

# MURRAYVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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*From the Principal*

### Welcome back –

We have had a busy and productive first week of school and the Year 7 and 8 students have had a great time on their Anglesea camp by all reports. Unfortunately, the wind associated with the cool change yesterday afternoon meant they could not do their canoeing.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome all of the students that are new to our school. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new teachers Megan Osborne, teaching Year 4/5/6. Unfortunately, our new secondary English and Humanities teacher has had a hold-up with her registration and will now commence a little later this month. Mrs Parker and Mrs Finn have kindly agreed to come in to assist us cover these classes in the meantime. We have had some work done to the school over the holidays, including some tiling inside and out and modifications to the Resilience Room. Thanks to Pete Sporn and our new cleaner Steph Broadbent for their work over the holidays to prepare for the students’ return.

### Covid –

Thankfully Covid is not causing the disruption to our lives that it did last year, but it is still present in our community. There are no set rules around Covid or reporting Covid anymore. We just ask that if students are unwell that they stay home, regardless of whether or not they are Covid positive. We also ask if they are household contacts with someone with Covid that they test regularly, especially if they have any symptoms. If a student is Covid positive then we ask that they stay home whilst symptomatic. We have literally hundreds of boxes of Rapid Antigen Tests still at school so please request some if you have run out.

### Newsletters -

Will again be fortnightly in 2023, generally going home on a Friday depending on my movements and the school program. Our newsletter will again be supplemented by flyers, facebook posts, sms messages and emails. As always the website contains a wonderful wealth of information.

### Looking ahead –

We are very optimistic about 2023 and have an exciting and busy year planned for the students, with many opportunities for families to be involved in our programs and events. The first event that we would like to invite parents, carers and students to is our **Back to School BBQ and information night** to be held on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> of February**.

It is always fantastic to see parents, carers and extended family supporting the students at the **House Swimming Sports (Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of Feb)**. We would love to see you there.

### Anaphylaxis & Asthma -

Just a reminder that we have students attending our school who could potentially have a fatal anaphylaxis attack from exposure to nuts. Although I can never guarantee that school is nut free, I ask that nuts and nut products are not brought to school. Students that have Asthma need to have a care plan, signed by their doctor and their reliever medication (puffer) and spacer accessible to them at school, at all times.



*Welcome to MCC .....*

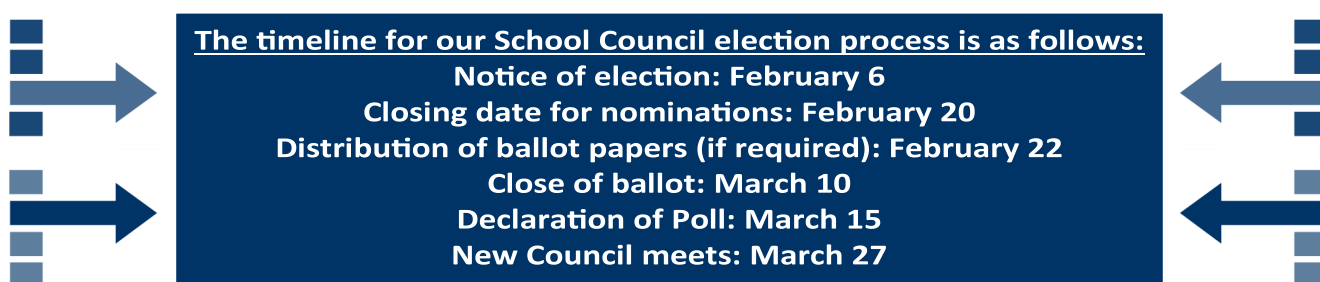
New faces in our primary sector are  
Ms Osborne (Year 4-6),  
Chyler, Eli, Rory, Connor, Ryan and Astrid

### Child Safety –

The staff and I take our obligations to Child Safety very seriously. All staff are trained as Mandatory reporters of Child Abuse. The Child Safety policy can be found on our website.

### College Council Elections –

Although it feels as though we have just settled back into school, I need all parents to begin thinking about the 2023 College Council. As our school has gotten smaller it has been getting increasingly difficult to fill the positions on College Council over the years and last year we successfully applied to reduce the number of School Councillors required. The tenure of a number of School Councillors is about to expire. The expiring parent reps are Carly Heintze, Shayleah Hayward and Serena Jenzen. The expiring staff rep is Stacey Morzer-Bruyns. We thank them all very much for their contribution to the college over the last two years. I implore all parents to please consider nominating for this very important role in our school community. The College cannot operate without a full council. It is important to note that if you have been on College Council previously, you can nominate again – this includes the members whose tenure is expiring. Nomination forms are available from the school and are also downloadable from the Council section of the school website. The timeline for this election is published here ....



### Student Records & Consent –

Coming home today with the newsletter is a Student Enrolment information form and permissions form. On the **white** Student Enrolment information form please check the student details and make any changes to address, phone numbers, medical details etc. If all is correct please just initial and return to school. The **red** permissions form covers local excursions and publication of student names and photos etc. Please read this carefully and complete each section.

### School Procedures for Bushfires -

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. 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 have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.

*Natasha Mudie*  
Principal



# CANTEEN

- Ham Sandwich \$2.50
- Ham & Cheese Sandwich \$3.00
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- Cheese & Tomato Sandwich \$3.00
- Ham, Cheese & Tomato Sandwich \$4.00
- Tomato Sandwich \$2.00
- Vegemite Sandwich \$1.50

Pies/Pasties \$4.50 : **Party Pies \$1.20** :  
**Sausage Rolls \$3.50**

Sauce 20¢

Pizzas (Ham & Pineapple or Bacon & Cheese) \$2.20  
 Ham & Cheese Toasties \$2

**ALL ORDERS TO Front Office BEFORE SCHOOL**

**Late orders will only have access  
 to ham & cheese toasties**

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

Please note that there have been price increases to **PARTY PIES** and **SAUSAGE ROLLS**

**NIPPYS ICED MILK** drinks will also increase to \$1.60

A complete price list will be provided once all new stocks have been obtained

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## ***What can parents do?***

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.

Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website [www.murrayvillecc.vic.edu.au](http://www.murrayvillecc.vic.edu.au) and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.

Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.

If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website –

see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season, visit the CFA website at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.

# OUR PREPS



We have had a busy start to the term in the Prep room. Some of the exciting activities we've enjoyed together this week have been – opening our first day bag with our family, making new school friends, using our play area and new toys, creating our own library ruler and bag for borrowing, creating our own dragons, enjoying some delicious fruit whilst listening to some dragon stories, swimming lessons, gardening, playing outside on the playground, using our dragon costumes and having literacy and numeracy activities in our classroom. We love learning in our Dragon Classroom!



## in dragon mode



# COLLEGE CALENDAR

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.



- 15/2 School Council BBQ
- 20/2 College Council
- 21/2 UDSSA Swimming in Ouyen
- 22/2 House Swimming Sports
- 13/3 Labour Day
- 14/3 Student Free Day
- 16/3 NAPLAN Writing & Reading
- 20-24/3 Longerenong course continues
- 20/3 NAPLAN - Language & Numeracy
- 21-22/3 Primary Parent/Teacher interviews
- 27/3 College Council AGM
- 28/3 School Photos
- Interim reports due
- 3/4 Immunisation : Years 7 & 10
- 4-5/4 Secondary Parent/Teacher interviews
- 6/4 Term 1 ends
- 24/4 Term 2 commences
- 3/5 GRIP Leadership : Years 5/6
- 11/5 Uni/TAFE visits : Years 10-12
- 12/5 Careers Expo : Years 11/12



## 7/8 Camp



Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing themselves