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School Values: Quality, Respect, Community & Responsibility

From the Principal's desk

Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to Ashley Taylor for being our May Aussie of the Month award winner. Ashley has shown in her sporting ability this term. She continually tries her hardest and never gives up. We are very proud of your efforts
Congratulations Ashley! ☺



Division Cross Country

Well done to Ashley, Miriam, Josh & Mark who have qualified to run in the Division Cross Country this Friday June 9 in Yea. Thank you to the parents who are taking the children and supporting them at the event.

Reports

Teachers have been busy writing student reports during the last few weeks and these will be sent home to families on Monday June 26. Reports are a celebration of what your child/ren have achieved during Semester 1.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday June 28 and information will be sent home shortly about these.

District Sports Afternoon at Avenel PS

On Friday June 16 our Grade 3 – 6 students will be participating in a sports day at Avenel Primary School. More information will be sent home shortly.

First Nations Excursion

All students and staff will participate in an excursion next Wednesday June 14 to the Dharnya Centre at Barmah. This excursion will launch our unit of work into the 'First Nations' curriculum. Students will be involved in three sessions whilst at the Centre focussing on Aboriginal culture. We will be leaving the school at 9am and returning around 3:45pm.

Queens' Birthday Holiday

This Monday, June 12 is the Queen's Birthday holiday. There will be no school on this day.

GV Water Activities

Tomorrow, Thursday June 8 we have Kristy Elrington an educator from GV water coming along to conduct some workshops with our students. The F/1's and 1/2's will join together and take part in a session called 'The Big Flush' where they will discover what happens to the water we flush down the toilet or wash down the plug hole.

The 3 – 6's will take part in a session called 'Choose Tap'. Students participate in a fun hands-on session that investigates the environmental, financial and health benefits of drinking tap water. Activities include how sugary are sweetened drinks, what ingredients are in soft drinks and comparing the taste of tap water with bottled water.

Communication Survey

At our last School Council meeting we discussed ways we currently communicate with families and further ideas we could explore to ensure we are effectively communicating with ALL of our families and community. As a result we decided it was best to hear from you about what is currently working and identify areas for improvement. Last week a survey was sent out to families via email for you to provide your feedback. Again today attached to the newsletter is a hardcopy of the survey. The more responses we have to the survey the better, so please take the opportunity to fill it in. School Council will look at the responses at our next meeting on June 13 and discuss future directions. We will then share this information with you. Thanks in anticipation of your feedback!

Surveys need to be returned to school by tomorrow and online survey closes tomorrow afternoon.

Last day of term 2

The final day of term 2 will be on Friday June 30. Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm on this day.

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

Tex, Lori & Noah

Gr F-1WW – Noah Donders – For showing great confidence sharing his rhino facts at student assembly! Well done Noah!

Gr 1-2C – Tex Leone – For the daily demonstration of an ‘I can do it’ attitude and in particular the persistence, confidence and getting along keys.

Gr 3-4VB – Lori Bathman – Lori always uses the 5 keys to success. Lori is super organised, polite and friendly. She is a pleasure to have in the classroom. Keep it up Lori.

TERM 2 PLANNER

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
8	5	6	7	8 Smoothies MACC Van Book Club order due	9 Ranges Division Cross Country Yea Golf Course 11am	10	11
9	12 Queen's Birthday Holiday	13 Fruit Trifles SS AFL School Council 5pm	14 Fruit Trifles Dharnya Aboriginal Cultural Day – Barmah 9:00am start	15 Fruit Trifles CFA – Mobile Education Unit	16 Gr 3-6 District Sports Day @ Avenel PS	17	18
10	19	20 Scrambled Eggs	21 Scrambled Eggs Regional Cross Country	22 Scrambled Eggs MACC Van	23 Italian Cultural Day -	24	25
11	26 Reports home to Parents	27 Baked Beans	28 Baked Beans Parent teacher Interviews	29 Baked Beans	30 JSC - Out of Uniform Hot Dog & Dim Sim Lunch Last Day of Term 2 finish 2:30pm	July 1	2

**BOOK CLUB- Issue 4 is due back:
Thursday June 8**



Thanks once again to the families that have supported us by making a purchase or 2 from Book Club. Issue 4 arrives home this week. This is the final

issue for Term 2. On each edition 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 (in an envelope labeled Book Club) or go online and place your own order. Just follow the L.O.O.P. directions on the bottom of the brochure. Thanks! Felicity

SCHOOL BANKING HAS CHANGED TO FRIDAYS AT MURCHISON PS - See Shelly for information about opening an account so you can become a weekly saver too.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM NOW ON

MONDAYS: We are now having breakfast program on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday's. Every day we provide Toast, Vita Brits, Porridge & Fruit.

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

STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR:

We will be selling Supa Cookies as a fundraiser. Students can purchase 1 cookie for \$1 on Fridays.

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Sun- 7:00am – 7:00pm.

BATTERY RECYCLE DEPOT

SHOP LOCALLY FOR CONVENIENCE & SERVICE CITYLINK PASSES available

Name: _____

Class: _____

Date: _____

Reason _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Murchison Primary School

Student Absence Form

Please hand to
your class
teacher

MASK: This week we welcomed Heidi Richter to our MASK family. Heidi will be working alongside me on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays this term. As the weather has been cooling down we are spending a lot more time inside. We have been getting creative and doing lots of art and craft. Using the oil pastels has been a hit as well as hama beading and making jewellery. We have also been



language. So far we have worked on alphabet and spelling our names, numbers and greetings. We will be working towards learning a song over the next few weeks. We have been having large groups so please remember to let the office know if your child/ren 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 Morris



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.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have noticed quite a number of students not wearing our school uniform. We would appreciate your support to ensure that all children are in full school uniform each day. We have seen jumpers, shorts, pants and other items that are not our school colours of bottle green and grey. There have been a lot of black items and black is not one of our school colours. If you are in need of any school uniform items, please see Shelly as we have a large range in our second hand uniform shop. Thank you for your assistance.

Your Community Needs Your Help Neighbourhood Watch and Community Property

You are one of the many residents in Greater Shepparton who live in the vicinity of community property such as schools, parks, churches or council buildings. For periods of time, these facilities are unused and so there is nobody on site to observe any illegal activity. These activities can include vandalism and damage, and in the case of buildings, a break - in and the theft of items from the building.

How You Can Help

We are asking you to keep an eye on the community property in your area and report any suspicious behaviour to the police. If you see somebody damaging the property, or attempting to break into a community building.....

RING 000 IMMEDIATELY

Report what you have observed and leave it to police to take the necessary action.

Under no circumstances should you approach the person who is acting suspiciously.

Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch is a community based crime prevention program. It aims to reduce the incidents of crime and provide a safer community for all Victorians. It is a proven partnership between the community and the local police for combating crime.

The Program

The Neighbourhood Watch program is very much about you taking care of yourself and your property. It is also about "keeping an eye out" in the area where you live and reporting any suspicious behaviour.

For information about joining the Community Safety Group Neighbourhood Watch Greater Shepparton Police Service Area or for additional information please contact Leading Senior Constable Glenn Gibson at Shepparton Police Station or your nearest police station.

Communication

Digital Technology has changed the way many people access information, so at Murchison Primary School we are conducting a survey to determine which channels of communication are seen by you as effective or require changing or updating.

Please complete the short survey below. The survey is anonymous.

We encourage as many participants as possible as these results can generate effective changes and improvements to how we can keep you informed.

Many thanks,
Melissa Houlihan
Principal

1. What devices do you have access to at home?

- Personal Computer
- I-Pad or tablet
- Smartphone
- None of the above

2. What forms of school communication do you rely on for information about up-coming events (date & time)?

- Newsletter
- Notes Home
- School App - Flexibuzz (TiqBiz)
- Website
- Phone Calls
- Other (please specify)

3. What forms of school communication do you rely on most for information about policies, school uniform, documents such as the Annual Report to the School Community.

- Newsletter
- Notes Home
- School App - Flexibuzz (TiqBiz)
- Website
- Phone Calls
- Other (please specify)

4. What forms of school communication do you rely on most for important information about what has happened at school. Eg. photos of events, cross country results.

- Newsletter
- Notes Home
- School App - FlexiBuzz
- Website
- Phone Calls
- Other (please specify)

5. What other forms of communication would suit your family and your needs?

- Facebook
- Regular emails from staff
- Platforms such as 'Class Dojo' or 'Edmodo'
- Other (please specify)

6. What are your main uses of the School Website?

- To find out the latest news
- To access the calendar
- To research about the curriculum, and other opportunities for my child
- To review documents such as the annual Implementation Plan and policies
- I don't use it
- Other (please specify)

7. How do you access the school newsletter?

- Email
- Hardcopy
- School App - Flexibuzz

8. Do you find the newsletter easy to read? (Are you able to find the information you want?)

- Yes
- No
- Somewhat

9. What would you like to see more of in the newsletter?

- Photos
- Good news stories
- Important reminders
- Updates from classrooms/sections
- Advice on supporting my child's learning
- Local business advertisements and special offers
- Updates on learning outcomes at our school
- Policies
- Other (please specify)

10. What would you like to see less of in the newsletter?

- Photos
- Reminders and dates
- Long articles of plain text
- News stories
- Other (please specify)