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School Values: Quality, Respect, Community & Responsibility

From the Principal's desk

Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to Phoebe Ough from 6F for being awarded the Aussie of the Month for March.

Phoebe is an excellent role model for other students and is displaying great leadership skills in her role as School Captain. Phoebe should be



congratulated for her positive approach to school. Well done, Phoebe!

Maths Expose'

The MPS **Maths Expose'** is on tomorrow, **Thursday April 27** and we are inviting you to join us with your children. Neil Devanny, our Numeracy Consultant will also attend. Are you coming?

Anzac Day Services

Congratulations to our Grade 6 students for their leadership and presentation of our school



Anzac Day Service on Monday. Mr Messer and Mr Saunders from the RSL were very impressed with our service and wanted to congratulate our Grade 6's for their preparation and delivery of this important event. Thank you to

Dhurringile PS for attending and to all of our parents and community members who attended our service.

The RSL once again held a beautiful and moving Dawn Service yesterday morning. Congratulations to everyone involved! I felt incredibly proud of our School Captains, Phoebe and Denni who prepared and delivered a speech each about two of our local servicemen who fought so bravely for our country.



Well done! Mr Messer wanted to pass on his congratulations to the girls and thank all the families for their attendance at the service.

Pie Warmer

The Pie Warmer will be available every Thursday and Friday **starting Thursday May 4, Week 3.**

Food must be wrapped in foil with your child's name clearly written on it.

Please remember that the Pie Warmer is to just 'warm' food so please send along appropriate food. Some suggestions include toasted sandwiches, pizza and spaghetti. Whilst the Pie warmer is only available Thursdays and Fridays, you might consider the use of a thermos to provide your child with some warm food on other days – just a thought!

State Swimming

Congratulations to Kobe Wilson who competed at the State Swimming carnival in Melbourne today in the 9–12 boys multiclass division. A fantastic achievement!

Annual Report

The Annual Report provides information to the school community about the schools performance during 2016 in the areas of Student Learning, Engagement, and Wellbeing. It looks at both the positive aspects of the school's progress and also highlights future directions to support school improvement. The Annual Report has been approved by School Council and is now available for you to read. If you are interested in reading the Annual Report, copies are available at the office or you will find it on our school website: www.murchps.vic.edu.au

State School Spectacular

Students involved with State School Spectacular are selling Heather Brae Supa Cookies as a fundraiser to help with their funding of this event. These cookies are individually wrapped and cost \$1 each. If you would like to buy one or help sell a box please see Shelly.

Principals desk cont.....

Transition to Secondary School

Local Secondary Schools are currently offering Information Nights and Open Days for families getting ready to transition children into Secondary School. You do not have to have a grade 6 student to attend. If you have a Grade 4 or 5 student you may want to start visiting schools to make an informed choice when the time comes.

Information Nights

Shepparton HS – Monday May 8 at 7pm
McGuire College – Tuesday May 9 at 7pm
Wanganui Park SC – Wednesday May 10 at 7pm

Mooroopna SC – Thursday May 11 at 7pm

Open Days

Mooroopna SC, Shepparton HS, Wanganui SC and McGuire College will hold Open Days on Monday May 15 and Tuesday May 16 at 9:15am and 11:15am. Visitors are welcome at all other times but please telephone first for an appointment.

Rushworth P-12 College will be having their Open Day on Wednesday May 24 between 9am and 11am.

First Aid in Schools program

This Friday April 28, all children will participate in a 45-minute basic First Aid in Schools program. Trained St. John’s Ambulance presenters will lead students through tailored sessions on the importance of First Aid and what to do in the event of an emergency. Our Junior students will learn about how to identify when there is an emergency, keeping themselves safe, and how to call for an ambulance. Senior students will learn about delivering CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and the things they can do to assist in an emergency.

Participating students have been given a special piece of homework for parents to complete. We encourage you to “do your homework” and go online (www.stjohnvic.com.au/quiz) to see how much you know about First Aid. Are you First Aid READY?

More information about the St. John First Aid in Schools program can be found at: www.stjohnvic.com.au/schools

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: Lara, Camiers, Zaya & Amber

Front: Keileigh & Micah

- Gr F-1WW – Micah Syrett - Micah has been trying really hard practising to read & spell her magic 100 words everyday & is making wonderful progress.**
- Gr 1-2C – Keileigh Balmer – For showing persistence, confidence and being organised each and every school day. You are a “switched on” learner.**
- Gr 3-4VB – Camiers Bolton – For the amazing efforts with the Global Project. You went above and beyond expectations. Well done Camiers**
- Gr 3-4VB – Amber McNally – For working hard in class, completing tasks to a high standard & getting along with others.**
- Gr 4-5TF – Lara Leone – Congratulations Lara on a terrific start to term 2. You consistently use your keys to success and display our school values to a commendable standard! Well done Lara.**
- Gr 6F – Zaya Munday – Zaya regularly uses all five keys when participating in all school activities.**

TERM 2 PLANNER

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
2	24	25	26	27 Pancakes MACC Van Maths Expose'	28 First Aid in Schools	29	30
3	May 1 SSS Rehearsals	2 Smoothies	3 Smoothies	4 Smoothies	5	6	7
4	8	9 NAPLAN School Council 5pm	10 NAPLAN	11 NAPLAN MACC Van	12 Mother's Day Stall	13	14 Mother's Day
5	15	16	17 School Photos	18 House Cross Country	19 National Walk Safely to School Day	20	21
6	22 School Nurse	23 School Nurse	24	25 District Cross Country MACC Van	26 Curriculum Day	27	28
7	29	30	31	June 1	2	3	4
8	5 SSS Rehearsals	6	7	8 MACC Van	9	10	11
9	12 Queen's Birthday Holiday	13 School Council 5pm	14	15	16	17	18
10	19	20	21 Regional Cross Country	22 MACC Van	23	24	25
11	26 Student Reports home to Parents	27	28 Parent teacher Interviews	29	30 Last Day of Term 2	July 1	2

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.

BIG TALK HOMEWORK

A reminder that our students are participating in a Big Write tomorrow at school. Big talk homework went home on Monday and we would love it if you could have some 'talk time' with your children to help prepare them to write about why 'Elephant's should be allowed to be kept as pets'!! It is a persuasive writing piece so see if you can come up with some great reasons 'why' or 'why not'!!

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 still looking for volunteers to help during Term 2, please see Shelly.

Thanks to Murchison Bakery for their generous donation supplying bread for this great program.

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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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: Welcome back to term 2. We have been very busy in MASK over the last two weeks.

We have made a fantastic ANZAC display in the MASK room, we learnt about the history of ANZAC Day and did some great activities. Please feel free to come and look at the display as the children worked very hard on it!



Our theme for the next few weeks is Mother's Day and we will have some lovely activities to share with everybody in the next edition.



We are still looking for family photos for our MASK family tree. If your children bring them in the get 100 house points!

We have been having large groups so please remember to let the office know if your children are attending MASK. Also a friendly reminder that MASK runs [Monday-Friday 3.20pm-6pm](#). Please keep your accounts up to date and make sure enrolment forms are handed in. Thank you. Jenna.

MURCHISON PRE-SCHOOL

Annual Wood Auction:

Held this coming Saturday April 29 starting @10am. Main Street, Murchison. All proceeds go to Murchison Pre-School.



Annual Mother's Day Evening:

Dust off your leg warmers and tease up that hair!!

This year we are celebrating the Mother's Day evening 80's disco style!

There will be a prize for the best dressed! The night includes dinner with BYO drinks. Loads of great prizes with a guest DJ. Tickets are \$35

Friday May 5, 7pm @ Murchison Community Centre.

Tickets are available at Wagner Bros, Primary School or contact Shae on 0424946711

NET SET GO: will be running again with Tatura Netball Association in 2017.

All participants must be registered online this year before commencing the program.

Details as follows:

First Session: Friday, April 28 from 5pm

Duration: 14 Weeks (does not include School Holidays & Queens Birthday Weekend)

Final Session: Friday 18th August

Cost: \$90.00

Link to register: www.netsetgo.asn.au

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB:- Issue 3 is due back: **Wednesday May 3.**



Thank you to the families that have supported MPS by making purchases from Book Club so far this year. Issue 3 arrived home last week. It is the first of two issues for Term 2. On each edition this year

you will find a selection of books available for \$1 or \$2 each as Scholastic aims to make books affordable to everyone. If you would like to place an order please return the completed paperwork with correct payment or alternatively go online and place your own order. Follow the L.O.O.P. directions on the bottom of each brochure. If paying by cheque make it out to Scholastic Australia. Thanks! Felicity

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UNIFORMS: If you placed a uniform order with the school earlier in the year, please see Shelly your order is ready to go.

TRIVIA NIGHT
 BROUGHT TO YOU BY MURCHISON COMMUNITY CARE
 \$15 PER PERSON BOOK A TABLE OF 10
 PROFESSIONALLY HOSTED TRIVIA NIGHT
 26th MAY AT THE MURCHISON COMMUNITY CENTRE
 PRE-BOOKED TICKETS ONLY AVAILABLE AT THE NURSING HOME 5926 1109
 BEER, WINE, SOFT DRINK AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON THE NIGHT

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 Australian Sports Commission

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During Term 2 we are running Athletic sessions after school for 6 weeks. This starts next Wednesday May 3, See Shelly for more details.

**Friendship skills:
 Suggestions for families**

Parents and carers are children's first and most important teachers when it comes to relationships
 The ways you relate to your children and the guidance you provide helps develop children's social skills. You can help children develop and maintain friendships by modelling effective social skills, providing opportunities for children to practise interacting with others, and offering support when they go through difficulties. Taking the role of a coach helps children learn the skills they need for themselves.



Children who have a wide range of interests are more likely to have something in common with others and so find it easier to make friends and get along.



The following suggestions may be helpful

- Make time to play too**
 Parents and carers can improve their children's social skills by playing with them regularly. Letting children choose and lead the play allows you to be playful with them and encourages them to practise skills for cooperation and negotiation. Making time for play helps strengthen your relationship with them as well as their skills. Avoid criticising and make it fun!
- Allow your child to try all sorts of different activities**
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- Invite children for play dates**
 Having friends over to visit helps children to establish friendships and practise their social skills. It also provides an opportunity for you to provide on-the-spot coaching for children as they develop their friendship skills. Providing positive guidance and helping to structure activities (without taking over!) can be very important when establishing new friendships.
- Child says...**
 "There's this girl in my class who is really mean to everyone in class, and so we are all mean right back to her."
 "Maybe she thinks we don't like her, and so she's being mean to us?"
 "Well, I like her when she's not being mean."
 "Maybe I could invite her over to play after school?"
- Talk with children about what is happening for them with their friends**
 Find a relaxed time, like the drive home from school or after dinner, to talk about what is happening in your children's friendship group. By doing this, you let them know that you are interested in their wellbeing, and this can also be an opportunity to share some of your experiences and to help them solve any problems they might have.
- Encourage positive, relevant strategies**
 Parents and carers can talk about, and encourage, friendly and cooperative strategies that can help their child to develop friendships. For example, encouraging children to negotiate or compromise when trying to solve conflicts with peers is a strategy that is more positively received than aggression or verbal threats.
- Take a problem-solving approach**
 Parents and carers don't need to have the answers to all of their children's problems. You can support your children to think through a problem for themselves by talking with them and asking some useful questions. For example:
Parent/carer asks...
 "Why do you think she is being so mean?"
 "That could be one reason. Do you like her?"
 "So how could you show her that you do like her, and that there's no need for her to be mean?"
 Advice: "That sounds like a great idea to me."

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

