

**Term 4 Week 3**

**20 October 2014**

## Planning time for our school



Murrumburrah Public School is currently in the planning process to decide its direction for the next three years and is calling on the school community to have their say.

The Local Schools Local Decisions policy gives public schools more authority to decide how best to meet the needs of their students and how to best prepare them for the opportunities and challenges that lay ahead.

We are very interested in hearing from the community so we can tap into their views,

knowledge and skills. Murrumburrah Public School is here to serve the townships of Harden and Murrumburrah, and surrounding areas. It is a community school and as such, works closely with the community.

Those who would like to be involved in the opportunity are encouraged to open the link below and complete our on-line survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WQHJT6Q>

## Active After School Communities comes to an end

Murrumburrah Public School has been involved with the Active After School Communities program for 6 years. This program was a national initiative that was funded by the Australian Government. It allowed MPS to offer all students an afternoon of fun, skill based activities along with a healthy afternoon tea. It has also enabled the school to purchase new sporting equipment. AASC is now being developed



into another initiative by the Australian government and is finishing up. I would like to thank all parents, community members and staff who have supported AASC over the past 6 years. So watch this space for updates on the new initiative set to start in 2015.

Rebecca Askell  
AASC Coordinator

# What's Happening

Event	Classes	Activity date	Cost	Notes / Money due
Parent Q&A Session NAPLAN		Tuesday 21 October 6.30pm	Free	All welcome
P&C Meeting		Tuesday 21 October 7.00pm	Free	All welcome
Kinder 2015 Orientation		Wednesday 22 October 9am to 12 noon	Free	Welcome students

## BOOROWA CARNIVAL



Last Friday 17 October, students from Years 2 to 5 participated in the Boorowa Football/Netball Carnival. What a fabulous day was had by all students participating in this very large carnival!

In netball, it was an extremely busy day for our 3 participating teams. A huge congratulations to all of the Year 2's who for many it was their first time participating in a carnival and learning new netball skills. Overall all teams participated extremely well displaying a great deal of talent and achieving many victories throughout the day!

In touch football our students displayed many of the skills they have been practicing at school and through the local touch football competition. Again there were many victories had by all teams and great sportsmanship displayed throughout the day.

I would like to thank all the students from MPS who participated on the day. They represented

MPS with pride and displayed respect, responsibility and empathy on and off the court/field!

A huge thank you to all the parents who transported the students to the carnival and supported them throughout the day.

I would also like to thank Jack Quinn, Emma James, Meg Perceval and Katia Manton who travelled over to Boorowa and refereed our games on the day.



## Clementine at State Athletics

Last week Clementine Flanery ran in the 800m event at the State Athletics Carnival at Homebush. Clementine ran well and once again enjoyed the experience. She also had the opportunity to participate in the march prior to the

commencement of the carnival. Clem said the police band played for the march, she really enjoyed the march. Congratulations Clementine!



## Fantastic Year 6 Camp



Last week Year 6 travelled to Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Camp for a week of activities and challenges. Mr Glen Howe drove the bus for the 6 hour journey to our destination. Upon arrival we set up our

lodge and walked around the camp to discover the activities we would explore during the week.

We woke early every day ready for fun. We experienced kayaking, BMX bush riding, archery, canoeing, sailing, rock climbing, high ropes course, damper making and initiatives course, swimming, wombat hole and giant swing. We also had free time to play tennis, soccer, basketball, giant chess or just talk to new friends.

The other schools at the camp were from Sydney and were very multicultural and it was interesting to hear about their backgrounds and what they did at their schools.

The food was plentiful. We learnt to set up a dining hall, serving other students and then clean up.

We had shows each night, including mini Olympics, country fair and trivia night. It was fun to be in different teams with other schools.

A huge thank you to Mr Howe who drove the bus up, then home, then back up to collect us at the end of the week. Thanks also to Mr Wade who drove up to the camp so our luggage could come home.

We also thank the Harden District Education Foundation for their financial support in making Year Six camp happen. All students had a wonderful time and experienced activities that they normally would not get a chance to participate in.



## Healthy Harden Expo

The Healthy Harden Expo was held last Thursday in Neill St Harden with MPS being the only local school represented. Special thanks to Miss Amanda and staff for ensuring MPS were a part of this local initiative.

## **Murrumburrah Public School** Community News

### Swimming time again

Harden Shire Council will be opening the Harden and Jugiong pools in November. Harden Pool will be open from Saturday 8 November 2014 to Sunday 29 March 2015. Jugiong Pool will be open from Saturday 22 November 2014 to Sunday 15 March 2015.

Harden pool now has a solar heating system which helps to keep the big pool warm on cold days. Jugiong has pool blankets to keep water warmer on cold days.

The season tickets for both Harden and Jugiong will be available at Harden Shire Council. On 6 and 7 November from 3.30pm to 5.30pm pool manager, Mellissa Ings, will be at Jugiong Pool selling season tickets for anyone that finds it difficult to get to Harden Shire office..

This year you must have your season ticket with you to enter the pool. If you don't have your ticket you will be refused entry into the pool, or you will be asked to pay full entry price. We have season tickets so they can be used.

If you are a child with a Jugiong season ticket and go to school at Harden you may enter the Harden pool using your Jugiong season ticket, only if you enter the pool with the school group. Jugiong season tickets cost less money so they only give you access to Jugiong pool.

All school groups will need to ensure each child brings there season ticket with them to school so they can enter the pool.

For entry costs please contact the Harden Shire Council or visit their website.

### Arts Council Workshops

Harden Murrumburrah Arts Council will hold Christmas decoration workshops on Sunday 26 October and Sunday 16 November. Cost is \$5 per workshop. Bookings are essential, please call Michelle on 0412 862 066.

### MIHS Reunion

The MIHS Reunion Committee hosted a reunion on the weekend. The P&C supported the weekend by providing afternoon tea on Saturday and brunch on Sunday morning for 200 past students of MIHS. The P&C had a huge few days preparing and serving and we thank them for supporting these past students. A special thank you to Scott Watmore and Clementine Flanery who conducted tours around the school on Saturday, especially Scott who received comments on the excellent way he showed people around our school. Thanks also to Mitchell Brown who spent time helping to set up for the event.



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### 'Learn to Live'



Maddy in action at Point Wolstoncroft camp last week