



**Term 4 Week 10**

**7 December 2015**

## Changing times



For some time now members of the school community have been discussing the advantages for students of moving our school lunch time forward. During our staff meeting last week, when staff reflected on our PBL data, the most behaviour incidences occurred during the middle session. We agreed that a possible explanation for this inappropriate behaviour could be attributed to children not having enough fuel to see the distance until lunchtime.

I have spoken to other principals who have made the change to an earlier lunch and they have expressed that they have seen two main benefits of an earlier lunch; improved student behaviour, and an increase in wholesome food in lunch boxes.

The staff and I would like to propose that we run a trial first term next year. If the school community is in favour, we would then review the times at the end of the term1.

The proposed new times to trial in term 1 2016 are as follows:

9:05am	Morning Bell (as 2015)
11:20am	Lunch
12:20pm	Midsession bell
1:50pm	Afternoon Break
2:15pm	Final session bell
3:15pm	End of school day (as 2015)

In this newsletter there is a survey for you to indicate whether or not you would support running a trial of the above timetable. I very much welcome your input and comments.

Wasn't Friday a wonderful day. Thank you to all the families who took the time to come to the Recognition Ceremonies, the P&C for providing lunch, students for performing so admirably and staff for those unique certificates for every student. The day typifies what MPS is all about...a little school with a big heart.

*From my desk*

**Clare Crawford  
Principal**



## What's Happening

Event	Classes	Activity date	Cost	Notes / Money due
School Presentation Night	All students	Wednesday 9 December 7.00pm	Free	
K-6 End of Year Pool Party	All students	Friday 11 December 12.00pm to 3.15pm		
Year 6 Farewell and End of Year Disco	All students	Tuesday 15 December		
Last Day of school for students	All students	Wednesday 16 December		
STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL	Years 1 to 6	Thursday 28 January 2016		

### Staff Happenings



Congratulations to Mrs Humphreys who has been appointed, through the merit selection process, as a permanent teacher at Murrumburrah Public School.

### Students visit local museum

Last week students in 5/6L and 4/5D visited the local museum in Murrumburrah as part of their HSIE unit—Past, Present and Future.



### Uniforms for next year



Next year students will be participating in PE on Thursday and Sport on Friday. This means they will wear their sports uniform on both Thursday and Friday.

In readiness for the 2016 school year, we advise the Uniform Shop will be open at the following times:

- Thursday 21 January 2016—3pm to 5pm
- Wednesday 27 January 2016—10am to 4pm
- Thursday 28 January 2016—3pm to 5pm



Loren does the washing at the museum



## Student Recognition Ceremonies



Last week we held our Sports Assembly and our Recognition Ceremonies to congratulate students on their achievements during the year.



### CHANGE TO SCHOOL LUNCH TIME SURVEY

Are you in favour of our school trialling a variation to lunch time?. The lunch break would be from 11.20am to 12.20pm and the afternoon break 1.50pm to 2.15pm.

☐ YES ☐ NO

**PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL BY THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER**



**WOW!! Have you got your tickets in this great raffle???**



Thanks to the generosity of our families we have all these lovely hampers for our raffle. Each basket is full of great items and tickets are \$2 each. The P&C will be selling tickets at Presentation Night on Wednesday. Tickets are also available at the school office. The raffle will be drawn during Presentation Night. Get your tickets now!!

## No hat, shade play



A reminder about our no hat, shade play policy. If your child does not have a brimmed hat at school, they will need to play in the shade. With the hot

weather forecast for the remainder of the term, we will be adhering to the policy.

Don't forget your hat!

School hats are available at the school office for \$12.

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Community News

## Christmas Party Extravaganza

Your are invited to a Community Christmas Party Extravaganza on Friday 18 December at Newson Park from 5.00pm to 9.00pm. The night will feature entertainment, photos with santa, market stalls and 9.00pm family movie. There will be much more with best dressed push bike competition for the kids, displays by emergency services, Rotary BBQ and lots lots more. Come along for a fund night!

Entry forms for the best dressed bike competition are available at the school office.

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## ‘Learn to Live’



Evan is pictured with a high chair from yesteryear at the local museum