

Wednesday October 4, 2023

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

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

Welcome back everyone to what is going to be a very busy but productive term 4. I really cannot quite believe that we are at this point of the year already! Amongst all the great activities and events, our focus is on student learning and ensuring that we support all students to make learning gains by the end of the year.

### **Vacation Program**

Our Vacation Program was a great success. I would like to thank the families who supported the program, Hailey & Jasmine for providing the great activities for the children and lastly the children for their enthusiasm and great participation.

### **Rangers Division Athletics**

14 students have been selected to represent the school at the Rangers Division Sports next Monday October 9 in Epping. Congratulations to Macy, Charlotte, Esther, Gemma, Quincy, Lexie, Stella, Lily, Sadie, Micah, Grace, Hailey, Wally and Angus.

### **Student Numbers 2024**

We are currently in the process of planning for 2024. In order for us to do this accurately, it is important that we are certain of our student numbers going into 2024. With student numbers as a basis for making staffing decisions, if there are any families in our community who could be moving on, please let the school know ASAP. Likewise, if you know of anyone who is moving into Murchison, please encourage them to let the school know about enrolling their child/ren for next year. Thank you for your assistance.

### **Hats**

We are an official SunSmart School. Students need to bring their school hats to wear from now until April 30. If you have lost or outgrown your hat, new ones are available from the Uniform Shop in Shepparton or we have our 150 year celebration hat at school.

### **Lost Property**

A reminder to label all items of clothing so we can return to them to your child. If you are missing any school clothing, check out our ever-growing lost property shelves.

### **Curriculum Day**

A reminder that Monday November 6 is a Curriculum Day and no students will be required at school. This will give you a four-day weekend to enjoy some family time.

### **2024 Foundation Students**

Enrolment packs are available from the office for those families who have a Foundation student starting at MPS in 2024. Please come in, collect your forms from Shelly ASAP, and return them to school by Friday October 20.

### **Head lice**

We have had a few reported cases of head lice this week. It is a timely reminder for all families to develop a routine of:

- regularly, preferably once a week, checking for lice or eggs in the hair of:
  - their child
  - all household members
- notify the school:
  - if their child is affected
  - when treatment commenced
- not send their children to school with untreated head lice.

Thank you for your ongoing assistance.

### **Attendance at School**

A reminder that children need to be at school every day unless they are unwell, or need to attend an appointment, which **cannot** be scheduled outside of school hours. If your child is absent do not forget to ring us in the morning to let us know or send a notification via SkoolLoop.

Remember 'Every day Counts!'

**Have a great holiday everyone!**

# AROUND THE SCHOOL: Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful & Be a Learner

## TERM 4 PLANNER

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2 Assembly 8:50 Term 4 Begins	3	4	5 Playgroup	6 Mother Goose Bee Shop	7	8
2	9 Assembly 8:50 Division Athletic Sports – Epping	10	11	12 Playgroup	13 Mother Goose Rushy P-12 Transition	14	15
3	16 Assembly 8:50 Book Fair Sales this week	17	18 School Council	19 Playgroup	20 Mother Goose Bee Shop	21	22
4	23 Assembly 8:50	24	25	26 Playgroup	27 Mother Goose Rushy P-12 Transition	28	29
5	30 Assembly 8:50	31	1 Nov Regional Athletics Sports - Albury	2 Playgroup	3 Mother Goose Bee Shop	4	5
6	6 Curriculum Day Holiday	7 Melbourne Cup	8 Rushy P-12 Transition	9 Playgroup	10 Mother Goose Foundation Transition	11 Remembrance Day	12
7	13 Assembly 8:50	14 Rushy P-12 Transition	15	16 Playgroup Yachting Yr 6 1:00 – 2:30	17 Mother Goose Foundation Transition Bee Shop	18	19
8	20 Assembly 8:50	21	22 School Council	23 Playgroup	24 Mother Goose Foundation Transition	25	26
9	27 Assembly 8:50	28	29	30 Playgroup	Dec 1 Mother Goose Foundation Transition Bee Shop F-2 Sleepover	2	3
10	4 Assembly 8:50	5	6	7 Playgroup	8 Mother Goose	9	10
11	11 Assembly 8:50	12 Statewide Transition	13	14	15 Bee Shop	16	17
12	18 Assembly 8:50 Year 6 Graduation	19 Final Assembly Pool Day	20 Curriculum Day Holiday	21	22	23	24 Xmas Eve



**Bee Focus:** - At MPS we strive to be the best we can be by being safe, responsible, respectful learners within our community.

## WEEKLY REMINDERS



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



Lunch Orders  
Mon, Wed & Fri



Hats need to be worn this week



Headphones Everyday

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Wednesday Oct 4 Addie W  
Friday Oct 6 Mackenzie R  
Wednesday Oct 11 Charlotte M

**FOR SALE:**  
**150 Celebrations**  
**BUCKET HATS**  
**\$15**



**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 \_\_\_\_\_

## CHAPPY NEWS

Hi all, I hope you have had a good break. This weeks inspiration comes from a conversation I had with my wife. She has had a particular difficult time lately to which she said, "I wonder what drama we will get up to today." This got me thinking, sorry honey, but our outlook on a situation plays a huge part on how we handle it. A couple of movies came to mind. In the movie Apollo 13, faced with the uncertainty of the mission being successful. Mission control said "This could be the worst disaster NASA has ever experienced." The flight director had an alternative view! "With all due respect sir, I believe this is going to be our finest hour." Then in the movie Independence Day. The president said "And should we win the day, the Fourth of July will no longer be known as an American holiday, but as the day the world declared in one voice: "We will not go quietly into the night!" We will not vanish without a fight! We're going to live on! We're going to survive! Today we celebrate our Independence Day! Uncertainty, has its challenges especially when experiencing difficulty. It's easy to see the mountain wondering how are we going to climb it rather than being optimistic. Being optimistic doesn't mean that the struggles or difficulty or pressure we feel isn't real, it just means that we are open to think, it could be better, this is going to work, I/we can do this. So I said to my wife, "I wonder what amazing things will happen today." "Mmmmmmm" she said, but true thx. Hoping for a bright and sunny day next Tuesday as we start the morning with coffee/tea/hot chocolate, at the gate. Looking forward to seeing you. All the best for the 14 students who will be going to Division Athletics. All the very best, I know regardless of the results you will do your parents, your school and yourselves proud. Until next week, Chappy 😊



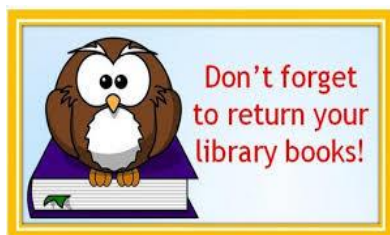
**The Parent-Child Mother Goose Program** is a free drop-in for parents, caregivers, and young children, birth to 6 years old to focus on the pleasure and power of sharing rhymes and songs. Please join us for Singing, Rhymes and Snacks at Murchison Primary School each **Friday during the school term from 9.15am, call the school on 58 262 391 for more detail.**



**The hype is building because the Book Fair arrives back at MPS in just 2 weeks!**

It's that time of year again when the Scholastic Book Fair returns to our school library. **SALES commence Monday October 16<sup>th</sup>** So students help out with some jobs around the house to earn some pocket money to spend at this year's Fair. There will be books starting as low as \$5 so hopefully there should be something for everyone.

\* Issue #7 of Book Club are available at the office for collection if you'd like a catalogue. We won't be sending them home unless requested due to holding the Fair. Thanks, Felicity



We have **many, many, many** overdue books. Please return them to school so other students can enjoy them. Thanks!

## Invitation: Monash University Parent Survey



### CALLING ALL PARENTS ACROSS AUSTRALIA!



#### WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU ABOUT THE NAPLAN TEST 2023

If you are a parent of a child/children in **Grades 3, 5, 7 and 9**, we would like to hear directly from you. We invite you to participate in a brief anonymous online survey to share your views on the **NAPLAN test**.

The survey closes on **31/10/2023**

**Please scan the QR code and complete the survey.**



### Monash University: An Important Message for Parents Across Australia!

Monash University is conducting important research on NAPLAN 2023 and invites you to complete a [quick survey](#).

Chief Investigator, Dr Venesser Fernandes and a team of researchers are seeking views from Australian parents of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 for this short Monash University open access survey.

The research study has been approved by Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee with Project Number: 2023-37812-89526.

[Take the Survey](#)

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# Become a Berry Street foster carer

In our community, some children are not always able to live with their family.

Become a foster carer and support a local child at a crucial moment in their life.

Enquire today  
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Ph. 1800 816 037



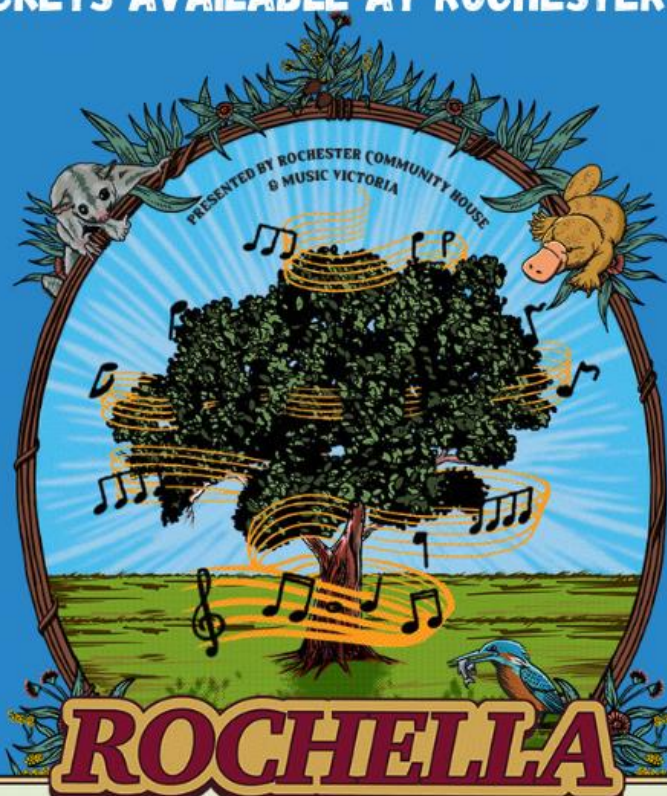
**BERRY STREET**

## \$10 LOCAL TICKETS AVAILABLE AT ROCHESTER NEWSAGENCY

BYO CAMP CHAIRS  
& PICNIC RUGS

FOOD TRUCKS

SCAN THE QR  
CODE FOR ONLINE  
PURCHASES \$30



KIDS ACTIVITIES  
11AM - 5PM

UNDER 12'S FREE  
(MUST ATTEND  
WITH A GROWN UP)

DRINKS AT BAR  
PRICES

**ROCHELLA**  
**THE BLACK SORROWS**  
**CASH SAVAGE AND THE LAST DRINKS**  
BONES & JONES • EMPRESS • THE BURNT SAUSAGES  
STUMBLING NORTH • ANYA ALCHEMY (AUSTRALIAN IDOL)  
• BOX WARS • FACE PAINT BY CHILDREN • LOCAL FOOD AND DRINK •

**SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2023**  
11AM - 8PM • ROCHESTER RECREATION RESERVE  
-DJA DJA WURRUNG, TAUNGURUNG, YORTA YORTA COUNTRY-

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# GUIDED HISTORY TOUR OF MURCHISON

HISTORY MONTH & SENIORS MONTH IN OCTOBER

## HISTORY WALKS

**\$5 per Adult**

**Seniors FREE**

**School children FREE**

Gallery entry plus refreshments



For the month of **October**

**every WED at 9.30am**

**every SUN at 1.30pm**

Beginning Sunday 1st October

## STEPPING BACK IN TIME

Walking tour is suitable for  
wheelchairs and walkers

**Duration 40-50 minutes**



## WALK 'N' TALK

**MEET AND FINISH AT THE  
MURCHISON HERITAGE CENTRE  
4 STEVENSON STREET,  
MURCHISON**



Hosted by Murchison Historical Society  
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