



**Murrumburrah
Public School**

Term 3 Week 7

24 August 2015

NAPLAN 2015 yield very encouraging results

NAPLAN results were sent home to parents last week. During the weekend I have had a close look at the results for all our Year 3 and Year 5 students. While it is important to remember this test is just a snapshot of student achievement, the results are encouraging. There have been some outstanding individual achievements, and overall we have achieved improved performance in writing which is particularly encouraging given that this is a focus for our school. Aboriginal students have performed extremely well, with results in all areas above the state average for that sub-group.

As a school we are seeing less students in the bottom bands and less students below national minimum standard, which is testimony to our Learning Support Model. Teachers will be analysing the results in greater detail during our staff meeting and comparing these results to our PLAN data. If you would like to discuss your child's

NAPLAN results, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Last Thursday and Friday I was fortunate enough to attend the Primary Principals' Conference in Wagga Wagga. As you are aware, there have been many reforms rolled out to schools over the last couple of years and we are now in Phase 2 of the process where we are embedding these reforms in our school. Community consultation and improved teacher quality remain the key focuses for our school. I would like to thank Mrs Beal and Mr Lindsell for taking on the extra responsibilities, which allowed me to attend this valuable conference.



From my desk
Clare Crawford
Principal

Clementine captains State touch side

Last Monday the Riverina girls touch team met at Parramatta where the tournament was held for a training run. We trained for 30 minutes and we then played a game. We had two training runs before the tournament so we knew each other pretty well.

On Tuesday we played our first game against Sydney East. We played well as it was the first actual game we had played together. We won 3-2. Our second game was against North West. The score was 4-1 our way. Our third game was against Hunter. This was a very hard game. They ended up coming third overall. We unfortunately lost 4-0. We had about a 20 minute break between each game. Our next game was against MacKillop. We won quite easily with the final score being 4-0. Polding was the last team of the day that we had to play. This was also a hard game, with the score being 2-0 at half time it was a tough game. The score ended up 5-3 Polding way.

On Wednesday I was announced Captain of the side. This was a great honour and achievement. Our first game was against Sydney South West. It

was a 2 all draw. Our next game was against North West. We lost 4-2. Our next game was against Western. We knew we had to perform and we did. I took an intercept and ran all the way to the try line. Unfortunately I got touched. We won 4-2. Sydney North was a very good team. We had to play them next. Sydney North ended up winning the whole tournament. We lost 3-1 to them. Our last game was against CIS. CIS is normally very strong but this year they ended up last. We drew 1 all with them.

On the third and final day we had two games. The first one was against South Coast. We won 1-0. I got the only try! Our next game was against Sydney West. If we won this game we would have been through to the semis. Unfortunately we lost 3-1.

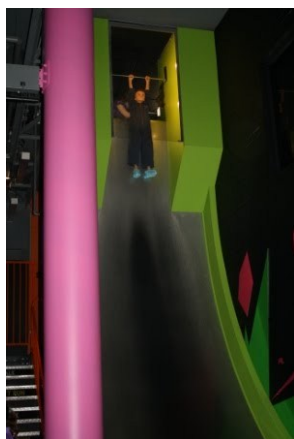
The tournament was a huge success with Riverina finishing 5th overall. That's the best result in a long time. It was a great experience and heaps of fun.

By Clem Flanery

What's Happening

Event	Classes	Activity date	Cost	Notes / Money due
Riverina Final Girls soccer	Soccer team	Thursday 27 August	\$15	24 August
Year 2 Excursion to Canberra Zoo	Year 2	Friday 28 August	\$30	Overdue
Riverina Athletics Carnival	Qualifying students	Monday 31 August	n/a	

Year 4 visit Questacon



We travelled to Questacon Thursday morning at 8.30am. It was a long trip. On the bus most of us sat in pairs. Then when we got there the excitement began. We were split up into three different groups, then we went inside. The first room was so cool, there were tons of games and a free fall slide where you drop, it

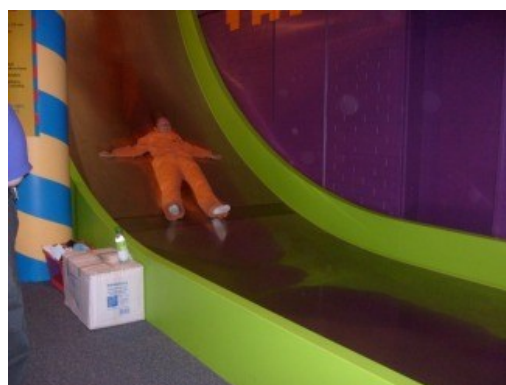
was awesome! In the next room there were heaps of weird experiment things. We saw a gift shop on the way to the next room and it looked so cool. When we were up high there were weird silver things that looked like giant graters. Before we went to the amazing gift shop we went to a cool show and it was about electricity, it was called Sparks. Finally we went to the gift shop where there were slinkies, bouncing putty, smelly pencils and lots more.

By Jayda Kelly



Last Thursday we travelled to Questacon. When we got there everyone was excited. When we got to the first room there was a big slide called the free fall, everyone went on it even Miss Stacey. At the end there was a gift shop. Lots of people bought things including bouncing putty, smell pencils and slinkies. Everyone loved it!

By Lily McKinley



Riverina Athletics Carnival

The Riverina athletics carnival will be held in Albury next Monday. We wish Phoebe Lenehan, Clementine Flanery, Samantha Emms, Mitchell Brown, Chloe Wade, Emily Hartwig and Hayley Price good luck when they travel to compete.

Footy Colours Day



Next Thursday 3 September SRC and students will support Footy Colour Day which raises funds for the Fight Cancer Foundation. Support this great cause by donating a gold coin and coming to school in your favourite footy colours.

Girls Soccer Riverina Final

This Thursday our girls soccer team will take on Griffith East Public School in the Riverina final of the State PSSA Soccer knockout. The game will be played in Griffith commencing at 12 noon. We wish the girls the best of luck and congratulate them on reaching this level of the competition. Great work girls!



Next Round of Touch Football

The boys and girls touch football teams will both take on Temora Public School in round 2 of PSSA knockout. The games will be held on Friday 4 September at Roberts Park Murrumburrah commencing at 10.00am. Good luck teams!

Cartoon Walkathon

The annual SRC walkathon will be held on Friday 18 September (last day of term 3). The theme for this year's walkathon will be Cartoon and Animation. So start thinking about your costume. Students will receive further information and sponsorship forms shortly.



Lost Property

There are two huge baskets of clothing with no name in our lost property! If these clothing items are not claimed by the end of the term, they will be washed and placed in the clothing pool. Please come in and have a look if you are missing items.

Staff Happenings

Mrs Mary Dodd is on leave until next term and Mr Peter Blair is the 4/5 teacher Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Beal is the class teacher Thursday and Friday as usual.

Mrs Davis has been employed to assist with the upgrade of the library computer system, OLIVER. This upgrade should be complete within the next two weeks.

Class Representatives

Congratulations to our Term 3 class representatives who were presented with their badges at assembly last Friday.

Class representatives are:

Kinder—Rianna Irving and Ethan Abnett
1M—Timothy Herring and Thomas Woodhead

2W—Nicholas Young and Erin Abnett

3E—Harry Beeson and Mollie McKinley

4/5D—Annie Brooker and Tara Parker

5/6L—Jamie Ryan and Alana Ducksbury

Absent from photo: Jamie Ryan and Mollie McKinley



P&C News

Father's Day Raffle

Today you will receive a small raffle book to sell for our Father's Day raffle. Please return your tickets by next Thursday 3 September. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 4 September at the assembly. Tickets are \$2 each.

Prizes are:

1st prize—Cooper's Butchery voucher

2nd prize—Kettle and Grain voucher

If you are able to sell more tickets please contact the office for more raffle books.

Thank you for your support.

Father's Day Stall

The Father's Day stall will be held on Friday 4 September. It is a bit different this year! We are offering students the opportunity to purchase from three different styles of mugs for \$5 each, which means children with siblings can purchase a different mug. Students can buy for dad, stepdad granddad etc.



\$50 Gift Voucher To Be Won At Each School

Writing Competition For Local Students

144 Albury Street Harden

02 63 864 987

1000 Word Creative Writing Story

Entries Close August 28 at 5pm



Open to Murrumburrah Public, Murrumburrah High, Trinity Primary, Binalong Public, Wombat Public, Wallendbeen Public, Jugiong Public and Hennessy Catholic College

The Twin Town Times in conjunction with A Tale of Two Cities Book Store is running a creative writing competition for the schools in our area. We are inviting students from Murrumburrah Public, Murrumburrah High, Trinity Primary, Binalong Public, Wombat Public, Wallendbeen Public, Jugiong Public and Hennessy Catholic College to write stories up to a length of 1000 words.

The topic can be on anything students would like and we ask that they send their entries to editorial@twintowntimes.com.au. Entries will be received up to August 28 at 5pm. We will be offering the winner from each school a \$50 voucher at The Tale of Two Cities Book Store in Albury Street.

Proprietor Zac Hobba has an enormous range of titles and interests and offers excellent value for money. Happy Writing!

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'Learn to Live'



The Kangaroo March is coming to Harden! They will be here Monday 14 September and there will be an assembly at Murrumburrah Light Horse Memorial