



The leaves are falling and the grades are lifting



Looking at these relaxed and happy students, you wouldn't know it's report time! Teachers are this week preparing student reports for each and every child in their class. Great care is taken to ensure that parents and carers have a clear understanding of students' achievements and where to next with their learning goals. Every child has worked hard and everyone's report will reflect their individual differences.

Teachers use the NSW Department of Education, literacy and numeracy progressions to make this determination, along with other school based assessments, such as weekly spelling tests and classroom observations.

This year, we have made a couple of changes to the report format, for students in years K-6. It is hoped that these changes will make it even easier for parents and carers to understand their child's achievements. Kinder will have the same reporting format as year 1 to 6 students. All going well, reports will be sent home with students on **Friday 28 June**.

Achievement descriptors will include a range from outstanding, high, sound, basic and limited. Students who are awarded a *sound* achievement are on-track and working at age appropriate outcomes. As a loose rule of thumb, but generally to get a *high* grading, the student is performing at **one year** level above stage/grade expectations. To receive an *outstanding* the student is performing at **two year** levels above stage/grade expectations. As you can imagine, an *outstanding* grading is very difficult to achieve.

Outstanding = an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content beyond stage/grade expectations that can readily be applied to new situations. Opportunities for extension are made available.

High = a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content, above stage/age expectations that can be applied in most situations.

Sound = a sound knowledge and understanding of content and has achieved stage/age expectations in the processes and skills.

Basic = a basic knowledge and understanding of the content below stage/age expectations and adjustments are made to the learning program.

Limited = an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content well below stage/age expectations and has an Individual Learning Plan developed in consultation with parents.

From my desk...

Clare Crawford



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

| EVENT | CLASSES | ACTIVITY DATE | COST | Notes / Money due |
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| Debating | Selected students | Tuesday 18 June @ MPS | Free | |
| P&C Meeting | All welcome | Tuesday 18 June 5pm at High School for tour meeting to start at 6pm | Free | |
| 4/5G Assembly | All welcome | Friday 21 June 12.30pm in the hall | Free | |

NEWS FROM THE BOOST ROOM

The Boost Room has been busy this semester working with students from across the school. Students have been supported in their classrooms for Literacy and a small group has been working hard at improving their Maths skills in the Boost Room. Each afternoon sensory and social skills activities take place for selected students in the Boost Room which are a lot of fun. Sensory activities such as balloon volleyball, giant hand ball, slime, scooter boards, Lego and obstacle courses are a few of the activities that we do. The most popular is when we do cooking in the kitchen and learn new living skills.

Mrs Margaret Taylor—BOOST Room Co-ordinator



Year 6 ~ Visit from Hilltops Council

Kim Hill & Martin Langfield visited our Year 6 students this morning to discuss and gather student input for future projects for the youth of Harden. Year 6 were keen to see the designs for the new playground at Roberts Park in Murrumburrah. Students contributed their ideas of what could be included in this exciting new project. All going to plan, we could possibly see a new park by Christmas.





Murrumburrah Concert Band has been growing in strength both musically and in numbers. We have 20 students participating in the band program plus two roadies to help set up for performances and full band rehearsals. We will be going up to Bunyip Pre School in the near future to perform for the kids which we all enjoy. The P&C has generously donated some money to the band and we have purchased a flute, trumpet and looking to buy a trombone for the school. The students and I would like to say a big thank you to the P&C. Studies have shown that playing an instrument in a band can help students with their confidence, social skills, strengthen mental capacity, coordination and concentration. These skills then can be transferred into the classroom and learning. We look forward to performing for you all very soon.



We are thrilled to be participating in the Gecko Sports program again this year. Infants have been learning different softball skills, such as base running, catching and throwing and working together as a team. Primary students are enjoying learning the skills and techniques of Lacrosse. Our Gecko sports will continue until the end of term.





Murrumburrah Public School P&C Association

Term 2 Fundraiser

Tickets \$2 each

First Prize: \$200 IGA Harden Voucher
 Second Prize: \$100 Harden Fuel Voucher
 Third Prize: \$50 Harden Pharmacy Voucher

DRAWN WEEK 10

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P&C SCHOOL TOUR

TUESDAY 18th JUNE @ 5PM

MPS P&C and MHS P&C

Please join us for a tour of Murrumburrah High School. Meet the Principal Dale Rands, explore the learning spaces and school grounds, and see what opportunities MHS has to offer our students and community.

AT MURRUMBURRAH HIGH SCHOOL
 Smith Street, Harden



Road Upgrade

Hilltops Council is making great progress to upgrade the parking arrangements in Derby Street. Thank you for your patience whilst this area is being made safer.

Murrumburrah Public School Community News



HDEF

Come and get your rock on!

TIGHT & BRIGHT NIGHT

Tickets \$25

Saturday 29th June
Mechanics Institute
Band – Young Ones

Dress – fluoro, neon, active wear
Book your table now!
kelly.martin-dye@hotmail.com
Numbers are limited



HDEF

Kids DISCO

FLURO FUN!

Friday 28th June
Kindergarten to Year 6
Start 6pm - 7.30pm
\$5 entry
Mechanics

Door prizes
Fruit boxes
Lolly bags
Chips available

