It has been fantastic to return to my role as Principal of Mildura Senior College after an eight week secondment working in the Regional Office. We have an outstanding Leadership Team backed by equally outstanding Teaching and Education Support staff. It is because of this I had every confidence the school would be in good hands while I was away. I would like to specifically thank Mrs Belinda Hudak who did a terrific job as Acting Principal during that time.

**Australian Business Week**

Earlier this term a highly successful Australian Business Week program was run by the Business Management teachers. This involved all students undertaking Year 11 Business Management doing a week long, intensive program which culminates in an awards and recognition ceremony on the Friday night. It is not compulsory for schools to run activities such as this, but is another example of our fantastically dedicated staff ensuring students are given rich and meaningful learning tasks.

**The BEAT**

Another fantastic event that occurred earlier in Term 3 was the annual BEAT performance which showcases local state school talent. This was a wonderful opportunity to show not only the talent of the students but the willingness of local state schools to collaborate and work together culminating in a wonderful show over two nights.

A special mention has to be made of the Mildura Senior College students and staff who worked ‘front of house’ and behind the scenes and particular Bianca Deckert and her team. I was particularly proud of our students who performed in the show who were all outstanding!

**2016 College Sporting Program success!**

I would like to congratulate all of those students who have been competing in our school sporting program.

We have had numerous teams and individuals excel this year resulting in both regional champions and many teams competing at the state finals. Aside from the opportunity to represent our College in a wide range of sports, we believe that the sports program also offers opportunities to build responsibility and leadership. Constantly our teachers return from each sporting trip reporting that the students are outstanding representatives of themselves, their families and our College.

I would also like to thank all of the staff (team managers and assistants) who put in an extraordinary amount of time to ensure that the program runs smoothly and we continue to give our students these types of opportunities.

Andrew Ough
Principal
Assistant Principals' Report

End of Term 3/Term 4 Arrangements
Term 3 ended at 2:30pm on September 16. Classes for all students (Term 4) start at 9am on Monday, 3rd October. Included in this mail out is important information about our Term 4 arrangements which differ significantly from other schools. Please read this document carefully and ensure it is displayed in a prominent position.

Student Work
The deadlines for end of Unit are strictly enforced - students must complete all the set work/assessment tasks by the due date – for Year 12 this is OCTOBER 18, and Year 11 NOVEMBER 4.

Important Information Year 11 Mail Out
In this recent mail out families will receive important information about the end of year process and enrolment for Year 11 students going into Year 12 in 2017. Students have selected their preferences for year 12 and these will be included in this mail out.

Please read all of the information carefully and contact the college if you have any questions.

Volunteering Opportunities
Year 11 students have attended a workshop on Transitions from Mildura Senior College and how to better prepare themselves for their future. VCAL students will attend this workshop early in Term 4. During this workshop the importance of volunteer work was emphasised. Volunteer work has many benefits to both the community and the student. It helps build key competencies, develop greater networks and greater empathy and understanding about our community. Please encourage your students to use the September Holidays to either volunteer somewhere in the community or to find a volunteering opportunity in the future. This will not only make them more community aware but builds employability and opens more doors for University entry and scholarships.

Student Services Centre
Students are reminded that the Student Services Centre is where they will find the Sub School Leaders and the Attendance Officer. If students have questions about their program or completing their certificate, attendance queries or just need general help they should go to the Student Services Centre for advice. To speak with a student’s Sub School Leader please call the College and follow the prompts or email them on:

Jim Blue - bluej@milsen.vic.edu.au
Reg Byrne - byrner@milsen.vic.edu.au
Lucinda Englefield - englefieldl@milsen.vic.edu.au
Craig Irvin - irvinc@milsen.vic.edu.au
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Graeme Smyth - smythg@milsen.vic.edu.au
Marg Wilson - wilsomn@milsen.vic.edu.au

Special Provision
Students with medical conditions, disabilities and exceptional personal circumstances are reminded that they can apply for Special Provision and/or Special Exam Arrangements. Students must see Marg Wilson Leading Teacher - Student Wellbeing for further information as soon as possible. All students who are already on the Special Provision list will have received letters.

Tristar Medical Services on Site
We have a Doctor (General Practitioner) as well as a Mental Health Nurse on site. Students who would like to make appointments should see the Wellbeing Team. Parents can also make appointments for their students by contacting the front office. Hours are 9am – 3:30pm.

Student Safety
Students who drive to school are reminded they should register their cars at the front office by filling out a Student Driver Form. Student drivers are also reminded that transporting other students in their vehicles is not permitted. Students cannot park in Kavilah Crescent.

Parent Portal on the College Website
The Parental Portal is active on our College Website and parents are reminded they can access the following information;

- Student Timetable
- Attendance Data
- Student Calendar
- Parent Messages
- Ability to book for Parent/Teacher Interview evenings (3-Way Conferences)

If you are in need of a new password or unfamiliar with log in details in general please phone the college on 50212911 and press 5 for assistance.

Student Achievement!
If you are achieving fantastic things in your sporting or community involvement, please make sure you let us know about it. We would love to include details of the event and your achievement in our newsletter and celebrate your success. Please contact an Assistant Principal with details of your achievement.

Mark Tracy
Deanne Marr
Ineke Rogers
Assistant Principals'

Whats Happening at MSC
‘Hot Seat’ Apprenticeship & Traineeship Program.
Mildura Senior College students Teari Campbell and Robert Roelofs, are hoping to benefit from a trial of the Hot Seat program, run with the help of SMGT’s Kylie Mackay. Apprenticeship and trainee opportunities from across the region are being brought into the classroom with a trial of the Hot Seat program at Mildura Senior College. The College has partnered with SMGT Field Officer Kylie Mackay who, over the past 5 weeks, has delivered sessions and workshops for those interested in taking on an apprenticeship or trade.

It has been a trial to whether it works and whether to keep pursuing it and there has been a lot of interest shown.

Nick Goodieson
Work Place Transition Coordinator

Try A Trade Day
On Friday 12th August the Mildura Region Trade Training Centre partners along with SMGT hosted the Try A Trade Day at the Deakin Trade Training Centre. This was an opportunity for students to experience the facilities and explore various trades and industries. Approximately 700 students from local secondary schools participated on the day. Being able to try hands on activities and interactive demonstrations provided by a range of local industries and the Trade Training Centre’s staff.

Represented on the day were the Army Cadets with recruitment
information & demonstrations – survival packs, camouflage; Devilees – air conditioning system demonstrations and copper pipe soldering; Latrobe University providing course information; MAS National providing trainee information; Mildura Holden brought along 2 vehicles demonstrating diagnostics systems and tyre changing; NSW Police provided demonstrations with (mock) Tasers, vests and protective gear.

SMGT both coordinated and provided opportunity for students wanting to register for a trainee opportunity.

SunTafe had a massive display site including Creative Industries with cameras and sound recording equipment; the drag car and welding simulator; health services - medical supplies and equipment; interactive bullseye activity; land and environment showed water testing, soil testing, seedling planting, interactive CRP dog (pulse checking); and the Solar powered trailer with interactive games.

Both Dealing and Riverside Trade Training Centres staff provided demonstrations in auto engine dismantling, tiling, painting, carpentry, hospitality – cupcakes decorating, hair styling and colouring, beauty, nail polish and makeup.

MSC VCAL students also assisted on the day by provided tours and information regarding classes in operation on the day – Engineering, Integrated Technology & Wood.

General feedback has been very positive with lots of suggestions for making the event even bigger and better next time.

Trish Clifford
MRTTC Executive Officer

Australian Business Week
Week 5 of this Term saw 70 Year 11 Business Management down at the Grand Hotel becoming temporary hotel managers. The students had to simulate hotel management and make decisions on prices of rooms, standard of service, quality of service, purchase of more hotels. They were required to analyse share prices, market share and financial statements. Also, students took part in team-building activities and put together a trade display, TV advertisement, written company report and present an oral presentation.

The students were divided into 6 teams and were all allocated a local business Mentor; a big thank you to Mark Thornton Collie and Tierney First National, Simon Lewis Sunraysia Home Loans, Eliza Allomes DHM Partners, Amanda Aldridge Mildura Property Advisers, Mandy Williams, Amanda Smith Sunraysia Farmers’ Markets and Trudi Chant Mildura Veterinary Hospital who all donated their time to come and help the students with various aspects of the week.

The Small Business Commissioner of Victoria, Geoff Browne was in Mildura for the judging on Friday along with other local business people. The students all had an amazing week, worked very hard and should feel very proud of their achievements, individually and as the Business Management cohort. Below is a picture of the winning team “Luxe Resort”.

SRC Committee
As the end of year approaches, the SRC continues to be very busy. Throughout the Term we have run two events to date. The first was Jeans for Genes day where we sold merchandise, and pancakes. We raised $260.

The second event this term was Daffodil Day where students were able to wear pyjamas. The SRC students made a range of slices and pancakes. We raised $260.

The College Captain process is now underway with applications closing on Friday 9th September. Applications will then be read and interviews will occur on the First Wednesday back. This will be followed closely by the nominations for the Year 12 SRC positions for 2017.

Tania Edgar
Student Leadership Coordinator

Wear It Purple Day
WEAR IT PURPLE – ‘Everyone deserves to be proud of who they are’!

Many students and staff participated in our inaugural ‘Wear it Purple’ day at MSC on Friday 2nd September. Student artwork, purple nail painting and information were all part of the day.

The purpose of Wear it Purple is for young people everywhere to know that they have the right to be proud of who they are! This day is to encourage students to have an open discussion about gender diversity and sexuality while building on our inclusive safe environment. Mildura Senior College is part of the Safe School Coalition and we continue to consolidate and celebrate inclusion and diversity.

Be strong be safe and reach out for support if you are feeling alone or sad.
https://www.facebook.com/wearitpurple/
http://www.wearitpurple.org/
https://www.eheadspace.org.au/

Roz Devilee
College Nurse

Careers Centre
Year 12 CHANGE OF PREFERENCE after VCE results and ATAR on 12th December
Change of preference will be open at specific times throughout January and February 2017. See dates and www.vtac.edu.au for a complete and up-to-date list.

Year 12 students can change their University course preferences through their VTAC user account from 21st November (10am) to 20th December (12 Noon). If you would like to discuss any changes or how it all works you are welcome to come in and see the Careers Advisor at any time (an appointment is preferred). For more information see page 22 of the lime green booklet called the VTAC ‘ABC of Applying’ 2017. If you need another copy there are plenty of spare copies to be found at the Careers Centre.

2016 VCE Results And ATAR Service
The VCAA and VTAC offer 3 options for accessing VCE results and the ATAR: Internet, SMS and mail.

VCE results and ATARs are available from the 2016 VCE Results and ATAR Service from 7.00 am Monday 12th December.

See page 21 in the lime green booklet called the VTAC ‘ABC of Applying 2017’ for more details.

Apprenticeships And Traineeships
Students who are intending to apply for an apprenticeship or traineeship for next year should be making applications NOW. They should check job vacancies and register with local agencies (like Murray Mallee Group Training contact Sally Shelly on 5022 9420 or 0448 541 014 AND/OR MAS National (was AusNac) – Breece Stephens on 0427 503 805) as soon as possible. Each
week job vacancies are placed on the school COMPASS notices, so students should be regularly checking. There certainly will be a rush on jobs and apprenticeships before Christmas and early in the New Year.

Scholarships – Other Scholarships not through VTAC
Mildura Senior College has placed a scholarship database on the student G: Drive in the Careers Folder and then Scholarship subfolder. It is called 2016 Scholarship Update. The file contains a lot of different types of scholarships that are available.

The VTAC ‘ABC of Applying’ 2017 booklet on page 19 has a link to scholarships at www.vtac.edu.au/scholarships/other.html

You can also do a scholarship search by using the Hobsons course finder website at www.hobsoncoursefinder.com.au select scholarships. Search by level of study keyword, state etc.

For individual institution scholarships the students need to go online to each university website or consult their Undergraduate Course Guide for 2017. (See above) There are all kinds of institutional scholarships to assist rural students and to promote access. There are also faculty scholarships promoting various careers where there is a skill shortage. For example engineering So, read the scholarships section of each institution that you are applying for, and give the institution a call if you need more information.

Chances For Children Tertiary Scholarships
Students who will need financial assistance to meet the cost of going away, can apply to Chances for Children to be assessed for a scholarship. In Sept/October a scholarship round will open. Go to www.chancesforchildren.com.au and print off an application form. Parents will need to fill in a FAMILY HOUSEHOLD BUDGET for the year’s expenses. A copy of the budget page is found at the website. The application requires a REFERRING PROFESSIONAL to fill in certain pages and to sign off on others. Martha Maiorana Well Being Coordinator, and Lavina Hamilton Careers and Tertiary Advice Coordinator, can be contacted to support the application process.

Centrelink Administered Scholarships
If you are planning to apply for Youth Allowance, ABSTUDY or Austudy, you need to lodge a claim as soon as you complete your Year 12 Exams. You can lodge claims 13 weeks before you start studying. It takes a minimum of 21 days to process claims. Payment of Youth Allowance in 2017 will usually be assessed on parent’s income for the 2015/2016 financial year. There is an additional income test if your parents/guardians are self-employed. All claims are started online. You can log on and register yourself at http://my.gov.au. You can link a Centrelink, Medicare or Child Support online account. Follow the instructions at my.gov.au to link your accounts to myGov.

Student Start-Up Scholarship
for all full-time students receiving Student Income Support (Youth Allowance, Austudy, ABSTUDY) who are starting a higher education course – you are entitled to $2,050 paid in two half yearly installments in 2017.

Relocation Scholarships – For rural students who are receiving Youth Allowance etc. and have to move away from home to attend higher education, -$4,333 in the first year and $2,135 in the following two years, and $1,067 for a following years.

Private Colleges Australia
Private Colleges Australia www.privatecollegesaustralia.com is a new website aiming to keep an up-to-date and comprehensive listing of all private Colleges of tertiary education in Australia. This website is totally free to access. Colleges are listed by State in both A-Z and type of course format making it easy to compare all colleges with similar courses.

Lavina Hamilton
Career and Tertiary Advice Coordinator

Sports Reports
NWZ Clay Target Shooting
Windy conditions made clay target flights very unpredictable. Bethany Hayden won the Senior Girls competition after a 3 (x 5 shot) round shoot off for first place.

Shane Crowhurst
Coach

Interschool Athletics Day
It turned out to be a beautiful day for our students to compete against the best of best from surrounding schools including, Red Cliffs Secondary College, Coomealla High School, Irymple Secondary College and St Josephs College.

Our students competed in many of the events and were not only competitive but also showed great sportsmanship and commitment to the competition on the day. After all the results were totalled, Mildura Senior College came away with the Senior Premiership Shield for the 3rd consecutive year.

Congratulations to our students who won the Age Champions for both categories:
17 years – Jake Barker and Montana Beruldsen
20 Years – Brodie Jackson and Erika Florez
And all the competitors who attended on the day to help bring the Shield home!

Kym Bathe
Coach
Senior Boys Hockey State Finals

The day started early – all at the airport by 5:40am – keen and ready to take on whatever the rest of the state wanted to deliver – the boys knew that it was going to be a tough day. Three games, each being two 20 minute halves, with a 5 minute half time – that was the easy part – the hard part, was only having the 11 players – no interchange bench, and at state level, that was not going to be a walk in the park. They had prepared well, with a full training on the Sunday night.

Travel arrangements went without a hitch, and we arrived at Footscray Hockey Centre

Game 1 against Warrnambool College 0-1 Loss

This was a very hard but fair game – Warrnambool had 5 (maybe 6 – that is up for discussion (depends you ask) – only allowed 5 – another school questioned this) interchange players. Half time score was 0-0, the senior boys were playing well, keeping the defence tight, and the strikers were trying to push forward. The only goal scored occurred in the last 7 minutes of the second half – one of those unlucky shots on our behalf, and at a point where exhaustion had set in.

All played very well. The ball was driven forward – defence was strong. The play was quick and often down the side of the pitch opening the game up.

Game 2 against University High School 3-2 Win

Cameron Kelly - 1 field goal
Eric Putland – 2 penalty corner goals

Very different game – although the boys won, there was probably more individual play, where the ball tended to be driven down the middle. University HS had 4 interchange players. Score at half time was 1 – 0 MSC was up.

Game 3 against Rutherglen High School 3-0 Win
Jake Barker – 1 field goal
Thomas Chapman – 1 field goal – nicely fed in by Jake
Riley Wood – 1 penalty corner goal

Great team game, the defenders stood out, with their determination and ball skills that surprised both the coach and myself. The boys had pulled together, and drove the ball forward at every opportunity available to them. Their team work forced a lot of penalty corners, where the mid fielders and strikers were able to try different tactics, which paid off. Rutherglen HS had 4 interchange players.

The boys were unlucky that they were not able to progress into the finals.

The Boys ended up coming 3rd overall with goals scored for.

Our forward line, of Thomas Chapman, Jake Barker, Austin Keel, Cameron Kelly and Thomas Moore pushed the play forward and into the circle at any opportunity – Our mid fielders and defenders, consisting of James Crowhurst, Eric Putland, Angshu Madge, Riley Wood and Tylar Ginn, were there as a strong force to be reckoned with, protecting Christian Jackson, the Goal Keeper – who definitely was not use to having a hard hockey ball hit directly at him and at high speeds.

The Students behaviour was impeccable. Their tenacity and determination was reflected in their game play. Every student put in 110%, listened to their coach, and went back out onto the field even more determined to represent Mildura Senior College with pride, regardless of how exhausted they felt at the time.

A special thank you needs to go to an ex-student of MSC – his last year was in 1992 - Jamie Pain. His coaching skills were and are invaluable, the boys certainly appreciated the extra time that Jamie contributed to their preparation and his passionate contribution on the day.

I did have an interesting conversation with the CEO of School Sport Victoria - Jude Maguire, she loves our Hoodies. She liked the way that MSC recognises those students that have made to a state finals – after all, that is what it is all about – giving every child a chance to participate in a team sport, and if they make it to represent a school at state level, then that’s even more special.

Lisa Crowhurst
Team Manager
E-safety Factsheet for Parents

**Positive and Negative Aspects of the Internet:**

**Positive aspects of the Internet and Apps:**
- Great for research and creativity
- Cheap or free communication and collaboration
- Easy to create and publish content and get it noticed
- Great for children to develop future job skills as fun hobbies
- Introduces children to the world of commerce and business
- Encourages creativity and individualism
- Children feel they have ‘ownership’ of the Internet

**Negative aspects of the Internet and Apps:**
- Cyber bullying and the lack of appropriate rules
- Online privacy and personal information and the increasing likelihood of being hacked
- Reputation management and ‘digital footprint’
- Sexting, grooming, pornography and inappropriate material
- Illegal downloads and copyright infringement
- Spam, phishing, viruses and malware
- Children lying about their age to get onto social networking platforms with a 13+ age limit
- Pressure to respond to comments 24/7

The positives need to outweigh the negatives in e-safety education:

The best outcome regarding e-safety incidents, cyber bullying and online harassment with school-aged children is always to persuade the pupils to see the consequences of their actions and remove the material of their own accord. It is important to promote positive digital citizenship and ensure that children treat peers with respect.

Much better outcomes are seen when children decide for themselves what is and is not appropriate and self-regulate their actions. Schools and parents have a huge role to play in providing this guidance first, rather than imposing rigid rules and sanctions as an initial measure.

**Minimum age limits:**

Most social networking sites and apps are based in the US and under privacy laws in this country, you have to be 13 years old to register. There is no legal violation if you use these sites or Apps, if you are under 13. The only rule you are breaking is the terms and conditions set up by company that owns the site or App.

Many children and young people have become savvy to this and use sites below the age of 13. The important issue around this is that they can then put themselves in potential danger as predators can target them when using this sites/Apps. With the development of video streaming and photo Apps, children need to be aware of the pitfalls.

Also, parents need to be aware of back channelling, which is when conversations take place alongside an activity e.g. playing video games.

**Statistics:**

**Social Networking Use**
- Facebook now has 1.55 billion active users.
- 2.9 billion Google searches are made every day.
- 2.7 million blog posts are published every day. Source: https://hostingfacts.com
- Instagram has a much younger audience, 39% of its users are aged 16-24.
- 64% of Instagram users are female vs 56% of Facebook users. Source: http://www.rosemcrory.co.uk/
- 60% of Snapchat’s users are 13 to 24 years old. Similarly, 63% of its audience are 18 to 34-year-olds Source: (Snapchat).
- YouTube has over a billion users—almost a third of all people on the Internet—and every day, people watch hundreds of millions of hours of YouTube videos and generate billions of views.
- Once users are on YouTube, they are spending more time per session watching videos. On mobile, the average viewing session is now more than 40 minutes Source: You Tube

**Sexting**
- Six out of 10 teenagers say they have been asked for sexual images or videos
- 40% said they had created a sexual image or video, and about a quarter said they had sent one to someone else by text.
- Of those who had sent an image or video to someone else by text, 58% said the image had been sent to a boyfriend or girlfriend, but a third said they had sent it to someone they knew online but had never met.
- About 15% said they had sent the material to a stranger.
- Of those who said they had sent a photo to someone, 20% said it had then been shared with other people, while 28% said they did not know if their picture had been shared with anyone else.
- More than half (53%) of those questioned said they had received a sexual photo or video, a third of whom had received it from a stranger. Source: NSPCC/Childline
Online behaviours

- One in six 12-15s and one in ten 8-11s who go online say they have seen something online in the past year that was worrying, nasty or offensive.
- Three in ten 12-15s (28%) said they knew of someone who had had any of a range of negative experiences asked about, including online/mobile contact or conduct, in the past year.
- Around one in 12 12-15s (8%) say they have been contacted online by someone they do not know and one in eight (13%) know someone this has happened to.
- Two per cent say they have seen something of a sexual nature, either online or on their mobile phone, rising to 5% saying they know someone this has happened to.
- Only one in ten 8-11s and 12-15s say they have personally experienced any kind of bullying in the past 12 months, including face to face.
- Some older children (12-15s) do have knowledge of potentially risky behaviours, for example one-third of Internet users know how to delete their browsing history. Source: OFCOM, 2015 Childrens Internet Use
- 12-15s now spend nearly three and a half hours a week more online than they do watching a TV set.
- Tablets are now the device most often used for going online among all age groups except 12-15s.
- 12-15s in 2015 are most likely to use their mobile to go online; seven in ten 12-15s now have a smartphone.
- The majority of children aged 5-15 live in households with access to on-demand services. 12-15s who watch both TV and YouTube content are more likely to say they prefer to watch YouTube.
- Three-quarters of 12-15s have a social media profile. Facebook continues to dominate as the main network of all children, but image-based apps are growing in popularity; increasing numbers of children have a profile on Instagram or Snapchat.

Parental Concerns

- A quarter of parents of 5-15s are concerned about the online content their child is exposed to.
- One in five parents of 5-15s are concerned about whom their child is in contact with online.
- A third of parents of children aged 5-15 are concerned that their child may be giving out personal details to inappropriate people.
- Around three in ten parents of 5-15s are concerned about online bullying.
- A quarter of parents of 12-15s are concerned about their child seeing content which encourages them to harm themselves.
- One in eight parents of 12-15s feel they don’t know enough to help their child manage online risks. Source: OFCOM

Key tips:

- Know what your children are doing online.
- As they get older, ensure that they become more resilient to the pressures associated with the Internet.
- Be aware who your children are talking to online. Make it clear that people that they don’t know are strangers.
- Explain why your children should not give out personal details online.
- Emphasise that having many different ‘followers’ or ‘likes’ does not necessarily make them popular.
- Explain to your child that nothing is private on the Internet – anything can be copied, whether it be private pictures, comments or messages.
- Point out that your child should always consider what an employer or partner might be able to find about them on Google in 5 to 10 years’ time.
- Avoid replying to junk, spam or phishing emails, or opening attachments which might contain viruses or malware.
- Make sure that children become better critical thinkers and can evaluate content on the Internet such as propaganda.
- Ensure your child does not meet up with online friends.
- Creating a positive environment where your child can be open and inquisitive and feel confident discussing their online experiences, whether positive or negative.
- Teach your children how to block and report any behaviour or content which makes them feel uncomfortable.
- Investigate ways in which you can set parental controls on devices and home broadband.

Useful links:

- www.thinkuknow.com.au
- www.internetmatters.org
- www.commonsensemedia.org
- www.childnet.com
- www.e-safetysupport.com
Sunraysia Mallee Ethnic Communities Council

1st September, 2016

SMECC Support Available to all SMECC member CALD communities

SMECC felt that it was time for us to contact our member groups to reaffirm our commitment to supporting all CALD communities, and to request the support of community leaders to help ensure that your communities are aware of opportunities to be supported by us.

1) Visiting client services at SMECC – All are welcome to make appointment:
   - Mildura Council Maternal & Child Health Service – Every Second Wednesday 10am – 12pm
   - Sunraysia Community Health Counselling Service – Every Second Wednesday 10am – 12pm
   - Murray Mallee Legal Service Legal advice (family & personal issues – non-migration) – Last Wednesday of each month 1pm – 3pm

2) English Classes – All are welcome
   - We have different courses for people with different levels of English starting through the year. People need to contact us if they are interested so we can tell them when we have next classes starting.
   - We also may be able to start extra classes if there is a bigger group of people who come to us together and want to learn.

3) Community Foodshare
   - Our foodshare distributes fresh food and a limited number of ‘food hampers’ to other groups who provide emergency food relief to community members.
   - SMECC Member CALD groups are able to join as members of the foodshare if they like. Nominated representatives of the group then able to collect food on behalf of their communities from us, and then they can give to individuals who need help. New deliveries of food are promoted through an email mailing list, so representatives need to have regular access to emails.

4) Other SMECC supports:
   - SMECC Playgroups for Women & children - all are welcome
   - SMECC Information Sessions on different topics – all are welcome to most
   - SMECC community projects/ training (particularly for isolated women and young people) – all are welcome to many of these
   - Free member use of our facilities

As you can see from the above list, there are many ways CALD communities to be helped by SMECC. We are happy to help promote these activities more to all CALD communities, but it is impossible for us to contact everyone individually – we need community leaders/
representatives of our member groups to lead on sharing this information with others in your community.

What we need from you?

- Community leaders to continue to share accurate information on SMECC services and new opportunities to others in your community
  - Many of your community groups have regular meetings. So we would ask leaders to please make it a regular part of your meetings/services to give an update to your members of SMECC activities on our behalf.

- Updated mobile phone and email addresses of as many “community representatives” as many you want to give us.
  - SMECC will then contact these nominated people through our sms & email contact lists when there are new updates for us to tell you. And we will also update through our Facebook page.

- Print copies of the attached brochure to give out to others
  - If you would like, please translate this brochure information into your own language, and come to us to then put this translated information onto our brochures.

Please help us by leading in communicating to others in your community about the many ways they can be involved with SMECC if they come to us and ask.

For more information, or to give your extra community contact details, please speak to Juvelina our Information worker. Her email is playgroup@smecc.org.au, or ask through reception.

Yours sincerely

[Signatures]

Andrew J. Rankin
Program & Development Manager

Dean Wickham
Executive Officer
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- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument purchase.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself. You will need internet access and be contactable by email.

Contact your Saver Plus Coordinator:
Call or SMS your name and postcode to 1300 610 355 or email saverplus@bsl.org.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in your area by the Brotherhood of St Laurence. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.
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