From the Principal’s desk …

House Athletic Sports
Our Athletic House Sports are being held tomorrow at the Murchison Football Ground. The event starts at 10am and parents may choose to either drop their children at the ground at 9:50am or send them to school at the usual time and teachers will walk them to the ground. It is essential that students bring along a snack, their own lunch and a drink bottle with water. We are encouraging students to come wearing their house coloured T.Shirt. Please no coloured hair spray. It is going to be a sunny day so please even consider bringing a hat and sunscreen. We are still looking for helpers so please let us know if you are available. Students may leave with their parents at the conclusion of events, please let their teacher know if you are taking your child with you. (A timetable of events are included in this newsletter.)

Science Activity Day
Today we celebrated Science Week with some great environmental activities down at the park! It was great to have John Laing from the Goulburn Murray Landcare Network and Greta and Hilda from Parks Victoria in attendance. The students enjoyed mixing together in their cross age groups and exploring the fantastic activities. Thanks Mr Ford for organising the day!

Uniform Policy
The Education Subcommittee of School Council is currently reviewing the Uniform Policy. We would like to get your input into this policy as part of the review process. Please take the time to review the policy attached to the newsletter today and provide any feedback by next Friday, August 26.

Curriculum Day
This Friday August 19 will be a Curriculum Day at MPS. No school for students on this day.

Games Afternoon
Thank you to everyone who came to school last Friday and participated in our football or netball game or brought along a game to play with the students during the afternoon.

Book Week
Book Week is coming up and we will be celebrating with our own Book Character day on Thursday August 25. All students (and adults) are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character on this day!

Hats
As we are a Sunsmart school, from September 1 to April 30 all children are expected to wear their hats at school. September 1 is not far away so please make sure your child/ren have a bottle green, wide brimmed hat ready to go!

Numeracy Expo
We have a great afternoon planned on Thursday September 1 for our Numeracy Expo! Please mark the date in your diary as we would love to have a whole school community in attendance. More information to come!

Father’s Day Stall
The Father’s Day Stall is coming up on Friday September 2. Students will be able to purchase a gift (or two) for their Dad or someone special.

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: Fred, Samuel & Lachlan
Front: Keileigh & Lily

Gr F-1WW – Keileigh Balmer – For showing independence and persistence in reading groups. Great to see your smile Keileigh when you worked tough to get the job done.
Gr 1-2F – Lily Stewart – Lily has shown the confidence and persistence keys in writing and reading this week. Well done Lily!
Gr 2-3V – Fred Johnstone – For consistently producing high quality work, showing respect to teachers & students and having a great attitude. You are a wonderful member of the class. Thankyou Fred!
Gr 4-5C – Lachlan Donders – For consistently showing mature getting along skills with all members of the school community - teachers, visitors to MPS and students both younger and older then you are!
Gr 5-6B – Samuel Jolevski-Koureskas – For working hard in class to stay focused and complete his work, for trying his best and for his great negotiation skills while playing games on Friday.

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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 24: Buy recycled products when you shop.
Tip 25: Start a worm farm.

LET’S MAKE MONEY!
Murchison Primary School have the chance to raise money for the front garden upgrade with two great opportunities in September - a BBQ at KidsFest and a BBQ at the Vraca Brothers Clearing Sale. We’re aiming to raise over $5000! Both of these events are a great opportunity for our school and are the only fundraising activities planned for the rest of the year. If you can spare a couple of hours on Sat Sept 17, Sun 18 or Wed 28 of September please contact Michelle Donders (0408 138 197), Michelle Brown (0409 565 443) or Cecilie Munro (0403 363 342). Without your help we won’t be able to run these events, please help make a difference!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB - Issue 6 is due back: Thursday Aug 25
This is the last issue for Term 3. If you would like to place an order please return the completed paperwork and payment or alternatively go online and place your order. Follow the L.O.O.P. directions on the bottom of the brochures. If paying by cheque make it out to Scholastic Australia. We have been able to purchase books for the Library just through credit raised from families placing orders so thanks again for your support. Felicity and Kellie

MASK: We have some very exciting themes coming up this term in MASK with Science Week this week, Book Week and Fathers Day soon approaching. We have been lucky we are able to spend more time outside with the weather improving. Basketball and football have been a big hit. Also board games are very popular with chess, connect 4, monopoly and checkers being used the most! We are also working on some great displays so make sure you remember to bring in a family photo to add to our MASK family tree. We have been having large groups so please remember to let the office know if your children are attending MASK. 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.
2016 Division 2 Netball Team

2016 Division 1 Netball Team

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             Fri- 5:00am – 7:00pm, Sat- 6:00am – 6:30pm,
             Sun- 7:00am – 6:30pm.

BATTERY RECYCLE DEPOT
SHOP LOCALLY FOR CONVENIENCE & SERVICE  CITYLINK PASSES available

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.

check out our loans

Murchison Primary School
Student Absence Form

Name:_____________________

Class:____________________ Date:_____________________

Reason____________________________________________

Parent’s Signature:_________________________________
PRIMARY SCHOOL NETBALL MATCH AT MURCHISON

The Murchison-Toolamba Football Netball Club would like to showcase our local Primary School netball teams in a match to be held on Saturday August 20 at 9.15am on the Murchison Netball Courts. The MTFNC will provide free entry to parents of players from the Murchison and Toolamba TNA Division 1 and 2 teams. We have two netball courts and would love to have Division 1 and Division 2 playing at the same time. Families will then be able to watch our 15 & Under team in action against Undera, before watching the senior netballers and footballers take the field in a regular Kyabram & District Football Netball League fixture against Undera. Please see your coach or phone Tracy Jackson on 0429605850 for further details.

Murchison Quilt Exhibition and Craft Expo

Saturday August 20 - 10:00am - 4:00pm
Sunday August 21 - 10:00am – 2:00pm
Murchison Community Centre, Watson St Murchison
Admission: $5
Show highlights include:
· Displays of antique quilts including a patchwork rug created in the Crimean War (1854)
· Displays of patchwork quilts, runners and hangings created by local crafters
· Raffle draw of an original handmade quilt created by the Neighbourhood House Traditional Craft group – “Murchison Lifestyle Quilt”
· Make and take workshops
· Displays, sales of craft materials, sales of original handmade items
· The Jelly Roll challenge – see who can be the quickest to create a quilt from a jelly roll – from 11:30 Sunday.
Light refreshments available, provided by Trick-a-Treat Relay for Life Team Organised by the Traditional Craft group at Murchison Neighbourhood House.

How many books have YOU read so far!

Congratulations to everyone who is participating this year! We only have about 3 weeks to go, the PRC will close on 9 September 2016. More than 207,000 students from 950 schools and 6,086 children from 283 early childhood services and homes have signed up. It’s great to see that thousands of children across the state are discovering new authors and getting hooked on reading. Well done to US here at MPS! I wonder who’ll be having morning tea next week? Will it be YOU? Good luck and happy reading!
All students are to bring a snack, their lunch and a drink.

Students can be dropped off and/or picked up at the footy ground please let their teacher know if they are leaving with you.

Presentations will be held at Monday Morning Assembly.
UNIFORM POLICY

Rationale:
- A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

Aims:
- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.
- To wear SunSmart clothing.
- To develop responsibility for possessions as part of the Organization Key in our social skill program You Can Do It.

Implementation:
- Murchison School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- Students **may not** participate on school excursions if they are not in **full** uniform unless it is a requirement of the excursion.
- Summer and winter uniforms are required to be worn in the appropriate seasons.
- Muslim girls are to wear the prescribed alternate uniform.
- All school uniform must be clearly named so that lost items can be identified and returned to owner.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn only in the ears, plus wristwatches are the recommended acceptable jewellery for equality, safety and security reasons.
- Extreme hair colourings and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted. Exemptions can be made at the discretion of the Principal.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- The only hats that are acceptable are Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They are compulsory from September 1 to April 30. Green beanies can be worn in winter.
- The school uniform will be able to be purchased from the School Uniform coordinator at the front office. There are also second hand uniforms, which have been donated back to the school available for purchase.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and price list, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Engagement and Wellbeing and Uniform Policy.
- If there is a legitimate reason a uniform cannot be worn for a day parents will inform the school by note or telephone.
- If a student is continually out of uniform then an arrangement will be made for them to wear a loaned uniform, if there is one available, and parents will be responsible for the cost of laundry.
- Dress lengths must be of modest and respectable length.
- Netball uniforms are not part of school uniform and may not be worn to school.
- School shorts only can be worn underneath school dresses.
- All school shorts must be worn on or above the hips and not rolled up.
- Where family hardship is experienced, arrangements can be made through the principal for the supply of second hand uniform items or State Schools Relief.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, medical/health condition or economic hardship must contact the Principal.

Hats with a broad (at least 7 centimetres) brim made of a closely woven material and legionnaire-style hats may be appropriate, particularly for younger children.
Information Booklet
This consists of the following garments, which can be purchased through retail outlets such as Quality Teams (green & gold polo), K-Mart, Target, etc.
The School Logo can be embroidered on any items of clothing purchased from other retailers at Quality Teams in Shepparton for a small charge ($10 approx.).
The school has a supply of second-hand clothing which has been donated for sale at $1 per item.

School Uniform includes:
- Green polo shirt – long or short sleved
- Green windcheater
- Green / Grey shorts
- Green track pants / grey pull on pants
- Green bomber jacket
- Green wide-brimmed hat / green beanie
- Black shoes
- Runners
- Enclosed sandals

Girls
- Green and white gingham dress
- Green skort/skirt
- Green/Grey pinafore with/without green/grey tights

NB – All green items are “Bottle” green.

Families with medical, religious or cultural attire requirements can be catered for in our schools uniform policy. Please inquire on enrolment.

NB - Long hair is to be tied back and jewellery is restricted to a watch and studs or sleepers for those with pierced ears.

Broad brimmed, bucket bottle green school hats with the school logo.
From September 1 through to April 30 hats are compulsory whenever students or staff are outside. Children are also encouraged to apply sunscreen and dress appropriately for weather/season.

Please make sure all of your children’s belongings are clearly named, particularly items such as windcheaters that are often removed at school and may be misplaced. Items of Lost Property are placed in a container in the office and may be claimed at any time.

Uniform Policy – Feedback
Please return your feedback to school by Friday August 26.

Name (Optional):