In the first week of the April school holidays we were asked to represent the migrant youth of Murray Bridge High School on a 3 day leadership camp at Nunyara Conference Centre, hosted by the Migrant Resource Centre of South Australia (MRCSA).

The camp began on Tuesday 14 April and ended on 16 April. The camp was good because it was both fun and educational. The fun was the sports that we played and the different cultures that we shared. What we found educational was when the road safety police came and talked to us about road safety and the tragedies he has experienced over teenage reckless driving. Other guest speakers who attended were general health practitioners from Health Australia who spoke to us about being healthy in Australia. The programme was educational because it involved activities such as leadership skills, health and road safety in Australia, employment pathways and sports through cultural practises.

The main important thing was the leadership in the community and how to respect other cultures and to show that you're the leaders of tomorrow. The camp ended like the three days weren't even over yet because everyone had built a bond with people from other cultures.

We would like to thank MRCSA and Murray Bridge High School Administration for giving us the opportunity to attend such a wonderful event.

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Right: Caitlin Hobbs with Sam Cozens at the Rotary Club of Murray Bridge.

In Term 1 the Asthma Foundation held a “Design a Poster” Competition for all Asthma Friendly Schools. Minmin Huang’s entry of “Managing your Asthma” was chosen to win a prize of a $50 Rebel Sport Voucher. We congratulate Minmin on her win.

ROTARY MURRAY-DARLING SCHOOL OF FRESHWATER RESEARCH

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YEAR 11 PRODUCTION OF ‘SKATE’

By Leah Waye, Drama Teacher

On Wednesday 13 May, the Year 11 Drama class performed ‘Skate’ by Debra Oswald. ‘Skate’ told the story of a group of students and their fight to gain a skate park in their Victorian town. When tragedy strikes the youths band together to overcome the odds and win against their local council. The Year 11 class worked hard on perfecting this performance and it showed on the night! Special mention must be made to Brendan Graham who became our stunt double wowing the audience with his skating skills! I am extremely proud of the Year 11’s and wish to congratulate them on a job well done!

Skating: Brendan Graham.

Sean Warren as Corey and Shaun Hans as Zac.
YEAR 8 TEAM BUILDING DAYS AT MONARTO ZOOLOGICAL PARK

By Alyce Robertson, PE teacher

During Week 1 of Term 2, Year 8 students were given the opportunity to attend a Team Building Day at Monarto Zoo. The day was aimed at developing positive relationships amongst students, Home Class Teachers, Physical Education Teachers and Year 11 Peer Support Leaders.

The Year 11 students conducted a series of activities at the zoo that focused on socialising with their peers, teachers and peer support leaders in an environment where they were required to take responsibility for their actions and to ensure the area was left tidy before they were given the privilege of a trip into 'Africa'.

Students were then driven through the park and attended a keeper talk where they learnt about various animals, including the giraffe. Each day proved to be a positive learning experience for all students and teachers involved and allowed students to improve their social skills and meet group objectives.

The behaviour of the students was exemplary, making staff and parents involved very proud. The final places for the bikes were:

Junior (Zoom) – 78th overall, 25th in category

Senior (Slipstream) – 68th overall, 23rd in category


SUCCESS IN THE PEDAL PRIX ROUND 1

The first event in the Australian International Pedal Prix, held on Sunday 17 May, was a success for the three teams entered from Murray Bridge High School. Despite the inclement weather throughout the six-hour event, the three Murray Bridge High School teams performed well at Victoria Park racecourse in Adelaide.

The rain proved to be quite the nemesis during the event, causing students vision issues, puddles and a decent coating of mud as the riders rode the three bikes around the wet track. Around 40 students were involved in the event, including a support team and mechanics who mastered lighting-quick pit changes and maintained a high level of enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the day.

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