



Term 3 Week 6

22 August 2016

Peer Support Back By Popular Demand



Peer Support Program

The Peer Support Program offers students K-6 at Murrumburrah Public School a unique opportunity to enhance their mental, social and emotional wellbeing enabling them to make informed and skilled contributions to their communities.

Year 6 are today completing their training with Mrs Dunstan and Miss Menz to enable them to lead the program with the support of teachers. Peer Support groups will begin after Crunch this Thursday and the program will continue until the end of term.

Peer Support is a peer led, skills based program that:

- provides authentic leadership opportunities;
- empowers young people to support each other and contribute positively to society;
- develops key skills in resilience, assertiveness, decision making, problem solving and leadership;
- utilises a whole school approach to support positive cultural change.

Peer Support is always very popular with students and we are confident they will get the best out of this opportunity again this year.

Emergency Procedures

Our priority is always to keep staff and students safe, so at least twice a year we rehearse our evacuation and lock down procedures. In some ways, it's akin to what many people see as unnecessary briefings at the beginning of

each flight about the safety processes, but it's a proven fact that this repetition is part of ensuring people genuinely understand what to do if we were to have an emergency at the school.

You can support your child in understanding these procedures by talking calmly to them about it, and even having an emergency evacuation plan for your family at home. If you have any questions about this procedure please do not hesitate to contact me.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 received their NAPLAN results last week. As a school we are delighted with the overall results and in particular the growth of some students performance between Year 3 and 5. Over the next few weeks teachers will be analysing the results in detail to see how we can improve these results even further in 2017.

And finally, today and tomorrow I will be working as a Peer Principal to conduct an external validation in one of three schools I have been appointed to. This is a great opportunity for me to learn more about the School Excellence Framework and bring ideas for success back to our school.

From my desk

Clare Crawford
Principal



What's Happening

Event	Classes	Activity date	Cost	Notes / Money due
Peer Support Training	Year 6	Monday 22 August	Free	
Writer's Workshop	Years 4 and 5 students	Tuesday 23 August	\$10	
Peer Support commences	All students	Thursday 25 August		
Excursion to Canberra Zoo	Year 2	Friday 26 August	\$35	Overdue

Premier's Spelling Bee Assembly

I would challenge any of us to spell some of those tricky words given to the finalists!

Although there was only one person left standing in each of the heats, all students need to be congratulated for their participation in class and at the assembly. Special congratulations to **Sybella Lenehan** who reigned in our Year 1 section.



On submitting our school representative names to the Regional Coordinator, I was informed that another student in each heat could be selected to attend the Regional competition.

After further rounds, both **Tristan Steele** and **Emily Willett** were successful in joining **Brody Steele** and **Samantha Emms** to represent MPS at the Regional Spelling Bee in the Junior and Senior competitions at South Wagga Public School next month.

All the best, MPS is proud of you!

Mary Dodd,
Coordinator.



Year 6 had a busy day at the Harden Country Club completing their Peer Support Training in readiness for when the program commences this Thursday. They completed the training with Miss Menz and Mrs Dunstan.

Thank you to the club for the use of their auditorium.

From the touch field

Last Friday the touch football boys went to Wagga to participate in a touch knockout gala day. In our first game we all played very well and at half time we were in the lead. In the second half Leeton came back very strong and just beat us with a final score of 8-7. Our second game was against Temora and after another close game we were narrowly defeated. Our try scorers on the day were Jack Brooker, Beau Abnett, Aiden Hill, Jack Sargent and Harry Bunt.

By Harry Bunt



Last Friday the girls touch team also travelled to Wagga to play in the knockout gala day. Our first game was against Parkview. In a great game the score ended up being 5-2 our way.

Our second game against Beelbanger was very tough and we ended up losing 7-5. We also lost our last game against Franklin with the final score 7-4 their way.

By Annie Brooker and Jade Emms



PSSA Soccer comes to an end

Last Monday, the 5/6 soccer girls travelled to Wagga to play South Wagga in round 4 of the knockout competition. All girls played extremely well but unfortunately we were not able to defeat South Wagga. South Wagga scored the lucky only goal of the match which made the score 1-0 their way.

We had strong defence from Jade, Tara, Molly, Taleah, Lily and Phoebe. Our forwards, Hayley, Ruby and Amelia tried their best to get the ball in the goal. Our mids, Jasmin, Chloe and Annie were trying to do the same thing but couldn't get close enough. Thank you to Sam for great work in goal for the whole game. Great effort girls!

By Annie and Jade



Head Lice

We have been informed of cases of head lice within the school.

We are asking all parents to regularly check and treat their child's hair if necessary.

After treating your child's hair it is also necessary to launder all **HATS, bedding, cushion covers and vacuum lounges, floors etc where the children play to help eradicate nits**. We understand this can be a big job, but we need your help to ensure this process is completed.

Hats, combs and clothing should not be swapped or borrowed by students under any circumstances.

There are many products available from your local chemist that will kill the lice when used according to directions. Your child must be free from infection before they return to school.

We thank you for your support in this matter in the interest of caring for each other.

Year 2 assembly

Year 2 informed and entertained students, parents and visitors at their assembly on Friday. It was also great to see so many students receiving awards for their efforts and hard work.



Above: In keeping with the Olympics, Riley, Jayden and Katie were happy to show the foil Olympic athletes they created.

Excellent home readers

Great work Thomas Woodhead, Marko Djukic, Justin Woodhead, Layla-Hope Hayward and Harper Luke on your fantastic reading efforts.



Above: Anna-Rose Johnson-Tanson delivers Welcome to Country

Left: Sophie Kirk proudly received a Mathletics Certificate



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'Learn to Live'



Ryder—just hangin' around at school