End of Term 1
Time has flown by this term and the Easter holidays are upon us. A reminder that school finishes at 2.30pm this Thursday. Secondary students will be at Dudley Cornell park all day but back in Murtoa to catch the buses. The Horsham Main bus will run for any primary students who normally travel on it, on Thursday.

I hope all students, staff and their families enjoy the Easter break and school holidays and that the Easter bunny finds you, wherever you may be.

Interim reports for secondary students will be sent home today. Parent teacher interviews for secondary students will be held on the 23rd April from 4-6.30pm. Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher (primary or secondary) in the meantime.

Recent Research findings on Reading
A study carried out by the DEECD and the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social research has found the following:

- Reading to children aged 4-5 years old every day has a significant positive effect on their reading and thinking skills later in life.
- Reading to children 3-5 days per week (compared to 2 or less) has the same effect on the child’s reading skills at age 4-5 as being six months older.
- Reading to them 6-7 days per week has the same effect as being almost 12 months older.
- These differences in reading and cognitive skills are not related to the child’s family background or home environment but are the direct result of how frequently they have been read to prior to starting school.

Containers needed
Middle School Food & Technology would like donations of containers such as large yoghurt containers or ice cream containers, with lids. These can be left in the office.

Term 2 Uniform
In term 2 the weather is of course turning cooler. Please check that your child has all parts of the winter uniform ready to go from day 1. Also if your child is not wearing all black shoes then please organise to buy some during the school holidays.
VCAL Community Connect
Our VCAL students have just begun this year’s Community Connect program with local residents. The group spent time helping tidy gardens and clean up. This will be a regular commitment by the students.
Transport around the Dunmunkle Shire. 2013

The Community Health Centre Bus is offering transport between the towns of Murtoa, Rupanyup and Minyip on a Monday afternoon. (except public holidays) in conjunction with the pick up of adult activity centre clients.

Bus leaves Minyip at approx. midday, reaches Murtoa approx 12-30 pm and Rupanyup 12-50 pm arrives back in Minyip around 1-00 pm.

Return trip: leave Minyip approx. 3-15 pm, Rupanyup 3-35pm, Murtoa 3-50 pm. returns to Minyip 4-20 pm approx.

This could be used for: * an appointment in one of the towns
* visit the Dunmunkle Lodge or Rup. Nursing Home
* visit a friend at their home.
* visit Neighbourhood House (SLAAM)
* have a coffee with a friend in a neighbouring town.

Cost: $5 (to be given to staff member on the bus)

Commencement date: Monday 11th February. 2013

Bookings: to be made at Community Health Centre, Minyip

Pick up point: by arrangement when booking is made.

For more information contact : Reception CHC Minyip. 53 63 1200
Congratulations and thank you to all participating students & staff

Last Wednesday, students and staff spent periods 1-4 participating in athletic events for the Athletic Standards. In their house groups, students completed 100m, 200m, 400m, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Javelin, Discus and High Jump.

Student results were recorded and compared to set standards for their age groups and given a score.

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Scores have been tallied and the winning house will be announced at the conclusion of the Athletic Sports on Thursday.

Thank you to all students who participated and gave their best in each event, and also to staff who had to give up many of their ‘spares’ to co-ordinate the event. Special thanks also to students who stepped up for House Captains that were not able to attend due to SAC preparation.
Important information for all students & parents

GETTING THERE

Students from Murtoa, Rupanyup, Minyip and Jung will be travelling by school buses to the venue (formerly Horsham North Park). The school will be covering the cost of transporting students to Horsham for the day and it is expected that all students will be attending the sports.

- **ALL STUDENTS MUST RETURN A CONSENT FORM FOR THE HOUSE ATHLETICS SPORTS to the box outside the Student Entry.**

Students that require transport to the venue will travel to school as normal (students must be at Murtoa College by 8.30am), and then be transported by school bus to Dudley Cornell Oval. At the conclusion of the sports the buses will return to school prior to the end of the school day which is 2.30pm due to being the last day of term.

- **STUDENTS REQUIRING THE BUS TO HORSHAM MUST RETURN A BUS NOTE WITH THEIR CONSENT FORM TO THE BOX AT THE STUDENT ENTRY.**

Students who live in Horsham will not need to come to school first, they will need to find their own transport directly to the Dudley Cornell Oval at the start of the school day arriving no later than 9.15am. Horsham students will be dismissed from the oval at the conclusion.

CLOTHING

All students are to wear their sports uniform – students are encouraged to dress up in House colours. Students should also be aware of the weather conditions on the day and dress appropriately – **hats, sunscreen**, waterproof jacket and change of clothes may all be relevant.

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FOOD

Marie Davis (School Canteen Manager), will be operating a canteen at the venue. There will also be a BBQ to fund raise for the SRC. Students may bring their own food and water as well as money to purchase items.

ATTENDANCE

All students are expected to attend the Athletics Carnival. Rolls will be marked and student participation in this event will be viewed favourably in future sporting team selection and school activities.

PARENTS

Having the Athletics Sports in Horsham provides a great opportunity for Horsham parents to come to see their students participate. Parents would be advised to bring a chair as seating is limited.

Any parent able to help on the day would be greatly appreciated by contacting Joanne Baker (Sport Coordinator) at school.

If there have been any recent changes in your student’s medical information could you please contact the office to make sure the updated information is recorded prior to the Athletics Sports.

If you have any concerns or queries about the above information please contact Joanne Baker at school on 03 5385 2381.

Athletics Carnival Parental Assistance

Parents, family and friends are encouraged to attend to support the day. Volunteers are also welcome to assist with events. Jobs such as raking the long and triple jump pits and measuring jumps and throws are always in need of filling.

If you can help during any of the times listed below could you please return this slip to Joanne Baker asap.

I, __________________________ am able to assist with the athletics carnival during the following time/s (please circle a suitable time)

**SPORT 2013**

### Sport Dates for 2013

**Term 1**
- Thursday, March 28, All Day: Athletic Sports (Horsham) (Last day of term)

**Term 2**
- Friday, May 17, P 5-6: School Cross Country
- Thursday, May 30, All Day: Black Ranges Cross Country (Murtoa)
- Wednesday, June 19, All Day: Region Cross Country (Dimboola)

**Term 3**
- Monday, October 7, All Day: Black Ranges Athletics (Ararat) (First day of term 4)

- **HOUSE T-SHIRTS**
  Students are encouraged to purchase a t-shirt in their house colours from the office for $10. They are to be worn for any house competition such as swimming standards, swimming sports, athletics standards, athletics sports & cross country. Students may decorate them if they choose.

- **HOUSE COLOURS COMPETITION**
  Every day for Term 1 students are encouraged to dress their school uniform up with some colour (House colours ONLY). Students may wish to tie a coloured ribbon in their hair for their House, wear a bright coloured watch, wear a broad brimmed hat in the yard in their House colour, or wear some fun coloured sunglasses or headbands/armbands in either bright orange, green or purple. Each day a teacher on morning yard duty will issue a raffle ticket to every student who comes to school in uniform but shows some colour in support of their House. Every Monday at General Assembly, the raffle tickets will be drawn and five lucky students will each win a voucher to use at the canteen. This will continue for the whole of Term 1.

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**BASKETBALL**

Please return basketball singlets to Marie by the end of term (Thursday 28th March).
Volleyball top orders

This year, Volleyball top orders are being taken early to ensure prompt delivery.

If your child is wishing to compete in Volleyball at Murtoa College they must order a top.

The tops are not just for Volleyball, but can be used in PE classes, Sport days and excursions. Made from breathable nylon, they are light and look fantastic!

Tops will be $45 and include the surname on the back. Please see Mr. Argall, Mr. Bray or any of the students involved in the Volleyball Program for sizes.

Tear off slip below and return with $45 to the office

Name: ____________________________
Year Level: _______________________
1st Preference Number _____________ 2nd Preference Number: _____________

Paid (Office use)  □ Yes  □ No

Please note: Sizes will be confirmed for your child at school by Mr. Argall or Mr. Bray
HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR BASKETBALL?? If you would like your child to join over 300 junior basketballers, and participate in a friendly, fast paced, indoor sport over Winter, then why not register for the HABA’s 2013 Winter Domestic Competition. You could even catch up with friends and get fit over winter by entering a team or as an individual in the Senior Domestic Competition. Phase 2 of Registrations open on Monday 8th April with all registrations closing on Friday 12th April. All information on age groups, nights of competition, fees and how to register can be found at www.haba.sportgibasketballingpulse.net. For any enquiries please call Dylan on 5382 0135 or email haba@netconnect.com.au.”

THE EASY WAY TO GET A TAX FILE NUMBER

The Australian Tax Office (ATO), with the cooperation of schools, offers students aged 13 years of over the opportunity to apply for a tax file number (TFN) through school. This is a voluntary program and makes it easier for students to obtain a TFN.

Students need a TFN for employment, applying for Centrelink benefits, opening a bank account, managing their superannuation or deferring university fees.

Applying for a TFN through school is easier because students do not need to show identifying documentation to the ATO. The application form is available from the school and students can complete it at home. The form requires information such as the student’s name, address and date of birth. Students also need to provide the following details:

- Students born in Australia will need to provide their birth certificate number, state of issue and year of registration, or Australian passport number and date of issue.
- Students born overseas will need to provide their overseas passport number and country of issue, or Australian citizenship certificate number and date of issue, or Australian passport number and date of issue.

It is important that the application form is fully completed and signed by the student. All information provided on the form will remain confidential.

The school will certify the application form by cross-checking against the information held on their records. Students are not required to show identifying documentation to the school or the ATO.

Students will receive their TFN from the ATO via a notification letter sent to their postal address. This will be sent within 28 days of the application being received by the ATO.

Enquiring on your child’s behalf

Due to privacy provisions, parents of children aged 14 or older may enquire about their children’s tax affairs only if they are registered as an authorized contact with the ATO. After your child has received their TFN they can authorize you by phoning the ATO on 13 28 61 between 8.00am and 6.00pm, Monday to Friday.

MORE INFORMATION?

If you have any questions, phone 13 28 61 between 8.00am and 6.00pm, Monday to Friday.

Year 9 students will received a tax file number application early next term. Any queries please contact Mr Vague.
Lost

Labelled “Bell” on the tag as well as on the reverse side of one pocket.

Please contact the school or Kylie Bell 0429 461 527 if found.

MMFNC Football Information

Under 17’s
Training in Minyip this week.

Mark Schache 0429 433 688
markschache@bigpond.com – U17 Team Manager

Under 14’s
Training in Minyip this week.

Wayne Robbins 0427 857 367
wnrobbins@optusnet.com.au

Auskick/U 12’s
Training for Auskick and U12’s is to start on Thursday 18th April at 5pm. Packs will be handed out to those that have registered and PAID ONLINE. The first game of the season for the U12’s is on Saturday 20th April against Horsham Saints in Horsham. Start time and venue will be confirmed the week of the game.
Registrations for Auskick are to be subscribed and PAID ONLINE, there are no paper registration forms. For those that pay by Monday 15th April, they will get access to four free tickets (i.e. two adult and two children) to a selected 2013 Toyota AFL Premiership Season match.
Parents will be required to help out with training on Thursday nights.

Any questions please contact:
Tim Petering 0428 852 322
timncar@bigpond.com – Auskick Team Manager
Please check your child’s hair regularly for head lice. Following school holidays please check your child’s hair for lice and treat.

Parents and Friends

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Easter Raffle

Don’t forget to get your tickets and donations of chocolate back to school by tomorrow Tuesday 26th March. The raffle will be drawn at the Primary Assembly from 1.45pm on Thursday.

Catering

Thank-you to the parents that have donated food and drinks for the catering of the secondary staff lunches at the sports on Thursday.

Little Lizards News

Murtoa Little Lizards have been engaged in learning how to operate a Vet Surgery. They were asked to plan how to set up a surgery, list the functions needed to run it, make signs for the waiting room, operating theatre, reception room etc. Many students brought in toy pets to operate on and give surgery to the animals. Googling signs, x-ray pictures, pet food, advertising and so on were focuses for the computer group. This week students will write up the surgery procedures for operations. Making books and writing text to match pictures has been a popular focus. We have had fun with the students reporting on the learning that is taking place in Discovery Learning and students are chosen to record photos and videos of the learning that is taking place.

This week we revise all letter names and sounds taught this term with the Prep students. Number revision is a focus for prep Mathematics lessons. Grades 1 and 2 will revise recount writing and for some students narrative writing. It has been amazing how successful our spelling program is working. Students are beginning to use strategies to spell words correctly. Many students still need revision of letter names, their letter sounds and sight words. Place Value and number work will also be revised this week.

In Integrated Studies we have studied the Vietnamese Culture. Students are commenting on how lucky we are to live in Australia.

Thank you to all parents who have donated chocolates for our Easter raffle. This will be drawn on the Thursday before school finishes for the holidays.

It has been wonderful to have Mrs. Bell gave up her time to hear the Prep students read. Parents are still needed to help with class reading.

Next term show and tell will be organised differently. Students will not have designated days to share for show and tell. We will be organising a different program where students will participate in Speaking and Listening activities in class time. Thank you for your support this term with Show and Tell.

We have begun a peer support program with the Year 9 students. Last Thursday the Year 9 students read to the students and prepared an activity about the book they read. They were a wonderful teaching support to our Early Years Students.

Thank you to all parents for the support you have given to your child this term and we look forward to sharing with you their progress next quarter.

This Thursday we are having an Easter bonnet parade, we will make Easter egg baskets using the child’s creations and innovations. Students can come to school in casual clothing on this day.

Please NOTE there will be NO CANTEEN on the last day of school. Students will need to bring their own snacks and lunch. Dismissal will be 2:30pm.

Happy Holidays,
Early Years Team

3-4

Some great learning has been happening in 3-4 this week. Students are looking forward to seeing Miss Boehm on Monday as she is coming for a visit.

Mr Collins.

5-6

Students are finally settling into a routine for learning. Even the students who don’t want to work have discovered that time goes quickly when you engage yourself. Listening properly is still a problem with a couple of students but I think they will begin to change their habit of not keying in and doing what is asked properly, soon. In math we have been learning about equivalent fractions and continuing with long multiplication. In English students are learning about using mnemnons for memory.
retrieval of words and learning about where words come from. Everyone is improving in spelling. Spelling will be a major focus next term as will problem solving.

Problem solving is something most of the students are having issues with. This term, I changed my program to delivering more problem solving activities. Teachers will often change what they are doing if they see that students are unable to keep up or cannot do it. This does not mean that we stop teaching something because it’s too hard; it means we teach it another way until the students understand it.

Next term there will be more emphasis on problem solving.

Last week we made a free standing structure the issue for many students was "What is a free standing structure" after some discussion students were able to verbalise and demonstrate what free standing meant.

Student of the week is Will Dingwall for showing initiative in checking all the laptops after he went to sign in the first four computers he couldn’t get into. Well done Will, he showed excellent leadership ability.

Patrick Schier he worked very hard this week in math. Well done Patrick.

Paddy Newell for excellent approach to problem solving activity, he led his team beautifully and showed excellent leadership.

Shyanne Jones for some great ideas during problem solving activities, well done

Logan Petering and Lydia Moore who worked really well together during their activity, there was some fantastic language coming from these two during problem solving.

Next term students will be engaged in learning about the ANZACs and other conflicts around the world. If you have any photos or artifacts that we can share please send them along after the holidays.
## Monster garage sale + sausage sizzle

**Sunday 21st April**
**9am – 1pm**
Rusty & Sam’s 2 Duncan St, Murtoa

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**What’s on offer**

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Donations of goods prior to sale are most welcome!
Please email details of goods to Sam: hamish.ganish@bigpond.com

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All proceeds to Murtoa Kindergarten
MURTOA COLLEGE CANTEEN
WINTER MENU 2013

HOT FOOD
- Party Pies - Lite $1.00
- Sausage Rolls - Lite $2.50
- Four n’ Twenty Pies - Lite $3.00
- Four n’ Twenty Pasties – Lite $3.00
- Potato Pies $3.00
- Sweet Chilli Tender $2.00
- Sweet Chilli Wraps $5.00
(chicken, lettuce, tomato, carrot, cheese & chilli sauce)
- Roast Chicken Roll & Mayo $3.00
- Mini Pizzas $2.50
- Pizza Toast $1.00
- Steamed Dim Sims $1.00
- Sav & Roll $3.00
- Nachos $5.00
- Ricotta & Spinach Roll $2.50
- Noodles $2.00

CHICKEN BURGERS
- Chicken Burger $2.00
- Chicken Burger & Salad roll $4.50
- Chicken Burger & Salad S/wich $4.00
- Chicken Burger in roll or bread $3.00

SANDWICHES
- Ham & Salad $4.00
- Roast Chicken & Salad $4.00
- Salad sandwich only $3.50
- 1 or 2 fillings only – salad only $2.50
- Ham only $3.50
- Chicken only $3.50
- Ham & Salad Roll $4.50
- Roast Chicken & Salad Roll $4.50
- Toasted Sandwiches $3.00
- Chicken & Salad Wrap $5.00
- Ham & Salad Wrap $5.00
- Chicken or Ham & Salad (in container) $4.00

TOASTED FOCCACIAS
- Hawaiian (Ham, Cheese & P/apple) $5.00
- Mediterranea (Chicken & Mayo) $5.00
- Aussie (Ham, Cheese, Tomato) $5.00
or choose your own filling.
- Chicken, Cheese, Sweet Chilli $5.00

DESSERTS
- Cake $1.00
- Slice $1.00
- Fruit $1.00
- Cup cakes $1.00

DRINKS
- Cans $2.00
- Breakas $2.00
- Ice Breaks $3.00
- Water 500ml $2.50
- 600ml Bottles – (All diet Zero & Vanilla Coke) $3.50
- Orange Juice $2.50
- Apple Juice $2.50
- Quenchers (Lemon) $3.00
- Pump Water – (Lemon or Berry) $3.00
- Choc, Straw or Banana Oak $3.00

ICE CREAMS - STREETS
- Paddle Pops - (Strawberry, Banana, Choc) $1.30
- Paddle Pops Thick Shake (Chocolate) $2.00
- Paddle Pops Twist $1.00
- Frozen Yoghurt $1.70
- Mini Calipo $1.00
- Jumbo Calipo $2.00
- Cyclone $1.70
- Dixie’s – Golden North $1.00

CONFECTIONERY
- Chips - Variety of flavours
  - large $2.00
  - small $1.00

WINTER SPECIAL – ONLY FRIDAY
- Lasagne & Salad $5.00
- Home made vegie or pumpkin soup $2.50

CANTEEN OPEN at 10.40AM
* Morning Tea available
* Lunch orders taken