

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

### From the Principals desk...

#### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Sharne Bravo on her appointment to Tatura Primary School as their Art and DT specialist teacher. This 12-month placement is a great opportunity for Sharne to broaden her teaching experiences. She will be greatly missed by all, and we wish her all the best on this next step of her teaching career.

#### **2023 Staffing**

Principal	Karen Goodwin
Business Manager	Shelly McCormick
Foundation/Year 1	Elly French Lee-Anne Wheeler
Year 1/2	John Ford
Year 3/4	Narelle Wood Felicity Watson
Year 5/6	Kellie Cox Karen Vraca
Education Support	Joanne Sanderson, Sharon Reilly
Art	Karen Vraca
Music	Nicole Thorne
MASK Educator	Sharon Reilly

#### **School Yearbook**

The 2022 School Yearbook has lots of information and photos of the year's events. Cost \$15 Please see Shelly in the office.

#### **Carols & Market**

Thanks to everyone who helped sell drinks or supervised our giant games at the Market/Carols. We really do appreciate you helping us out. Once again, our students dazzled us with their musical, singing and dancing skills.

#### **2023 Transition Day**

Yesterday was transition day. All our students moved to their 2023 room for the morning and met their teachers. The Year 5 students presented their leadership speeches in the afternoon. If you missed these amazing speeches, you can catch them on our Facebook page.

#### **Year 6 Graduation**

Graduation celebrations have started with Breakfast at school this morning for our Year 6 students and their parents. Thanks to Chappy for cooking and the staff for helping get things ready. On Thursday December 15 the staff will be joining the Year Six students for dinner at

the Murchison East Hotel, this will be followed by the Graduation Ceremony starting at 7:30pm in the Community Centre.

#### **Farewell to Families**

This year we will be farewelling some families from our school and thank them for the significant contribution that they have made over the years.

Farewell to the Ablitt family, the Bathman family, the Ewart/Cunningham family, the Hamilton/Male family & the Penwright/Harwood family.

#### **2022 Final Assembly**

Our final assembly for 2022 will held on Friday December 16. This is a special assembly where we go back over the highlights of the 2022 school year, and we will be announcing our 2023 Leadership Team. Parents are welcome to join us at the Community Centre or watch the assembly streamed live on Facebook from 9:10am.

#### **Friday Fun Day**

Unfortunately, our tradition of heading to the pool after assembly is not possible this year. So, we have decided to have a Friday Fun Day. Students will play a variety of games and watch a movie during the day. Students may bring their own games to share. Students may also wear Christmas clothes or Christmas coloured clothing. Year 6 students will need to be in school uniform until after our assembly.

#### **Last Day of Term**

Monday December 19 will be the last day of term 4 for students. Students can wear casual clothing. We will finish at 3:20pm.

#### **Vacation Care**

Holiday Program will be running on the following dates. Students enrolled for Foundation 2023 are eligible to attend. Please contact the school to make bookings.

- Tuesday 20 to Friday 23 December
  - Tuesday 3 January to Friday 27 January
- The Program will be closed of January 26, due to being a public holiday

#### **Concert DVD**

Copies of the Concert are available on DVD. Check with the office.

**Have a great last week, Karen**



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

### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

**Left to Right**

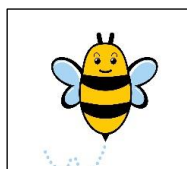
**Lilah, Lucas, Phoebe & Hayden**

**Yr F-1WV – Lucas B – For working tough and listening for sounds in words when writing his recount. Well done, Lucas!**

**Yr 1-2FF – Lilah P – By learning to become more independent. Great work Lilah!**

**Yr 3-4WW – Hayden C – By showing kindness and always being the first person to lend a hand to others. Great stuff Hayden!**

**Yr 5-6BC – Phoebe W – For being super resilient!**



**Bee Focus: - Being Respectful:  
Remember to speak nicely to others.**

## **SCHOOL LEADERS AWARDS**

**Eben, Stella & Jacob D**



**100 Nights Reading**  
**Gemma**

**150 Nights Reading**  
**Maxie & Harper**

**200 Nights Reading**  
**Monique & Lucas**

**250 Nights Reading**  
**Quincy**

**300 Nights Reading**  
**Charlotte M & Samuel B**



## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Thursday Dec 15 Conor  
Tuesday Dec 20 Rory  
Monday Dec 26 Max

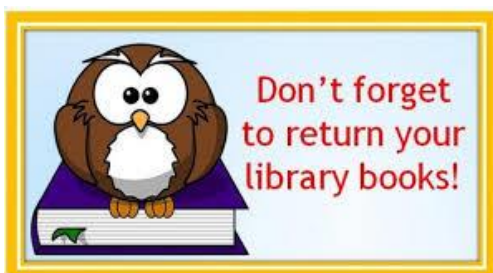
Friday Jan 13 Charlotte R  
Sunday Jan 15 Esther E  
Sunday Jan 22 Lauren W

### TERM 4 PLANNER

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
11	12	13	14	15 Playgroup Yr 6 Tea 6:00 & Graduation 7:30pm	16 Final Assembly @ Community Centre Friday Fun Day	17	18
12	19 Students Last Day 3:20 finish	20 Curriculum Day	21 <b>HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE</b>	22	23	24	25 <b>XMAS DAY</b>

### TERM 1 PLANNER

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	30 First Day Term 1 Students Return	31	Feb 1 No Foundations	2	3	4	5
2	6	7	8 No Foundations	9	10 District Swimming Sports	11	12



## HOME READERS AND LIBRARY BOOKS

We still are missing some books from the Library. So please return any school owned books as soon as possible.

1 book = 4 Token ☺





## MASK

With the term coming to an end very soon, I'd like to see all accounts finalized by close of business 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022. Accounts will still go out over the holidays, but your payments may not show up until Shelly has been in and entered them on our payment system, then and only then will your account reflect your payments. If you are using the Holiday program, can you please let us know as soon as possible so staff/child ratio is correct. May you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I look forwards to seeing you all in 2023, Sharon



## Chappy News

Hi all this week is the final Chappy's news for the year. Thank you seems, the most appropriate theme. I want to first offer my congratulations to the graduating class. They have worked

really hard on their education and themselves. I am very proud of them. Thank you for getting up early and attending the graduation breakfast, much appreciated. Thank you, Karen for getting supplies and Narelle for helping me on the BBQ. Thank you for those who helped make the morning a big success. Thank you staff for your support and partnership throughout 2022. You are hard-working and very accommodating especially when I visit the classrooms. Parents, thank you for choosing Murchison to educate your children. You would have to go a long way to find better. This next thank you is dedicated to the rescue crew, police and emergency workers who have worked day and night in the search to find Jack Bird feared drowned at Yarrawonga. I have known Jack since Prep. We had many conversations in the school yard and in class. My heart goes out to the family and pray for them as the search continues. Lastly, have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and looking forward to some more fun, adventure and partnership, kind regards Chappy, make time to be thankful 😊



## MURCHISON PS YEARBOOK

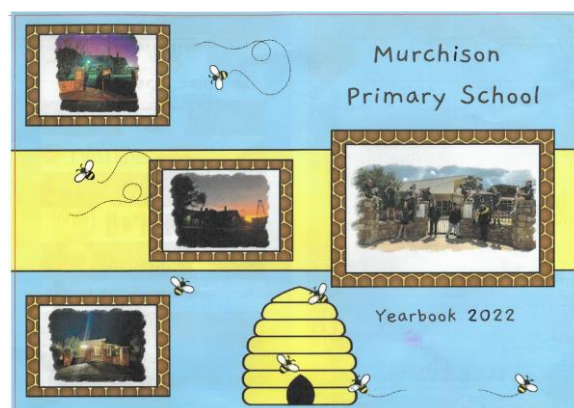
The cost is \$15. A great keepsake for 2022.  
Fill in the form below and return to the office

### MURCHISON PRIMARY SCHOOL 2022 SCHOOL YEARBOOK:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

QUANTITY: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_



Dear Parents/Guardians

Murchison Primary School provides students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian Curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support. This makes a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payment Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

Yours sincerely

Karen Goodwin

Natasha Boyle

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<b><i>Classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classroom – pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks, writing, graph and scrap books, whiteboard markers, eraser, sharpener, folders, display books, scissors, rulers, star folder, diary etc.</li> <li>Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, material, clay, wood, beading etc.</li> <li>Science – ingredients, books, shared classroom materials</li> <li>Mathematics – numeracy blocks, calculators, stationery, maths kits</li> <li>English – book boxes, class sets, novels, readers</li> <li>Physical Education &amp; Sport – ribbons, materials, equipment</li> <li>Auslan – shared classroom materials</li> <li>Library – books, subscriptions</li> <li>Music – shared classroom materials</li> </ul>	\$100
<b><i>Online Subscriptions</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lexiles</li> <li>StudyLadder</li> <li>StoryBox</li> <li>Little Learners Love Literacy</li> <li>Smart Spelling</li> </ul>	\$ 30
<i>ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i>	\$ 20
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$ 30
<b><i>Whole school events</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sporting Events</li> <li>Cross age activities etc</li> <li>Life Ed</li> </ul>	\$ 20
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>Maintaining school grounds – eg mowing, maintaining grounds etc.</i>	\$ 20
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$220</b>

# PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

## ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



### FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



### PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

#### Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

#### Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

#### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



### FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



### SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.