



# NEWSLETTER No. 9

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## School Values: Quality, Respect, Community & Responsibility

### From the Principal's desk ....

#### **Maths Expose'**

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!

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' on Thursday April 27!

#### **Hats**

As we are a sun smart school, we are still required to wear our hats till the end of April. Please make sure children have their hats at school for the first couple of weeks of term 2. Thank you.

#### **Harmony Day & 'Lots of Socks' Day**

Last week we celebrated Harmony Day and World Down Syndrome Day. Thank you to everyone who wore their 'fun' socks and dressed up in clothing that represented their heritage! Both events raised great awareness!

#### **Travel Expo**

What a fantastic event! The children were incredibly proud of the work they had achieved during term one and the Travel Expo really highlighted this. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and celebrate the learning. It was such a fabulous community event.

#### **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 return all raffle tickets ASAP. If you need more, please see Shelly! Winners will be drawn at our final assembly on Friday, March 31.

#### **Hot Dog/Dim Sim Day**

It's Hot Dog/ Dim Sim day on Friday! Thank you in advance to Kym Bailey, Jodie Robinson and the Grade5/6 Community leadership team for our special lunch!

#### **Last day of Term 1**

The end of term is almost here and what a great start to the year it has been! School finishes at 2:30pm this Friday. Our final assembly will be held at 2:10pm in the open area and it's here that we will be announcing the winners of the Easter Raffle.

We hope you have a wonderful holiday and a great Easter. **Remember, Term 2 starts on Tuesday April 18.**

Reminder: Daylight saving ends this weekend. Do not forget to wind your clock back an hour on Saturday night.

Melissa Houlihan

Principal

### MPS Maths Expose'

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I would like to know more about:

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

## AROUND THE SCHOOL:

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



# **“YOU CAN DO IT”**

## **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Left to Right

Caitlin, Tess, Fred & Aleisha

**Gr F-1WW – Aleisha Ablitt – For bouncing back after her accident, showing great resilience. Fantastic to see you using all of the keys to success Aleisha!**

**Gr 1-2C – For your confident attitude and 100% effort you put into your ‘Cold Write’. Well done Caitlin!**

**Gr 3-4VB – Tess Somers – For her amazing effort with the Global Project. You went above and beyond expectations. Well done Tess!**

**Gr 4-5TF – Fred Johnstone – For a great Term 1. You have consistently displayed the five keys to success during this term. Well done Fred!**

### TERM 1 PLANNER

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
<b>9</b>	27	28	29	30 Baked Beans Toasted Sandwiches	31 Hot Dog & Dim Sim Lunch Easter Raffle Drawn Last day term 1 2:30pm finish	April 1	2

### TERM 2 PLANNER

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
<b>1</b>	17 Easter Monday	18 First Day Term 2 Gr 5/6 – Flag Pole unveil at Post Office 10:30am	19	20	21 CFA 5/6 leaders 11 – 1	22	23
<b>2</b>	24 School Anzac Day Service 10:30am	25 ANZAC Day	26 GRIP Gr 5 Leadership Day – Shepparton	27	28 First Aid in Schools	29	30
<b>3</b>	May 1 SSS Rehearsals	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>4</b>	8	9 NAPLAN	10 NAPLAN	11 NAPLAN	12	13	14
<b>5</b>	15	16	17 School Photos	18	19 National Walk Safely to School Day	20	21
<b>6</b>	22	23	24	25 District Cross Country	26 Curriculum Day	27	28

## **PARENT-CHILD MOTHER GOOSE**

**PROGRAM:** Come along and discover the power and pleasure of rhymes, songs and stories. Parents/ grandparents with children aged from 0-5 years.



The Parent-Child Mother Goose Program will take place at Murchison Primary School every **Friday during the school term from 9.30am-10.30am**. Sessions are fun, free and morning tea is provided! For more information phone the school on 58 262 391.

**BREAKFAST PROGRAM:** During Term 2 we will continue to run the breakfast program on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday's. Each day we have provided Toast, Vita Brits, Porridge, Fruit & Baked Beans.

**We are looking for volunteers to help during Term 2, please see Shelly.**

Thanks to Elisha McNally for all her work co-ordinating this great program and to Nicole McNally, Vicki Green, India Short & Amy Harrap for their great help.

**SCHOOL BANKING EACH WEDNESDAY AT MURCHISON PS - See Shelly for information about opening an account so you can become a weekly saver too.**

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**Shop Hours: Mon – Thurs- 5:00am - 7:00pm,**  
**Fri- 5:00am – 7:30pm, Sat- 6:00am – 7:30pm,**  
**Sun- 7:00am – 7:00pm.**



**BATTERY RECYCLE DEPOT**

**SHOP LOCALLY FOR CONVENIENCE & SERVICE**

**CITYLINK PASSES available**



## **Murchison Primary School** **Student Absence Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please hand to  
your class  
teacher

**MASK:** It's the last week of term and everyone in MASK has been very busy finishing of projects and getting ready for the holidays. We have also been enjoying Easter activities this week with card making and Easter baskets being most popular. We have still enjoyed the usual activities such as Hama beading, loom bands, Lego and games.

We are looking for more family photos to add to our MASK family tree. Each child that returns this will receive 100 house points.

The MASK program runs from Monday-Friday [3.20pm-6.00pm](#). Please make sure your accounts are up to date and enrolment forms are updated and returned. Thank you. Jenna.



**UNIFORMS:** Student uniforms have arrived. If you placed an order with the school earlier in the year, please see Shelly.



**COULD YOU BE A PERMANENT CARE PARENT?**

There are a number of children supported by the Department of Health & Human Services who require a *family for life* as they are unable to live with their birth families. We are seeking committed and motivated people who would be interested in learning more about providing a permanent family for a child.

Assistance payments are made to the Permanent Care family to assist with the day to day expenses of caring for a child/young person. Assistance payments are considered to be a reimbursement for expenses and not an earned income.

We are also keen to speak with families who are particularly interested in caring for children aged between 5 and 10 years.

**Information sessions** are being held on: *Tuesday March 28 2017 at 6:00pm*. Department of Health & Human Services 43-47 Rowan Street, Wangaratta. *Thursday March 30 2017 at 6:00pm* Department of Health & Human Services 163-167 Welsford Street, Shepparton.

**Bookings not essential.** For further information please contact: Adoption & Permanent Care Program ☎: 5832 1500



**ANZAC DAY:** The Murchison RSL invite everyone to attend a Dawn Service to be held at Riverside Gardens Murchison. Assembly is at 5:30am on Monday April 25, 2017. After the service, a bacon & egg breakfast will be held for a gold coin donation with all proceeds going to the Murchison Primary School Grade 5/6 Canberra camp.



Activities in the Park are winding up for 2017. One of the last activities will be an Indigenous Games night at the Murchison Recreation Reserve on Friday April 21 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. For more information look on the Get Moving Greater Shepparton face book page.



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Those Bloody Ragged heroes  
75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle For Kokoda  
Presentation  
April 7<sup>th</sup> 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 1900 hrs

# Everyone needs a friend

“Those girls at school are mean. I told them about this great game but they wouldn’t play it. They said I couldn’t play with them.”

Rebecca, who is seven, plays happily at home with her four year-old sister Samantha. Samantha adores her big sister and will do anything she says. But with school friends it’s not so easy.

Rebecca’s mother wonders whether the other children really are mean or whether Rebecca may be too pushy.

When children come over to visit it seems to go well as long as they are doing what Rebecca wants. But if the other child wants to do something different, Rebecca often sulks or goes off in a huff.

Children’s friendships often have their ups and downs. When friendships are going well they support children’s emotional wellbeing and confidence, as well as providing someone to play with.

Positive friendships help children have fun, and also help them cope during periods of stress and change. This is why having friends at school is so important for children.



## Helping children with the ups and downs of friendships

It is not always easy for children to know how to manage friendships. Problems with friends can affect how children feel about themselves and their enthusiasm for activities that involve others. Parents and carers can help children learn the kinds of friendship skills they will need as they grow and develop.

Learning how to make and keep friends involves a number of skills. Children learn more and more complex social skills from those around them as they develop.

Home life has an effect on the development of social skills. A child who has an adoring little sister is likely to have more leadership skills. A child who is the little sister may be more used to fitting in with what others want to do. These children are likely to react differently when they go to school and meet other children with different life experiences and social skills.

## Core friendship skills for children

### Cooperation

- How to share, how to take turns, how to work together towards a common goal.

### Communication

- Using words to explain what you want and listening to others respectfully.
- Paying attention to body language (eg making eye contact, smiling, being able to read others’ nonverbal reactions).

### Understanding and managing feelings

- Being able to express feelings in ways that help others understand you.
- Recognising and responding to others’ feelings.

### Accepting and including others

- Recognising others’ needs for respect and friendship.

## Solving friendship problems

Children develop friendship skills through playing with other children. Because they are learning, they are sure to have times when things do not go as they would like. Sometimes they blame themselves for what has happened.

They may say, "Nobody likes me 'coz I can't run as fast as they can." Sometimes they blame everyone else for the problem and, like Rebecca, say, "The girls are all mean to me." Even though they blame the other children they may still think of it as a problem they cannot change.

## How parents and carers can help

First and foremost you can help children by listening to them talk about the everyday joys and troubles that arise out of their friendships. Asking what might have led to others' reactions can help the child, with your assistance, to think of possible solutions.

## Try a problem-solving approach

When problems arise in friendships it is important not to blame children but to show them how to find a solution. A problem-solving approach is often helpful.

- 1 Encourage the child to describe what has happened.
- 2 Ask about how they felt.
- 3 Ask them how they think the other person might see it and how they might be feeling.
- 4 Get them to think of ways they could do things differently next time.
- 5 Encourage them to try the new approach – get them to practise with you so they feel more confident.
- 6 Check back with your child to see how things turned out.



This resource is part of a range of KidsMatter Primary information sheets for families and school staff. View them all online at [www.kidsmatter.edu.au](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au)



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