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**Goodbye Murtoa College**

It has been my privilege to have served as the Principal of Murtoa College for exactly six years. I feel that I am leaving the school at exactly the right time: a new Strategic Plan is about to be written, setting a new direction for the College for the next four years, the school is financially secure, although facing a slow decline in enrolments, as are most rural schools, but the culture of respect, caring and excellence has grown stronger and stronger. It has been a pleasure to have worked with the school and the local community to ensure that Murtoa and district students can be assured of an excellent education.

On a purely personal note I would like to thank Billy Ballagh for his unwavering support of me and the school for the last five years. Billy has always had time to come in to the school and help in whatever way was needed, whether it was for a discussion or to do some maintenance. The role of School Council President is a thankless task most of the time, but Billy has always made himself available. I would also like to thank the three Assistant Principals I have worked with; Gary Bourke, Karl Schier and Anne Gawith. Life as a Principal is pretty lonely and it has always been essential to have someone to talk to about whatever might be the latest issue. The three of them have provided fantastic support to me and I absolutely couldn’t have done it without them.

I will miss the students – they are the ones that make coming to school every day a pleasure. If ever things got me down, I would take a walk around the classrooms, knowing that I would return to my desk refreshed and with a smile on my face. Each student has contributed something to this school and I hope that they have all felt how much we appreciate them and their enthusiasm.

Of course I will miss the staff also, thanks for the laughs, the feedback and the support. It has always been my message that we need to work with each other’s strengths. It hasn’t always been easy – it never is, to lead a group of 50 people in a workplace, but I feel that I have always tried to be approachable and fair when it has come to making the tough decisions.

If I am remembered for anything, I hope it would be that staff have more of an opportunity to discuss and observe their professional practice, that I proofread every report twice a year, that I got rid of the green uniform, that I chopped down the hedge, got (nearly) all the staff into one staffroom, survived the drought, the flood and two bad mice years, and have kept smiling throughout!

Thank you Murtoa community for having such support and pride in your local school. I wish Murtoa College all the best for the future.

Dr. Day
Welcome to Mr. Tony Goodwin

Mr. Goodwin came to visit us last Thursday and will be joining us this Thursday for our School Review day. He is very much looking forward to becoming the Principal next semester and I know everyone will make him feel very welcome.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

All students should now have their photo order forms. (Yr 11s should have come home today.)

Primary students can return their completed forms and correct money to the classroom teacher, however secondary students should only bring their forms and money back on Friday June 27 – the day of the photos. If you require a Family Photo order form, these can be collected from the office and sent to school on June 27.

Any queries, please contact Anne Gawith at the college.

Year 7 Laser Strike

Year 7’s had a great day out last Wednesday playing Laser Strike. Two teams took the battlefield, The Sachs (red) and The Dunns (blue). After eight games of varying rules and degrees of difficulty, The Dunns (blue) came out victors! A huge thanks to Mr Sachse for organising the day.

HEAD LICE REMINDER

There have been a number of cases of head lice detected in the secondary area. Please ensure you regularly check your child’s hair and ensure they are treated immediately if eggs and/or lice are detected. Head lice are small insects that live on the scalp and lay eggs (nits) on the hair. Lice and nits cause an itchy scalp, however not all people itch, therefore this is not the only indicator of head lice. You must also check hair regularly and thoroughly. Head lice are common in children and their families. Getting head lice is not a sign of poor hygiene, so don’t be embarrassed if your child gets it. In fact, lice prefer clean hair because it allows them to move from hair to hair more easily.

It is important that you check your children’s hair regularly for head lice, and treat immediately as required.

A range of suitable treatments are available at chemists and supermarkets. Because live eggs hatch in 7-10 days, the key to success in getting rid of them is to repeat whatever treatment you settle on every three-four days for a couple of weeks. You can only break the cycle if you stop the newly hatched lice from laying eggs.
Year 8 Architecture
Primary News

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**Birthdays**

- Bronte Kerrins 17th
- Monique Gellatly 19th
- Matthes Gardy 21st

Primary Assembly Time Table for Term 2

Assemblies are held weekly on Thursday afternoon in the Year 1/2/3 classroom and begin at 2:35pm. Any changes to the timetable will be recorded in future newsletters.

Week 10 – Year 3/4/5

Week 9 Primary Awards

Reading Awards: Bella Noonan, Johnno Baker, Liam Wheeler, Hayley Sudholz, Natalie Sudholz, Matthes Gardy, Logan Harris and Mikaela Wright.

Reading Awards - Back Row: Fraser Adler, Nic Ballagh, Will Coutts, Lucy Spriggs and Jai Satori-Billman.
Front Row: Alyssa Whyte, Jade Saligari, Breanna Bell and Blade Foster.

Values Awards – Back row: Ryan Hart, Jade Saligari, Deacan Campbell, Cody Bell, Bree Rundell and Noah Horvat.
Front row: Matilda Gawith and James Elliot.
Football Lightning Premiership at Birchip

On Friday students from Murtoa College, OLHC, Minyip PS, Rupanyup PS and Marnoo combined to form the Dunmunkle Football Team. The 20 boys competed in 4 matches against St Mary’s and St Pat’s, Birchip, Donald and St Arnaud. They put in a stellar performance in the first match and managed to win 3.3.21 to 2.0.12 against St Mary’s and St Pat’s, however, they were unable to reproduce that form later in the competition. It was a great effort from all the boys and Logan Petering narrowly edged out other teammates to take out the medal for best Dunmunkle player of the tournament.

Dunmunkle Football Team with Coach Gavin Young.

Best Dunmunkle player – Logan Petering.

School Holiday Activities

Art and craft afternoon to make articles to enter into the Murtoa Show at SLAAM. Limited spaces available.
- Prep to grade 3 Thursday 3rd July 1pm to 3pm
- Grade 4 to 6 Thursday 10th July 1pm to 3pm
Cost $8 per child.
Please call SLAAM on (03) 53852785 by 26th June to register

Music Classes
As a follow on from Music for Toddlers we will be running group music sessions after school next term for primary school students. Please ring SLAAM to register your interest.
Also if you are interested in beginner classes for guitar, piano or drums please also ring to register your interest.
SLAAM (03) 53852785
TEAM A
Back row: Zoe McGregor (Marnoo), Jaye Farlow (Minyip), Breeannan Rundell (Murtoa), Eloise Harkness (Murtoa), Cleo Baker (Murtoa).
Front row: Ruby Bachelor (OLHC), Breanna Bell (Murtoa), Hannah Whyte (Murtoa).
Coach: Glenda Adler

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TEAM B
Back row: Selina Boyd (Minyip), Ebony Nuske (Minyip), Lily Horvat (Murtoa), Mackenzie Goodin (Murtoa), Jessie Delahunty (OLHC), Caitlin Adler (Murtoa).
Front row: Monique Gellately (Murtoa), Rhiannon Crawford (Rupanyup)
Coach: Kristin Starrick

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All girls put in a terrific effort and improved immensely over the course of the day.
Well done to all involved.
“MASTER CHEF COMPETITION”

Last Thursday Year 9/10 MS Food and Technology took part in a “Master Chef” cooking completion. Students had to select and prepare either a sweet or savoury dish using only the ingredients available in the Home Economics room. The dish had to be plated and presented to the three judges, Mrs Matthews, Mr Bray and Mr Smith at a set time. The dishes were judged on the level of skill, appearance, and taste. All the students worked extremely well and the results were very close. The winning savoury dish was the crispy chicken pieces with roast vegetables, and the Chocolate peanut pudding. Thanks to the judges for critiquing the food items.
MMFNC Football/Netball Information

Training in Murtoa this week

U17’s
Great TEAM effort, huge last quarter, everybody put in and consequently a Champion TEAM won the day, all players got an award and deservedly so, Coach Cameron was/is so proud of all the boys.

U14’s
Question: What happens when the Minyip, Murtoa & Rupanyup boys combine to form a ‘Dunmunkle Team’?
They mercy rule Dimboola !!!, Not that winning is everything, but we have been on the other end of the stick for far too long, what a great feeling, the song was sung with unbelievable passion, well done boys.
Best: Brayden Rundell, Bailey Logan, Jordan Weyburg, Hayden Farlow, Aaron McQueen, Jordan Weidemann & Jordan Delahunty.
Derek Cameron 0428 316 319,  Mark Schache 0429 433 688
markschache@bigpond.com – U17 Team Manager
Wayne Robbins 0427 857 367
wnrobbins@optusnet.com.au

Auskick/U 12’s – Break Up for the ‘Juniors’ this Tuesday night, Sausage Sizzle!
Training is this Tuesday the 24th at 5pm.
Everyone played a great game against Dimboola, just missed out by a couple of goals.
Blake Downer kicked our only goal for the day. The Minyip Community Bank Award went to Bailey Young and the McDonalds Awards to Will Gellatly, Paddy Rabl and Noah Horvat. Thanks to Moon for stepping in for Pidge on the day, fantastic job.
There is no game this weekend.

Nat Johnston 0428852308
natalie.johnson8@bigpond.com

Netball
Only two Junior netball games were played this week due to Dimboola not fielding a 15 & Under or a 17 & Under team for 2014 Season.

13 & Under
13s demonstrated great work down the court with open play at different stages. Team play continues to develop with each match.
Minyip Murtoa 11 Dimboola 24
Awards: Bridget Drum, Laura Robbins and Lori Young.

15 & Under A
The game was very competitive with the Burras playing a strong last quarter. Dimboola held their lead and the Burras were unlucky to go down by 6 goals in the end.
Minyip Murtoa 22 Dimboola 28
Awards: Maddie Morgan, Courtney Campbell and Eadie-Garth Lindsay.
Burras never gave up against a very tough Stawell team, with all players adapting well to positional changes.
Minyip Murtoa 24 Stawell 42
Awards: Eilish Chesterfield, Emily Craig.
This year, Volleyball tops and Hoodies 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. Hoodies are an optional part of the uniform.

The tops and jumpers are not just for Volleyball, but can be used in PE classes, Sport days and excursions. Tops and Jumpers will be $45 each 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.

Playing Tops: $45

Hoodies: $45
VOLLEYBALL UNIFORM ORDER FORM

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**Total Payable:**

(Must be paid at the office prior to order) $£

Please note: Sizes will be confirmed for your child at school by Mr. Argall or Mr. Bray
**Education Maintenance Allowance**

Information about changes to Education Maintenance Allowance as a result of the School Reform Agreement made between the Victorian Government and Commonwealth Government.

**What is EMA?**
The Education Maintenance Allowance currently provides financial assistance to low-income families to help meet costs associated with the education of their children.

**How it is paid?**
Parents can currently elect to have their EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into the parent’s bank account; or
- paid directly to the school to be held as credit which the parent can use towards education expenses; or
- paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2013 over 70 per cent of parents receiving the EMA chose to have their EMA paid directly to their school. Each school would then use the funds for a range of expenses for that child.

**Who is eligible?**
The EMA currently provides financial assistance to Victorian families on a low income to help with the cost of educational items such as textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions.

It is a means-tested payment - parents must hold a Centrelink or Veterans Affairs concession card to be eligible.

**What is changing?**
In the recent School Reform agreement signed with the Commonwealth, the Victorian Government has changed the way it helps low income families with education expenses.

From 2015, the Government will distribute the funds previously used for the EMA directly to schools. DEECD will develop the arrangements to be used to distribute these funds to schools – consultation will occur with stakeholders about this.

**Why?**
Under the recent School Funding Reform an additional $12.2 billion will be allocated to Victorian schools.

**Will my child be worse off?**
No. Education funding for children will increase but will be delivered to your child in a new way through their school. The new agreement provides that schools with the most vulnerable students will receive the funding they need.

The students who will benefit the most from this funding agreement are those who are the most vulnerable.