



**Murrumburrah  
Public School**

**Term 2 Week 6**

**30 May 2016**

## **Dancing Spectacular**

13 dedicated MPS dance group students are off to Schools Spectacular! The students have spent many of their lunchtimes with Ms Stacey Barker practising a piece of choreography produced by Meg MacIntosh (former school student at MPS). At the end of Term 1 the students recorded their dance audition and sent it off to the Schools Spectacular committee along with hundreds of other schools!

Recently we received a very exciting email informing us that the children who auditioned were successful in making it into the combined dance group for this year's School Spectacular!!!

You may be aware that the Schools Spectacular is one of the largest variety concerts in the world (3500 performers). We were selected in 2009, 2010 and 2011, and the experience for the students, parents and the school was indescribable! And now 2016!!!

The girls and boys will need to travel to Sydney for rehearsals before the actual four days in November. They will also be involved in weekly training and practice sessions during and after school until November when the performances are held. It will be a huge dedication for the students involved but an extremely rewarding one!



## **Kindergarten Enrolments for 2017**

Following our very successful Open Day last week, we are now encouraging families to return enrolment forms to the front office. This allows for an accurate future School Planning Process, which benefits all students across the school. Required additional documentation includes Birth Certificate, Proof of Address, Immunisation details and Health Care Plans, where applicable.

### **Teacher Professional Learning**

Maintaining high quality teaching practices is a top priority for us at Murrumburrah Public School. Over the next couple of weeks, all teachers will be released from their usual teaching load to work with our Learning

Coach, Mrs Mary Dodd. During this time teachers will refine their ability to use PLAN data and examine a range of strategies that will rapidly enhance learning outcomes.

I am also pleased to let you know that Mrs Renee Ford will replace Mrs Beal's 2-days/week Assistant Principal role. Renee has very ably filled this role previously and will bring a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the role.

From my desk

Clare Crawford  
Principal



# What's Happening

Event	Classes	Activity date	Cost	Notes / Money due
ICAS Science Exam	Participating students	Tuesday 31 May		
Mortimer Shield	Selected teams	Wednesday 1 June	Free	
Athletics Carnival Assembly	All students	Friday 3 June 12.30pm	Free	

## District Cross Country

What a fantastic day we had at the CDPSSA District Cross Country on Friday. Though Mrs Beal's hot chocolate proved to be the victim of the old 'leave your drink on the roof of the car trick', the rest of the day brought many a smile, medallion and certificate as students successfully completed the 2km and 3km tracks.

Congratulations to Aiden Hill, Charlie Lenehan and Phoebe Lenehan who finished 1<sup>st</sup> in their respective events. Congratulations also to Chloe Wade, Samantha Emms, Clancy Baxter, Beau Abnett, Hayley Hambrook and Lola Martin who will also now represent our school at the Riverina Cross Country to be held later this term. MPS finished the carnival in second place to Cootamundra Public School, a big achievement for our school.

Mrs Beal was particularly impressed by the determination and enthusiasm of all students who competed and we thank the many parents and family members who assisted on the day.



By Mrs Letitia Beal

## Positive Behaviour for Learning

You may have noticed the bright signage and visual displays around our school to assist and remind students about our school values and ways that we can each contribute to making MPS such a great place to learn and grow. As a school, we pride ourselves on having a sense of *Responsibility*, demonstrating *Empathy* and displaying *Respect* at all times across all aspects of our school lives.

One way in which we can show these values is by **keeping me to me**. We ask that all families have a conversation around the notion of keeping me to me and explore ways students can achieve and maintain this important skill.



## Lost Property

Our lost property is currently overflowing with unnamed and unclaimed items. Please, please come and have a look if your child is missing items.

Please also ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name so misplaced items can be returned to them.



## Opening Opportunities



Last week we welcomed students from Bunyip Preschool and many new and existing families to our Open Day, to see the various, fun and educational opportunities that are available within our school.

After some creative and engaging literacy activities, children enjoyed seeing the school dance group perform the dance which gained the group successful entry into this year's Schools Spectacular before then creating their own music using a range of percussion instruments and the marimbas.

The butterfly making was a favourite for many whilst the trampolines and jumping sacks also proved a big hit.

Kindergarten teacher, Ashleigh Humphreys said of the day, "It was such a great day to be a part of and we really enjoyed getting to know so many new faces and families."



MPS will be holding a Parent Information Evening for families looking to enrol a student in Kindergarten in 2017 on **Wednesday 27 June from 6.00pm** and any queries or enrolment enquiries can be attained through contacting the school office on **6386 2209**.

## Great start to PSSA Soccer

Last Tuesday, our boys and girls soccer teams played the first round of the PSSA Soccer Competition against EA Southee Public School.

The boys played first with Harry Bunt scoring an early goal to put us into the lead. EA Southee fought back levelling the score before half time. At full time the score was 1-1, with extra time to be played. Although we missed some easy goal opportunities we defended well to hold EA Southee out with Miguel Whittington being a stand out in the back line. At the end of extra time, MPS were the winners with 4 corners to 1.

The girls were very keen to get on the field and do the same as the boys. They started with some new players as well as some existing players stepping up and taking on some new positions. Amelia Leitner -Ford

scored the first goal and Murrumburrah didn't stop after that with the score being 11-0 at fulltime.

Goal scorers on the day: Harry Bunt 1, Amelia Leitner-Ford 4, Chloe Wade 2, Sam Emms 2, Jasmine Chesworth 1, Ruby Woodhead 1, Hayley Carnell 1.

It was great to see both teams with a number of new additions from different years. All players should be commended on their sportsmanship, cheering each side on and for upholding our school values. Murrumburrah will play Cootamundra in Round 2, date yet to be confirmed.

A big thank you to Mr Wade for helping with organising and putting the nets up and down, Mr Humphreys for helping with training and refereeing the games and thank you to all parents who came down to support the teams.



## SRC Report

Last week at our SRC meeting we asked all the classes what they have been doing in class. K/1H and KS have been trying to extend sentences, 1M have been doing really well in Literacy, 2W have been really enjoying weaving on Tuesdays, 4M have been enjoying learning about the First Fleet and 6H are enjoying buddy reading with KS.

The 5c jar challenge will begin this week. All classes are to organise a jar to collect their coins. This is to run from today until Thursday Week 10. Monday funday activities start this week and everyone is excited to begin.

By Harry Bunt

## Excellent home reading



Congratulations to Billy Fogg and Brooke-Louise Douglas who have received their Silver Home Reading award. Well done, keep up the great effort!

## School uniform

Evan James always wears his Murrumburrah Public School uniform with pride.

The school uniform shop is open each Thursday from 3.00pm to 5.00pm. Warm jackets, beanies and jumpers available!



P&C Facebook Auction—Don't forget to get your bids in! Auction closes at 9.00pm Sunday 5 June

## Year 5 visit Hard Rock Gym

Year 5 visited Harden's very own **Hard Rock Gym** as part of our Personal Development unit – Active Lifestyles. Apparently, the short walk from MPS was not enough of a warm up, so we began with an activity using large fitness balls. Next, we moved into groups and focused on different areas of the body: upper body (arms), lower body (legs) and we used some exercise machines that got our hearts pumping! We even got to put on boxing gloves and practise some soft, fast punches. After a cool down, Year 5 all agreed our muscles were much bigger and that we also thoroughly enjoyed our visit to a gymnasium!



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## ‘Learn to Live’



Lunchtime fun in the library. With cold and wet weather, students have been enjoying some indoor play.