

Values: Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful & Be a Learner

From the Principals desk...

Division Swimming sports

Macy, Lily & Wally will compete in the Ranges Division Swimming Sports which are being held next Monday February 27 in Wangaratta. We wish these students the best of luck, we know they will do Murchison proud.

150 Year Celebration

It is on again and let's hope it's third time lucky. Saturday April 1. We will be looking for volunteers so please let us know if you would like to be involved.

Student Information Update

It is important that we have all the current medical conditions, contact names and numbers, especially for emergencies and emails up to date. Please let Shelly know of any changes.

School Council Elections

We have five vacancies this year due to current council member's term finishing. We are calling for nominations for election to School Council. Current Councillors can re-nominate. If you are interested, nomination forms are available from the office. A "Notice of Election" form is on display on the noticeboard. Nominations close today February 22 at 4pm.

School Council is a very important part of our school and sets policy and oversees school financial practices.

School Attendance

Research shows a clear relationship between regular school attendance and achievement. Please see the flyer later in the newsletter. Remember that the best place for a sick child is at home and please go on Skool Loop, give us a call or send an email on the morning of your child's absence.

Crossing Safety

A reminder to all students and families to use our crossing out the front of the school when arriving and departing from school. Whilst the crossing is not manned in the morning, the flags are displayed and anyone crossing from the opposite side of the road to the school

should use this crossing. After school, our crossing is manned by a staff member and all students and caregivers crossing the road should follow the direction of the crossing supervisor.

Welcome BBQ

It is happening tonight from 5:30pm our classroom will be open for you to explore your child's classroom and meet teaching staff. BBQ will be served from 6pm. Our School Leaders will be selling drinks for \$2.

Active Schools

Last year we were successful in obtaining an Active Schools Grant to the value of \$30,000. This will allow us to develop our Health & Physical Education program across the school. Earlier this week, Lee-Anne and I meet with Samantha who will be supporting us with this project. She has provided us with some great links to help us develop an engaging curriculum and have active students. We will keep you informed of how this work is progressing during the year. Already we are in the process of ordering new bike racks and have arranged for Gnarly Neighbours to run a skating workshop later this term.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN for students in Year 3 and Year 5 will be undertaken earlier this year from Wednesday, March 15. During this time period our students will be undertaking assessments in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy. Please contact the school if you would like extra information regarding this.

Occupational Therapist Placement

This term we have two OT students, Sarah and Charlotte, on placement. We will also have more students during the year. Currently Sarah and Charlotte are working the F-2 area of the school however this may change in the future. Your child has been given a permission form to be signed to allow them to participate in the program.

Have a great week of learning!

Karen Goodwin



'Be The Best You Can Be'

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Left to Right

Back: Wally, Angus, Gemma,

Front: Paisley & Mabel

Yr F-1FW – Paisley D – For getting organised, moving to reading groups and being so responsible. Keep it up Paisley!

Yr 1-2B – Mabel H – For being a kind friend and trying her best (especially during our Little Learner sessions). Great job Mabel!

Yr 3-4WW – Gemma B – For being a great role model in the classroom. Completing your work to an excellent standard and always trying to do your best. Well done Gemma!

Yr 5-6CV – Wally E – For putting in your best effort at the District Swimming Sports and making it through to Division in Wangaratta. Well done!

Yr 5-6CV – Angus Y – For competing in District Swimming Sports respectfully and responsibly. Showing 'good sports' attributes.



Bee Focus: - being safe – by using equipment and spaces for their intended use.

JSC Fundraiser

Zooper Doopers

for sale

Fridays at lunchtime 50c

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Saturday Feb 25, Melina H
Monday Feb 27, Paisley D



Ethan T

WEEKLY REMINDERS



Don't forget to bring a water bottle to school everyday



Lunch Orders
Mon, Wed & Fri



Hats are now a must
no hat, no play



Headphones Everyday

TERM 1 PLANNER

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
4	20	21	22 Welcome BBQ	23 Playgroup	24 Mother Goose ZOOPER DOOPERS	25	26
5	27 Assembly 8:50 Division Swimming- Wangaratta	28	March 1	2 Playgroup	3 Mother Goose School Clean Up Aust. Day ZOOPER DOOPERS	4	5
6	6 Assembly 8:50	7	8	9 Playgroup	10 Mother Goose Responsible Pet Education Bee Shop ZOOPER DOOPERS	11	12
7	13 Labour Day	14	15 NAPLAN begins	16 Playgroup	17 Mother Goose Melbourne Symphony Orchestra ZOOPER DOOPERS	18	19
8	20 Assembly 8:50	21	22 School Council AGM	23 Playgroup	24 Ride to School Mother Goose Bee Shop ZOOPER DOOPERS	25	26
9	27 Assembly 8:50 NAPLAN Ends	28	29	30 Playgroup Skateboarding Workshops	31 Mother Goose ZOOPER DOOPERS	April 1 150 + 1 Celebrations	2
10	3 Assembly 8:50	4	5	6 Bonnet Parade Last Day Term 1 2:20 finish	7 Good Friday	9	10 Easter



SCHOOL LEADERS AWARDS

Lacie W, Lulu K & Brady B



The Parent-Child Mother Goose Program is a free drop-in for parents, caregivers, and young children, birth to 6 years old to focus on the pleasure and power of sharing rhymes and songs. Please join us for Singing, Rhymes and Snacks at Murchison Primary School each Friday during the school term from 9.15am, call the school on 58 262 391 for more details.

MASK

The children were very tired after their swimming week, so we spent a lot of time doing our own thing. This is still a very important part of learning. It builds confidence in creativity and roll play. They were playing café/restaurants. Their customer service skills are very good! Outside we have lots of chatting in the boat as well as in the tunnels. The sand pit is still important to our children.

You may have noticed a few extras adults in our room. These adults are either helping us get ready for our Rating and Assessing visit that will be happening before the end of term, or extra staff to keep our child/staff ratio in check. It is so important to let us know if you are picking up your child/ren after school especially if they are booked in. If this keeps happening, I shall be removing your child/ren from those days booking list. The booking list helps us to project not only how many staff we need on for the session but if we are at capacity, we cannot accept any more children on that day. Our capacity is 25 children. We are so close to that number on the books on two days of the week. I'd hate for someone to be told we are full when in fact we still have room. Apart from all those reasons, we lose time looking for lost children that haven't turned up. If you'd like to change your booked days, please come and update your enrolment forms!

As part of the checks, we are doing for assessment we have picked up some missed bits in your enrolment forms. We need corrected ASAP. If we can't catch you, I will send home a new form to complete and send back.



Chappy News

Hi all. It was a windy start to at the gate coffee club on Tuesday morning. Micah who has been the student barista has her own apprentice to train. All the best Micah as you help your new apprentice get up to speed. We had our first work crew for 2023. These amazing students (seen in photo) gave up part of their lunch time to organise the container. They did it in style. At the start of the year, I sent a form around for students to fill out, indicating their willingness to do odd jobs around the school. Well done guys for your community service. By the time you read this the community welcome BBQ would have happened. Thankyou for attending. Mechanics club is back in full swing. The three groups will be learning about mechanical advantage, meaning if you put a rope around a pulley, it adds mechanical advantage, the more pulleys, the more mechanical advantage. Their learning part 1, how the system works. The next lesson will be practical. They will get to lift various items with the use of mechanical advantage. I'll put up some photos. Have a great week, Chappy 😊



EVERY DAY COUNTS

Attendance at or above 98%	<p>These students have only missed 4 days or less in a school year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - They have every chance of achieving to the best of their ability - These students are likely to have positive friendship groups
Attendance 95 – 97%	<p>These students have only missed 5-10 days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - They are more likely to be achieving well at school - With only occasional absences, these students will find it fairly easy to get back in touch with the learning program after absences
Attendance 90 – 94%	<p>These students have missed 11-20 days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - These students may find it challenging to keep in touch with lessons or with class work - Aim to improve your attendance rate
Attendance 80 – 89%	<p>These students have missed 21-40 days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - These students have missed up to 1 day every week, which equates to 2 ½ years schooling missed by Year 12 - It will be very difficult to keep in touch with school work and to maintain social connections - Please contact the school immediately to discuss a plan for improving attendance rates
Attendance below 80%	<p>These students have missed more than 40 days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - These students have missed more than 1 day per week - Students will be 'disconnected' from school. They are almost certain to experience difficulties both academically and socially - Please contact the school immediately to discuss a plan for improving attendance rates

STUDENT ABSENCES: Please phone the school or send a message via Skool Loop if your child is going to be away. Children are expected to be at school every day unless unwell. Please support your child's learning and ensure they are at school by 8.45am every day.



Murchison Primary School Student Absence Form

Name: _____

Class: _____ Date: _____

Reason _____

Parent's Signature: _____

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the School Office to obtain a CSEF application form.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.





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Must meet all eligibility criteria:



Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card AND an eligible Centrelink payment*



Be studying yourself OR have a child in school (can be starting school next year)



Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*



Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

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Navigating Parenthood



Parenting can be rewarding and challenging at the same time. Join us for a series of chats with those in the know about children's development, play activities, healthy food and local programs available to families.

Where: Mooroopna Children and Family Centre (entry from Park St)

When: Every Wednesday during Term 1

Time: 9.15am to 10.30am (includes a guest speaker for 30 – 45 minutes and then we will finish with a delicious morning tea)

Cost: FREE – and no need to book a spot, just show up on the day. Children are welcome too.

Date	Topic	Speaker
8/2/23	<u>Maternal and Child Health service</u> Find out more about what this valuable service offers parents and children.	Jen Lovell MCH Nurse
15/2/23	<u>What's on at the library?</u> Discover the many fantastic programs and services available for children and families.	Emma Kennedy GV Libraries
22/2/23	<u>Cyber Safety</u> Find out ways to help keep your child safe online.	Senior Constable Bull Victoria Police
1/3/23	<u>Get set for talking 1</u> How speaking and listening skills develop and how you can help at home.	Karen Speedy Speech Pathologist
8/3/23	<u>Healthy food and eating</u> Who loves broccoli? Find out how you can have fun preparing and eating healthy foods with your kids.	Katie Thorpe RDI Nutrition
15/3/23	<u>Let's Get Active</u> Being active and outdoors is great fun! Learn some new activities you can do with your child.	Kim Merkel Start Outdoors
22/3/23	<u>Services Australia</u> Navigating and learning about services like MyGov, childcare subsidy and more.	Christian Santiana Services Australia
29/3/23	<u>Play at home activities</u> Learn about some easy and fun play activities you can do at home with everyday items.	Karen Mitchell Greater Shepparton City Council
5/4/23	<u>Get set for talking 2</u> How speech sounds develop and how you can help at home.	Sonia Priestly Speech Pathologist

For more information please contact Caroline James-Wilson at Our Place on 0413 842 543 or Belinda Whitelaw, Best Start Co-ordinator on 5832 9790.



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