evening class. In the evening class we watch movies, we get into our expo groups and run a class together or in the future we can run our own class by ourselves. The evening classes gives students opportunities to get better public speaking skills and grow more confidence. There are also committees that we can join such as the cooking committee, the documentary committee, the t-shirt committee, sports committee, the sustainability committee and the music committee. I am in the sustainability committee and so far we have taken out all the plants ready for raised wicking beds.

Every day we have breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner. We always do this together (teachers and students) unless we have expo. This means that we all build stronger connections to our peers and teachers. The meals here considering that the cooks are catering for over 45 people are very good and there is always something different for the meal. I recommend that other students from Murrayville should come because it is a great experience to have and is really good if you want to get out of your comfort zone.



On Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> of March, **Matilda Wyatt** and **Harvey Crane** competed in the Sunraysia South Swimming Carnival in Mildura. It was a very successful day with Matilda winning all 3 events in which she competed - Freestyle, Backstroke and the Freestyle Relay. Harvey won Breastroke and the Freestyle relay, as well as coming second in Backstroke.

Both students have now qualified to compete at the Loddon Mallee Region event on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March, the same day as our High School qualifiers.

Congratulations Matilda and Harvey, that is a sensational effort, and thanks to their parents for taking them and supporting them on the day.

*Josh Willersdorf*  
*Sport Coordinator*



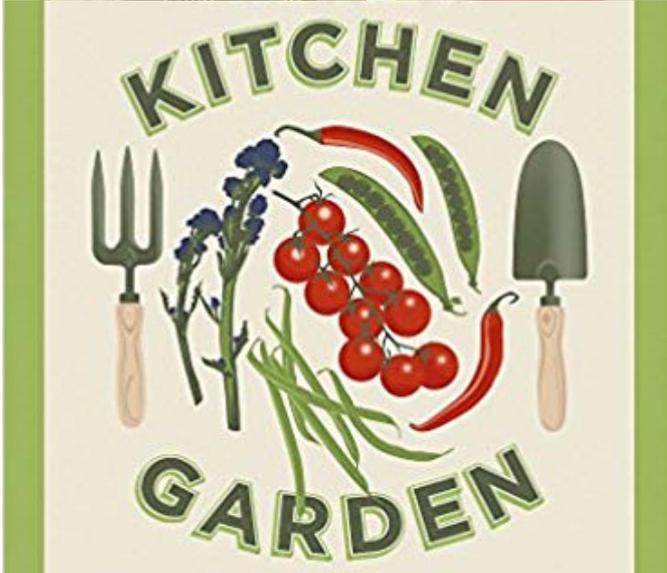
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have been living in Australia for at least 40,000 years. We have investigated Mungo Lady and Mungo Man and now we have commenced an Assessment Task looking at *Everyday Life*.

We are taking a close look at crafts and tools, shelter, bush tucker, hunting and bush medicines.

On Wednesday we had fun throwing a spear and boomerang, using the tap sticks, grinding plants with the grinding stone, collecting food in the piti bowls and basket and rubbing ochre into our skin. Soon we will be making a shelter, looking at bush tucker and finding out about bush medicine.

# Year 7 Humanities





**This week's menu ...**

**produce from the school's kitchen garden**

- ☺ Caramelised French shallot tarte tatin
- ☺ Apple and mustard chicken bake
- ☺ Basil and parsley pesto
- ☺ Spinach and green apple smoothie
- ☺ Stewed rhubarb and custard



Thanks to Serena Jenzen and Joy Allan for coming in to help in the kitchen



# COLLEGE CALENDAR

25/3	College Council
21/3	LMR Swimming : Swan Hill
4/4	Casual Day & Primary PRIDE Day
5/4	End of Term
19-22/4	Easter
23/4	Term 2 commences
25/4	Anzac Day
7/5	Arfts Council : Years 7-12
10/5	House Cross Country
14/5	Sunraysia Cross Country : Primary
14-16/5	NAPLAN
15/5	Practice GAT
22/5	Mallee Div Cross Country : 7-12
28/5	Arts Council : P-6
29/5	School Photos
4/6	LMR Cross Country : St Arnaud
17-21/6	Year 7 Grampians Camp
24-28/6	Year 10 Work Experience

You can tell more about a person by what he says about others than you can by what others say about him

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



### '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

### OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE A NEW CULTURE, IMPROVE YOUR LANGUAGE STUDIES, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, REDISCOVER AND SHARE AUSTRALIA

In May, June, July and August, Student Exchange Australia will be receiving exchange students from France, Denmark and Sweden. The new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 3, 5 or 10 months. They are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student. Host families come in all shapes and sizes, backgrounds and ages.

Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of Australia's own culture. You might even make a friend for life!

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit organisation that is registered with all Australian Departments of Education. .

You can find out more by visiting [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au).

### 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



### COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME

1. Primary Parents : Parent-teacher interview schedule
2. Selected students : LMR swimming at Swan Hill

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