



Murrumburrah Public School

Term 2 Week 2

27 April 2015

Commemorating our ANZACS



The commemoration of Anzac Day is always an important one on the school calendar and this year was deemed even more important as we celebrated the 100 Year Anniversary of the Anzacs landing at Gallipoli.

Harden Murrumburrah commemorates with extra pride as this region was home to the 1st Light Horse.

Our school participated with record numbers of students marching to Newson Park to listen to the guest speakers and watch local community members lay wreathes at the newly restored cenotaph. Thank you students for participating with such pride, thank you parents for supporting your children to attend and thank you teachers for your enthusiastic support of this important event.

We have some new programs commencing this week. Firstly, Genius Hour begins after school today with Murrumburrah High School teacher Mrs Jan Young conducting a science program for interested Year 5 and 6 students.

Gymnastics also begins this week with all students involved each Thursday. See further details in this newsletter.

For parents of Year 3 and 5 students there is additional information about NAPLAN testing included with this newsletter.

This week we also welcome Lucy Saunders who is a final year student from Swinburne University Melbourne. Lucy will be working with Miss Edwards on Year 3 and we trust she has a rewarding prac with us over the next four weeks.

From my desk

Clare Crawford
Principal



PLEASE NOTE: CANTEEN NOT OPEN THIS WEEK.

What's Happening

Event	Classes	Activity date	Cost	Notes / Money due
Genius Hour	Identified students	Monday 27 April 3.30pm to 4.30pm	Free	
PSSA Girls Cricket	Selected team	Tuesday 28 April	\$10	
Cross Country practice at Harden Showground	All students	Wednesday 29 April 2.00pm	Free	
Debating Workshop in Wagga	Selected students	Thursday 30 April	\$25	
School Cross Country	All students	Friday 1 May	Free	

What ANZAC means to me

On Friday at our Murrumburrah Learning Community Anzac service three of our students shared what Anzac meant to them. Here are their thoughts:



Poppy's as red as the soldiers blood, the pollen as dark as the night. They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow. The poppies that grow in the Flanders Field to remember the fallen soldiers. So on the 25 April, take a minute to remember. Lest we forget.

Clementine Flanery

The beautiful poppies red as blood, grew for the fallen soldiers in the fields, inside their soul was heart. The soldiers that would fight. When the women heard the news they were sobbing wet with tears. The soldiers that fell for us. Lest we forget.

Alana Ducksbury

ANZAC Day means death, sadness, sorrow and loss, but the soldiers were courageous, strong and loved. Now we are in peace because they sacrificed their lives for ours. Lest we forget.

Hayley Price

Gymnastics takes a turn for the better

We have successfully received a grant from the Australian Sports Commission under their new initiative 'Sporting Schools'. The program will work towards building the relationship between schools and sports, and will see more children take part in sport-based activities and develop healthy habits to last a lifetime. This term every student from K-6 will be involved in a weekly gymnastic program. Specialists will visit MPS each Thursday for 8 weeks beginning this Thursday 30 April. They will showcase, teach and develop a range of gymnastic skills. All students will need to wear their sports uniform each Thursday.

Year 5 Opportunity Class Placement in 2016

Applications for student placement in Year 5 Opportunity Classes in 2016 are now available. Information packages are available from the school if required. All applications must be completed online. Applications close Friday 15 May.

New money collection bags

A new initiative by the school has seen the replacement of the school money collection envelopes. Students have today been issued with plastic, resealable, reusable money bags. Students will be issued with one bag per term. These have the students name on the bag. All you need to do is place permission notes and payment in the bag. Bags will be returned to students with receipts included.

P&C Mother's Day Stall at school

Next Thursday 7 May, children will have the opportunity to buy a gift for Mother's Day. The P&C will set up a little 'shop' at school with many beautiful gifts available. Each class will visit the 'shop' throughout the day, having the opportunity to purchase a special gift. Gifts will range in cost from \$2 to \$4.



A great way for children to buy mum something special.

Stewart House Donation Drive

Stewart House supports 1800 children each year from public school across NSW and the ACT. They are seeking support in their annual drive. Please place a \$2 coin in the envelope and return it to school by next Friday 8 May. All entries go in the draw to win a \$4,000 holiday to a destination of your choice.

CROSS COUNTRY INFORMATION

A note with details and information regarding the school cross country to be held this Friday has been sent home today.

Parents/carers welcome to come along on Friday and support students as they complete the course.

Debating Workshop

This Thursday selected Year 5 and 6 students will have the opportunity to attend the Riverina Debating Workshop at Koorringal Public School. Students will be accompanied by Mrs Dodd to this event. We hope they find the workshop beneficial and have an enjoyable day.

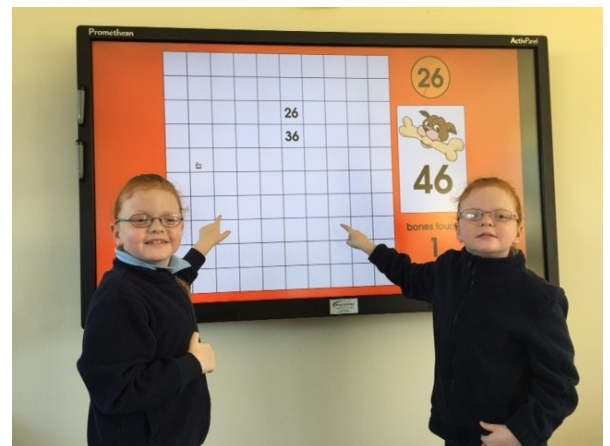
Improvements to our school

Prior to and during the school holidays, some capital works have been undertaken around our school. Take a look at what has been happening.



Year 1 spread their wings in their newly extended classroom.

Primary students just dig their new sand pit.



Year 2 can see clearly now with a new Neo Board recently installed in their classroom.

Lest We Forget



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School Captains, Hayley and Mitchell, lay a wreath at the town Anzac service