



**Murrumburrah
Public School**

Term 1 Week 8

14 March 2016

Strong community support



Murrumburrah Public has a long and proud history of family and community members working together to support our school and its' students. To achieve all we have takes time and energy, as well as people who have the drive to make good things happen. At last week's P&C Annual General Meeting, all positions were filled and I am delighted to have such a great team to work with again this year. Congratulations to the officer bearers who were elected to lead the P&C for 2016. They are:

Katrina Brooker—President
Nicole Woodhead—Vice President
Sandra Weston—Treasurer
Carrie Giddings—Secretary
Sarah Bunt—Canteen Manager
Rachael Coulton—Uniform Shop Manager

One of Katrina's first endeavours this year, Friday night's working bee was extremely productive. A very efficient team lopped low branches, removed old sleepers, weeded and trimmed. The recent rain and sunshine combined with this community effort, keeps our park-like grounds safe and beautiful for our children to enjoy. Thank you Mr Gray, Wade family, Brooker family, Giddings family, Mrs Powell and Mr Blair for giving up your time. Stay tuned to hear more about the P&C's next venture...a P&C Facebook auction site!

This week will be another exciting week for students with Harmony Day today, school photos Wednesday and our Easter Hat Parade on Thursday. I hope you and your family enjoy the fun and have a very happy Easter.

From my desk

Clare Crawford
Principal



Reminder for Year 6 students:

Have you returned your Expression of Interest for High School in 2016? These forms need to be returned as soon as possible, to enable the transition process to begin. Please ensure your form is returned by Wednesday 23 March.

Thank you for your cooperation.

What's Happening

Event	Classes	Activity date	Cost	Notes / Money due
Out of Uniform Day	All students	Tuesday 22 March		For school photos Wed
School Photos	All students	Wednesday 23 March	Varying	Tuesday 22 March
Easter Hat Parade	All students	Thursday 24 March 11.00am	Free	BBQ to follow
GOOD FRIDAY EASTER MONDAY		Friday 25 March Monday 28 March		

Twilight Ignites the Passion

After-school Hours Twilight Study Sessions are always a hit with students at Murrumburrah Public School. Once again teachers have volunteered their time and expertise to provide interested students with additional tuition in Mathematics and Literacy. Pictured with students Jack Brooker and Charles Lenehan, is Assistant Principal Mr Brett Humphreys. Mr Humphreys is new to MPS and commented that he has not seen a program like this in any other school. "Twilight helps to ignite the passion for learning and it is hard to know who enjoys the sessions more, teachers or students".



MPS to host student teacher

From time to time we are lucky enough to be asked to host a student-teacher and support them to gain valuable in-school experience. Caroline Pembroke is completing her fourth year of her teaching degree at the University of Notre Dame in Sydney and will join our teaching team next term. Caroline visited MPS last week and had time with Year 3 and shared morning tea with the staff. Caroline will be at MPS for Term 2.



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.

What's happening in Year 4

In English this term we have been reading "Fantastic Mr Fox" by Roald Dahl and looking at the language features that are being used throughout the text. We have also been focusing on narratives and persuasive writing and some of the topics include: "Should girls play football?" and "Should we be allowed to hunt foxes?" in relation to our focus text. Mrs Dodd has also been teaching us some new reading skills for independent and buddy reading. We really enjoy the buddy reading time.

In maths we have been working very hard on our borrowing in subtraction. We started out doing two and three number sums and now we can all subtract four and five digit sums. Our next focus is on our times tables which will help us to learn division at the start of next term.

We have also been focusing on different types of Australian Environments and the difference between natural and built environments. Last week the students worked in pairs to research

different Australian Rainforests and this week we will be focusing on Australian Deserts.

Year 4 have also been enjoying their Friday morning Library, PE and music time with Mrs Beal, where they have been learning new ball skills and how to play the marimbas and learning about different music notes.



SRC Update

PBL at MPS—Our SRC have been working hard and participated in our fortnightly meeting last week. All classes were given the opportunity to contribute ideas for a variety of awards which celebrate our Positive Behaviour for Learning program. There are three specific opportunities for prizes which include the individual **Free and Frequent** prize draw awards which are drawn at each of our assemblies; the **Intermittent** prizes which are whole school rewards, celebrated when students K-6 obtain an allocated number of **Free and Frequent** tickets; and the **Long and Strong** prize which is an individual prize, drawn at the end of the school year. Ideas for prizes ranged from 'donkey toys' and 'smelly rubbers' to iPads, laptops and gift vouchers. The SRC would like to thank all classes for their **fantastic contributions** towards maintaining and continually improving this great program.

Crazy Hair Day—Last week, MPS celebrated Crazy Hair Day by inviting students to wear

creative and bright hair styles. Students enjoyed working together within their class to create coin lines and the SRC are excited to announce that Year 3 won the 'longest line' competition and Year 4 won the 'most money raised' prize. Each class received their prize today and we thank all families for your support. As a school, we raised a total of \$245.15 which will go towards supporting the Leukaemia Foundation. A fantastic effort MPS!!

Term 1 Disco—After a democratic vote, we are very excited to announce that the theme for our K-6 Term 1 Disco will be **Fame!** Students are invited to come along and have a dance, a sing, a munch and a game or two on **Wednesday 6 April**. The disco will run from **6.00pm – 7.30pm** and we cannot wait to boogie the night away as we celebrate our many achievements thus far in 2016. So pop it on your calendar and start planning on which **famous personality or character** you will be dressing up as for the fun-filled night!

Year 2 Circle Time

In 2W we have Circle Time every morning. We have some rules to keep us safe and to show respect to each other. We talk about our feelings and how other people feel. We talk about our weekends and what we think we will do on the weekends. We have a talking stick that we pass around the circle. If you don't want to say anything, you can say "pass". Only one person talks at a time and that means that everyone gets a turn. We hand out our awards and prize box picks in Circle Time. After Circle Time we are ready to start our day of learning.



Easter Hat Parade

This Thursday, MPS will be celebrating Easter by participating in our annual Easter Hat Parade. We would love all families to come along and join us as we share our fun and wacky creations as a school community.



The parade will take place this **Thursday 24 March from 11:00am** and will be followed by a BBQ provided by the SRC. **All students K-6 will receive one sausage sandwich.** It would be a good idea to still pack something extra for your child's lunch as well as their usual crunch time food. Classes will enjoy participating in a range of activities to celebrate Easter and our local community and SRC students will also be facilitating some fun lunch time activities for students K-6!

We are looking forward to sharing in this eggcellent day with you!

PSSA News

We wish Chloe Wade, Samantha Emms and Ruby Woodhead, Harry Bunt and Miguel Whittington good luck when they compete in the PSSA Riverina Soccer Trials next week.

Please keep an eye out for further information regarding the below trials. Students will be invited to participate in school trials over the upcoming weeks.

Cootamundra District PSSA Netball Trials:
Tuesday 5 April

Cootamundra District PSSA Touch Football Trials:
Friday 6 May

Essential Energy upgrade

A reminder Essential Energy will be completing an upgrade in Derby St this 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.

25 Nights Home Reading



Well done all our K-2 students who have completed 25 nights home reading

Rugby Union Gala Day



What a Day!!!! Conditions were fierce with the rain not letting up, with the children playing in very muddy and wet conditions! Both teams played 3 games each and even though they didn't win any of their games they displayed determination and developing skills in all games. A huge thank you to all the parents who transported the children over to Young. A special thank you to Ari Schlesinger, Dave Young and Brendon Shean for coaching and managing the teams throughout the day!



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Crazy Hair Day fun



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.

Harden Junior Netball

Junior Netball for boys and girls pre school to Year 9 will commence Friday 29 April. The six week competition will be held each Friday from 4.00pm to 5.15pm. Cost is \$20 to be paid on the 1st day of competition. Please register before the first game so your child can be put in a team. To register call Penny Lucas 0413 603 747, Treen Brooker on 0411 045 630, email penny.k.lucas@gamil.com or leave a message on Harden Junior Netball Facebook page.

P&C News

The P & C have an exciting fundraiser being planned for Term 2. We are having a Facebook auction. We will be selling all kinds of things such as food, furniture and vouchers. More details to follow.

Thank you to the Giddings and Wade Families, Dorothy Powell, Craig Gray, Clare Crawford and Peter Blair for your work at the working bee. Our school grounds are looking amazing!



Youth Week 2016
Outdoor Laser Tag

11 am - 4pm
Tuesday 12th April, 2016
Roberts Park, Murrumburrah

BBQ & canteen available

FREE ENTRY
(Ages 12—25)

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
NOMINATIONS FOR TEAMS OF
6 PLAYERS OR INDIVIDUALS CAN BE
MADE BY CONTACTING KIM @
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PHONE: 6386 0100

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'Learn to Live'



Recently, big bad wolves and cheeky little pigs visited MPS during K/1 H assembly.