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School Values: Quality, Respect, Community & Responsibility

From the Principal's desk

School Council

Last night the School Council held their AGM and March meeting. This year the Council consists of the following members:

Parent Reps - Cecilie Munro, Lisa Powell, Tim Claridge, Sonya Dalgliesh, Elisha McNally, Michelle Donders and we have two vacancies.
DET Reps – Debbie Turvey, Karen Vraca, Narelle Wood & Melissa Houlihan
Community Rep – vacancy

Thank you to our outgoing members for their service on Council: Roger Ashburner, Andrew Gell, Ginette Cook and Samuel Allen. Each of these members have played a significant role throughout their time on Council and we thank them for their work.

Congratulations to the following members who were elected office bearers:

President: Cecilie Munro
Vice President: Tim Claridge
Minutes Secretary: Karen Vraca
Treasurer: Principal

Each of the school council members are part of a subcommittee that focus on different areas of school governance: Grounds & Buildings, After School Hours Care, Education & Policy, Finance, OH&S, Grants and Fundraising. If you are interested in any of these areas and would like to be involved in a subcommittee this year, you would be more than welcome!

If you have any suggestions or feedback about how the school can continue to improve things at our school, please feel free to discuss these with any one of the council members.

Please note: We have two parent vacancies and one Community rep vacancy for School Council this year. Please consider being part of this great group of people. Our meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month and are being trialled for a **5pm start** this year.

Numeracy Focus in 2017

This year our focus remains on Numeracy at MPS. We have Neil Devanny, Numeracy Consultant continuing his work with the school and we are excited about the progress we are seeing.

Would you like to know more?

We are planning a **MPS Maths Expose' on Thursday April 27** and we are inviting you to join us. Neil Devanny will be there and some of our students will be participating in the sessions and showing you what they are learning.

There will be two sessions available for you to attend. There is one at 3:45pm – 4:30pm and the other at 6:15pm – 7:00pm. Pick the one that best suits you!

Childcare is available if you need and we will supply light refreshments.

We are also planning other sessions in Term 3 and Term 4 along with having a Maths Family afternoon later in Term 2.

So, what would you like to know more about? Please fill in the slip attached to the newsletter so that we can incorporate your queries and get it back to the office by the end of Term 1. Looking forward to your participation at the Expose'!

Harmony Day

We are celebrating Harmony Day tomorrow, Thursday March 23. Students are encouraged to come dressed in clothing that represents their family background. It can be as simple as wearing clothes that are in the colours of your flag. There will be a parade in the new building at 9am.

The message of Harmony Day is that 'everyone belongs'. It is a day to celebrate our cultural diversity in Australia and foster a sense of belonging for everyone.

Travel Expo

The Travel Expo is almost here and the students have been working incredibly hard on their projects and cannot wait to show you what they have achieved. I have been seeing some amazing artwork, posters and PowerPoint presentations in the making and have heard about some of the delicious traditional foods that are being prepared. It is sure to be a great celebration of learning.

The travel expo is on between 2:40pm-3:45pm. We hope to see you there!

Principals desk Continued.....

Easter Raffle

The annual Easter Raffle is here! Each family is asked to donate an 'Easter' prize for the hampers. This could be chocolate, colouring books, bunny ears – whatever you like!!

Please bring your donations to the office by Friday 24. Raffle tickets were sent home last week. If you need more, please see Shelly! Winners will be announced at our final assembly on Friday, March 31.

Hot Dog/dim Sim Day

Please have all final orders for Hot Dog/Dim Sim day in by this Friday, March 24.

Last day of Term 1

This term is absolutely flying! Our last day will be next Friday, March 31. We have an assembly at 2:10pm and students will finish at 2:30pm.

Melissa Houlihan Principal

READING HELPERS WANTED!

Learning to read is an essential task for all children and Murchison Primary School would love to have more reading helpers at school. If you have 20 minutes to spare one day a week from 8.50am we would be delighted to have you join us at school. Reading Helpers don't need experience just a desire to help and a current Working With Childrens Check (we can help you get that).

Helping a child to learn to read is a rewarding experience, if you would like to know more about how you can help please contact the Melissa Houlihan (Principal) on 5826 2391 or Cecilie Munro (School Council President) on 0403 363 342.

ITALIAN: The Grade 6 students are enjoying some authentic cooking in Italian. A few weeks ago they made pasta and yesterday it was Sicilian Lemon Biscotti. Yum!
Pina Mezzapesa



MPS MATHS EXPOSE'

Name:

I am looking forward to attending the Maths Expose' on Thursday April 27.

I would like to know more about: _____

Please return to the office by the end of Term 1. Thanks!

AROUND THE SCHOOL:

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



"YOU CAN DO IT"

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Left to Right

Back: Maeve, Josh, Seth & Lucy

Front: Heidi, Conor & Charlotte

- Gr F-1WW – Heidi Nolan – For always trying to do her best and having a great attitude! Heidi is always willing to give others a hand and is a great classmate!
- Gr F-1WW – Charlotte Robinson – For practising her numbers and counting with enthusiasm! It was great to see so much improvement!
- Gr 1-2C – Conor Finnigan – For showing confidence & persistence when completing his 'Big Write'. Putting spaces between words, stretching out words to hear the sounds and having a go at capital letters and full stops.
- Gr 3-4VB – Seth Slama – Seth has been a great friend to his classmates, caring and helping. He has tried his hardest with all work during the week. Well done Seth!
- Gr 4-5TF – Lucy Ewart – Congratulation Lucy! You have shown all the keys to success this term. Keep up the great work Lucy. Ewell done!
- Gr 4-5TF – Maeve Dalgliesh – Congratulations Maeve! You have consistently displayed the five keys to success this term. Well done Maeve!
- Gr 6F – Josh Bathman - For demonstrating the 'Keys to Success' by being organised and confident in literacy circles. Well done!!
- Gr 6F – Ryan Noble – Ryan has used the Resilience and Confidence keys to bounce back from illness this week.

TERM 1 PLANNER

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
8	20	21	22 SS- BASKETBALL	23 Pancakes TRAVEL EXPO 2:40 – 3:45pm	24	25	26
9	27 Young Leaders Day – Grade 6 Melbourne SS-TENNIS	28 Baked Beans Toasted Sandwiches	29 Baked Beans Toasted Sandwiches	30 Baked Beans Toasted Sandwiches	31 Hot Dog & Dim Sim Lunch Easter Raffle Drawn 2:15pm Last day term 1 2:30pm finish	April 1	2

TERM 2 PLANNER

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	17 Easter Monday	18 First Day Term 2	19	20	21	22	23

SES Operational Response

Can you see yourself in Orange?

SES Murchison Unit RECRUITING NOW

The SES Murchison Unit is recruiting new members now.

An information evening will take place on Tuesday 28 March at 7pm.

If you are interested in finding out what it takes to be an SES Volunteer you are invited to attend the information evening.

- Meet the local team
- Hear a presentation about what the SES does
- Watch the local team perform a road crash rescue
- Inspect the equipment available at the local SES

facebook VICSES Murchison

Come try SES
Tuesday 28 March
7pm start
10 Watson Street

MURCHISON SWIMMING POOL: We have decided to extend our season by one week due to the unseasonably warm weather. The pool will now close on Sunday April 2, 2017.



Congratulations to all the students and their siblings, parents/grandparents who walked or wheeled to school on Friday. It was very encouraging to see so many people participating. We overfilled the bike shed again this year, with a participation rate of 83%, up from 80% in 2016. **Well Done!** We would love to see our students keep up the walking and wheeling throughout the year as we believe the benefits greatly assist the student's personal and academic development. Thanks to all the parents who encouraged their children to participate by getting involved themselves. You are all winners!

Walk Safely to School Day is Friday May 19, see you all then!



” 1942 ”

Those Bloody Ragged heroes
75th anniversary of the battle For **Kokoda**
Presentation
April 7th 2017
Start time 7: pm
Murchison Community Centre
Murchison



Entry by Gold Coin donation
Proceeds towards the Murchison
World War 2 Roll of Honour
Proudly Presented by the Murchison R.S.L

BBQ & DRINKS START AT 1800hrs

BREAKFAST PROGRAM: Next Term we will continue to run the breakfast program on Tuesday's, Wednesday's & Thursday's. Each morning we provide Toast, Vita Brits, Porridge, Fruit & Baked Beans. We are still looking for volunteers for term 2 if you can help in any way please see Shelly.

We would really like to thank the generosity of Ann Walker (Amber & Blake's Nan) for her kindness in donating eggs last week for this great program.