

# **NEWSLETTER No. 5**

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

# From the desk...

Karen is currently on Long Service Leave and will return on Tuesday March 14.

# **Division Swimming sports**

Congratulations to Macy, Lily & Wally who competed at the Ranges Division Swimming Sports in Wangaratta on Monday. Lily placed 9<sup>th</sup> overall, Macy 5<sup>th</sup> and Wally 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Congratulations to Wally on representing our school at the Regional Swimming Sports in breaststroke today. This is an amazing achievement. Well done Wally.

# 150 Year Celebration

It is on again and let's hope it's third time lucky. Saturday April 1.

To all the parents and friends of Murchison Primary School we are running several stalls/activities at the celebrations and all of these activities take people to organise and run so we need lots and lots of you to help us out please.

# "Many hands make light work"

If you are able to help out in any way can you please let Shelly know.

# School Council Elections

We have five parent vacancies this year due to current council member's term finishing. Nominations have now closed and we have received 7 nominations.

We will now have to hold a ballot.

Ballot papers have been sent home today with you child, please follow the direction, if you did not receive one or have any questions please let Shelly know. Polling closes on Wednesday March 15 at 4.00pm

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

# STAR folders

Every child at MPS has a STAR folder/homework bag (green satchel). This satchel is to carry students take home books, reading diaries/student diaries, and other homework such as spelling sheets and notices. All students are responsible for bringing their folder to school EVERY day.

### Welcome BBQ

Thanks to everyone who attended our welcome BBQ. We were blown away with the numbers of families that attended.



# **NAPLAN**

NAPLAN for students in Year 3 and Year 5 will be earlier this year starting 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 NAPLAN.

If you have any concerns please contact the school.

# Child Safe Standards

Murchison Primary School is proudly a Child Safe School, including being a leading school in Respectful Relationships.

# Play Group and Mother Goose

Join us for Play Group from 10am each Thursday and Mother Goose from 9:15am each Friday.

Have a great week everyone,

# AROUND THE SCHOOL: Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful & Be a Learner



# 'Be The Best You Can Be' STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Left to Right

Back: Sam & Phoebe

Front: Emmy & Isla

Yr F-1FW – Isla C – For being a respectful learner in our classroom and always trying her best. Go Isla!

Yr 1-2B – Emmy K – For being a helpful member of the class, being persistent and trying hard in maths lessons.

Yr 5-6CV – Sam F – For being respectful of school property by cleaning the drink troughs (in your own time).

Yr 5-6CV – Phoebe W - For being respectful of school property by cleaning the drink troughs (in your own time).



Bee Focus: - Being Safe – by using technology appropriately. Being Cyber Safe not taking photos without permission and not sharing passwords or information.

# JSC Fundraiser Zooper Doopers for sale Fridays at lunchtime 50c



Bella B



Samuel B Grace M Phoebe W

# **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	1 PLANNER Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
6	27	28	March 1	2 Playgroup	3 Mother Goose School Clean Up Aust. Day ZOOPER DOOPERS	4	5
7	6 Assembly 8:50	7	8	9 Playgroup	10 CRAZY HAIR DAY Mother Goose Responsible Pet Education Bee Shop ZOOPER DOOPERS	11	12
8	13 Labour Day	14	15 NAPLAN begins	16 Playgroup	17 Mother Goose Melbourne Symphony Orchestra ZOOPER DOOPERS	18	19
9	20 Assembly 8:50	21	22 School Council AGM	23 Playgroup	24 Ride to School Mother Goose Bee Shop ZOOPER DOOPERS	25	26
10	27 Assembly 8:50 NAPLAN Ends	28	29	30 Playgroup Skateboarding Workshops	31 Mother Goose ZOOPER DOOPERS	April 1 150 Celebrations	2
11	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

Harper, Bella, Matilda & Cooper





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

# **HOME-MADE TREATS STALL – 150 CELEBRATIONS**

 Murchison Primary School is calling on the wonderful school community to bake items for our fundraiser at the 150 Celebrations (Saturday April 1, 11am – 3 pm).
 These yummy delights can be packaged into cellophane bags or on plates (cellophane bags and ingredient labels are available from school office)

The following are provided for ideas, but you can certainly make something else.

Chocolate Crackles Toffee
Honey Joys Jam Drops
Cookies Yo Yos

Biscuits Short Bread Slices Brownies

Cakes Chocolate Balls

Coconut Ice Rum Balls

Hedgehog Anzac Biscuits

Muffins Nut Loaf Any treat for kids

### Please note:

 Every item must include a full list of ingredients with each package sold (labels available from school office) Can be made ahead and frozen (just note this on ingredient label)

### You can either:

- Supply goods in a container (please write your name on it for safe return) and we'll
  package it up. Please provide a full list of ingredients and date made.
- Supply goods already packaged.

### Goods need to be:

- Dropped at the school by 4.30 pm on Friday, March 31 OR
- Saturday before 10:00am (these must be packaged up and include ingredient label ready to be sold)

Any questions or suggestions please contact the school. Many, many, many thanks ©

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		Murchison Pri	mary School sence Form
Name:			
Class:	Date:		
Reason			-
Parent's Signature:			

# **Chappy News**

Hi all. It was so nice to see so many people at the welcome BBQ. A night of memories. In mechanics club the students from all three groups will be doing the practical part of pulley systems. Can they lift Chappy off the ground maybe not. They will be lifting various items using mechanical advantage, Pulley's that is. Photos will be available on the school's facebook page soon. It is so cool to be able to show them another skill set. They are eager to learn and excited to see if they can pull me off the ground. Oh, wishing Mrs Goodwin an awesome time away. Until next week, Chappy





# JSC Crazy Hair Day

Crazy Hair Day is a great opportunity to come to school with crazy hair. Bring along a gold coin donation. This donation is going to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. This will be held on **Friday MARCH 10**. So, get creative and use your imagination!





# MASK

Welcome to March! The weeks are ticking past quickly. We are in the process of getting ready for our compliance visit which will take place sometime between now and the end of term. One of the things we have been doing behind the scenes is going through your enrolment forms. There is quite a few that need some attention so I will be seeking you out to fix/add what is missing and in some cases, it is a matter of filling in a whole new form. A huge thankyou to Ginnette Cook who has been busy in the background tirelessly going through all the paperwork for us. Just a reminder the importance of both booking your child/ren into the service through the office and letting the office know that you won't be using the service on any given night. I can not stress how important it is to have our staff child ratio correct - 1 staff to 15 children and no more than 25 with two staff. Accounts will be out this week so please keep them up to date. Thank you to those who continuously keep on top of them. Thank you to Hailey for doing my Thursday night so I could share in a friend's birthday cruise.



# We are Older than 150! 3<sup>rd</sup> Time Lucky

Murchison Primary School, 1126 turned 150 in 2021 and for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time lucky, we will celebrate with the community

# Saturday April 1, 2023, from 11am-3pm.

We are searching for interesting facts about our school such as:

- the largest family to attend Murchison PS
- the family with the most generations who attended Murchison PS
- favourite memories of your time at school
- where are they now? –
   tell us about past students and their achievements
   We are looking for the following to display on the day:
- photos of the school and special events
- old school uniforms

There will be: displays, roll calls, stalls, food, entertainment and so much more!
So come along and join in the fun.
See our Facebook page for updates

Please contact the school on 58 262 391 if you can contribute, or alternatively send an email to murchison.ps@education.vic.gov.au





# MURCHISON FIRE BRIGADE CFA

Members of the Murchison Fire Brigade CFA recently visited the Primary School to highlight the activities of the Junior Fire Brigade. Did you even know that Murchison CFA had a Junior Section? Well, it's going strong and looking for new members! Junior Fire Brigade (JFB) offers supervised activities with the emphasis on fun in a disciplined environment for children between the ages of 11 and 16. Junior Fire Brigade is strictly non-operational with no actual firefighting involved but part of the program is structured to give participants an awareness of the dangers of fire together with the necessary safety precautions. Sometimes parents can learn a lot from their children! Other activities might include weekends camping, perhaps canoeing on the Goulburn River or visits to places of interest, all designed to encourage teamwork and self-development.

The JFB programme is supervised by three of our Senior Firefighters, designated 'Junior Leaders' - Rebecca Catania, Andrew Gell and Sharon Reilly, each having had children benefit from their involvement, all now graduated into the Senior brigade. Interestingly our Captain Thaniel Mayer is a graduate of the Murchison JFB training programme as are many of the Brigade Officers - 'start at the bottom,and end up at the top'!

Murchison Fire Brigade CFA is proud of our Junior section and is one of the few CFA Brigades in the area to offer this opportunity to the younger members of the community. Vacancies exist for membership and if interested, children and parents are invited along to the Murchison Fire Station on Robinson Street between the hours of 1pm and 2pm on Sunday 5th March to watch Juniors in action and have a chat with Junior Leaders.

All CFA Senior Members are in possession of the necessary police clearances and certification required for involvement with minors. CFA is one of the leading organisations pioneering inclusion and equal opportunity.

COME AND HAVE A LOOK!!

**Bob Langford** 

Murchison Fire Brigade CFA











# 2024 PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES INFO SESSION

An open invite to families of 2024 Foundation and Year 7 students who would like to know more about what Rushworth P-12 College has to offer your family.



# RUSHWORTH P-12 COLLEGE

45 Heily Street Rushworth, VIC, 3612

If you are unable to attend at this time but would like to tour the school, please contact the College.



We will also be conducting an Open Night in Term 3, more information to come closer.

Please RSVP via the Facebook event -

https://fb.me/e/2FU mdU5K2

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT CURTIS MCDONALD AT 5856 1230





# A little of your time can change an entire life.

In Victoria, the number of children who cannot live safely at home has risen every year over the last 10 years. Children in care have experienced trauma — they need a safe, nurturing home environment to help them recover.

If you are over 21 and have a spare bedroom, we would love to hear from you. As a foster carer, you could make a huge difference to a child or young person in need.

For more information please contact Janene
T: (03) 5822 8100 or E: humefostercare@berrystreet.org.au