



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

From the desk...

Our students have again contributed to our newsletter this week. Please note the change of date for our Athletic Sports. We are not able to use the oval next

week due to footy finals being held at the grounds.

Parent Survey

MPS is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. This 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. More information later in newsletter.

CONCERT

Our annual school concert will be on Monday September 4 starting at 7pm in the Community Centre..

This year each of our classes is going to perform for us along with a performance from the band. We have enlisted Chappy to MC the night. To finish the concert, we are having supper. Each family will be asked to contribute something to share such as a packet of biscuits or cake.



Premiers Reading Challenge

We have 23 days left until the challenge ends. We have read 1934 books and have 50 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.

Book Week

Next week is Book Week concluding with our book character parade on the Friday. This year's theme is Read, Grow, Inspire.

House Athletics Sports

Our House Athletic Sports will be held on Tuesday August 29 at the Murchison Football Oval, weather permitting. Events will start at 10:40am, with lunch at approximately at 12pm.

Father's Day

Breaky

On Wednesday August 30 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 have a 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: Macy, Phoebe, Amity

Front: Hugh, Lilah & Lulu

- Yr F-1FW – Lulu K –** For showing confidence during all learning activities, what a learner.
- Yr 1-2B – Hugh H -** By giving his best effort to produce fantastic sentences during writing time and always having a smile on his face.
- Yr 3-4WW – Lilah P –** By having a go at unknown tasks and enjoying classroom activities and her classmates.
- Yr 3-4WW – Macy H –** By showing kindness and consideration to others and always striving to learn. You are an excellent student, Macy!
- Yr 3-4WW – Amity S –** For ALWAYS giving 100% in everything you do. You are a champion learner Amity!
- Yr 5-6CV – Phoebe W –** For running a successful student lunch time activity 'a netball competition'. You showed commitment, dedication and organisation. Well done!

SCHOOL LEADER'S AWARDS



Emmy K
Grace M
Wally E

150 Nights –
Lily, Micah
200 Nights –
Macy



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: - Be Safe - maintain personal space. We have kinder transitions and concert coming up - we need to keep ourselves and others safe. Why would we not put hands on others? Should we lift other kids at school?

TERM 3 PLANNER

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
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	23	24 Playgroup Book Club orders due	25 Book Week Parade & Activities Mother Goose Bee Shop	26	27
8	28 Assembly 8:50	29 House Athletic Sports	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 Parent Survey Closes	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, Due to the works going on, the oval was reduced in size. Wally and Angus had organised a footy comp. They got together to come up with a plan to continue the comp using a smaller ground. Each team had to go to the centre line before coming back to the goals. It was a delight to see how the players adapted to the new system. There were lots of good skills on display and was umpired well and fair. Both teams listened to the umpires and despite the close score, no complaints were heard. Well done Wally and Angus for organising this and for the teams who played.

The mechanics groups are learning about a car's cooling system. The Holdens learnt the importance of keeping the cooling system well maintained and how the coolant keeps the engine at the correct

operating temperature. They were particularly excited to learn that adding coolant raises the boiling temp but also prevents the water from freezing such as in snow conditions. Importantly they learnt why removing a radiator cap when the engine is hot is dangerous and could cause burns. It is great to see them taking on this new knowledge. I wonder if one of them goes on to be the next mechanical apprentice of the year.

The school concert is coming soon. The next Coffee and the gate will be on the 29th of August. Until next time Chappy



2023 Parent / Caregiver /

Guardian Opinion Survey:

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

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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.



AUGUST
Friday 11
Erick C, Macy H
Tuesday 15
Samuel B
Friday 18
Lulu K
Saturday 19
Maxie M

Year 5/6 Simile Poems

*Last week the Yr 5/6 students created
Simile Poems during literacy, please take the
time to read below.*

I Am....

I am as cool as Messi
I am as funny as a kookaburra
I am as loving as a bunny
I am as brave as a footy player
going for a SCREAMER
I am as smart as a Scientist

By Angus

I am....

I am brave like a roaring dinosaur.
I am loving like my mum.
I am creative like an Art teacher.
I am confident like some politicians.
I am as energetic as a cheetah.
I am as funny as a kookaburra.

By Bree

I am....

I am as creative as a chimpanzee.
People say I'm as loyal as a Dobermann.
When I walk or talk, people say I'm as
successful as an athlete.
When I'm alone I say to myself I'm as
energetic as a cheater. When there is
something in my path, I toughen-up and say
I'm as brave as a lion.
Around the school I'm a leader like a Queen
Bee.
When I find myself climbing trees I say
with my own words... I'm adventurous like
a monkey.

By Hailey

I AM....

I am helpful to others as well as the teacher
I'm proud as a lion
I'm bored as a sloth
I'm nice as a snail

By Wally

I am....

I am as sneaky as a snake
I am creative like a paintbrush
I am as clumsy as a bruise
I am as cranky as a lion
I am loyal like a swan
I am as tired as a sleepy cat
I am as thoughtful as a dolphin
I am as sporty as a netball player

By Lexie Kitos

I am....

I am as sweet as honey,
as stubborn as a mule,
as thoughtful as a dolphin
and
as honest as a rock.
Determined as a bee,
and energetic as a cheetah,
as curious as George,
and as successful as my
dad
and as
optimistic as Brian from
Monty Python.
Made by Lily

I am...

I am as happy as a SCHOOL.
I am funny like Mrs COX.
I am as cheerful as the CLASS.
I am joyful like a parent.
I am good as a blue sky.
I am hard-working like a Farmer
I am friendly like my mum.

By Matilda

I AM...

I am confident like a lion by not
being scared {kinda}
I am as honest as a cat by being
helpful {sometimes}
I am loyal like a Corgie by
telling the truth {not really}
I am creative like a bee by
making new things and drawing
I am brave as a wolf by trusting
myself {most of the time}

By Peyton

I am....

Hardworking like a quarter horse, I
never give up.
I'm as crazy as a computer mouse, I
don't run out of energy.
I am sporty like a sports car.
I'm talkative like a kookaburra, I
will never stop speaking.
I'm as reckless as a rhino, I don't
care about the consequence.
I'm a leader like a lock.
As cool as a cucumber.
I am as beautiful as Barbie.

By Phoebe

I am....

I'm cool as a party
I'm funny as a bee
I love being me,
I'm nice like a boy with a new
toy, so you might like me.
I'm as courageous as a plane
flying.
I'm so handsome you might
like me.

By Rory

I am....

Leader... I'm like a sheep dog in a paddock rounding up sheep.

Hard-working... I'm as hard working as a tractor in a paddock.

Neat... I'm as neat as a pin because I like thing in their right place.

Logical... I'm as logical as a robot because I like things in a step by step order.

By Sam

I am....

I am as smart as a dolphin.

I am as reckless as a rhino.

I am as sus as the imposter.

I am as funny as I am crazy.

I am as handsome as Wally.

I am as confident as a public speaker.

What are you?

By Shawn

I am....

Helpful as a parent.

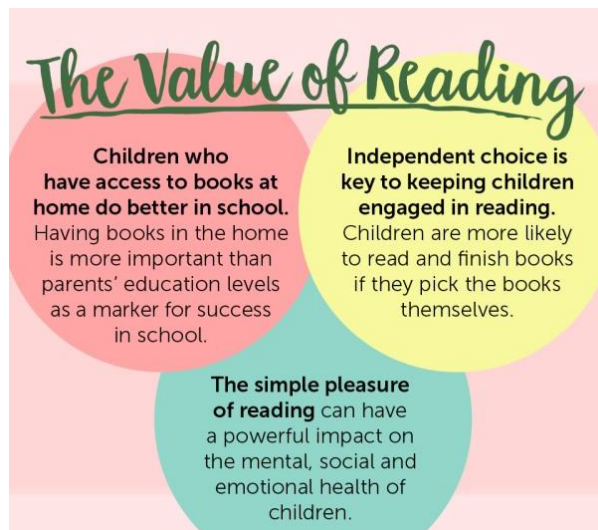
Brave as a lion hunting.

Loving as a caring parent.

Hard-working as a builder.

Cheerful as a happy kookaburra laughing.

By Stella



- Issue 6 Scholastic Book Club **Due:**
Thurs August 24

*This is the last issue for Term 3. If you would like to place an order, please order via LOOP or return the completed form to the office before the closing date. Scholastic currently has many titles at \$5 or less. This provides the perfect opportunity to get a book in every child's hand.

We have been able to purchase many books for the library just through credit raised from families placing orders so thanks again for your ongoing support. Felicity Watson





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Participants complete a workbook and are supported by weekly 30 minute phone calls with a trained parenting educator.

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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 14th-30th August
or contact Belinda Schmedje:

Belinda.schmedje@shepparton.vic.gov.au

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Attendance – every day counts

PHOTO... (from left) Cody, Mason, Noah and mum Nicole get set for another school day

Three boys, two schools, working parents, a bunch of pets and a home in the country. There are laptops to charge, lunches to make and uniforms to be laundered - plenty for the O'Donnell family to do every day before the school bell rings.

Nicole and Peter O'Donnell know better than most that making sure their boys Cody, Mason and Noah are organised, prepared and at school - on time and every day - underpins their success in education.

An Education Tutor, Nicole works to bring other students up to speed when they've missed significant time in the classroom.

"Many parents would be surprised to know how even missing a day or two, every now and then, can really impact on their children's enjoyment and achievement at school," she says.

- A child missing one day a fortnight is missing 20 days of school a year. That's four weeks a year and by the time they sit Year 12 exams, they've missed an entire year of education.
- A child missing a day a week will miss 2½ years of school education - placing that student well behind their peers. The same amount of "lost learning" applies to a student missing an hour of school a day.
- Even missing 30 minutes a day, by arriving late to class or leaving early, adds up to four weeks a year, or an entire month of missed learning.

Like every family, the O'Donnells experience challenges from Monday to Friday in getting their boys "school ready" for Shepparton East Primary and Greater Shepparton Secondary College.

"It isn't always easy - but being on time and in class every day makes all the difference."

Scan the QR code for more information on attendance - including helpful tips for parents



**SHEPPARTON
EDUCATION PLAN**

The Shepparton Education Plan
improving education outcomes & life opportunities
from early years to adulthood
www.vic.gov.au/education-plans

This week is National Science Week. The school theme for National Science Week in 2023 is *Innovation: Powering Future Industries*. The theme incorporates the advancement in technology in all industries, especially using artificial intelligence (AI).

Have a look at this link to find some exciting experiments that you can try at home. <https://www.scienceweek.net.au/diy-science/>

Another fun science website is <https://www.science-sparks.com/fun-science-facts/>



Fun Science Facts

- Your brain has around 100 billion nerve cells.
- Naked Mole Rats can live for up to 30 years which is the longest of the rodents.
- Humans are made up of more than 60% water.
- Polar bears have black skin!
- If you eat too many carrots, your skin will turn orange!
- A 1 metre square of soil can hold a billion living things?
- The technique of fingerprinting is called dactyloscopy.
- In the rainforests, there are only 2 seasons - rainy and dry.
- Water freezes faster when it's warm, not cold!
- If you flew to the sun in a normal aeroplane, it would take about 20 years.

scientist code breaker

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