



**Murrumburrah
Public School**

Term 1 Week 8

14 March 2016

Celebrating Harmony Day

Along with all other schools across the country, MPS will celebrate Harmony Day next Monday March 21. Since 1999, schools across the country host events that celebrate the cohesive and inclusive nature of all Australians. This year MPS will celebrate with class activities during the morning based on *Everyone Belongs* and then a special assembly beginning at 12.30pm where we will sing and dance together. Join us in spreading the message that in this great country, everyone belongs.



And speaking of special assemblies, we will host our Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 24 March. This is always a show stopper, so please come along and join the fun. More fun will also be had when we come together for our working bee this Friday afternoon.

Last week was a huge week for sport at MPS. I would like to congratulate the swimmers who represented our school so well during the Riverina swimming carnival in Albury. Mrs Ford did an excellent job with the organisation and was ably assisted by Mr Wade. Thank you to parents who helped with transport and cheering on our team. We are all very proud.

And well done also to our cricketers and to our students who enjoyed the Rugby League Gala Day. Despite the very hot weather conditions both events were a huge success.

From my desk

Clare Crawford
Principal



Thumbs up or thumbs down to new bell times

We have been trialling new bell times this term and having an earlier lunch break. We have asked students what they think and we are now seeking your views too. Can you please indicate thumbs up or thumbs down and return to school.

New bell times

I give the new bell times:

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What's Happening

Event	Classes	Activity date	Cost	Notes / Money due
Rugby Union Clinic	All students	Tuesday 15 March	Free	
P&C Annual General Meeting		Tuesday 15 March	Free	All welcome
Crazy Hair Day	All students	Thursday 17 March	Gold coin donation	
Rugby Union Gala Day	Year 3 to 6	Friday 18 March	Free	
P&C Working Bee	All welcome	Friday 18 March 5.30pm		
Harmony Day	All students	Monday 21 March	Free	

Rugby League and League-Tag Gala Day

On Wednesday 59 students from Years 3-6 braved the heat and competed in the Country Rugby League Gala Day at Roberts Park. Our 9 teams came up against Trinity and St Joeys as well as taking on their peers from MPS (these games were a highlight as the students enjoyed playing against their friends).

The students displayed great sportsmanship and ensured each team member had a fair go (even when playing in mixed teams with students from other schools). It was great to see the smiles on those hot, red faces at the end of the day and this just goes to show the success of these come and try gala days.

Congratulations to all students who participated on the day, you should all be proud of yourselves for the way you represented MPS! I would also like to thank all the parents for your support and enthusiasm on such a hot day, very much appreciated. The hard working parents of the Junior Rugby League did a fantastic job in the

canteen and kept us all hydrated with those Zooper Doopers! A special thank you must go to Shane Abnett for all of his hard work leading the 5/6 boys team. This day could not have ran as smoothly as it did without the assistance of all the staff so a big thank you to you guys! Lastly, a huge thanks to Luke Brannigan the CRL Development Officer who organised the day.

Miss Emma Edwards



Like us on Facebook

Did you know our school has a Facebook page? We endeavour to keep families well informed and Facebook is another alternative. The newsletter is uploaded to the Facebook page each week and we add quick messages when necessary eg to advise families of excursion return times, or advising sporting/swimming cancellations.

Last Tuesday Murrumburrah Public School cricketers took on Temora Public school at Roberts Park in round 2 of the PSSA knockout. Temora won the toss and elected to bat first hoping to put on a competitive total. Temora's opening batsmen gave some early chances however none fell to hands and they were able to reach the drinks break with 85 runs for no loss. A quick wicket to Beau Ferry soon after the break reignited the Murrumburrah team with a second following shortly after, again of Beau's bowling. The two new batsmen were able to keep the scoreboard ticking and eventually batted out the remaining overs and posting a very formidable 165 runs for victory.

After the change of innings Murrumburrah started the run chase aggressively however a flurry of wickets fell to Temora's opening bowlers and the game was quickly getting out of reach. A resilient middle order partnership between Jack Brooker and Jarrod Phelan gave some hope as MPS reached drinks at 4/60. The boys returned to the crease after drinks with the goal of lifting the tempo. The tactic worked well until a mix up during a quick single led to Jack being run out. The middle and

lower order MPS batsmen were able to see out the remaining overs however ended up falling short of the imposing total. The boys played with great spirit and were commended on their fair play and teamwork throughout the day. We wish Temora Public School all the best in the competition and thank them for a great game of cricket.

Mr Brett Humphreys



CRAZY HAIR DAY



You may have noticed that we have been very busy getting our Student Representative Council up and we are very excited to be preparing for our first official fundraiser of 2016—**CRAZY HAIR DAY**. The day will be held **this Thursday 17 March** when

we celebrate Murrumburrah Public School's fundraiser for the **World's Greatest Shave**.

We invite all students to colour their hair (easy to wash out colours please!), put hair ties in; use coloured clips and any other hair accessories to make your hair look **CRAZY!** The day aims to raise funds for leukaemia sufferers and leukaemia research.

Please bring a gold coin donation to assist us in our efforts to raise funds for this worthy cause! We will be creating a coin line on the day and the class with the most raised will win a prize! There will also be a prize for the class with the longest coin line!

Students are invited to wear appropriate casual attire however, **please keep in mind that it is PE Day so joggers will need to be worn.** We look forward to sharing in this special and fun day!

Mrs Letitia Beal



Riverina Swimming

Last Monday students from MPS travelled to Albury to compete in the Riverina Swimming Carnival. They were part of the Cootamundra District Team. Throughout the day children competed in various swimming events with many children improving on their times at district. The swimming at Riverina level is very high and competitive, and our swimmers gave it their best.

Personally it was my first time at Riverina and I would like to say what a fabulous effort the children at MPS achieved not only in the pool but the way they conducted themselves throughout the entire day!

Mrs Renee Ford



Essential Energy upgrade

A reminder Essential Energy will be completing an upgrade in Derby St on Wednesday 23 March. There will be no interruption to bus services, however parents need to show extra caution as there will be traffic control measures in place.

K/1H Assembly



Parent Line NSW

Feel like parenting isn't working?
Talk to a professional Counsellor for tips
to make life easier.
Call 1300 1300 52 or visit our website at
www.parentline.org.au
9.00am to 9.00pm weekday
4.00pm to 9.00pm weekends

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Community News

Harden Soccer Club Registrations

Are you interested in your child playing junior soccer this season? There is only a month till registrations close! All players must register online at myfootballclub.com.au by 10 April. The competition will commence on 7 May. For more information please call Allison Manwaring on 0429 193 453.

Alzheimers Australia NSW

Alzheimers Australia NSW and the Healthy Harden Project Committee will be holding a Dementia Information Stall at the street stall outside the Harden Post Office on Wednesday 16 March from 8.30am to 12.30pm. Call down and speak to Libby Smith, your local dementia advisor, if you would like to know more about living a brain healthy life, reduce your risk developing dementia or if you are concerned about your memory or a family members memory.

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'Learn to Live'



Miss Edwards with Will Glover and his parents
during our three-way interviews