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

### **From the desk...**

#### **Active @ Schools**

Earlier this week, I had a meeting with Sam from Active @ School to discuss our grant. The grant will cover a variety of sporting or active initiatives including the upgrade of the bike shed. We are looking at repainting the lines around the school and adding some colourful new markings for games.

#### **Dogs in School**

Several people have spoken to me about dogs in the school as they or their children are afraid of dogs, or they have allergies to dogs. I will take our Dogs at School Policy to our next school council meeting for discussion and review. Until the policy is reviewed, we will be enforcing our policy which is attached. Please contact me if you would like to discuss this policy.

#### **Aussie of the Month....**

Congratulations to Lexie who is our Aussie of the Month for March. Lexie displays unique strengths and qualities. For showing respect for herself, others and her community by looking after school equipment and property. Congratulations Lexie! ☺



#### **National Simultaneous Storytime**



Today all students and staff participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime with over 1 million other students. This year's story was The Speedy Sloth. Many thanks to our year 6 students who organised and ran our cross age activities this afternoon.

#### **Cross Country**

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified to run in the Division Cross Country at the Yea Golf Course Friday May 26: Esther E, Macy H, Stella B, Wally E, Grace M, Sadie H, Rory B.

#### **Curriculum Day**

Staff will be having a Curriculum Day on Friday June 2. No children will be required at school on this day.

#### **Walk to School**

It was great to see students walk, ride, scoot or roll to school on Friday. We had nearly all students participate on the day.

#### **Division Netball & Football**

Congratulations to our netballers and footballers who participated at the Division Netball & Football Championships last Friday. Your great sportsmanship is to be admired.

#### **Headphones**

A reminder that all students require headphones at school to use during class.

#### **Crossing Safety & Speed Limit**

A reminder that there is a 40km speed limit in Impey Street & Watson Street.

All students and families are to use our crossing out the front of the school when arriving and departing from school. Whilst the crossing is not manned in the morning, the flags are displayed and anyone crossing from the opposite side of the road to the school should use this crossing. After school, our crossing is manned by a staff member and all students and caregivers crossing the road should follow the direction of the crossing supervisor.

#### **Merchandise**

Merchandise to commemorate our 150 Years is still available. Pens, Keep Cups, Drink Bottles, Key Rings, Caps, Hats, Beanies, Vest & Jackets. Call into the school and check them out. Payments can be made by Direct Debit. Please use 150 + Surname in description. We also have EFTPOS available.

**Have a great week everyone Lisa**



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

**Left to Right**

**Back: Charlotte, Hailey, Lyla**

**Front: Alyssa & Harper**

**Yr F-1FW – Alyssa K-** for consistently setting a great example in the classroom, being organised, kind and a great learner.

**Yr 1-2B – Harper J** – For being an excellent learner, especially during writing sessions and always being a kind and helpful member of the class.

**Yr 3-4WW – Lyla H** – By showing kindness to her classmates and teachers. Lyla always lends a hand when asked and is responsible and respectful.

**Yr 3-4WW – Charlotte M** – By showing great enthusiasm in writing and entertaining the class with her stories! We can't wait for the next one!

**Yr 5-6CV – Hailey G** – By being ready to learn each day. Showing kindness to classmates and having a great 'have a go' attitude!

### **TERM 2 PLANNER**

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
<b>5</b>	22	23	24	25 Playgroup	26 Mother Goose GNARLY NEIGHBOURS Division Cross Country Yea Golf Course	27	28 MCP – Consultation Day
<b>6</b>	29 Assembly 8:50	30 Coffee Club Footy Clinic Sporting Schools - Football	31 Donut Day	June 1 Playgroup	2 Curriculum Day Holiday	3 Movie Night	4
<b>7</b>	5 Assembly 8:50	6 Sporting Schools - Football	7	8 Playgroup Brave Hearts	9 Mother Goose	10	11
<b>8</b>	12 Kings Birthday Holiday	13 Sporting Schools - Football	14 School Council	15 Playgroup	16 Mother Goose Bee Shop Donut Day	17	18
<b>9</b>	19 Assembly 8:50	20	21	22 Playgroup	23 Mother Goose Hot Dog & Dim Sim Lunch Last Day of Term	24 Winter Festival	25



Hugh H

50 Nights – Lucy, Lulu, Lilah, Davey, Lacie

## SCHOOL LEADERS AWARDS



Hugh H  
Des C  
Jayde K



Bee Focus: - being respectful: using equipment for its intended use. This looks like keeping sand in the sandpit and using fairy garden items carefully. Students voiced this in JSC recently. How else could we show we are being respectful with equipment in the yard?

## WEEKLY REMINDERS



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



Lunch Orders  
Mon, Wed & Fri



Pie warmers  
Tues & Thurs



Headphones Everyday

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



## MASK:

Accounts will go out again this week so please check your emails for them. It is your responsibility to keep these accounts paid and up to date. If you are not receiving your account via email, please come and see me so we can rectify this. Tonight, the children walked in to see shells floating in a vase. This posed a lot of questions. Are they magical? Are they glued in? How do they just hang there? How are they staying still? Is something holding them up in space? To show them we floated the plastic cupcake. We filled the bottom of the glass with clear Orbie beads, then added the cupcake followed by some more Orbie beads. We then carefully added some water which made the Orbie beads disappear leaving the cupcake to float on its own! The children (and the adults) really enjoyed this illusion! Our cameras have been out in action again so please remember if you do not wish to have your photo taken please let the photographer know. Sharon



**Chaplains News:** Where is this term going, it seems like only yesterday we were starting the new term. As usual there has been a lot going on at Murchison. A student work crew helped me re arrange my office so the new fridge could be installed. What a cool idea! Grace, Wally, Charlotte and Hailey. These amazing students helped unpack the box and take the rubbish to the bin. They did it without a moment of fuss, thx guys. There seems to be a lot of sickness going around. Please take care everyone. Special thanks to the staff for keeping on going despite the few changes. Roy seems happy that his beloved Magpies remain on top of the AFL ladder while my red and blues boys took the sad plane back from Adelaide. Until next week. Oh Coffee at the gate next Tuesday. Come and taste the new coffee beans. 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**

## DONUTS DAYS

During a recent Junior School Council meeting, students voted to have 2 Donut Days this term where student can purchase either a Cinnamon or Hot Jam Donut. The first one will be next Wednesday May 31.

Cinnamon Donuts \$1.00

Hot Jam Donuts \$1.50

Order forms have

been sent home today. Please place your orders by this Friday May 26.



### Purpose

To explain to our school community the rules and procedures we have in place in relation to dogs attending our school grounds.

### POLICY

#### Assistance dogs

Murchison Primary School understands its obligations under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (Cth) and the *Equal Opportunity Act 2010* (Vic) and will make reasonable adjustments for members of our school community with a disability who require an 'assistance animal' to help alleviate the effects of their disability. Assistance animals are permitted to attend our school with their handler. Our school principal can lawfully ask a person to produce evidence that an animal:

- is trained specifically to assist a person alleviate the effects of a disability (e.g. seeing eye dogs)
- meets standards of hygiene and behaviour appropriate for a school environment.

We understand that in some circumstances, students may require an assistance animal to attend school to help them to participate in their educational program. Murchison Primary School will consider a request by a student with a disability to allow an assistance animal to attend school with them on a case-by-case basis. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact the Principal.

#### Pet dogs

Murchison Primary School is not a public place, and our principal has the authority to permit or decline entry to school grounds and impose conditions of entry.

Whilst Murchison Primary School understands that many families in our school community keep dogs as pets, to ensure that our school remains a safe and inclusive place for everyone, pet dogs are not permitted on school grounds under any circumstances.

Our school community is diverse and may include people that are allergic or uncomfortable around dogs. We are also conscious of the health hazards that may be posed by dogs. We ask that families please leave their pet dogs at home or safely tether them outside school grounds when attending our school or school events.

#### Stray dogs

Unaccompanied or stray dogs sighted at our school should be reported immediately to the school office. School staff will contact municipal authorities and/or Victoria police for assistance in managing and removing a stray dog from school grounds, and ensure staff and students remain safe at school.

### REVIEW PERIOD

This policy was last updated in July 2019 and is scheduled for triennial review.



## MURCHISON COMMUNITY PLAN CONSULTATION DAY

When: Sunday 28th May 3.00pm - 4.30pm

Where: Community Centre - Senior Citizens Room

What Is Your Vision For Murchison?

We Want Your Input!

Please come and discuss our draft Community Plan  
and have your say on shaping the future of our  
wonderful little community.

You're all invited to meet the Murchison Community  
Planning Group, and have your say, into our future.

+ Afternoon Tea Provided

+ Great Lucky Door Prize

If you wish to receive a copy of the draft plan prior to the meeting please email:  
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