From the Principal’s desk ...

Term 2
Welcome back everyone! I trust that you all enjoyed a wonderful Easter and time with your children over the break. Students were excited to be back on Monday with lots of talk about their holidays.
We begin this term finishing off our History unit and looking at Anzac Day and then move onto our Health unit.
It will be another busy term that includes our annual Cross Country event and finishes with student reports going home for semester one and Parent/Teacher Interviews.

Staffing
Yesterday we farewelled Miss Bravo as she now awaits the arrival of her first baby. We look forward to seeing her back at school with a pram in tow!
We welcomed Miss Ringin into the Grade 5/6 room on Monday and look forward to working with her at MPS.

Anzac Day Service
We will be holding our Anzac Day service on Friday April 22 at 10:15am around our lone pine tree. Our 6 students will be leading the service and we hope that our school and wider community can attend. The Students from Dhurringile Primary School will also be attending the service.

Uniform
A friendly reminder that all students are expected to be wearing complete school uniform to school every day. We have a lot of second hand clothing at school, so if you need anything please come and see Shelly. Going into the colder weather, it is extremely important that all items of clothing be clearly named, especially jumpers!!

Science at MPS
Today we launched our new Science program at Murchison Primary School with students dressing up as Scientists and enjoying some Science experiments all together.
Every Wednesday afternoon, students will move into Grade level groups to enjoy and learn more about the different areas covered in Science. Each term, they will focus on a different area of Science.
This term, the grade levels will cover the following areas:

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Grade 5 Leadership Day
This Friday, April 15 our Grade 5 students will participate in a leadership conference in Bendigo. The conference concentrates specifically on training student leaders for their role as SCHOOL LEADERS. The content of the conference will focus on what the students can do RIGHT NOW at school and in the wider community.
A note and permission slip went home yesterday with students. Please ensure this has been returned by Thursday afternoon.

Melissa Houlihan
Principal
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SCHOOL BANKING EACH WEDNESDAY AT MURCHISON PS - See Shelly for information about opening an account so you can become a weekly saver too.

In the market for a new property? We’ll get you purchase ready.

MURCHISON SUPA VALU CENTRE – proud sponsor of the School Newsletter
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PARENT-CHILD MOTHER GOOSE PROGRAM: There is nothing more important than the bond between parent and child. Parents/grandparents with children aged from 0-5 years are invited to come along to a morning filled with singing songs, action finger rhymes and story telling!
The Parent-Child Mother Goose Program will take place at Murchison Primary School every Friday from 9.30am-10.30am during the school term. Sessions are fun, free and morning tea is provided!
For more information contact (03) 58262391.

RESOURCESMART: Murchison Primary School is working towards becoming a Resource Smart School in the four areas of waste and litter management, energy use, water use and biodiversity. Each week there will be a change we can make to the way we live to reduce our impact on the environment.

Tip 8: HAVE A SHORTER SHOWER!
Have 4 minute showers (soap up, wash and rinse off) and change to water efficient showerheads

Tip 9: DRY WASHING BY THE SUN!
Use a clothes line to dry clothes using free energy — the sun.

Murchison Primary School
Student Absence Form

Name: ________________________________
Class: _______________ Date: _______________
Reason: __________________________________
Parent’s Signature: ___________________________
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB - Issue 3 is due back: Thursday April 28

Thank you to the families that have supported MPS by making purchases from Book Club so far this year. Issue 3 will arrive home this week. It is the first of two issues for Term 2. On each edition this year you will find a selection of books available for $1 or $2 each as Scholastic are aiming to make books affordable to everyone. If you would like to place an order please return the completed paperwork with correct payment or alternatively go online and place your own order. Follow the L.O.O.P. directions on the bottom of each brochure. If paying by cheque make it out to Scholastic Australia. Thanks! Felicity and Kellie

MASK: Welcome back to term 2. We have some very exciting themes coming up this term in MASK with Anzac Day and Mothers Day soon approaching. Recently we have also been learning to use Auslan to sign the alphabet and will be learning more words soon. We have been having large groups so please remember to let the office know if your children are attending MASK. Also a friendly reminder that MASK runs Monday-Friday 3.20pm-6pm. Please keep your accounts up to date and make sure enrolment forms are handed in. Thank you. Jenna.

EASTER RAFFLE: Thankyou to everyone who supported our Easter raffle drawn on the last day of term 1. This was a great fundraiser for the school. Winners were: Jenny & Dennis Johns, Joel Ashburner-Hill, Vince Lavea, Jessica Eyles, Cody Taylor, Kailee Wheeler, Deakin Jinnette, Conor Finnigan, Syrett Family, Shelly McCormick, Jenny Cochran, Wally Richardson, Lucy Ewart, Mitchell Roberts, Renee Talbot, Mark Brown, Miriam Drinnan, Joe Bathman and Sue Bolton. Thanks again for your support.

ANZAC DAY: The Murchison RSL invite everyone to attend a Dawn Service to be held at Riverside Gardens Murchison. Assembly is at 5:30am on Monday April 25, 2016. After the service, a bacon & egg breakfast will be held for a gold coin donation with all proceeds going to the Murchison Primary School Grade 5/6 Canberra camp.
Dear Students, Parents & Care Givers,

The Challenge has started!

Students have received their ‘Recording Sheet’ and you should find this in their STAR Folder. Please record the Title of the book and Author on each line. Each book should also be signed off by either a Parent/Caregiver or a staff member.

The Challenge requires students in F-2 to ‘experience’ at least 30 books and for students in grades 3-6 to read at least 15 books. If students achieve this the Premier will give each student a certificate to mark their achievement!

The school will also reward those students in each grade level that ‘experience’ or read the most books (i.e. more than 30 / 15 books).

We have placed the first round of books off the readers challenge list in boxes in the library. Students may either borrow these as library books or take them home as their home reading book each night.

A small group of Parents and teachers will log the books ‘experienced’ or read onto the Challenge website. Each week books from one/two grades will be uploaded onto the website.

Thank-you to those who have returned the Privacy Consent form. Since this was sent out last term we have been advised of a change to the terms and conditions. NO consent form is required to receive your achievement certificate from the Premier. HOWEVER if you would like to have your name posted on the online Honour Roll you will need to fill out a TERMS and CONDITIONS consent for this to happen. If you would like your child’s name to be online on the Honour Roll please see Debbie to sign the consent.

HAPPY READING!
Murchison Staff

AUSKICK 2016

The Tatura & District Auskick Centre will be again coming together at Tatura Park on Friday evenings at 5.30pm to play Grid Games. After the success of last season we are looking to again improve this program.

This season we are looking at running games for Under 6s, Under 8s and Under 10s. Students from Kinder to Grade 4 are encouraged to participate. The great thing about playing in Tatura is that we play under the great lights of Tatura Park and the Tatura Netball Association runs at the same venue, this makes it a great family night.

The Shepparton Junior Football League is running an Under 10s Saturday morning competition this season, but we will still cater for Under 10s also. The first session will be on this Friday April 15 at 5.30pm.

Please join the Facebook group Tatura & District Auskick for regular updates. Registrations are now open at www.aflauskick.com.au
Craig Thompson

SOCCER: Training for the Under 7’s & Under 8’s soccer teams are on Wednesdays at 3:20pm. The Under 10’s & Under 12’s training starts at 4:00pm all on the school oval. There is still time to register to play soccer, if anyone is interested. Also could those students who played last year and have not returned their shirts, could you do so ASAP.

The Shepparton Junior Soccer Association season kicks of this Saturday April 16. Good luck to all four teams. Games for this Saturday are as followed:
Under 7’s play at 10am on Chas 2b
Under 8’s play at 12pm on Chas 4
Under 10’s play at 4:15pm McEwen 2a
Under 12’s play at 12:30pm McEwen 1

All players need to be there at least 15mins before the start of the game.

Good luck to all teams. Thanks Michelle

NETBALL NEWS:
NetSetGo (Foundation-Grade 2) starts this Friday at 5 pm, Hastie Street, Tatura. If you haven’t registered, no worries, just come along on the night. Forms will be available to complete, registration must be paid, which is $90 for the season.

Good luck to our Murch Div 2 team coached by Alice Cunningham playing at 5:30pm & Div 1 team coached by Kym Bailey playing at 6:30pm on Friday nights.
Draft Small Town Youth Recreation Spaces Strategy

Young people - have you seen the bus SPOT that has been proposed for Murchison?

Why?
Many Community Plans have identified youth recreation spaces as a priority. In November, December and January we met with young people on the school buses and at pool parties to talk about where you currently gather and what kinds of spaces you would like to see in your town. Of all of the feedback that we received, your top five suggestions were:
- Places to hang out
- Playful elements
- Court areas
- Social seating
- Fitness and climbing

So what's a bus SPOT?
SPOTS are based on the key principle of Social, Playful, Open, Township Space. The draft strategy outlines whether your town will have a small, medium or large bus SPOT. Small SPOTS will have one stage. Medium SPOTS will have two or three stages and Large SPOTS will have four stages. The four stages are:
- Social – Social seating area, shelter (built or natural shade), place to read, access to power and Wi-Fi where possible, place for youth art
- Play – Play area with active social elements which may include parkour bars, swings or trampolines
- Active – Hard stand area for ball sports and spill out space for events / classes
- Skate – Linear skate area with obstacles, ledges, rails, kickers

What will be happening in my town?
How many stages are proposed for your town, the possible location, examples of what might be included, an initial concept design, and feedback from the initial consultation can be found on the other side of this page. Your SPOT won’t look exactly like the picture, but once funding has been confirmed, we will meet with young people in each town to develop a more detailed design and confirm the location.

Implementation...
After the strategy is finalised, funding will be sought through a range of sources including community fundraising and government departments.

MURCHISON – MEDIUM SPOT

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What do you think?
Young people - give us feedback on the draft strategy until 27 April 2016. For a copy of the complete draft strategy and to give feedback please contact Council’s Neighbourhoods Team on 5832 9700 or via Council’s website www.greatershepparton.com.au

MURCHISON

The active spot
Stage 1 - social
Consultations, design and implementation of social area, with possible power, connection point. Places for outdoor study desks to be considered also.

Stage 2 - skate
From initial feedback from the community, stage 2 should consist of skate spot which builds upon the stage 1 social area. Skateable elements, like ledges, rails and kickers – site placement of these elements need to be well considered.

Stage 3 - play
Possibility to build on the skate and social aspects with the addition of the playfield space. This spot would encourage active social play for young people with possibilities for parkour/bars, trampolines, football, skating, or other play elements designed for noise-reduction.

“better public transport connections between towns”
“open the Murchison tennis courts all the time”

“a skatepark”

Indicative location – near existing tennis and older playground

example of scooter / skate run

Stage 1 social
All stages are subject to funding and council approval

Stage 2 & 3 skate and play