



# NEWSLETTER No. 21

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## School Values: Quality, Respect, Community & Responsibility

### From the Principals desk..

#### **Welcome Back Everyone!**

There was a real buzz around the school on Monday as we settled back in after the holidays, adapting to the changes incredibly well. We welcome 6 new students and their families to Murchison Primary School and hope they enjoy their time with us.

This term we look forward to our annual concert and House Athletic Sports as two of our main events. We will be celebrating Book Week and our State Schools Spectacular team will be heading off to Melbourne later in the term to perform. Plus much more!

#### **Staffing**

Over the holidays we appointed Ms Kate Bytheway to our 3/4 classroom. Welcome Kate!! Kate comes to Murchison PS with a lot of experience and will be an asset to the team. Mrs Vraca will also be working an additional day, having been appointed one day a week in the 5/6 classroom.

Our staffing profile for this term is:

Foundation/1 – Mrs Wood (Not Thurs) & Mrs Watson (Tues – Thurs)

Grade 1/2 – Mrs Cox

Grade 3/4 – Ms Bytheway & Ms Bravo (Wed – Fri)

Grade 4/5 – Ms Turvey & Ms Houlihan (1 day a fortnight - Wed)

Grade 5/6 – Mrs Vraca (Mon) & Mrs Wheeler (Tues - Fri)

Literacy & Numeracy Leader – Mr Ford

Italian – Signora Mezzapesa (Tues)

Art – Mrs Vraca (Tues)

Mobile Art & Craft Van (MACC) – Mrs Sabeeri (Fortnightly – Thurs)

PE – Ms Bravo & Ms Houlihan

Business Manager – Shelly McCormick

Education Support – Jo Sanderson, Narelle Warwick & Jenna Morris

MASK – Jenna Morris & Heidi Richter (Tues – Thurs)

Next Wednesday we **farewell** Ms French as she goes off on Maternity Leave. We wish Ms French and her family all the best for the next arrival and we look forward to meeting the new addition to their family.

#### **NAIDOC Week**

This week we are celebrating NAIDOC Week. NAIDOC Week Celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

#### **Parent Opinion Survey**

The Parent Opinion Survey is completed annually by the Department of Education and Training and is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at every school in Victoria. This year, about 30 per cent of our parents will be invited to participate. All responses to the survey are anonymous.

The survey helps our school gain an understanding of how you view our school climate, student engagement, and relationships. Our school will use the results to inform school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey will be conducted online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd and only takes 15 minutes to complete. It can be accessed from Monday 7th August to Sunday 27th August.

Results will be sent back to our school at the end of September.

For more information, see: [Parent Opinion Survey](#)

#### **100 Days at School**

Next Wednesday our F/1/2 students will be celebrating 100 days at school!! A very special occasion, especially for our Foundation students. Children are asked to bring along their favourite teddy. They will be participating in games, counting & morning tea.

#### **Murch Has Talent**

On Friday August 4 we will be holding our annual Murch Has Talent show! Children are encouraged to enter in order to display their talents. We love to see singing, dancing, poem recitals, jokes, drama etc...

Winners of each category (age groups) will then be able to perform at our school concert.

#### **Breakfast Club Program**

Breakfast Club is back for Term 3!! Starting next Tuesday July 25 at 8:30am, it will run Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays this term and will continue to be a FREE service. We are continually grateful to our volunteers who run the program, in particular Elisha and Nicole McNally. If you are interested in supporting our program, please let us know!!

**Melissa Houlihan** Principal

## AROUND THE SCHOOL:

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

### TERM 3 PLANNER

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	17 <b>NAIDOC WEEK</b>	18	19	20	21	22	23
2	24	25 <b>Breakfast Program is back!</b>	26 <b>F-2 100 Days Smarter &amp; Teddy Bears Picnic</b>	27	28	29	30
3	31 <b>SSS Rehearsals</b>	August 1	2	3	4 <b>Murch Has Talent!</b>	5	6
4	7	8 <b>School Council Meeting 5pm</b>	9	10 <b>BraveHearts Program 1:30pm</b>	11	12	13
5	14 <b>Concert Rehearsal</b>	15	16 <b>Concert Matinee</b>	17 <b>Concert Evening</b>	18	19	20
6	21	22	23	24	25 <b>Curriculum Day Holiday</b>	26	27
7	28	29	30	31 <b>House Athletic Sports</b>	September 1 <b>Father's Day Stall</b>	2	3 <b>Father's Day</b>
8	4 <b>BOOK WEEK</b>	5	6 <b>Book Week Incursion 2pm</b>	7	8	9	10
9	11	12 <b>School Council Meeting 5pm</b>	13	14 <b>SSS Rehearsal</b>	15 <b>SSS Rehearsal District Athletics - Nagambie</b>	16 <b>SSS Performance</b>	17
10	18	19	20	21	22 <b>Last Day of Term 3 2:30pm finish</b>	23	24

### EARN AND LEARN

From July 26- September 19, Woolworths are once again running their Earn and Learn program for schools. Families can collect stickers each time you shop at Woolworths and bring these into school. Our total number of stickers at the end of this promotion then allows us as a school to purchase some much-needed equipment, such as sporting equipment for the students. Please help us by collecting stickers and bringing these to the office. Thank you!



### PARENT-CHILD MOTHER GOOSE

**PROGRAM:** Starts again this Friday July 21. Come along and discover the power and pleasure of rhymes, songs and stories. Parents/ grandparents with children aged from 0-5 years.



The Parent-Child Mother Goose Program will take place at Murchison Primary School every **Friday during the school term from 9.30am-10.30am**. Sessions are fun, free and morning tea is provided! For more information phone the school on 58 262 391.

**MISSING: Yesterday from the bike shelter at school a grey razor scooter (similar to photo). If you have any information about this scooter please see Shelly.**

**SCHOOL BANKING HAS CHANGED TO FRIDAYS AT MURCHISON PS - See Shelly for information about opening an account so you can become a weekly saver too.**

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## Murchison Primary School Student Absence Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please hand to  
your class  
teacher

