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

From the Principal's desk...

Welcome Back Everyone!

There was a real buzz around the school on Monday as we settled back in after the holidays. This term we look forward the House Athletic Sports. We will be celebrating Book Week and our State Schools Spectacular team will be heading off to Melbourne later in the term to perform. Plus much more!

NAIDOC Week

This week we are celebrating NAIDOC Week. NAIDOC Week Celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. Today was a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Parent Opinion Survey

The Parent Opinion Survey "Your School, Your Say" is completed annually by the Department of Education and Training and is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at every school in Victoria. This year, all parents will be invited to participate. All responses to the survey are anonymous.

The survey helps our school gain an understanding of how you view our school climate, student engagement, and relationships. Our school will use the results to inform school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey will be conducted online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd and only takes 15 minutes to complete. The 2019 Parent Opinion Survey will be open for parents to complete between Monday 22 July and Sunday 11 August.

Results will be sent back to our school at the end of September.

For more information, see: [Parent Opinion Survey](#)

100 Days at School

Next Wednesday July 24 our F/1/2 students will be celebrating 100 days at school!! A very special occasion, especially for our Foundation students. Children are asked to bring along their favourite teddy They will be participating in games, counting & morning tea.

Breakfast Club Program

Breakfast Club is back for Term 3!! Starting at 8:30am, it will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays this term and will continue to be a FREE service. We are continually grateful to our volunteers who run the program, in particular Vicki Green and Natasha Boyle. If you are interested in supporting our program, please let us know!!

Working with Children Checks

As part of the Child Safety Standards, we are encouraging all of our volunteers to have a current working with children card. Volunteers are free, if you don't have one, you can simply click on this link <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/> and apply online. Register as a volunteer to our school.

School Review Survey

On Monday all families were sent home our School Review Parent Survey could you please return to school ASAP. Thanks

School Photo's

This will be next Wednesday July 24. This year we have MSP Photography taking our photos. Pre-pay personalised and family envelopes have been sent home. There is also special group photographs for those students involved as students leaders and Junior School Council.

Dream Seeds

Dream Seeds® is a workshop of engaging, original activities for Year Six students aimed at building aspiration, resilience and connection in young rural students. Dream Seeds® is designed and presented by trained Macpherson Smith Rural Foundation (MSRF) Alumni – rural youth who have personally experienced the challenges of growing up in a rural community. The workshop aims to enable young rural Victorians to overcome barriers to education, aspiration and participation, which often cause children to narrow potential career and educational opportunities. The idea for Dream Seeds® began in 2014 based on research released in October 2013 suggesting rural Victorian youth can face barriers to learning, particularly when developing aspirations. The original, interactive workshop (which is also linked to the Victorian Curriculum) aims to counter this, by developing the knowledge and skills that young people need to create a vision and practical pathways towards positive futures and to be leaders of their own lives.

Have a great week everyone

Karen Goodwin Principal

AROUND THE SCHOOL:

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

TERM 3 PLANNER

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
2	22 Parent Opinion Survey Starts Bendigo Banking	23 Breakfast	24 Teddy Bears Tea Party 100 Days of Learning School Photos	25 Breakfast	26 Dream Seeds Program Yr 6 Bee Shop	27	28
3	29 Bendigo Banking	30 Breakfast School Council Meeting	31	Aug 1 Breakfast	2 SS Spectacular – Rehearsal Wodonga	3	4
4	5 Bendigo Banking	6 Breakfast	7	8 Breakfast	9 Bee Shop	10	11 Parent Opinion Survey Finishes
5	12 National Science Week Bendigo Banking	13 Breakfast	14	15 Breakfast	16	17	18
6	19 BOOK WEEK Bendigo Banking	20 Breakfast Book Character Parade	21	22 Breakfast	23 Bee Shop	24	25
7	26 Bendigo Banking	27 Breakfast	28	29 Breakfast	30 Fathers Day Breakfast & Stall	31	Sept 1 Fathers Day
8	2 Bendigo Banking	3 Breakfast School Council Meeting	4	5 Breakfast	6 Bee Shop House Athletic Sports	7	8
9	9 Bendigo Banking	10 Breakfast	11	12 Curriculum Day Holiday SS Spectacular - Rehearsal	13 SS Spectacular - Rehearsal	14 SS Spectacular	15
10	16 Bendigo Banking	17 Breakfast District Athletic Sports	18	19 Breakfast	20 Last Day Term 3 2:20 finish	21	22



BEE FOCUS: - Being Responsible – Putting rubbish in the correct bins.

Victorian **premiers' reading challenge**



REACH NEW HEIGHTS

SCHOOL BANKING IS ON MONDAYS AT MURCHISON PS - See Shelly for information about opening an account so you can become a weekly saver too.

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EARN AND LEARN

Thanks to everyone who collected Woolworths stickers for the school. If you have any lying around it's not too late to bring them into school. We will be using these stickers to get some sports equipment for the students.



PARENT-CHILD MOTHER GOOSE PROGRAM:

Starts again this Friday July 19. 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 9:10am-10:10am**. Sessions are fun, free and morning tea is provided! For more information phone the school on 58 262 391.



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**Murchison Primary School
Student Absence Form**

Name: _____

Class: _____

Date: _____

Reason: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Please hand to
your class
teacher



PARENT SEMINARS

Learn about the impact video games have on your child and how to best manage gaming in the family home.

92% of young people are playing video games, yet we don't fully understand the impact they have.

In this engaging seminar we focus on practical strategies that can be used to keep video games fun, safe and healthy.

We'll discuss:

- why video games are so captivating (dopamine, brain development, rewards schedules);
- whether playing violent video games leads to increased aggression in real life;
- how video games fit in today's youth culture (compared to when we were young);
- opportunities and benefits associated with gaming;

- cyber-safety tips that will keep kids safe from harm whilst playing video games;
- Gaming disorder, now a recognised mental health disorder.

Our parent seminar focuses on relevant advice for parents and answering the questions every parent has: "How long should I let my child play? How do I know which games are good for my child? When should I allow my children to play video games?"

Parents will be able to distinguish between problematic gaming and normal, adolescent behavior and walk away with new strategies to keep gaming safe and balanced for their children.

Where possible we also provide parents in need with information on how and where to seek local support.

PARENT SEMINAR

Location: Primary Care Connect
399 Wyncham Street VIC 3632
Time: 7pm - 8:45 pm
Date: 14 August 2019, Wednesday

To book: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?aid=5133276>
Inquires about the speaker: stator@primarycareconnect.com.au
Tel: (03) 5832 3300



The Institute of Games works to keep children safe and healthy whilst playing video games. We have delivered over 100 presentations in schools and over 200,000 people have used our resources. For more information or bookings, email info@primarycareconnect.com.au or call (03) 5832 3300.

WORKSHOP

Gaming to Gambling

Date: Thursday, 15th August 2019
Presenter: Steven Dupon, Institute of Games
Time: 10am - 3pm (please arrive 10 mins before)
Location: Primary Care Connect, 399 Wyncham Street, Shepparton, VIC 3630
Catering: light catering offered (please send dietary requirements)
RSVP: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?aid=5133168>
Enquiries: stator@primarycareconnect.com.au

Overview:

Gambling mechanics are more and more used to make a profit. This session will provide an overview of how video games and gambling products are converging, the current state of regulation, reflections on discussions with representatives of the video game industry in Australia, latest research about the similarities between 'gaming disorder' and 'gambling addiction' and a look at the resources available to gamblers' help counselors in this space.

In the afternoon we will discuss how the convergence of gambling and video games impacts the community education staff and gamblers' help counselors and explore what we can do collaboratively to prevent harm.



Steven's bio:

Steven Dupon is the Founding Director of the Institute of Games. The Institute of Games was funded by the VRGF to explore and unpack the links between video games and gambling, connect with the video games industry, gamers and their families to explore the impact of gambling in video games.

Steven has created many positive parenting strategies using the benefits of gaming whilst dealing with the risks of gaming. He authored The Parent's Guide to Gaming, The Parent's Workbook for Dealing with Gaming Issues and The Video Games Report. Steven also created resource packs for parents and professionals, available from www.videogames.org.au. His resources have been used by more than 500,000 people.

Steven is a regular presenter at conferences. Some notable keynote presentations include: National Conference against Bullying, Gambling Harm Conference 2016, World Urban Network and the New Zealand Youth Hub.

Steven has a bachelor's in psychology and a Diploma of Business. He has over 20 years of working with children and young people, most recently as the National Youth Empowerment Coordinator at YMCA Australia, one of the largest not-for-profit organisations that focus on empowering young people to turn their inspiration into positive impact.

GREATER SHEPPARTON

MURCHISON BUSINESS EVENT

Grant Brookes from Brookford Consulting presents:

Building Customer Loyalty – Playing by Small Town Rules

The best businesses understand the importance of building good customer relationships.

Whether you're providing service for a long-term client or a first-time buyer, developing a connection with your customers is an important part of building your business.

This event will help you fine tune your current practice and specialise in the genuine small town service country businesses are known for.

When: Wednesday 28 August 2019
Time: Starting from 6pm
Where: Murchison Community Centre
Cost: FREE

Contact: RSVP by Friday 16 August 2019 to eventsRSVP@shepparton.vic.gov.au
For more information call Sarah Hardwick (03) 5832 9847



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