

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

### From the desk...

Welcome to Term 2 and many thanks for the warm welcome from the staff, students, and parents who I have met so far.

My name is Lisa Wilson and I'm the acting principal for Murchison while Karen is acting at Mooroopna. I have been the principal at Dhurringile Primary for the past 5 years. I look forward to continuing the fantastic work that has been happening here at Murchison and working with everyone.

Lisa aka Mrs W.

### **ANZAC Day Service**

Congratulations to our School Captains, Grace & Sadie at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service on Tuesday. Grace spoke about the Victoria Cross and Sadie spoke about her family that went to war. You can read both speeches further in today's newsletter. A big thank you to both students and also to Mrs Vraca for the artwork.



This Friday we will be holding our school ANZAC service near the Lone Pine tree at the front of the school. This will be led by our Year 6 students. Please be at the school by 10:30am.

### **Mother's Day Stall**

This year we will once again be selling small bunches of Chrysanthemums at our Mother's Day Stall for \$5.

### **House Cross Country**

Parents are welcome to join us for the House Cross Country that will be held on Tuesday

May 9 with warmups starting from 11:35am in the Murchison Gardens (near the Historical Society Building). Students may wear house colours during this event.

### **Pie Warmer**

The Pie Warmer will be available every Tuesday and Thursday during Terms 2 & 3. Food must be wrapped in foil with your child's name clearly written on it. Please ensure that food is packed flat so that it fits on the shelving and also remember that the Pie Warmer is to just 'warm' food so please send along appropriate food. Some suggestions include toasted sandwiches, pizza and spaghetti. Students may bring a thermos to provide your child with warm food on other days.

### **Easter Raffle**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Easter raffle drawn on the last day of term 1. This was a great fundraiser for the school. Winners this year: Justin Mutimer, Willow Donald, Lesley, Hayden Chetkett, Miles Leeder, Karen Bathman, Mrs Watson, Ashleigh Laffon, Benjamin Timmins, Westphals, Jodie Albrey, Eddie Claridge, Bill Morgan, Justin Hughes, Ian Trigg, Jacob Donoghue, Alan Mutimer, Elly French, Tony Bone, Alyssa Kelly, Michelle Donders & Grace Morgan. Thanks again for your support.

### **Merchandise**

Merchandise to commemorate our 150 Years. We still have merchandise available. Fill in the order form later in the newsletter. These can be returned to the office by hand or email. If making payment by Direct Debit. Please use 150 + Surname in description.

### **Billabong Camp**

The year 3 – 6 students are very excited about going to Billabong Camp near Echuca from Monday – Wednesday next week. They have organised full days of challenging activities and night time entertainment.

Have a great week everyone,

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



**Bee Focus:** - We strive to be the best we can be by being safe, responsible, respectful, learners within our community.

### **Chaplain's News**

Hi all, I hope you have had a restful Easter holiday. I want to wish Mrs Goodwin all the best as she continues to build her leadership at Mooroopna this term. A big welcome to Lisa Wilson, I know you will make her feel welcome and supported. I will be in this Friday due to a day swap. I am looking forward to catching up with you and planning to do Coffee's/Hot Chocolates at the gate on Tuesday. Mechanics Club will resume. We finished off the pulley system workshop last term. This term, I want us to focus on learning and using various tools. I remember as a child going into my Dad's shed and rummaging through his toolbox trying to find something to use. I like that anyone can pick up a tool and discover how it is used no matter the age. CoolFM and a new co-host will be on next Tuesday. Last term the co-hosts were Lily, Peyton, Hayden and Tayte, while Bree and Sadie did weather reports and reported things around the school. See you on Friday, Chappy 😊



**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**

### **WEEKLY REMINDERS**



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



**Lunch Orders  
Mon, Wed & Fri**



**Pie warmers  
Tues & Thurs**



**Hats need to be worn this week**



## TERM 2 PLANNER

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
<b>1</b>	24	<b>25</b> ANZAC DAY Holiday	26	27	28 Mother Goose ANZAC SERVICE 10:30am Bee Shop	29	30
<b>2</b>	May 1 3-6 Billabong Camp	2 3-6 Billabong Camp	3 3-6 Billabong Camp	4 Playgroup	5 Mother Goose	6	7
<b>3</b>	8 Assembly 8:50	9 House Cross Country 11:35	10 School Council	11 Playgroup	12 Mother Goose Bee Shop	13	14 Mothers Day
<b>4</b>	15 Assembly 8:50	16	17	18 District Cross Country Murchison Golf Course	19 Mother Goose	20	21
<b>5</b>	22 Assembly 8:50	23 Footy Clinic	24	25	26 Mother Goose Division Cross Country Yea Golf Course	27	28
<b>6</b>	29 Assembly 8:50	30	31	June 1	2	3	4
<b>7</b>	5 Assembly 8:50	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>8</b>	12 Assembly 8:50	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>9</b>	19 Assembly 8:50	20	21	22	23	24	25

**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: \_\_\_\_\_



# WE'RE COMING TO YOU!

## Community Conversation Session

Greater Shepparton City Council in partnership with Emergency Recovery Victoria, Wellways and Goulburn Flood Recovery Service are hosting a Community Conversation Session with Dr Rob Gordon, natural disaster preparedness and recovery consultant.

Come and join in an opportunity to thank the community of Murchison and surrounds for their giving spirit during and after the October 2022 flood event. This is an opportunity for folks to share their experience and hear from Dr Rob Gordon.

Thursday 27 April

6.45pm to 8.15pm

Murchison Community Centre  
10 Watson St Murchison

RSVP by  
Wednesday 26 April 2023  
via Eventbrite [HERE](#)



Alternatively register with Greater Shepparton City Council on 5832 9700



wellways



## Days Mill Open Day Sunday 14 May 2023



This Mothers Day, Parks Victoria invites the community to visit the rare and remarkable Days Mill as part of the Australian Heritage Festival.

Drop in, grab a coffee and a treat from one of our vendors. Enjoy the ambience of this well-preserved 19th Century Flour Mill complex, have a chat to 'Friends of Days Mill' volunteers and Parks Victoria staff. You can also discover opportunities to get involved as a volunteer in caring for this special heritage-listed place.

Where: Days Mill Historic Area, 5 Day Road  
Murchison South 3610

When: Sunday 14 May 2023, 10am – 4pm

For more information, call  
Parks Victoria on 13 1963  
or scan the QR code.



13 1963  
parks.vic.gov.au



## 150 Years Merchandise

Order Form - Payments may be made by Direct Debit BSB: 083798 ACC:689833837

Drink Bottle \$12.00	Quantity	Keep Cup \$13.00	Quantity	Key Ring \$8.00	Quantity	Beanie \$15.00	Quantity	Cap \$17.00	Quantity	Pen \$5.00	Quantity
Jacket \$90.00	Quantity	Vest \$60.00	Quantity	Hat \$17.00	Quantity						
Name:						Total:					

Good morning,  
 My name is Sadie Harrap and I am the school captain of Murchison Primary School I have the privilege to talk to you the morning about what ANZAC day means to me and my family  
 Sacrifice is one of the first words that comes to my mind.  
 The young people who went to war when they were not a lot older than me.  
 I think of how hard and frightening it would have been to leave your family's and travel to war when you were only a teenager or a young adult.  
 It is a day where we show our pride, our respect and our gratefulness for all that these people have given us, the greatest gift, our freedom. We see people here today proudly wearing medals they have been rewarded or that had belonged to family members.  
 I am proud to say that three of my family members risked their lives for our country today.  
 The first person was my uncle, Brett, He fought in the war and he was a driver in the Royal Australian Corp of Transport and also did two tours of Afghanistan in 2010 and 2014.  
 The second person was my Great, Great Grandfather William Hull. He was an original ANZAC in the first world war in 1914 in Gallipoli. He fought from 1914-1915. They then got evacuated to Egypt for a rest and then moved to France where he had his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday in the trenchers were he fought from 1915-1918 . His service number was 2747.  
 He was only just 18 when he enrolled.  
 He was one of the fortunate young people who got to come home, although he did get gassed three times he did survive but had long term health issues which caused him to move to the country, Avenel, where my great grandmother and grandfather still live today.  
 The last person was my great nana she was a nurse in the second world war in the year of 1939. People who have given so much for our country today make me want to be the best person and I can be and to be able show the true ANZAC spirit that all that the ANZACS had.  
 Here is a little story of my great, great grandfather and great grandmother who went to war as you have heard a minute ago. William had a good mate I can't remember his name but they stuck around for each other like we should all today to our friends and also our family, they stuck around in war together and made sure nobody was left behind and I feel and I am sure some of you do to that we should all look out for each other like they did for us.  
 My great Nana was a nurse and she made some good friends to she also able a few peoples lives so that makes me feel proud that she got to save some of those peoples life and she got to let them go home to there family and there friends.

And that is why I want to show the true ANZAC spirt

Thankyou for listening to why ANZAC day is special to me. I hope you have enjoyed.

Good morning

My name is Grace Morgan and I am a School Captain at Murchison Primary School. I am going to talk to you about the Victoria Cross. What it is, why it is awarded and tell you a story of a person who received it.

I am the crimson ribbon. I am the valueless cross. I am made of metal from a cannon. It's me the Victoria Cross. I was thought to look the lowest but am reserved for the highest. Many have the wooden cross, yet I belong to very few. I honor valor and the highest level of gallantry. For sacrificing their lives for others, they didn't go unnoticed. We can be awarded posthumously for those deserving. Everywhere their names are written... I follow for the rest of their lives.

Here is a story about what the Victoria Cross represents...

There were two men, Kevin Wheatley also known as Dasher, because of his Rugby Union prowess, and Ron Swanton Butch. Dasher and Butch had been friends for a long time. They were on a destroy mission in Vietnam with a group of South Vietnamese and suddenly became under heavy fire. When a South Vietnamese went down, Butch rushed over to pick him up and suffered a serious gunshot wound to the chest. As Dasher was providing covering fire, he quickly went to Butch's aid and carried him to a South Vietnamese medic who said he would not survive for much longer. Butch refused to leave Dasher and dragged him into a semi-safe, wooded area and laid him down. As many Vietnam Cong members were in range, Dasher pulled the last pins from his two grenades and kneeled next to Butch the whole time. One last South Vietnamese soldier ran off into the forest as he heard the last two grenades explode and small arms fire. This soldier was the last to see Dasher and Butch alive and reported that Dasher would never have left Butch. The next morning a search mission went out and they were found with several gunshot wounds, and Dasher was still laying next to Butch.

Kevin Wheatley was awarded the Victoria Cross posthumously for his actions. This is an amazing story that shows that they went to war not only for us but for each other. There's a quote that relates to Kevin's story "There are friends in life and there are friends for life" by unknown. When Dasher died he was only twenty-eight years old. I could never imagine sacrificing my life for another person at the age of twenty-eight. He had four children and a dearly loved wife when he left. His oldest son George went with him to Sydney and watched him walk onto the ship and that was the last time he saw him.