



**Murrumburrah
Public School**

Term 2 Week 4

16 May 2016

Busy times continue at MPS



It's hard to believe that it is Week 4 already! Last week saw another busy week at MPS with our Year 3 and Year 5 students participating in the NAPLAN testing. All students tried their very best and should be proud of their efforts.

Cross Country

Pictured above are our cross country champions and runner-up champions who received their certificates and trophies at an assembly last Friday. Well done to all students. The district cross country will be held next Friday 27 May at Cootamundra.

Grant Success

We have been notified that our application to secure a \$30,000 grant from the State government to assist with the cost of the Before and After School, and Vacation Care service for families in the Harden Murrumburrah area, has been successful. The grant can be used for fit-outs,

tendering or equipment costs and will go a long way to updating the existing space. Quotes are currently being sought to repaint and carpet the room, upgrade the soft fall under the play equipment and complete signage for the centre.

Mr Baird commented, when visiting a school recently, "We understand working parents need flexibility and providing easy access to care will help parents doing the school run in the mornings and afternoons." When asked for comment, local hairdresser Penny Batty said she was very happy with the service and her daughter Sammy looks forward to going to Murrumburrah.

It is hoped that all families within our community take advantage of this valuable service. Please do not hesitate to contact Bunyip Pre School for enquiries and bookings.

Sport

Congratulations to our Murrumburrah Yellow Netball Team who have been successful in progressing to the second stage of the Netball NSW Schools' Cup Competition which will be held in Wagga in Term 3. Congratulations also to Samantha Emms, Chloe Wade, Amelia Leitner-Ford and Ruby Woodhead who were selected in the Cootamundra District Touch Football. These students will attend regional trials in Griffith early next month.

Athletics Carnival

We are very much looking forward to a great day this **Friday 20 May**. Just a reminder that the carnival will be held at **Roberts Park**. Students who catch the bus to school will walk with supervision to the venue. If your child is walking to school or travelling by private transport, we ask that they travel directly to Robert's Park. ***Due to running the High Jump event at school during the week, we ask that all students from Years 2 – 6 wear their joggers from Tuesday – Friday. This will enable students the opportunity to practise and participate in this event.***

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Assembly and PBL

Last Friday, 6H held their class assembly. It was great to see so many parents, family and friends come out to watch. The students of 6H appreciated the support and thoroughly enjoyed displaying some of their learning and performing the play they had practiced so hard. If any parents would like a copy of the performance, please send in a USB to Mr Humphreys. It was also very exciting to watch as the PBL Free and Frequent tickets were poured into the Whole School Awards Bin. We are getting close to reaching our first target which is to 'swap classrooms for the day'.

SRC

Our Term 2 Class Representatives and SRC members held their first meeting last week. We are looking forward to another term of fundraising and looking for creative ways to enhance our school.

MPS Open Day

Just a reminder that we will be holding our **MPS OPEN Day** next **Wednesday 25 May**. If you or anyone you know has a child beginning school in 2017, this day is a great opportunity to come along and see the exciting learning, educational resources and extra-curricular activities that we have on offer at MPS.

Finally, thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who assist us in the many and varied events and activities that are available at our school. These opportunities would not be possible without your ongoing support.

For now,

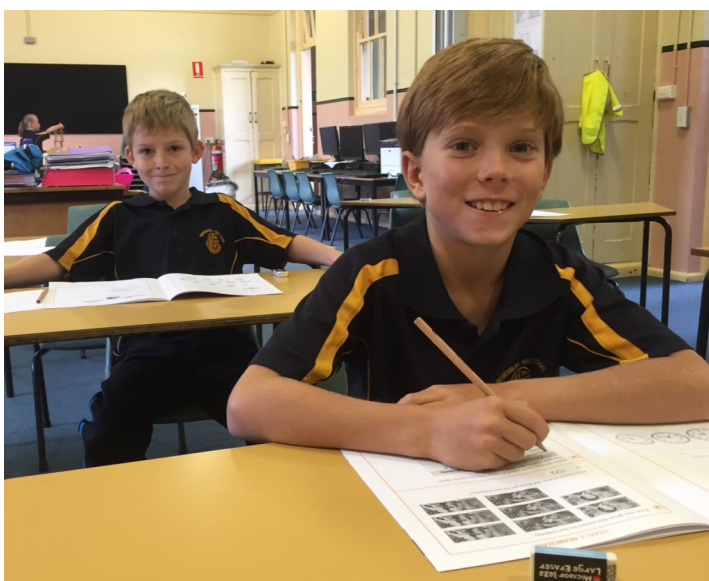
*From Clare's Desk
Letitia Beal*



What's Happening

Event	Classes	Activity date	Cost	Notes / Money due
Genius Hour commences	Participating students	Tuesday 17 May 3.30pm to 4.30pm	Free	
School Athletics Carnival	All students	Friday 20 May	Free	
District Cross Country	Qualifying students	Friday 27 May	PSSA levy	

NAPLAN



Will Rigg thought the NAPLAN helped him learn more, while Ryan Weston thought the best part about NAPLAN was colouring in the bubbles.

SRC Report

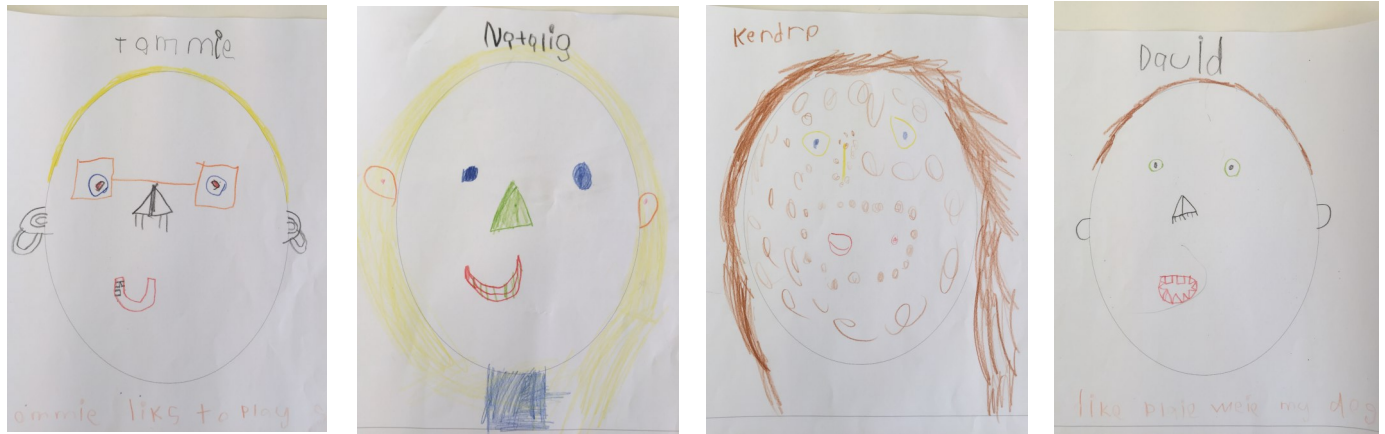
Last Friday SRC and class reps had the first SRC meeting for term 2. We heard from class representatives what is happening in the classrooms. We asked everyone what they would like to see in the primary playground, some of the ideas were nets on the soccer goals, chin up bars, flying fox and a difficult obstacle course.

We also asked each class what they think about our new cleaning roster. Our new activities for Monday funday are dodge ball, two-hand touch, handball, high jump and trampolines. Some questions that were asked are can you please fix up the canteen lines? And can we get more healthy food in the canteen? The five cent challenge we be happening soon, it will run over five weeks. The next SRC meeting will be held on Thursday the 26 May 1st half of lunch.

By Amelia Leitner-Ford

We are all special

The students in Kindergarten have been learning about differences and similarities. In our Health unit 'I am special' students are encouraged to identify the differences and similarities between their classmates. The students drew pictures of their faces and then they were asked to identify some differences between themselves and others. This unit encourages the students to accept that everyone looks different and everyone has different likes, dislikes and skills – we are all different but we are all special.



K/1H Loving Budding Reading Program

This year, K/1H and 3E have buddied up to get students reading. Each morning, just before lunch, K/1H pick their good fit books and their pillow pets and head over to the Year 3 classroom.

As we arrive at the Year 3 classroom, students choose a buddy to work with for the session. The pairs take turns reading their good fit books, helping each other to learn new sight words and using a variety of reading strategies when they are stuck on a word.

During this time, teachers and SLSO's monitor reading, conduct lessons in the engine room as well as complete running records on individual students to help with planning.

It is so lovely to see how encouraging all students are to each other as well as the extra bonus of seeing all students engaged in reading.



Excellent home reading

The great home reading continues with more students receiving certificates. Pictured are Katelyn McMillan, Amelia Skinner, Hannah Guy, Evie Giddings, Pippa McKinley and Katie Brooker who have all completed 50 books and Sid Weston who has completed 25 books.



Right: Year 6 entertained the audience with their play about 'The Boy who had the Jitters' at assembly last Friday

Below: Kindergarten boys cross country placegetters were happy to receive their certificates at assembly



P&C News

P&C Facebook Auction

The Facebook auction is now up and running. You will notice that more items keep popping up so keep checking the page. We are auctioning trailer loads of wood, Nicole Ward's Famous Rocky Road, a lawn mowing service, beautiful prints, a dinner party and much more.

Take a look and see what bargains you might pick up!

The auction ends on Friday 10 June at 9pm. Please pass on to family and friends.

Athletics Carnival

The P&C will run the canteen at the athletics carnival. Please return the pre order form (accompanying this newsletter) to assist us with our catering. Sarah Bunt is looking for volunteers to help so please see her on the day if you haven't already offered to help.



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Murrumburrah Public School
Community News

Tots Time

Tots Time for mums of under school aged students will begin on Friday 20 May. Come and meet with other mums while the kids have fun exploring and using their gross motor skills. The sessions will run from 9.30am to 10.30am and cost \$5 per family. For further information call Ros on 0406 379 561.

Martial Arts Training

Martial Arts Training for the whole family is here with a free introductory lesson. An Open Day will be held on Sunday 22 May from 10.00am to 12.00pm and introductory lessons will be held Monday 23 May. For more information contact Sempai Steve on 0409 788 415.

'Learn to Live'



Mokera House Captains Amelia and Tara were all smiles when Mokera won the cross country trophy