



Murrayville Community College

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From the Principal

Welcome Kellie –

Kellie Maynard is completing her Masters of Education and commencing her final teaching round at MCC today. She will be with us for 5 weeks, working in the areas of Science and PE under the guidance of Janene Chaplin and Josh Willersdorf. I would like to extend a warm welcome to Kellie and trust that she will enjoy working with our fantastic students and as part of our highly professional team.



Sports Day & VCE Subject Selection Afternoon –

Unfortunately, due to the terrible weather last week, we were forced to postpone our Athletics carnival. The VCE subject selection afternoon was scheduled for the same day to reduce travelling for parents. Both will now take place tomorrow as has been advised. Unfortunately, not all staff are available. Mr Milde will be away, students may gain advice about Technology at school and he would be happy to chat with parents either over the phone or by appointment. Mrs Barford is away this week, but Miss Bailey can give advice about senior maths. Mrs Cowley also cannot attend, but again Miss Bailey is well qualified to advise on Biology and students may see me about advice on Geography or discuss with Mrs Cowley on Thursday or Friday.



**MATHEMATICS
PATHWAYS
INFORMATION EVENING**

for Parents and Students in Years 5, 6 & 7
Wednesday 28th August at 5:30pm

Open Day –

The staff and students are busy preparing for Open Day next Thursday. It would be fantastic to see as many people here as possible. Our Primary Students will be dressing up for Book Week and the staff have interactive activities planned that parents and carers can join in with after the student parade. There are a range of activities planned for the secondary classrooms and staff and students would love our visitors to come and see their learning in action. As always our assembly and student items promise to be very entertaining and the afternoon will conclude with the official opening of the new biodiversity garden. Hope to see you there.

Shakespeare Showcase –

On Friday the 23rd the Year 9 & 10 students will join students from our Mallee cluster schools to participate in a full day of Shakespeare in Ouyen. A theatre company from Melbourne will perform for them and then run interactive workshops for the students. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to extend their understanding of Shakespeare. Thank you to Mrs Parker & Miss Hellwege for facilitating this opportunity.

Natasha Mudie - Principal



House Athletics & VCE information session TOMORROW



Thanks ... to last week's Kitchen Garden helpers for giving your time in the kitchen -
Janine Crane, Helyna Bai and Gail Wyatt.

SPORTS DAY

TOMORROW . . .

Secondary events from 9:15am

Primary students commence 11:20am

Come along and support your children
BBQ, soup, snacks, drinks on sale

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 (Terms 2 & 3)	HOT FOODS & Toasties ONLY (no sandwiches)
THURSDAY	Sandwiches <u>AND</u> Toasties
FRIDAY	HOT FOODS & Toasties ONLY (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:

Alex BECKMANN

for showing INDEPENDENCE towards her learning goals and striving to achieve them

Chloe PALMER

for showing INDEPENDENCE when tackling her personal goal of improving her handwriting

2-4:

Oliver BERLIN

for showing EXCELLENCE in science investigations; leading his group well

5-6:

Mya JENZEN

for DETERMINATION in her learning and a positive outlook toward school

WELL DONE

BIODIVERSITY GARDEN



Our school is very pleased to have received a Victorian Junior Landcare Biodiversity Grant for a project entitled "Creating an Environment to Capture Young Minds". The aim of the project is to raise the awareness of the unique environment our students live in, being surrounded by National Parks. By



gaining a deep understanding of the Mallee's biodiversity as current and future custodians of the area, we hope they will embrace the importance of conservation and the significance of sustainability. As part of this project the students have researched, planned and created an area which has been planted with indigenous species. We hope this will boost local biodiversity and provide habitat for native birds and insects. Creating a space that mimics the surrounding areas has increased the students' awareness of the delicate balances of microclimates and the interconnecting aspects of the natural environment. The new Biodiversity Garden will double as an outdoor classroom and recreational space, replacing a lawn area, with the added bonus of reducing the school's water and labour costs.

With the assistance of Mr Sporn, the majority of the work on the garden has been completed by the Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh students. Most of the planning for the project took place in Term 1, and this term the students have been engaged in bringing it to life. Kayla, Jasper, Dermott, Daniel, Lenard, Allea, Jarrod and Amelia have all displayed a determined effort to have the garden completed before Open Day. Their contribution will constitute the "service" component of their Duke of Edinburgh Award, and they are very proud of their achievements to date.



Many thanks to Peers Motors & Chris Peers for assisting with delivering bark from the visiting tree loppers, and to Regan Wyatt for removing some dead tree stumps. Regan was also engaged to "deep rip" the area to remove competing tree roots from the neighbouring established trees. The students painstakingly removed the roots and levelled the site before spreading the local bark and then covered this with fresh pine bark sourced from Garden Grove. Following this, the students formed pathways which they've distinguished with a layer of honey coloured crusher dust.

A number of curriculum areas have also been working to support the project. Mr Milde's Tech class is constructing bird nesting boxes and Mrs Inglis's Ag students have begun propagating native species in the school igloo. Hopefully these seedlings will be available to add to our plantings next year in Autumn. Sincere thanks also to Mrs Andrews who has assisted the students to create individual name tags to identify the trees they've planted. These are lovely silver gum leaf shaped identification tags; one etched with the students' hand written name and the other stamped with their full name. These will be lasting reminders of who planted each tree and the students have really enjoyed making them.



Our local flora & fauna expert, Mrs Jocelyn Lindner, came to school last week to talk to the Year 2-4 class about the native Mallee biodiversity. Ryder was very excited to have his Grandmother take part in his class activity and to share her expertise. Mrs Lindner's book "Flora and Fauna of the Mallee" has been a great resource for the primary students who have each had a "biodiversity lesson" in the new garden, at the same time as planting their tree. Mrs Lindner donated a range of native seeds for the students to propagate and has offered ground covers and shrubs from her collection to be added to the garden. The other trees, shrubs and groundcovers have been sourced from Mildura Native Nursery. Many thanks to Tony Langdon for his time in selecting appropriate species of varying shapes and sizes.

Every student in the school has planted their very own tree in the garden and they have certainly embraced ownership of them. The smallest pupils have planted the trees which will take the longest to grow and will grow the largest. Hopefully this will enable them to monitor their tree for the entirety of their school years and beyond. Experience tells us that engaging the whole student population in a project of this type ensures a sense of ownership for future years, and the level of engagement from the students to date has reinforced this. As they watch their tree grow, the students will be able see the area's increasing self-sufficiency as the site evolves and grows into a valuable school resource.



Councillor Min Poole has offered to attend our Open Day on August 22nd to officially open the garden.

We encourage the community to attend the opening as part of the day's celebrations and to take a walk through our beautiful new Biodiversity Garden.





REPORT FROM OUR YEAR 12 BIOLOGY STUDENTS

On Sunday 4th of August, we attended a DNA manipulation Biology program in Mildura. This experience provided us with the opportunity to use developed and expensive equipment which we do not have access to at school.

During the first session, we learnt about DNA manipulation equipment, including PCR and Gel Electrophoresis and were able to use this in small groups.

Afterwards, we explored the process of rational drug design using computer software to work out an appropriate drug to treat influenza. Overall, we thoroughly enjoyed the day and would highly recommend this program for future VCE biology students.

Lara and Emma



Plant Natives



COLLEGE CALENDAR

13/8	House Athletics
15/8	Casual Day
16/8	Flinders Uni Open Day
21/8	Arts Council : P-12
22/8	Open Day
23/8	Shakespeare Showcase : 9-10
28/8	Maths Pathway info : 5-7 at 5:30
29/8	Mallee Division Athletics : 7-12
30/8	UDSSA Athletics : P-6
2-6/9	Bogong Camp : 10-11
9/9	College Council
10/9	Sunraysia Athletics : Primary
11/9	All Primary to Mildura Arts Centre Immunisation: 7 & 10
11-12/9	2-4 Camp : Lake Cullulleraine
18/9	Secondary interviews by request
19/9	SRC Social
20/9	End of Term 3
7/10	Term 4 commences

It doesn't matter
where your
journey begins so
long as you begin it

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

Cowangie Cemetery Trust and Cowangie Soldiers Memorial Hall Inc

Annual General Meetings

29th August 2019 at 7.30pm at Cowangie Hall

All welcome

Any queries to Glennis McKee 0429 007 825 or Jill Beer 0428 524 399



Murrayville Landcare

FARM SUCCESSION PLANNING

Friday 30th August 2019 from 1-5pm at the Murrayville Hotel

Guest speakers :

Judy Wilkinson (Family Farm Facilitator), David Walker (Accountant),
Matt Woodford (Centrelink), Ashley Kuhl (Rural Financial Counselling Service)

Some drinks and hot food provided

Additional information from Fiona Willersdorf on 0431 459 514



OPEN DAY!

Join us at MCC
Open Day
on Thursday
22nd August
to see what our
students have
been doing

COMMUNICATIONS SENT HOME

1. 2-4 Students : Camp information
2. 9-10 Students : Shakespeare workshop in Ouyen



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Join us and see our
students in action - - -

at Murrayville Community College
on Thursday 22nd August

PROPOSED PROGRAM

- 10:55 Morning Tea for parents
& prospective students (Staff Room)
Finger buns for students (recess time)**
- 11:15 Classroom tours**
Principal Tours of the school
Primary - Book Week parade and activities in the gallery
Year 7 Maths Pathways (Humanities room)
Year 8 Uluru creation stories (Home Economics room)
Year 9 Geography activities (G1 classroom)
Year 10 Shakespeare readings (G2 classroom)
Years 11/12 Ag - crop, shed & garden tours
Tech shed tours, 3D printing demo
Biology - heart/lungs dissection (Science)
- 12:15 Classroom tours**
Primary - Book Week activities continue in classrooms
Year 7 Music - playing instruments (Music room)
Year 8 Ag - crop, shed & garden tours, plant propagation
Year 9 Science - electricity (Science room)
Year 10 Shakespeare readings (G2 classroom)
- 1:15 BBQ for parents (gold coin donation), staff, students -
Bus Shelter**
- 2:00 Assembly / Performances / Book Week awards /
Biodiversity garden presentation (Student Centre)**
- Followed by the official opening of the
Biodiversity garden**

Check out
displays and
facilities
around
our school