



**Murrumburrah
Public School**

Term 1 Week 3

8 February 2016

Great start to the school year



What a wonderful start to the year we are having at MPS! It has been such a pleasure to wander around the school and see so many happy, polite and engaged learners. Students have demonstrated great resilience and pride in the way they have transitioned back into the school year.

Class Meetings Teaching staff have been busy establishing class routines and roles. We remind all parents and caregivers that we will be holding Parent Information Sessions **today in our classrooms** at the following times:

- 4.00pm** **4M** with Miss Menz
- 4.30pm** **2W** with Mrs Whinam
- 4.30pm** **3E** with Miss Edwards
- 5.00pm** **1M** with Miss Morris
- 5.00pm** **KS and K/1H** with Miss Stormon and Mrs Humphreys
- 5.30pm** **5F** with Mrs Ford and Mrs Dunstan
- 5.30pm** **6H** with Mr Humphreys

Swimming Carnival Week 2 was filled with exciting activities both within the classrooms and around the school. Our Student Representative Council met for the first time and we held our annual swimming carnival on Friday. What a FABULOUS day it was! I loved seeing the eager excitement from our Kindergarten students, the nervous anticipation from some of our more seasoned participants and the warm and positive encouragement from every person cheering from the side of the pool. Thanks to the dedicated organisation of both Renee Ford and Nicole Ward, as well as the assistance from both teaching and administrative staff, the day went

off without a hitch. A HUGE thank you to our amazing school community of parents and helpers who assisted on the day to ensure things ran smoothly. Thank you also to everyone who came along to watch and support our kids. Check out our Facebook page to see some great pictures from the day.

P&C Meeting This **Tuesday at 7.00pm** we will be holding our first MPS P&C Meeting for 2016. We have such a supportive and dedicated P&C team and invite any parent interested in joining this great bunch of people to come along and see what our MPS P&C is all about.

Just a reminder that we have new break times which aim to promote a healthier eating style. We encourage students to bring along fruit, lunch and a healthy snack each day. Students have so far adapted to the change in a very positive manner and we thank both them and you for your support in this area.

Finally, I just wanted to note the effort students have been making to wear correct school uniform. Wearing the appropriate uniform instils a sense of pride both in oneself and in one's school and it is pleasing to see students right across K-6 presenting in such a positive light.

We look forward to another great week!

*From Clare's Desk
Letitia Beal*



What's Happening

| Event | Classes | Activity date | Cost | Notes / Money due |
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| Parent Information Sessions | All classes | Monday 8 February | Free | See front of newsletter |
| P&C Meeting | All welcome | Tuesday 9 February 7.00pm | Free | |
| CRL Presentation— Healthy Lifestyle | Years 2 to 6 | Thursday 11 February 1.00pm | Free | |
| PSSA Cricket Knockout | Cricket team | Friday 12 February 10.00am | Free | |
| Swimming for Sport | All students | Friday 12 February | Pool Entry | |
| Borambola Leadership Camp | Year 6 students | Monday 15 February to Wednesday 17 February | \$200 | 12 February |

PSSA News

Today the District PSSA Cricket Trials were held and several of our students attended. This Friday 12 February MPS will take on Young North Public School in round 1 of the PSSA Cricket Knockout Competition. The game will be held on our school oval commencing at 10.00am. Parents and community members are welcome to attend and help cheer on our team. Good luck to all players!

Please note that the District Swimming Carnival is coming up and will be held at the Harden Pool on Friday 19 February. Look out for further information regarding this event.

SRC 2016

In Week 2, our SRC met for the first time for 2016. Each class was given a Class Representative Book in which students across the school will be invited to have input into the direction, fundraisers and day to day ways in which our SRC body will



support their fellow schoolmates. It was pleasing to see so many excited faces and listen to the valued contributions from our new team. Over the next fortnight, all classes will hold a class meeting and at our next SRC meeting in Week 4, Class Representatives will present their classes ideas and suggestions for how we can make MPS an even better place to learn and grow in 2016. Our next report and all future newsletter reports will be written by a member from our SRC team so look out for your official student update.

Mrs Letitia Beal

Positive Start to the year

Weeks 1 & 2 saw a fantastic start to the new school year at MPS. Students returned from the Christmas break fresh and ready to learn. This year MPS is looking to capitalise on all the hard work and achievements of PBL from the past few years. Over the first two days students again participated in the school's extremely successful 'Start Up' program.



The program aims to reinforce the school's three core values of respect, responsibility and empathy through engaging and interactive lessons and activities. This year students took part in brainstorming activities, watched videos to catalyse conversations about empathy and shared their experiences at a whole school assembly. The enthusiasm and commitment that the students displayed was outstanding and has definitely helped to kick-start our year in a positive way. All staff and students are looking forward to continuing our commitment to PBL in 2016 at Murrumburrah Public School.



Mr Brett Humphreys

School Evacuation Policy

To ensure the continued safety of staff, students and community our school Evacuation Policy is regularly updated. We remind parents that from time to time an evacuation practice is held to familiarise students with the procedure. A practice will be held this week. If any student shows concern please contact the school.

Fantastic day at the pool

Students at Murrumburrah Public School had a great day at their annual Swimming Carnival held last Friday. It was the first time Kindergarten had been to the pool with the whole school and it was great to see all the little ones having a great time participating in the novelty events!!!!

It was great to see so many parents who helped throughout the day in various roles and encouraged all the children to get in and have a go.

The day began well with the students representing their house colours in the march. This was followed by ongoing chants and cheering from as students competed in the pool. It was amazing to see the level of participation throughout the day and there were a number of records broken!!

Allunga was the winning house on the day. All students should be proud of their efforts and participation throughout the day.

Once again, a huge thank you to all of our wonderful helpers, without your help, the day would not have run so smoothly.

Winning House: Allunga

Encouragement Awards: April Drew and Sam McGuigan

2016 Champions

- Junior Girls: Phoebe Lenehan
- Runner-up Junior Girls: Jade Emms
- Junior Boys: Charlie Lenehan
- Runner-up Junior Boys: Jack Brooker
- 11 Year Girls: Jasmin Chesworth
- Runner-Up 11 Year Girls: Annie Brooker
- 11 Year Boys: Aiden Hill
- Runner-Up 11 Year Boys: Beau Ferry
- Senior Girls: Chloe Wade
- Runner Up Senior Girls: Emily Schulz
- Senior Boys: Harry Bunt
- Senior Boys Runner-Up: Beau Abnett

Mrs Renee Ford



P&C News

General Meeting—We are looking forward to seeing lots of new members at the P&C meeting tomorrow night at 7.00pm. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room which can be accessed via the school car park. We will be planning fundraising for 2016 and we would love your support. (You won't be asked to do a job unless you want to!).

Swimming Carnival—It was great to have so many helpers volunteering for an hour or two to help at the swimming carnival canteen. **Thank you everyone!**

A special mention to Barry Coulton, Ged Davis, Nikki Danassis and Clare Challen who spent all day cooking and serving. Thank you also Sarah,

Jules and Nicole for organising all the food and orders for the event.

We have a swimming carnival raffle (tickets will be sold at the district carnival). If anyone would like to sell more tickets for us please get some tickets from the office.

Canteen—Accompanying this newsletter is a copy of the canteen roster. There are still several unfilled days on the roster so if you are able to assist on any of these days please contact Sarah Bunt on 0418 868 424.

Treen Brooker
P&C President



Eating healthy at school

It is important that students eat healthy and nutritious foods during the school day. Pictured is an example of a healthy lunch box which children could bring to school.



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Community News

Creative Workshop for Young People

Harden Murrumburrah Arts Council are offering two workshops for students from Kindergarten to High School:

Sunday 6 March—Drawing mixed media
Sunday 3 April—Ceramics

The workshops will be held at the Murrumburrah Court House and limited to 15 students. Cost is \$5. For booking or enquiries please contact Michelle on 0429 862 066 or Nina Horton on 0413 266 300

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'Learn to Live'



Allunga Captains Emily Schulz and Alana Dicksbury proudly hold the swimming shield