

## Moora Residential College

# Term 4 2022 Newsletter

### A note from the College Manager



Dear parents, carers, and friends of MRC,

As 2022 draws to a close I would like to thank the students in our care, for their behaviour during the year, taking on the changes around the college. I would like to congratulate all our students for great outcomes at school. I would like to acknowledge the parents/guardians for their continued support of your children in our care, we thank you for entrusting us with your children. To the LINC Committee, I enjoy our regular meetings and value your ongoing support of the college. Lastly to the MRC team that keeps the college running smoothly, Zoe, Jasmine, Leanne, Hayley, Annie, Debbie, Tracy, Joanne, Gillian, Travis, Gary, Sam and Winji. Without each one of you our college would not run so smoothly, be so clean and inviting.

We are all looking forward to a well-earned rest over the holidays, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all back in 2023! I will leave you with this thought...

“Wake up every morning with the thought that something Wonderful is going to happen... and it may just happen”



### Student Well-being Activities during 2022

#### The Moora Museum

##### Part 1

On the 23rd of October we took a group of students down to visit the Moora Museum.

All of us found the museum to be very interesting as we meandered our way through each room. The memorabilia and old artefacts portrayed, not only represented what life was like in early Australia, but more typically in Moora!

From early pioneer day relics, to old medicine bottles and surgery equipment, through to schoolbooks, farm machinery and fashions from that era.

Our guided tour ended with a generous serve of scones, jam and cream – yummy!!!

Upon exiting the museum, I noticed how over-grown their front garden was with weeds. I offered to return the following week with a group of volunteers to help clean up!

##### Part 2

At ten o'clock on the 30th of October, armed with garden gloves, shovels and plastic bags, 3 volunteers, myself included, started weeding the Moora Museums garden beds.

The soil was hard as it had not been watered in quite a while and I suggested that it had been maybe two years since it had been weeded. My volunteers never complained once. We toiled, dug-up, pulled and cleared away 5 large garbage bags full of weeds and threw them into the back of “Mr Tickety Boos” truck!

We were then invited to share yet another plate full of scrumptious scones, jam and cream and swig down copious amounts of home-made lemonade.

I was proud of our work, it felt good to give back to the Moora Community! We will endeavour to continue our good deeds!

Thank you Boyd, Liam and Leon for all your hard work.



## Raised Garden Beds Recipe

### Ingredients

- 3 Raised Garden beds
- 6 Bags of all-purpose soil
- 3 Bags of Blood and Bone
- 8 Bag of Potting Mix
- 3 Bags of Lupin Mulch
- Assortment of seedlings
- Water to mix

### Method!

- Assemble garden beds
- Empty base soil into bottom of garden beds
- Add water until soil is moist
- Add two bags of potting mix per bed
- Add blood and bone and disperse evenly
- Add more potting mix until  $\frac{3}{4}$  of beds are full
- Plant seedlings
- Add water
- Top with lupin mulch
- Water daily until ready to eat
- Enjoy

Seriously though, the College now has three raised garden beds. We would like to thank Mr Kingston for assembling the garden beds. Mr Howe worked tirelessly emptying the soil into the beds and watering the mixture. This process took place over the weekend and by Sunday evening we sat back and said "done"! Alivia and I planted all the seedlings and together we have been watering them every day. We can safely say

that we have not lost any plants yet, and we even have little flowers on our tomato bushes! Our seedlings include tomatoes, cucumbers, beetroot, lettuce, and sweet peas! Cannot wait to taste the fruits of our labour!

## Halloween 2022

This year a group of students at the college decided to go trick or treating down the streets of Moora. We all dressed up in marvelous outfits and collected loads of candy from locals. All of the students had great fun and ate candy till they exploded. It was a very enjoyable night for students and staff.

By Dallas Brown



## MPS Colour Blast



Boarders had the opportunity to run, walk, crawl and slide their way through the Moora Primary School Colour Blast obstacle course on the 6<sup>th</sup> November at the Town Oval. The students had an amazing time navigating foam pits, slip & slides and as you can see from above, no one escaped.



## Presentation Evening 2022

Our 2022 Presentation Evening was held on 18<sup>th</sup> October, with year 12 students Callum Machin, Kallup Rodgers and Jack Van Voorst graduating from CMSHS this year.

The afternoon celebrating students in 2022, was commenced with Axel George doing the Acknowledgement of Country.

Wendy Cousins from the LINC committee, thanked and farewelled the Hurley's and Johnston's. College Manager Anne-Marie thanked the staff and Supervisors of the College for their care of the students throughout the year. Then it was onto the awards with MC and Senior Supervisor, Jasmine Porter orchestrating the awards being presented to boarders.

Congratulations to all the boarders who won awards on the night.

Well done to all our students at MRC who have worked hard this year to overcome the challenges of high school.

Keep reading to see who our Head Boy and Girl is for 2023 and Student Council news.



## Head Boy and Head Girl Student Council



Congratulations to our Head Girl, Emily Wilkins and Head Boy, Cameron Turner who succeeded after a very close election. The college has introduced a Student Council this year who were also elected by their peers, welcome to our Student Council for 2023; Leon Pastoors, Tia Machin, Shonnay Robbins, Dallas Brown, Ingrid Ryan.



## Harry Potter Themed Christmas

Who is this mean fellow,

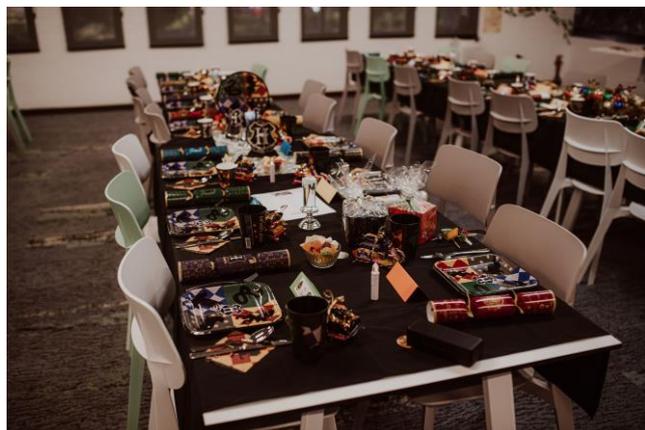
With his skin all green and teeth all yellow?

The Grinch stopped in to see all the boarders and try and steal their Christmas presents at our amazing Harry Potter themed Christmas party on the 1st of December.

At this, the inaugural annual Christmas party, many of us dressed in our Harry Potter or Christmas finest and sat down to an awesome feast made by our fabulous cooks Joanne and Gillian.

The Harry Potter theme, imagined by our College Manager, Anne-Marie Wilson was bought to life by Senior Supervisor, Jasmine Porter. The dining room was splendidly decorated by Jasmine and her many helpers.

Festoons of Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw and Slytherin adorned the walls and of course, everyone had a favourite house. Best dressed adult was won by Zoe Joyce, College AFO who dressed as Bellatrix Lestrange and best dressed child went to MacKenzie Hall below. fantastic, fulfilled evening was had by all.





## What to Bring in 2023

### EVERY ARTICLE MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH IT'S OWNER'S NAME.

#### CASUAL WEAR

Suitable clothes for recreation and social events should be provided. All slogans on t-shirts are subject to staff evaluation as to their suitability. Appropriate sportswear needs to be provided if your child intends to play sport.

#### FOOTWEAR

If students wear runners/sand shoes to school, it is recommended that they bring at least two pairs. Regular changing of shoes will minimize foot problems and the amount of foot odour & sufficient socks to allow at least daily change.

#### GENERAL - Full toiletries.

**NO** aerosol cans - this includes but not confined to; deodorants, hair or fly sprays.

Mark all clothing, bedding, and towels with your child's name.

- Drinking mug, dishwasher proof. Water bottle. We do not provide bottled water, but you can refill from our dispenser's. Laundry basket -put your name and year group on the basket, pegs, laundry powder.
- Suggest all students to have a debit card or some pocket money which can be stored in the staff office.

#### DOMESTIC GEAR -

- Two sets king single sheets and pillow slips. All rooms are King Singles in length only.
- A good quality doona or equivalent blankets is essential.
- One beach towel and two bath towels.

**NO** electric blankets/heaters or fans are allowed to be brought in from home. All the students' rooms are air-conditioned/heated.

**STUDY REQUIREMENTS** - All pens, pencils, rulers, and other stationery required for schoolwork -

Please see high school notes for full book lists.

**PLEASE NOTE** It is very important that students do not use pins/sticky tape/blutac or like stick anything to the painted surfaces in their rooms as they can remove the paint or damage the plaster on the walls which then require fixing and can result in the loss of the bond paid for the room. Students can stick lights, pictures etc up around their desks, wardrobes, and mirrors if they use the wooden surfaces & not the painted wall. Aerosol Cans are prohibited.

### OUR FOCUS FOR 2023

In 2023 we will be focusing on students being more responsible for the cleanliness of their rooms. With no Covid cleaning in 2023 it is even more important for us all to make sure our own personal areas are clean. We will be implementing Positive Behaviour System (PBS) at MRC, we look forward to working together with the students to plan this.

### Important Dates for Term 1

Event	Details
<b>MRC Opens for Term 1, 2023</b>	Monday 30 January 2023 at 9.00am. Having a weekday start is great, as it provides a good opportunity for parents to do any shopping at the same time. Please arrive after 9:00am. If you have Centrelink statements regarding AIC, please provide these to Zoe on the day.
<b>Central Midlands Senior High School</b>	School starts Wednesday 1 February
<b>Orientation Weekend</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> February,
<b>Friday 3 March</b>	Labour Weekend, college is open for the duration of the weekend.
<b>MRC closes for Term 1</b>	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April at 5:00pm