From the Principal’s desk …

**Vandalism at School**
Unfortunately over the weekend our school grounds were on the receiving end of some vandals. We had 5 broken windows in the art room and one above the boy’s toilets. Many of the outside seats were upturned and quite a number of plants were pulled out and lemons thrown everywhere. We have reported the incident to the police but we are asking for your help in keeping an eye out on weekends/after school for anyone who is acting suspiciously on our school grounds. If you notice anything as you walk or drive past, please contact the police to let them know. Thanks for your help!

**House Athletic Sports**
Congratulations to Waranga on winning the 2016 House Athletic Sports last Thursday. I was very impressed with the way students participated in the events and encouraged each other. Thank you to everyone that came along on the day to support and/or help out. It was a great day out! Please see inside the newsletter for photos of our age group champions.

**NAPLAN**
Grade 3 & 5 Naplan results have arrived at school and parents of those students who completed the tests will receive theirs in the mail this week. Please read the accompanying information sheet to help you interpret the results. If you would like to discuss your child’s results in line with where they are at now, please contact the class teacher to make an appointment.

**Uniform Policy**
The Education Subcommittee of School Council is currently reviewing the Uniform Policy. We could 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 this Friday, August 26. Please note there have been some modifications made to the policy that was sent out last week.

**Book Week**
It’s Book Week! We have enjoyed reading some of the shortlisted books and Mrs Vraca organised some great activities with the students yesterday in Art. We have these on display in the open area so please take a look tomorrow when you come in for the Book Week Character Dress Up Day! Our parade will kick off at 9:15 following reading time and we can’t wait to see what people will come dressed up as (including our parents)!

**Transition**
Our transition program for Foundation students starting at MPS in 2017 kicked off today with a visit to the kindergarten by our Grade 5C class. There were some nerves and excitement as we walked over this morning and many of the Grade 5’s were reminiscing about their own time at kinder.

It was lovely to see our Grade 5’s in action as they began to bond with their potential buddies and enjoyed the activities which included some outside play.

Next week students from 5R will visit on Wednesday morning. What an exciting time for our Grade 5’s and the kinder children!

**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**
Next Thursday we are very excited to be holding a Numeracy Expo at school from 3:45 – 5:00pm in the new building. Each classroom will have a variety of fluency tasks, games and competitions for you to enjoy. We will have some information for parents available about Numeracy at MPS along with a Numeracy scavenger hunt to complete. All the activities will be designed to enjoy with your children so we hope to see you all there!

**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: Max, Deakin & Jessica

Front: Abby & Matilda

Gr F-1WW – Abby Gibson – For her great ‘have a go' attitude on Science Day and the Athletic Sports! It was great to see Abby’s smile as she participated in every event.

Gr 1-2F – Matilda Ewart – Matilda used all the keys last week to get the most out of her week of learning, fun and friendship.

Gr 2-3V – Max Richter – Sticking at the task during the Big Write. You did a great job adding extra details to your text about how a seed grows. Great work Max!

Gr 4-5C – Jessica Eyles – For a great ‘have a go' persistent attitude on Athletic Sports Day. Your confidence and resilience shone through!

Gr 5-6B – Deakin Jinnette – For showing good leadership and good sportsmanship skills during athletic sports day. For participating to the best of your ability and for having a positive attitude.

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BREAKFAST PROGRAM: Our breakfast program is on offer Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30.
Every morning we offer Toast and Vita Brits. This week we have also started offering a special breakfast option. Week 7 we have Canned Fruit, week 8 Baked Beans, week 9 Oats with Honey, week 10 Pancakes.

Next term we will get more involved with baked/prepared items and drinks. A roster is being drawn up for helpers. Suggestions & ideas are always welcome you can contact the office, Nicole 0421 855 450 or Elisha 0409 868 964. Please support this great program so we can keep it running.
HOUSE ATHLETIC SPORTS 2016: Congratulations to Waranga for their win in our House Athletic Sports last Thursday.

Top scorers were: 20 Samuel Jolevski-Koureskas, 19 Daija Lavea, Ebonie Kaifa, Ethan Kaifa, 18 Lara Leone, Trinidy Slama, Mark Brown & Zye Treadway.

Age Group Champions:

6 years - 1st Lily Stewart & Alexis Lavea 2nd Frankie Ewart, 3rd Aleisha Ablitt
1st Noah Donders, 2nd Ned Bathman & Jet Williams, 3rd Joe Bathman & Etienne Allen

7 years - 1st Matilda Ewart, 2nd Lori Bathman & Natasha Puts, 3rd Keileigh Balmer & Caitlin Roberts
1st Oscar Claridge, 2nd Franklin McNally & Logan Bedwell, 3rd Tex Leone

8 years - 1st Daija Lavea, 2nd Lara Leone, 3rd Jemma Albrey
1st Ethan Kaifa, 2nd Christopher Brown, 3rd Archer Finnigan

9 years – 1st Ebonie Kaifa, 2nd Camiers Bolton, 3rd Tess Somers
1st Gilbert Richardson, 2nd Max Richter, 3rd Cody Taylor

10 years – 1st Jessica Eyles & Lowanna Powell, 2nd Ellie Parr, 3rd Denni Bathman
1st Mark Brown, 2nd Seb Vraca, 3rd Lincoln Bedwell

11 years – 1st Phoebe Ough, 2nd Miriam Drinnan, 3rd Delilah Brannelly
1st Liam Hughes, 2nd Josh Bathman, Zaya Munday & Branden Wilson 3rd James Darbyshire

12/13 years- 1st Trinidy Slama, 2nd Tayla Mills, 3rd Abbey Lamb
1st Samuel Jolevski-Koureskas, 2nd Zye Treadway, 3rd Joel Ashburner-Hill
The F/1 WW class have been busy recounting the Science Day and Athletic Sports.

On Science Day we looked at water bugs. We fished with spoons. We caught a fish.
By Ned

On Science Day we did drains and ladders. Next we did water bugs then we saw scats and tracks. Next we did fishing. We had to get a fish, you rolled a dice, you could keep it or not keep it. It was excellent!
By Keileigh

We had Science Day and we played drains and ladders.
By Aleisha

On Wednesday we played drains and ladders.
By Charlotte

On Wednesday at the Science Day we did drains and ladders.
By Abby

On Thursday we had Athletic Sports. We did hurdles. My parents came to watch then we went to high jump.
By Bella

On Thursday we had the Athletic Sports. We had high jump.
By Joe

On Thursday we went to hurdles and we went to high jump.
By Noah

On Thursday it was Athletic Sports day. First we did high jump. Next we did long jump then we did long distance. Then we did shot put and had recess. Next it was discus then it was lunch time. Next we did hurdles.
By Tex

**DISCO:** On the last Thursday of term, September 15, the Community team will be organising a school disco at lunchtime. It will be out of uniform with a gold coin donation. If you bring disco clothes you may put them on before the disco begins. There will be a dance competition and prizes.

By Denni

The countdown is on with less than three weeks remaining of the 2016 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge (PRC). The PRC will close on September 9.

Children’s Book Week has kicked off, so there’s no better time for students to read those last few books and finish the PRC. Schools across the country are ablaze with colourful displays, character parades and special activities to mark this annual celebration of children’s literature. Everyone has their head in a book!

A HUGE THANK-YOU to Kat who has been keeping our student’s records up to date!! 😊

So keep reading everyone! Don’t forget there are prizes for those who read the most in their classrooms – some students have read more than 40 books! Loads of students have reached their goals and even gone beyond the Challenge’s quotas of F-2 thirty books shared and Gr 3-6 fifteen books read! Excellent work!

Miss Houlihan is taking more students to the bakery on Friday – will you be one of them? Two students from each class will be selected today!! We will update the website again next week, till then – happy reading!!
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.
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 sleeved
- Green windcheater
- Green / Grey shorts
- Green track pants / grey pull on pants (no leggings)
- Green bomber jacket
- Green wide-brimmed/bucket hat / green beanie (Broadbrim hats must have a brim of at least 7cm’s. Bucket hats must have a brim of 6cm.)
- 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 school’s 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):