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'We acknowledge and pay respect to the past, present and future Ngarrindjeri Custodians and Elders and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Ancestors have walked this country and we acknowledge their special and unique place in our nation's historical, cultural and linguistic identity.'

Excellence

Respect

Working together



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Murray Bridge High School NEWSLETTER

Principal's page

This year's Critical Creative Thinking (CCT) days were garbage! Or perhaps more to the point, they challenged our thinking around the question 'How we as a community can reduce our impact on the environment'. This question was explored through four different perspectives: Waste management; Food waste and consumption; Fast fashion and finally; Sustainable households.

The theme was the brainchild of Year 11 student **Steph Lokan**, the founding leader of our Climate Clever group. Steph wondered if there was a better way to manage our waste at school and investigated options for positive change. Once she determined what our current usage looked like, she put forward a proposal to create sustainable systems based on greater sorting and appropriate disposal. The clear message was to think carefully before disposing of waste and make landfill the smallest it can possibly be. Students in Years 8 and 9 will spend term three designing, developing and delivering their unique solutions to our CCT question.

Invited guest presenters included **Carole-Lee Gordon** from Bin Shift, **Scott Rogasch** from Forage Supply Co. and **Stephen Packer**, Senior Environment Officer for RCMB. Stephen brought over a 100 kitchen waste compost bins with him and our interested students collected them to take home to their families. We thank RCMB for this, as we can all play our part in collecting food scraps and compost, rather than the covered landfill situation where they decompose and create methane gas contributing further to global warming. I can't wait to see what other great ideas our students come up with to reduce our impact.



I would like to acknowledge the work of **Luke Starczak, Kirrily Martin, Scott Rowland, Jason Hagger, Natasha Lancaster, Jared Daly, Zoe Greer and Shana Weston** in collaborating to develop a comprehensive two day program, needing to adapt last minute from a live presentation to live streaming in classrooms, when the power to the gym was cut off because of a power outage.

I have been very fortunate in the last couple of weeks to be in the audience for the gripping Year 11 production of **'Only children'** and the Year 12 Sci-fi play, **'Midnight'**. It is always great to see our students give their all. The sets, lighting and sound production all contributed to making a polished production. Many congratulations to the drama teaching team of **Leah Waye, Robyn Page and Jordy Irvine-Creaser** for their ongoing support of students in the performing arts learning area. This Wednesday the Music component of the performing arts learning area will celebrate with two performances of **'Winter Sounds'**. This collaboration combines the talents of the Year 10 special interest planning team and the Year 11 VET sound production group supporting vocal and instrumental compositions. Bookings are still available on our website [here](#) and Facebook.

School tours continue to be popular with parents of next year's double cohort of students. In the night information tours, Leaders and Teachers made themselves available to talk to Caregivers about their learning area curriculum and opportunities into the senior years. There is a Principal's tour tomorrow night and additional ones in July and August. These can be booked by going to our website and picking transition from the 'student support' drop down menu.

We have been very fortunate in South Australia so far this year, with COVID cases only identified in hotel quarantine. States beyond our border have not been so lucky. If you are intending to travel these school holidays, please take care on the roads and always practice good hygiene protocols.



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Year 12 Outdoor Education - 3 Day Hike To Mambray Creek National Park

On 31st May, 1st June 2nd June, the Year 12 Outdoor Ed class ventured to Mambray Creek National Park for their 3 day bushwalk with staff members Kathryn Reedy, Aaron Pratt and bus driver Michael McDonald. Students were given the opportunity to showcase their navigation knowledge and outdoor living skills they had learnt during the semester. A few highlights of the trip included walking through Alligator Gorge, seeing the views of Spencer Gulf from the Battery Ridge, seeing a Yellow-footed rock Wallaby and exploring Scarfes Hut. During the trip students conducted micro-tutorials about environmental issues they had researched back at school which was very interesting.

Students were required to carry full rucksacks with all their belongings for day 1 and 3, but as a group we decided to make day 2 a daypack set up due to us being based at Kingfisher Flat Campsite for the 2 nights, which the group was thankful for. Over the 3 days the group travelled 36km, it was a long, tiring, but rewarding experience for all. We were able to connect with a different environment, learn about different rocks, plants and animals and connect with each other without the distraction of modern technology and social media. It was awesome to see the group working closely together and supporting each other as the terrain experienced was quite hilly and physically demanding.

Students represented the school with pride, showed great determination and teamwork for the entirety of the trip. Well done team. Really looking forward to our self-reliant bushwalk to Deep Creek in Week 9 on Wednesday to Friday.



Tony Pasin – Federal Member for Barker visits the ILC

by Penny Conway

On Thursday 10th June Tony Pasin came to the ILC and presented a “Mock Parliament” to a group of staff and students. Tony spoke to the group about life as a politician and what it involves on a day to day basis. Tony explained that he had been a Lawyer prior to entering Politics, however, he wanted to make a difference. He stressed to the young people that it is important for them to make their voice count and heard.

Tony spends 20 weeks of the year in Canberra and travels approximately 100,000km in a year travelling around his Electorate. He represents 19,000 people in his Electorate. He gets around listening to the concerns and views of country people and then taking it to Parliament.

Tony allocated a variety of positions to students: Clerk, Speaker, Sgt at Arms, Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition, 2 WHIPS, Members of Parliament on both sides as well as Independents. We then all role played “mock parliament” where a Bill was presented and debated and finally put to a vote. The Bill was “No Homework Bill”. As we progressed through each stage of the Bill, Tony explained the process to the staff and students.

Staff and students thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon’s activities and we would like to extend a huge thank you to Tony for making himself available to come to the ILC and introduce us to what life as a Parliamentarian is all about.



Year 12 Sports Studies - Aquatics

by Ty Burkett

On Wednesday 16th to Friday 18th June, Mr Burkett's Year 12 Sports Studies class took part in a 3-day Sailing course at the Murraylands Aquatics Centre. This experience forms 1 of 3 Practical Inquiries the students are required to complete for their Stage 2 Integrated Learning – Sports Studies course. As part of the course students learnt, developed, were marked and given feedback on the following sailing techniques/roles:

- setup/pack up
- tacking
- jibing
- running
- skipper
- Crew
- communication and
- collaboration

This experience was a great opportunity for the students to learn something new, get out of their comfort zone and build resilience. The 3-day sailing course was a great success with students walking away feeling challenged, proud and accomplished with their efforts.





Rio Vista Olive Oil Tasting and Visit

by Cathy Schiller

Year 9 students had the opportunity to meet with **Jared Bettio** from Rio Vista Olives last week. Rio Vista Olives grow, process and bottle Extra Virgin Olive Oil in Mypolonga and the Adelaide Hills. Jared came to the school and introduced the students to the world of Olive Oil Tasting and the complexities of Extra Virgin Olive oil.

Later in the week a group of Year 9s got to see local and regional produce in action after studying the Murraylands Area food bowl this term. Students chose an oil to produce and went through the processing and bottling process to create a Murray Bridge High School Oil to be entered into the School Oil Competition. We look forward to developing an ongoing partnership with Rio Vista.

Chef Jason Roberts was also visiting at the same time and he discussed the importance of provenance of food, good farming practices and the importance of food to your health. Overall it was a wonderful experience for the students to see the paddock to plate process.



Year 12 Drama Production, 'Midnight'

by Robyn Page

The play for the 2021 Year 12 Drama Production was a unique choice. Written by Russell T.Davies in 2008, 'Midnight' was originally an episode of the famous 'Doctor Who' series.

Midnight is a toxic planet in the 24th Century upon which a state-of-the-art luxurious hotel, The Leisure Palace has been established. The action takes place upon one of the tourist space buses en route to the key tourist attraction: the Crystal Waterfall. The play begins in a light-hearted manner. All is going to plan....until.....!

The set for this production was also highly unique. It took 2 complete days to transform the drama Workshop into a futuristic space bus, the Crusader 50, upon which the members of the audience board as passengers and go along for the ride!



When our Company selected this play, we discussed the themes and what we wanted the audience to 'walk away with' from our performance. The answer was a question: How do human beings respond when placed under pressure in an unknown scenario....and, more importantly: How would I respond?

Performed over three nights, 'Midnight' was a great success with many audience members commenting on how completely they were immersed in the tension. Special thanks go to the Maintenance and IT staff for their 'above and beyond' support. The Year 12's surpassed themselves and deserve to be congratulated.

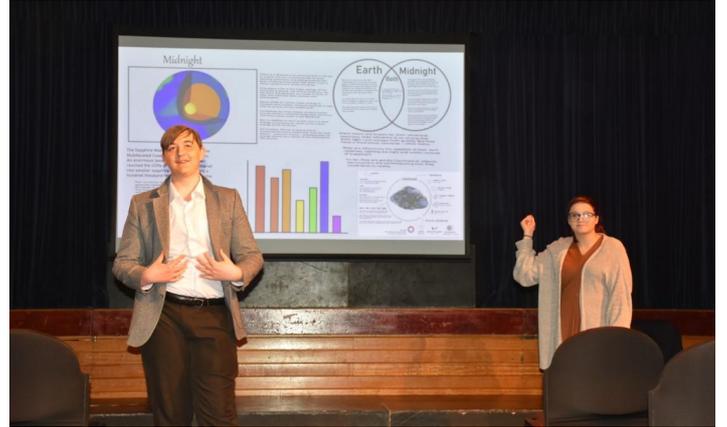
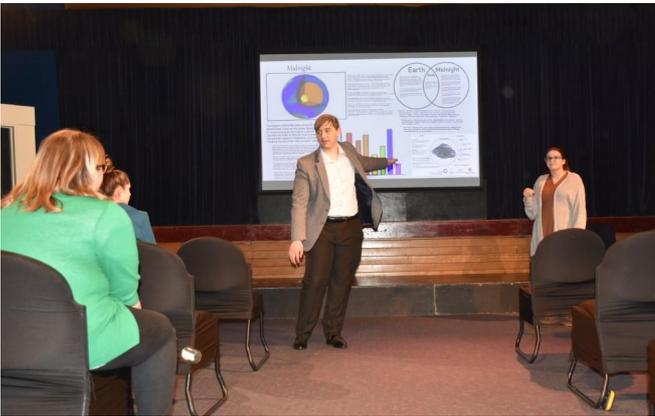
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The cast and crew were as follows:

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| Hostess | Charlotte Bormann |
| Driver Jo | Haylee Luck |
| Mechanic (Claudette) | Freya-mai Hegan-Grant |
| Doctor | Mercedes Macerola |
| Sky Sylvestry | Gabrielle Tobin |
| Professor Hobbes | Taj Kelsen |
| Dee Dee Blasco | Emily Allen |
| Val Cane | Alexus Martin |
| Biff Cane | Harrison Nigro |
| Jethro Cane | Megan Grove |
| Costume + Makeup design | Tam Nguyen |
| Sound + Lighting design | Dalziel Callaghan |
| Multimedia design | Eleanor Gonzales |
| Posters + Program design | Eleanor Gonzales |

Original 'Midnight' theme composed by Thomas Clifford (Year 10 Music)







ELO – Gorge Wildlife Park by Christine Oberholzer

On Friday 18th of June 2021, the Equal Learning Options (ELO) classes went to Gorge Wildlife Park in Cudlee Creek. It was a whole day excursion and we had a chartered bus transport us to and from the wildlife park. The weather was cool and wet, however, that did not stop us from having fun and spending time with all the amazing animals.

At the wildlife park, we had a keeper's presentation who spoke to us about and showed us a pygmy python, koala and a giant tortoise. We learnt that a pygmy python does not get very large and are non-venomous and strangle their prey to death. Koalas only eat three out of 700 potential eucalyptus leaves and tortoises can live up to 120 years!

We also had the opportunity to go to the kangaroo sanctuary to feed and interact with the different types of kangaroos.

Some other animal we saw were; alligators, otters, pelicans, meerkats, bats and various types of monkeys.

We all had a great time engaging in a community activity and expanding on our social skills whilst interacting with nature.

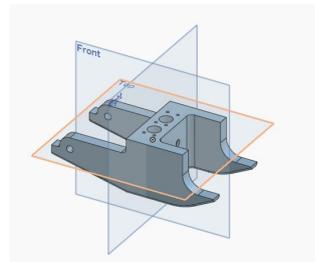


Robotics Showcase at Year 7 Transition Tour

by Fiona Rabone

Two of our year 11 robotics club members needed to complete an activity for personal development where they go out to the community to host an event. The transition tour evening and their involvement in the Bunyips provided a great opportunity to complete their personal development task. On the 7th and 16th of June, we set up and hosted the robotics showcase event for future year 7 and 8 students who are transiting for them to have a look at our club and try to get more members for next year. We allowed the upcoming students and family members to drive two of our robots and treated them with prizes for driving the robots. Both of the two year 11s were nervous at first, being introduced to large groups of people but they found that even great as we got many future students interested in our club and we hope to see them next year.

During our recent trip to Adelaide, some of our members learnt how to use CAD which is a 3D printing website. While we were in Adelaide, we got some blue prints for printing some parts for our robot. After deciding what parts we wanted, we asked Tech Studies to help with getting the parts 3D printed for our robot. We thank Mr Berresford for helping us, we are working on installing them on our competition robot for scrimmage in August (as part of Science Alive).



Barista Course

by Penny Conway

On 21st of June students participating in the Workabout Centre Barista course completed their final assessment at Moorundi. Students from the ILC, Mannum Community College and Meningie Area School served coffee to staff and students from the ILC and Murray Bridge High School, along with friends, family and community members in a café style setting with morning tea also provided. The course has provided participants with the skills and knowledge to extract and serve espresso coffee using a commercial espresso machine and it was great to see the skill level and confidence of students improve over the duration of the course.



Youth Environment Leaders Sustainable Farming day

by Ally Braun

Yr 11 Agriculture students had the opportunity to visit Starkey's farm at Sanderston to participate in the Young Environmental Leaders Sustainable Farming Day.

Starkey's farm is in a low rainfall area. They have adapted the management of their farm incorporating technology and sustainable farming practices.

Students had the opportunity to see "real life" technology at Starkey's farm, analyse data to help make decisions on the management practices of the farm, no till farming practices, crop rotation, food production and sustainable soil management practices. Zoe Starkey also talked about the job opportunities involved in farming and the skills required to work on farms.

Students participated in activities focussing on climate change, food production, growing population and technology used in plant genetics to create crops that are less susceptible to disease.



Concert Band 1 and Vocal Ensemble perform for Pensioners SA by Sean Hickey

The Murray Bridge High School Concert Band and Vocal Ensemble, along with Yulee Chi a Year 10 piano soloist, performed for the Pensioners SA Murray Bridge Branch in John Dohler Hall on Wednesday 23rd of June. Concert Band 1 have been working towards this performance as part of the Personal Development program, looking at supporting community events and groups. The band curated a program of music for the pensioners, playing pieces from the 60s, 70s, and 80s including hits from Michael Jackson, Elton John, The Temptations, and Neil Diamond. Mrs Peta Davis led the Vocal Ensemble in their first public performance this year with Paul Hilton accompanying to ensemble, and Yulee Chi completed our program presenting two classical piano pieces. The pensioners were very appreciative of the music who have found it difficult to return to business as usual after 2020, with many of their members struggling to get to the meetings.



Murraylands Regional Concert August 9th and 11th by Sean Hickey

Concert Band 1, Concert Band 2, Vocal Ensemble and Drumline, along with 7 soloists will be performing Murraylands Regional Concert is coming in August with guest artists Adam Page, Jacki Cooper and John Morrison. 200 students will have the opportunity to work with our guest artists over three days of workshops and present two concerts at the Murray Bridge Town Hall. Students can register their interest by collecting a Registration form from the Music Suite. Tickets are available online now at from <https://www.trybooking.com/BSCJV>.

2021 Murraylands Schools Concert
with guest artists...

Jacki Cooper **John Morrison**

Adam Page

Location: The Murray Bridge Town Hall
 Mon 9th Aug - 6:00 to 7pm, Vocal Ensemble and Drumline
 Wed 11th Aug - 6:00 to 7:30pm Concert Bands
 \$12 Adult \$10 Concession
 \$35 Family, 2 Adults and 2 Concession
<https://www.trybooking.com/BSCJV>



Murray Bridge High School presents...

Winter Sounds

Music Showcase

Concert 1: 5:30 pm - 6:45 pm
 Concert 2: 7:30 pm - 8:45pm

**30 JUNE 2021
 DRAMA WORKSHOP**

\$8 Adult/\$6 Concession

Light refreshments provided

Tickets available at:
<https://www.trybooking.com/BRHMX>

www.soundcloud.com/MBHSmusic



Volunteering at The Haven Murray Bridge



WIS provides information and referrals to South Australian Women online, over the phone and in person. Our aim is to increase women's access to information that promotes choice and empowerment.

Volunteers are provided with comprehensive training to assist women seeking information and referrals for life challenges.

Training is scheduled to commence in September 2021 in Murray Bridge

Apply now:
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Like to know more before you apply?

Attend an Information session:

20th July at 10am via Zoom
30th July at Murray Bridge Community Centre
11th August at 1pm via Zoom

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Term 3

Mon, 19 July - Fri, 24 Sep

School Closure - Show Day
Mon, 6 sept

Student Free Day
Tue, 7 Sep
 (Student and Teacher Collaboration)

LOST PROPERTY

end of term clean out

There is a lot of articles left in Lost Property including school jackets, t-shirts, jeans, drink bottles, laptop bag, jewelry etc. If you have lost any of these items please go to the SSO to collect.

YEAR 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL IN 2022

Parent Update Week 9, Term 2 – 2021

Looking beyond year 7

In 2022, year 7 and 8 students will start high school in the same year for the first and only time. We are working hard to ensure the move is smooth and successful for all families and our broader school communities.

Support for year 8s

Every age of schooling is important, and our schools will continue catering for the needs of all students.

While our 2022 year 7 group is receiving a lot of focus in the lead-up to its historic move to high school, our schools are continuing to fully support year 8 students starting high school in 2022. Our schools are highly experienced at running transition programs to ensure year 8s feel welcomed in their new settings. The programs also have a strong focus on helping students form new friendships. This will not change under the year 7 to high school move. Both year 7 and year 8 students will be provided with full transition programs.

Our senior students remain a key focus

Our schools are very capable of managing student needs and parents can be assured that senior students will continue to receive the attention they require for their learning.

Impact on primary schools

Naturally, overall student numbers will drop in our primary schools when year 7 moves to high school.

The government has made a commitment not to close schools as part of the year 7 to high school move. We are offering top-up funding to some eligible regional schools to ensure they don't drop class numbers due to the departure of year 7.

Some primary school teachers are choosing to apply for new high school positions that have been created because of the move. Welcoming them into our high schools will ensure students continue to benefit from their extensive knowledge of year 7 curriculum and teaching methods.

Benefits to high school communities

Feedback from all the schools in our pilot program showed they benefitted from having year 7s on site. The pilot has involved three public high schools, which started welcoming year 7s in 2019. Teachers found the year 7s to be full of energy and optimism, which was a positive for the culture of their wider school communities.

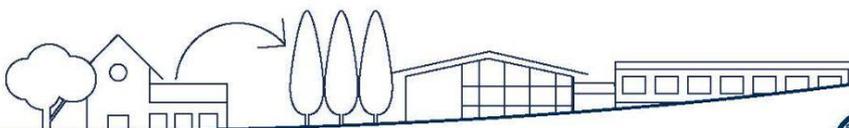
Managing interactions between different year levels

Frameworks already exist in public schools to manage interactions between students of different ages. They already operate in our Birth to 12, Reception to 12 and Area schools. Many schools run peer mentor programs with older students and will have designated yard spaces for 7 and 8 students for lunch and recess. Check with your school about what they offer.

Where to find out more

Stay informed through your school and the Department for Education's website: www.education.sa.gov.au/7toHS.

Or share your feedback with the project team by emailing: Year7toHS@sa.gov.au.



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