



No. 5 : 19 April 2024

From the Principal

Welcome back –

I hope everyone enjoyed their Easter and slightly extended holidays. The Student Free Day on Monday was very well utilised by all staff for preparations for Term 2 and I thank families for their understanding with us nominating this day at short notice.

Staffing –

Unfortunately we have not yet been able to find a replacement English and Humanities teacher for Elizabeth Gloster who left at the end of last term. We are still actively looking for a replacement teacher but in the meantime we have had to make some alterations to the timetable to ensure that the students are not disadvantaged.

The changes affect most students other than Year 12s (who have not had any changes made to their teachers). Please see the main changes below.

- Year 11 English will be taught by Maryanne Jones – a qualified and experienced English teacher.
- Year 9 & 10 English will be together in Term 2 and taught by Melanie Grant, supported by Stacey Morzer-Bruyns.
- Year 7/8 English will be taught by Maryanne Jones
- Year 10 Humanities will be taught by me. We are switching to Geography for this term and next term, with the hope that Ms Jones may be able to take them for the rest of their History in Term 4.
- Year 9 Humanities will be taught by Nic Finn who is a qualified and experienced Humanities teacher.
- Helen Parker has kindly agreed to come out of retirement for 2 days a week.
- Year 7/8 Humanities will be taught by Helen Parker who is also a qualified and experienced Humanities teacher.
- The Yr 7-9 Food Tech Elective will be also taught by Helen Parker.

Parent Teacher Interviews –

Parent/Teacher interviews are scheduled to be held next Tuesday 3.30-5.30 at school. I emailed all parents about the changes to the timetable and asked who was intending to attend Parent/Teacher interviews, unfortunately there has been very little response from parents about their intention to attend these, so we have made the decision to not go ahead with interviews on Wednesday night in Pinnaroo. Most teachers will be available on Tuesday at school, unfortunately Stephanie Morris and I will be on an Outdoor education camp and unavailable. Obviously if the students had Elizabeth in Term 1 it will be more difficult for the new teacher to report on progress from Term 1. I have also requested that teachers call parents who aren't coming either Tuesday or Wednesday night.

ANZAC Day –

ANZAC Day is a public holiday so there is no school next Thursday. Our Prefects will still be involved in the ANZAC Day services in both Murrayville and Pinnaroo. It would be great if as many students as possible could attend either of these services and pay their respects to those who have served our country. I have not been able to find details yet about the Pinnaroo Service, but it always begins at 7am in the main street, by the flagpole and I am assuming this will remain the same. Murrayville's service commences at 10am at the Bowling/RSL club.

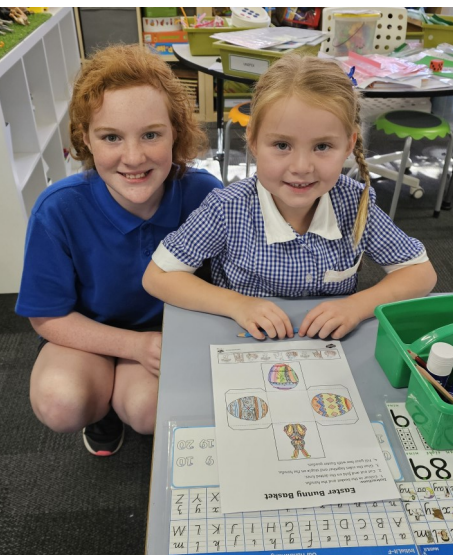
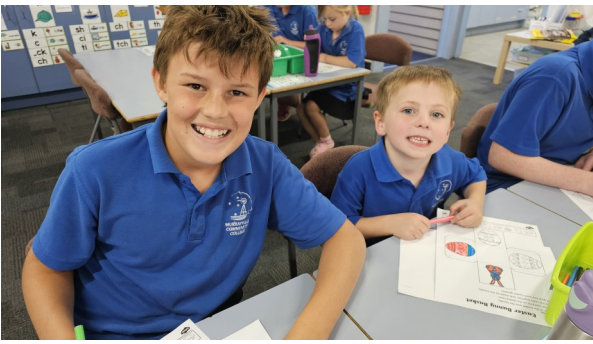
House Cross Country –

This will be held at the oval from 2pm on Tuesday the 30th of April. I look forward to seeing parents and caregivers there to show support.

Deb Ball –

The students are starting to get very excited about the Deb Ball that is now less than a month away. The final preparations are underway and the dance training is coming along very well, thanks to Mr & Mrs Willison & Stacey Morzer-Bruyns. Tickets will be available for purchase from the front office from next week and will also be available from the door on the night. This is a major fundraiser for the school and it would be great if it was well supported!

Natasha Mudie
Principal



Prep/One students and their older buddies enjoyed some time together on the last day of term 1, creating their own Easter baskets.



We have an AFL rising star amongst us, with Connor running out onto the Adelaide Oval last weekend, for the Port Vs Freo game, as the Fremantle junior mascot!

Connor enjoyed time with his cousin and Freo player Hayden Young, as well as going into the Freo game-day rooms with all the players and staff. Great work Connor – you looked amazing on the big stage!

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 20c
- Pizzas (Ham & Pineapple or Bacon & Cheese) \$2.50
- Ham & Cheese Toasties \$2.50

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

Yesterday, the Prep to Grade 3 students walked to the park to participate in the Murrayville Library's Story Walk program. We listened to the story, "Big Dance" as we moved to different stations and found our own "dance" as we came to the end of the story. Thankyou to Carly Heintze for organising our visit and for the goodie bags!

Story Walk





Kitchen Garden News

We had some left over apples from last term, health day in the gym and the Canberra trip.

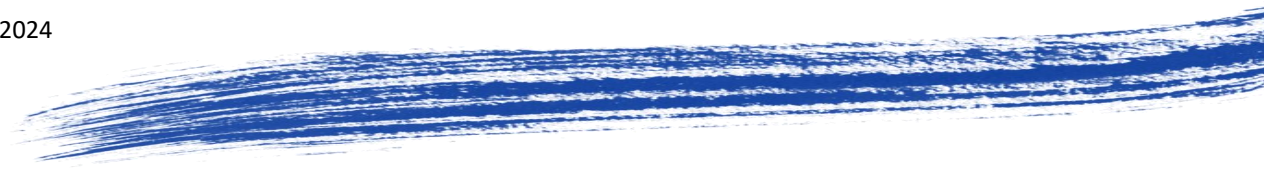
So we peeled, cored, cut, cooked and froze them yesterday. We got 10 big bags of apple for apple pies and crumble for our cooking sessions. During the peeling Isaac and Parker E were determined to peel an apple without breaking the skin. They did it.

Also, the snake skin was a lunch time find last Tuesday. Parker E and Hudson found it on the oval.



**They shall grow not old,
As we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them,
Nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
We will remember them.**

LEST WE FORGET
No school next Thursday
please take time to remember the fallen



MURRAYVILLE COMMUNITY
COLLEGE PRESENTS

WINTER WONDERLAND

Debutante Ball

10TH MAY 2024

at MURRAYVILLE COMMUNITY HALL

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ON THE NIGHT
OR AT THE COLLEGE OFFICE

DOORS OPEN - 7PM

DOORS CLOSE - 7:30PM

PRESENTATION STARTS -

7:45 PM

PRICES

ADULT: \$25
PENSIONER/SECONDARY
STUDENTS: \$15
PRIMARY STUDENTS: \$10
FAMILY PASS \$60
(2 ADULTS + 2 CHILDREN)

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AVAILABLE
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LIGHT SUPPER PROVIDED
PLEASE CALL THE COLLEGE WITH ANY
QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ON (03) 5095 2001



COLLEGE CALENDAR

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| 22/4 | Music lessons |
| 23/4 | Secondary interviews - Murrayville |
| 24-26/4 | Year 12 Outdoor Ed camp |
| 30/4 | House Cross Country 2pm |
| 6/5 | Music lessons |
| 8/5 | Year 4-6 Grip Leadership |
| 9/5 | Mallee Division Cross Country |
| 10/5 | Deb Ball |
| 13/5 | College Council |
| 20/5 | Music lessons |
| 21/5 | Legal Studies Court visit - Mildura |
| 28/5 | Regional Cross Country |
| 3/6 | Music lessons |
| 10/6 | King's Birthday |
| 11/6 | Student Free Day |
| 17/6 | College Council |
| 18/6 | GAT for VCE students |
| 28/6 | End of Term 2 |

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.

Literacy Tips

Helping your child to read

Here are some tips to encourage reading:

It is recommended that you continue to read together in the later primary years, even if your child is reading independently.

Take your child to the local library often so they can choose, borrow and re-new books. Taking children to the library at the beginning of school holidays encourages weeks of independent reading. Look for non-fiction books on craft or activity topics that your child enjoys. Most libraries have well stocked sections (e.g. under the Dewey decimal number 745).

Encourage your child to borrow from their school library as well.

If your child likes an author, find another book or a series of books by the same author. Encourage your child to read about their favourite author or illustrator at their website.

Introduce your child to read different genres such as fantasy, science-fiction, action and adventure. Introduce your child to reading different types of texts, such as poems, music lyrics, and short plays.

Encourage your child to read non-fiction. The newspaper or an online encyclopaedia might be a good start, but your child might also be interested in history books or autobiographies of their favourite sportsperson/celebrity. Encourage your child to use a dictionary to look up words they might not understand. Allow your child to play age-appropriate video games that require reading.

Encourage your child to join the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, which runs each year from March to September. Participating schools will register your child – otherwise you can register your child at: <https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge?Redirect=1#for-students-parents-and-early-childhood-services>

Book Chat

Book chat is an important strategy to help your child to reflect more deeply on the content and meaning of their favourite books.

Some questions might include:

Does the main character change in the story?

How does the character change?

If you could change the ending of this book, what would it be?

What do you think is the story's main message?

What is your opinion about the story's main message?

Can you relate the story or message to another event or issue?

How could other people see it differently?

Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do