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School Values: Quality, Respect, Community & Responsibility

From the Principal's desk

District Cross Country

Congratulations to our 23 participants at the District Cross Country event held in Murchison last Thursday. Students gave it their best effort and enjoyed the experience. Special



thanks to all family members who came along to support the children and to Michelle, Jodie, Leah, Kelly and Samara who helped in the canteen on the day. We appreciate your time and support.

Congratulations to Ashley Taylor and Josh Bathman who both placed third in their age group along with Brianna, Miriam, Phoebe & Mark who have qualified for the Division Cross Country event to be held in Yea on Friday June 9.



School Uniform

We have noticed quite a number of students not wearing school uniform of late and would appreciate your support to ensure that all children are in full school uniform each day. We have seen jumpers, shorts, pants and other items that are not our school colours of bottle green and grey. There have been lots of black items and black is not one of our school colours. If you are in need of any school uniform items, please see Shelly as we have a large range in our second hand uniform shop. Thank you for your assistance.

One Tree Project

We are excited to be working in partnership with the Historical Society, Kindergarten and the Shepparton Council to be part of the One Tree Per Child project this Thursday and Friday. With the 50th anniversary of the meteorite landing coming up in two years time, we are helping to beautify Meteorite Park in readiness for the celebrations. Each class will spend an hour at

the park planting trees and shrubs. Children are encouraged to bring gumboots to wear or a pair of old shoes as it will be a bit muddy. Family members are welcome to join in too!! We are looking forward to supporting this great community project.

Communication Survey

At our last School Council meeting we discussed ways we currently communicate with families and further ideas we could explore to ensure we are effectively communicating with ALL of our families and community. As a result we decided it was best to hear from you about what is currently working and identify areas for improvement. Yesterday a survey was sent out to families on email for you to provide your feedback. Today attached to the newsletter is a hardcopy of the survey. Could all families please complete either survey by next Thursday. The more responses we have to the survey the better, so please take the opportunity to fill it in. School Council will look at the responses at our next meeting on June 13 and discuss future directions. We will then share this information with you. Thanks in anticipation of your feedback!

Premiers Reading Challenge

The Premiers Reading Challenge is off and running at MPS and we are excited to have already logged over 350 books for the first few weeks. A great effort everyone! Each week children can enter their name into a draw to go to morning tea with me just for reading! Children can enter every time they read or share a book and our more senior students can enter every time they read 100 pages of a novel. Names are drawn out each week. Last week I enjoyed morning tea with Brianna, Jess, Zavier, Caitlin and Abby. Good luck everyone and enjoy those books!!



Melissa Houlihan

PRINCIPAL

AROUND THE SCHOOL:

Keys to Success - **Getting Along, Confidence, Organisation, Persistence & Resilience**



“YOU CAN DO IT”

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Left to Right

Back: Ethan , Kobe, Jordyn & Tegan

Front: Sam, Jet & Blake

Gr F-1WW – Jet Williams – For showing great persistence in practising for the cross country!

All of your hard work paid off! Well done Jet!

Gr F-1WW – Sam Finnigan – For being a kind and caring classmate who is always willing to lend a hand. Thanks for all of your hard work Sam.

Gr 1-2C – Blake McNally – For showing confidence and persistence when completing Big Writes and Cold Writes having an ‘I Can Do It’ attitude.

Gr 3-4VB – Ethan Kaifa – For making an amazing effort at the cross country and running to the best of your ability. Great job!

Gr 4-5TF – Kobe Wilson – Congratulations Kobe! Your organisation, persistence & confidence with your work, especially writing were **OUTSTANDING!** Well done Kobe!!

Gr 6F – Jordyn Ough – Jordyn has demonstrated all the keys to work very effectively on her own. Well done Jordyn!

TERM 2 PLANNER

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
7	29	30	31	June 1 Pancakes One Tree Project	2 One Tree Project Cookie Sales	3	4
8	5 SSS Rehearsals	6 Smoothies SS – AFL Dental Service - Community Care	7 Smoothies Crossage SS - Athletics	8 Smoothies MACC Van Book Club order due	9 Ranges Division Cross Country Yea Golf Course 11am	10	11
9	12 Queen's Birthday Holiday	13 SS AFL School Council 5pm	14 Dharnya Aboriginal Cultural Day	15	16	17	18
10	19	20	21 Regional Cross Country	22 MACC Van	23 Italian Cultural Day	24	25
11	26 Reports home to Parents	27	28 Parent teacher Interviews	29	30 Hot Dog & Dim Sim Lunch Last Day of Term 2 finish 2:30pm	July 1	2

Communication

Digital Technology has changed the way many people access information, so at Murchison Primary School we are conducting a survey to determine which channels of communication are seen by you as effective or require changing or updating.

Please complete the short survey below. The survey is anonymous.

We encourage as many participants as possible as these results can generate effective changes and improvements to how we can keep you informed.

Many thanks,
Melissa Houlihan
Principal

1. What devices do you have access to at home?

- Personal Computer
- I-Pad or tablet
- Smartphone
- None of the above

2. What forms of school communication do you rely on for information about up-coming events (date & time)?

- Newsletter
- Notes Home
- School App - Flexibuzz (TiqBiz)
- Website
- Phone Calls
- Other (please specify)

3. What forms of school communication do you rely on most for information about policies, school uniform, documents such as the Annual Report to the School Community.

- Newsletter
- Notes Home
- School App - Flexibuzz (TiqBiz)
- Website
- Phone Calls
- Other (please specify)

4. What forms of school communication do you rely on most for important information about what has happened at school. Eg. photos of events, cross country results.

- Newsletter
- Notes Home
- School App - Flexibuzz
- Website
- Phone Calls
- Other (please specify)

5. What other forms of communication would suit your family and your needs?

- Facebook
- Regular emails from staff
- Platforms such as 'Class Dojo' or 'Edmodo'
- Other (please specify)

6. What are your main uses of the School Website?

- To find out the latest news
- To access the calendar
- To research about the curriculum, and other opportunities for my child
- To review documents such as the annual Implementation Plan and policies
- I don't use it
- Other (please specify)

7. How do you access the school newsletter?

- Email
- Hardcopy
- School App - Flexibuzz

8. Do you find the newsletter easy to read? (Are you able to find the information you want?)

- Yes
- No
- Somewhat

9. What would you like to see more of in the newsletter?

- Photos
- Good news stories
- Important reminders
- Updates from classrooms/sections
- Advice on supporting my child's learning
- Local business advertisements and special offers
- Updates on learning outcomes at our school
- Policies
- Other (please specify)

10. What would you like to see less of in the newsletter?

- Photos
- Reminders and dates
- Long articles of plain text
- News stories
- Other (please specify)