



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



## From the desk...

It's been nice to see the sunshine in the past couple of days, however I know some people would like to see rain for the garden and crops. For the irrigation

farmers, water comes back on next Tuesday. Many thanks to the parents and families who have made comments or emailed us about our new family fun page at the back of our newsletter. It sounds like several families are having fun with the page.

My major learning this week was to be able to live stream our school assembly on Facebook on Monday morning. As both Mrs Wheeler and Mrs Vraca were not available, the task fell to me. I was quite proud that my first attempt was successful, and I managed to achieve my goal. It did help that I had been secretly watching Mrs Vraca each week just in case I ever had to stream the assembly.

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

Congratulations to Year 1 student Winnie for being awarded Aussie of the Month for July.

Winnie is a kind and dedicated student who always strives to do her best. She always represents our school values and completes all tasks to the highest standard.

These are fantastic qualities Winnie. Congratulations again! You are very deserving of this award. 😊

## **Premiers Reading Challenge**

We have 33 days left until the challenge ends. We have read 556 books and have 25 students finished, well done to those students, along with lots who are well on their way. Again, this year we aim to have all students from MPS finish the challenge. If you have lost



your login details please see Mrs Wheeler and she will help you out.

## **Discovery, Science & Technology Centre**

Last Thursday, Yr 3-6 students travelled to Bendigo's Discovery, Science & Technology Centre to learn about physical sciences. Students participated in a workshop from the centre staff, they also got to explore the many hands-on activities. Read the students thoughts on the day later in the newsletter.

## **Book Week**

Upcoming in week 7, we have Book Week including our book character parade on the Friday. This year's theme is Read, Grow, Inspire.

## **House Athletics Sports**

These will also be held in week 7 on Tuesday August 22 at the Murchison Football Oval, weather permitting. Events will start at 10:40am, with lunch at approximately at 12pm

## **Father's Day**

### **Breaky**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August we will be hosting a Father's Day breaky for all of our Father's and Father figures

together with their children. Chappy is polishing his BBQ trailer to cook bacon and eggs from 8.15am. Please let the school know if you are attending.

### **Enrolments**

We are now taking enrolments for our 2024 Foundation (prep) students. If you have a little one due to start school next year or know of someone who does, give me a call to organise a tour and chat about what Murchison PS can offer.



**Have a great week everyone, Lisa**



## **'Be The Best You Can Be'**

### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Left to Right

Back: Davey, Peyton, Quincy

Front: Darcy & Lucas

**Yr F-1FW – Lucas B – For working independently and showing others what a learner looks like. What a great example you are Lucas!**

**Yr 1-2B – Davey M – For showing kindness to his peers and always having a positive attitude in the classroom.**

**Yr 3-4WW – Darcy S – By showing respect to his classmates and teachers as well as always lending a hand and being kind.**

**Yr 3-4WW – Quincy K – By showing confidence in presenting her fantastic seahorse information report to the 3/4 and 5/6 grades!**

**Yr 5-6CV – Peyton D – For being fearless and going down the vertical slide ( Bendigo Discovery Centre) three times!**

## **SCHOOL LEADER'S AWARDS**



Hayden  
Micah  
Lexie

50 Nights –  
Alyssa & Eliza  
100 Nights –  
Lulu & Harly



### **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 detail.

## **WEEKLY REMINDERS**



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



Lunch Orders  
Mon, Wed & Fri



Pie warmers  
Tues & Thurs



Headphones Everyday



Bee Focus: - Revisiting our four values: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe and Be a Learner. These make up our MPS matrix at school - they are the behaviours we expect to see. We have new students at our school, what could we tell them about our values? What do our values look like in the classroom and outside?

### TERM 3 PLANNER

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
5	7 Assembly 8:50	8	9	10 Playgroup	11 Mother Goose Bee Shop	12	13
6	14 Assembly 8:50 SCIENCE WEEK	15 Talk About It Program Year 5/6	16 Talk About It Program Year 5/6	17 Playgroup	18 Mother Goose	19	20
7	21 Assembly 8:50 Talk About It Program BOOK WEEK	22 House Athletic Sports	23	24 Playgroup	25 Book Week Parade & Activities Mother Goose Bee Shop	26	27
8	28 Assembly 8:50	29	30 Father's Day breaky Riverlinks "Just Live on Stage" Yr 3-6 School Council	31 Playgroup	Sep 1 Mother Goose	2	3 Father's Day
9	4 Assembly 8:50 CONCERT	5 JSC - Hot Chips Day	6	7 Playgroup RUOK? Day ASHE day Yr 3-6	8 Mother Goose Bee Shop	9	10
10	11 Assembly 8:50 Parent – Teacher interview week	12 District Athletic Sports	13 JSC - Sports Day	14 Playgroup	15 Mother Goose Circus Incursion Hot Dog & Dim Sim Lunch 2:20 Finish	16	17

### CHAPPY NEWS

Hi all, this weeks inspiration comes from the saying "honour the elderly". Last night I took my son to hospital due to a kitchen accident while cooking tea. We waited a long time to be seen but an elderly couple had been there for 5 hours. My heart broke when I heard him say, "I have to take my wife home". This was 11pm which meant they were there at 6pm. There was no, "I see how long it's been for you". When they left, I walked with them so I could bring the

wheel chair back. It was cold and I didn't want them to have any further worry. My heart broke again as he told me his wife had MS and didn't know where she was. He left, taking her home to care for her just as he has done for many years. I know hospitals are busy, I know emergency takes priority, but surely we need to do better for the elderly. Sad Chappy ☹️





We went on a science excursion, first we went on a long bus ride and when we got there we got to make a marble run and watched a video about it.

Next, we had lunch and went to the big place with random things, like mirror maze so we played around there until some of us got to go on the vertical slide which was really awesome. After that we played around in the big place with random things for a little bit longer until we had to go back to school just in time for home.

By Zara

The Science Discovery Center has a spinning wheel, a mirror maze and a vertical slide.

There is a tank full of alive spiders.

There is lots of bugs to study. The spinning wheel is cool try looking at it.

It changes its pattern. There are different things to try in the Discovery Center.

The vertical slide is 7m long! You hold on a bar let go and slide down it is very fast!

Try going into the mirror maze and try not to crash!

By Rosanna

On Thursday, August 3, the grade three to six students went to Bendigo Discovery Centre. First we stopped at the Botanical Garden for morning tea. When we got there the grade three & fours got to create marble runs, we worked in a group of four or five to add mini sticks and tracks to a gride hole board and the grade five & sixes did the seven meter vertical slide. Then we all had lunch in the auditorium. After lunch the grade three & fours went on the vertical slide and looked at projects and tested them out while the grade five & sixes did switches and electrical work. Then we all had one more look around together then unfortunately we had to go back to school to be on time to go home.

By Gemma

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August Murchison Primary School went on an excursion to the Discovery Centre in Bendigo. We left at about 9:00am that morning and got to the Discovery Centre at about 10:45am. On the way we stopped at the Botanical Gardens for recess.

When we got to the Discovery Centre we split into two groups, one group did a marble run workshop and the other went on the vertical slide. I did a marble run with Rosanna, Lucy, Monique and Bella. Then we swapped and I got to go on the vertical slide. It was a 7 meter drop and SCARY!

We went to the Exhibition and went through a Mirror Maze.

It was a great experience and I would really like to do it again.

*By Quincy.*

On Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August the 3 to 6's went to the Discovery Center in Bendigo. We drove on a bus and we sent messages to each other. I gave lots of my friends notes and it was so fun, we did that for an hour. We stopped at the Botanical Gardens and we ate our recess, then we got to play on the playground, it was fun. Then we went to the Discovery Center, the first thing the grade 3/4s did was the marble run. I was on a team with Lyla, Addie and Lauren. We had 45 minutes to build a seven second marble run. My team won, we had eight seconds. While the 3/4's were doing marble runs the 5/6's were going down the seven meter vertical slide. The three, four, five and sixes got to play in the mirror maze, lots of people bumped into the mirrors. After we had finished, we hopped on the bus and went home. On the bus Angus sang a song called Bananas... he said Go bananas, go, go bananas then everyone sang Go bananas go, go bananas!

By Katrina M

THE SCIENCE AND DISCOVERY CENTRE WAS SOOOOO MUCH FUN

### **VERTICAL SLIDE**

THE VERTICAL SLIDE WAS SO STEEP I BACKED OUT TWICE. LITERALLY, I WAS SHAKING SO MUCH YOU COULDN'T PREDICT IT.

YOU HAD TO USE YOUR UPPER BODY STRENGTH TO HOLD YOURSELF ON THIS BAR 'THING A MA BOB'. I SAT ON THE EDGE THEN I SAID 'NOPE, BYE!'. AND THERE WAS THIS KID WHO LOOKED YOUNGER THAN ME AND SHE WENT DOWN. I'M DISAPPOINTED IN MYSELF.

### **EXPLORATION**

THE EXPLORATION WAS AMAZING! THERE WAS EVEN A GREEN SCREEN. WE PLAYED TIGGY IN THE MIRROR MAZE and WE ALL WERE SO FREAKED OUT WHEN WE SCARED EACH OTHER.

WE ALL KEPT ON RUNNING INTO THE MIRRORS, BY ACCIDENT, I THINK.

THERE WAS THIS THING WHERE IT SAID "LET IT FLOAT". (I THINK) AND YOU HAD TO PUSH A BUTTON AND IT FLIES OUT THE GUTTER OFF IT.

### **ON THE WAY HOME**

ON THE WAY HOME AND ON THE WAY THERE WE PLAYED THIS GAME WHERE WE SAY 'YES' WHEN WE SEE BUILDINGS THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO LIVE IN AND WE SAY 'NO' WHEN WE SEE A BUILDING WE WOULDN'T LIKE TO LIVE IN.

### **HOME**

WHEN I GOT HOME TOLD MUM ALL ABOUT MY TRIP TO BENDIGO.

By MONIQUE

When I got to school, we got on the bus and we drove to Bendigo. We went to the Science Discovery Centre. We made marble runs. Lilah, Roy and I got seven seconds on the dot. It was fun. We went and played some fun games. There was a really long tube that echoed. It was called an echo tube. And when it was our turn on the vertical slide, I did not have a turn because I was scared.

By Cooper

Bendigo was fun! I didn't go on the slide because I did not want to go on the slide. It looked like fun, but I was tired. I liked doing the marble run, but I lost. My partners to make the marble run were Darcy, Eddie, Roy and myself Leo and before we made the marble run we watched a really cool video of a life size marble run. My favourite activity was the mirror maze and the chair where you pulled yourself up with a rope. There were lots of fun activities.

By Leo

So I got on the bus at 9:00am, then we got to the Botanical Gardens and had recess. It was really nice there.

Then we got back on the bus and got to the Science Discovery Center. When we got there, it was amazing! There was a 7m long slide

called the vertical slide you hold on to a bar and nothing is under you then you drop! You go so fast and it feels like you are flying, but it is really scary. There is a mirror maze and I kept crashing into the mirrors it was so much fun! We went back to the bus and went home.

By Lucy

On Thursday the 3rd of August we went to Bendigo Science Centre. We went in the maze and played tag. Then it was time to go on the vertical slide and it was so much fun. Do you want to try it? We did a marble run and my team was a winner. My team was Addie, Katrina, Lauren and me. Two little kids went on the vertical slide and their mum went

on it and the kid hugged her mum. On the bus we were sending messages to each other and it was so funny. I loved it... I was so happy!

By Lyla. H



We got on the bus at 9.00, it took us about an hour to get to Bendigo. We had morning tea at the Botanical Gardens then we hopped on the bus to go to the Science Centre.

### **MARBLE RUN**

The marble run was fun but also very frustrating.

On my team was Mac, Gemma, Charlotte, Macy and I. We needed to make it stay on the marble run for 7 seconds, my team stayed on there for 2 and a half seconds. After that we had lunch then...

### **Vertical slide**

The vertical slide was the BEST bit of the Excursion... it was scary but at the same time it was so much FUN!! When you go on you would float in the air and then you would hit the slide and come straight back to the start.



## HOME

After that we went to the bus and hopped on...and that took another hour. When we got back to school Wally and I needed to walk home.

BY ESTHER

On Thursday the grades three to sixes went to the Bendigo Discovery Center. We got on the bus at 8:45 and left school at 9:00. We got to the Discovery Center at 11:00 with a stop at the Botanical Gardens for recess. The first thing we did when we got there was split into 2 groups of three & fours and fives & sixes. The first activity my group did was the marble runs. There were tubs of funnels, skewers, plastic containers, cups and planks. After we finished the marble runs we had lunch. After we had lunch we went and had some free time to play with the activities. My favourites were the mirror maze and the vertical slide.

By Charlotte

On Thursday the 3rd of August I went to the Science Discovery Centre in Bendigo. Ok let's talk about what I did first...we did a marble run. I worked with Zara and Jayde. Secondly, we got to play my favourite thing, it was to play Shadow Freeze, so this is what we did. We stood against a white wall and a light shone then when you looked back your shadow is frozen! At last we went on the vertical slide, it was 7m! I went super fast down the slide.

By Amity

The grade three, four, five and sixes went on an excursion to Bendigo Discovery Center. The first thing we did was make a marble run, we lost but we all had so much fun. I worked with a group of 5.

### Have a look around

After the Marble run we had a look around the Discovery Center before we went on the vertical slide. My favourite activity was the frozen shadow. Fifteen minutes later we went on the vertical slide [it was ginormous]. I was the first person to go on the slide. When you were hanging it was terrifying but when you went down it was so much fun.

## Heading home

After the vertical slide we went and had a play then it was time to head home. We said our goodbyes and got on the bus and went home.

By Macy

On August 3 2023, the threes to sixes went to the Science Discovery Centre

### Marble run

During the marble run there was six teams. I was in a team with Lachie, Eben and Heath. We used skewers, wood slides and funnels. We had 15 minutes. Ours went for 5 seconds!

When we left we saw Rory the T Rex.

### Free time

Then we had free time. We went in a mirror maze, played tag and the echo tube and a lot more, it was fun.

### Vertical slide

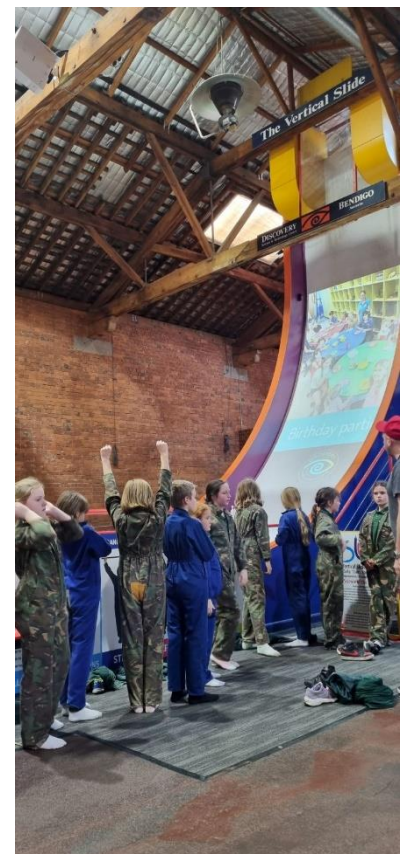
I went on the vertical slide, it was scary at first then I got used to it.

By Levi

The Bendigo Excursion was so much FUN!

I think nobody wanted to leave one bit. My favourite was the glass maze, and the marble run because the glass maze was so much fun, running back and forwards. It was so confusing everybody kept crashing. I loved the glass maze. What I love so much about the marble run, is you can create your own work with other people. I loved the marble run. The vertical slide was so scary, I didn't go down, but before everyone went down they had to put on outfits, there was a blue one, an army one, and more, we also had to take off our shoes. There was a photo booth but way cooler, you had to touch the wall and wait 2 seconds and hop off and it shows your shadow on the wall. I loved the Bendigo Science Centre.

By Bella



## 2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey:

### WE WANT ALL OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from **Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

<https://www.orima.com.au/parent>

School Name: Murchison Primary School  
Campus Name: Murchison Primary School  
PIN: **616413**

The survey results will be communicated to parents / caregivers / guardians through annual reporting.

Please speak to Lisa if you would like more information.

Looking to declutter your house and  
contribute to the community?

## Best Start's Annual Book Drive



is on throughout August 2023

If you have good quality  
second-hand children's

- board books
- picture books



you would like to donate for use  
in our programs, please drop off to the  
Council Offices from 14<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> August  
or contact Belinda Schmedje:

[Belinda.schmedje@shepparton.vic.gov.au](mailto:Belinda.schmedje@shepparton.vic.gov.au)

Best Start



## Your Health Link National Photographic Competition HEALTHY LIFE HEALTHY YOU

Competition  
opens  
**19 August  
2023**

**SAVE THE DATE**

The Mid North Coast Local Health District will open its 2023 Your Health Link National Photographic Competition on World Photography Day 19 August, 2023.

Primary and high school students are encouraged to get ready to grab their mobile phones, tablet or trusty camera and capture images that promote 'Healthy Life Healthy You' for a chance to win a range of great prizes.

Schools are also the big winners with prizes supporting healthy school canteen programs.

For further information contact:  
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Mid North Coast  
Local Health District





**FigureThis!**  
Math Challenges for Families

## Why aren't manhole covers square? **Why?**



**Figure This!** Why are most manhole covers round?

**Hint:** Investigate different shaped covers to see if they can fall through their corresponding holes.

The shapes of many objects relate directly to their uses. Tools are designed with shapes that are easy to hold, furniture is designed with shapes that are comfortable, and race cars are designed to reduce wind resistance.

**Answer:** Square manhole covers can be tipped diagonally and fall through the hole.

circular



triangular

rectangular



Can you name 5 things that are...

