



**Murrumburrah  
Public School**

**Term 2 Week 5**

**23 May 2016**

## Showcasing our school

We are expecting many excited visitors to the school this Wednesday when we host our Open Day for Kinder 2017. Senior students will take a lead role as our guests visit every classroom, giving them the opportunity to see first hand just how much fun learning can be at Murrumburrah Public School.

### Preparing for Winter

As flu season approaches, it is a good time to put plans into place to reduce the impact of illness on school attendance. Keeping your child at home while they are sick helps them get back to school quickly, and it also helps to reduce the spread of the virus. We encourage students to blow their noses using a tissue that can be easily disposed, and to wash their hands regularly. **Your donation of a box of tissues to your class would be gratefully appreciated.**

When teachers are unwell, we make every effort to replace them, however sometimes we need to split a class and students work with other year groups.

It is worth remembering that if your child misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school. For more information

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### Staff Matters

Friday will herald the beginning of Mrs Letitia Beal's maternity leave. We wish her and Chris all the very best with their growing family and look forward to some exciting news soon. Mrs Beal's Assistant Principal position of two days per week will be filled through an Expression Of Interest, as will her part-time teaching role. Mr Brett Humphreys full-time Assistant Principal role will remain the same.

### Thank you, thank you, thank you

We would like to give a huge thank you to all our parent and community members who helped at the athletics carnival on Friday. Our number of helpers and supporters this year was outstanding and it would not be possible to coordinate such a fantastic day without the support of the school community. Special thanks to Mrs Ford for her exceptional organization.

From my desk

Clare Crawford



It is with pleasure that we at MPS invite all Kindergarten 2017 students and their parents / carers to our

**Open Day  
Wednesday 25 May  
9.30am to 1.30pm  
All welcome**



Our vision is to ensure all students reach their potential through a focus on Quality Teaching practices; values education embracing respect, responsibility and empathy; strong relationships with families and the community; and highly successful programs including music, dance, public speaking, sport and visual arts.

# What's Happening

Event	Classes	Activity date	Cost	Notes / Money due
PSSA Soccer	Soccer teams	Tuesday 24 May 11.00am	Free	
MPS Open Day	Kinder 2017	Wednesday 25 May 9.30am to 1.30pm	Free	
Tennis Coaching commences	All students	Thursday 26 May	Free	
District Cross Country	Qualifying students	Friday 27 May	\$4 levy \$10 bus	
Interschool Debating	Debating teams	Monday 30 May	Free	

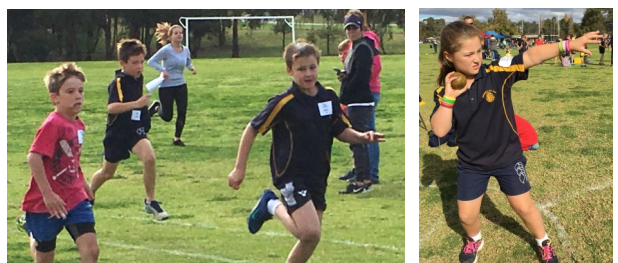
## Successful Athletics Carnival

Last Friday children from K-6 competed in the schools Athletics Carnival held at Roberts Park. This year we had Jugiong Public School joining us throughout the day! The day started with marching and all houses yelling their chants with pride. Our first event was all children participating in the 100m races! The day continued with children competing in track and field events. A big thank you to all the parents who helped on the day! Without your support these event would not be possible! Congratulations to all the children for their effort and participation throughout the day. In the coming days Mrs Ford will have notes going home with children who have qualified for the District Athletics Carnival which will be held at Temora on Friday 5 August (term 3).

Congratulations to our following age champions:

- Senior Boy Champion: Jack Sargent
- Senior Boy Runner Up: Ben Hambrook
- Senior Girl Champion: Chloe Wade
- Senior Girl Runner Up: Samantha Emms
- 11 Years Boy Champion: Aiden Hill
- 11 Years Boy Runner Up: Dylan Cozis
- 11 Years Girl Champion: Jasmin Chesworth
- 11 Years Girl Runner Up: Annie Brooker
- Junior Boy Champion: Charlie Lenehan
- Junior Boy Runner Up: Jack Brooker
- Junior Girl Champion: Phoebe Lenehan
- Junior Girl Runner Up: Hayley Hambrook

By Renee Ford



It's hard to believe how quickly time flies. It only feels like yesterday that I was nervously walking into the Year 4/5 classroom after a period of maternity leave following the birth of our second son, Liam. It has been a busy time, just over a year; filled with teaching and learning opportunities, assemblies and excursions, sporting carnivals, PSSA competitions, various celebrations and professional learning experiences. I feel very proud to work at MPS, surrounded by a wonderful staff and students who are caring, eager and willing to take risks in their learning and development. Thank you to everyone who has supported me, particularly since I've taken on the 'working mother' role. Though I am looking forward to spending

some quality time with my own children over the coming months, I know I will dearly miss the warm smiles, helping hands and caring hearts that I get to see when I'm at work. I look forward to popping in and saying hello soon.

Thanks again,  
Letitia Beal



**Paying Online**

Don't forget all payments to the school can be paid online with a credit card via the school website. If you have excursions, voluntary contributions etc to be paid try out the easier way of payment.

**District Cross Country**

Good luck to our team of cross country runners who head to Cootamundra on Friday for the district carnival. The district cross country organisers have asked us to provide some parent helpers on the day with the manning of checkpoints. If you can help please contact the school.

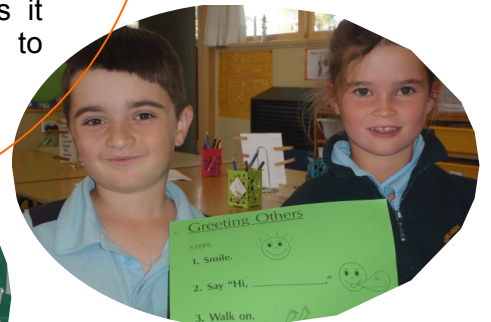
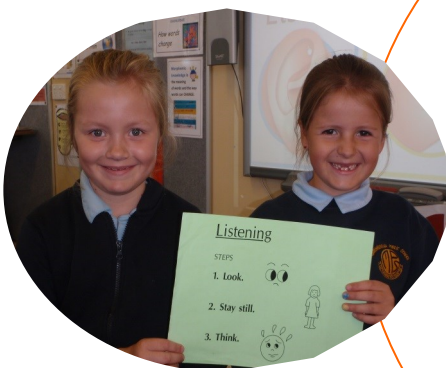
**PSSA Soccer**

Good luck to both our boys and girls soccer teams when they play tomorrow. Don't forget if you are taking players siblings to watch the games they must be signed out of school at the office.



**Circle Time**

IM enjoy participating in Circle Time. Circle Time is a valuable way for students to learn and reinforce important social skills. At least once a week across MPS, each class holds Circle Time. IM have discussed, with vigour, many topics and relevant concerns from how to join in a game to how we can celebrate Mother's Day. IM will continue to enjoy Circle Time as it brings about many opportunities to share.



## Excellent home reading



Our K—2 students continue to do a great job with their home reading. Pictured this week are: Tommie Parker, Shari Arabin and Jasmine Muscat with Silver Certificates and Natalie Murphy-Buckman with her Bronze Certificate (above left). Above right with Silver Certificates are Harper Luke, Patrick Dunstan, Justin Woodhead, Lachlan Rigg, Angus Bosworth, Sophie Kirk, Imogen Smith, Corrine Howe and Layla Hayward. Right are Evan James and Sybella Lenehan with Silver Certificates.

## P&C News

### P&C Facebook Auction

Have you had a bid on any of our Facebook auction items yet! 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.**

### Harden Country Club offer support

We would like to thank the Harden Country Club for the invitation for us to sell tickets in their weekly Friday night meat raffles. Other

organisations have also been offered this opportunity, and we will be selling tickets every 6 weeks, receiving all proceeds of the meat raffles. Our first date for selling is Friday 3 June, from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. Come along, enjoy dinner and the raffles, and support MPS and the Harden Country Club. Your support will make it a great night for all.

Treen Brooker  
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## 'Learn to Live'



Mokera House Captains Amelia and Tara with the Athletics shield