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Week 5 Term 3

The week that was!

All students from Foundation to year 6 attended a fantastic excursion to Bendigo on Tuesday. They attended the Bendigo Discovery Science and Technology Centre. The students were engaged in a variety of scientific activities and the 4 hours spent in the centre were highly educational but above all very entertaining. Thank you to all the staff for a great day!

Year 7 – 12 Parent/Teacher interviews took place on Tuesday evening and for those that attended they gained a very good insight into how their child(ren) is tracking at school. The 1 on 1 conversations with staff and students are invaluable and very important in monitoring student progress.

The year 7 – 12 Maths competition occurred on Thursday and it went very well. Thank you to Mrs Matthews for organising the competition. I look forward to celebrating the successes associated with this competition.

NAPLAN results

The College has received the preliminary release of the NAPLAN data service for 2014. These results are being discussed by our leadership team and respective KLA leaders. These results will be available to the College community in due course. The College is committed to improving student learning outcomes especially in regards to literacy and numeracy which ultimately will lead to positive pathways beyond school.

Year 10 Information Evening

The year 10 information evening will occur this Wednesday August 13 from 7-8.30pm. Planning for 2015 has commenced and student choice of subjects for year 11 and onwards is very important in shaping their future. The session will assist students and parents to understand the VCE and VCAL pathway and I encourage all to attend.

Uniform

A reminder that all students are expected to wear the College council approved uniform. On the whole the uniform is worn correctly and with pride. Students who are in the wrong uniform will be asked to rectify the problem and parent/guardian support in this area would be appreciated.

Visible Learning – Professional Development

In recent weeks a team of staff have been participating in a Wimmera wide professional development activity which has been focused on developing their knowledge and the use of the Visible Learning work of Professor John Hattie. The team has been providing professional development back to staff and this work will become a basis for the College’s teaching and learning model. This work will prove to be critical in moving the College’s approach to meeting the needs of all students forward and reducing the variance of teaching and learning quality across the College.
The primary focus on science is coming to a close after our wonderful Bendigo Discovery Centre excursion and this week’s Science Expo. We’ve been exploring everything from plants, states of matter, light to electricity and they’ll all be on display this Thursday afternoon.

Along with the activities in the classroom there have also been fundraising efforts in the form of casual clothes, sausage sizzle and the pie drive. We are also running the Dunmunkle Primary Athletics Sports on Thursday 21st August at Murtoa Oval and are seeking extra support from the community to ensure that we can continue to hold such events locally and not outsource these to larger neighbouring towns. It is obviously going to be a busy time and we appreciate the support and assistance that you are able to give on these days.

**Assembly Timetable**

- Week 5 = Science Fair
- Week 6 = Dunmunkle Primary Athletics Sports
- Week 7 = F/1
- Week 8 = 5/6
- Week 9 = 3/4/5
- Week 10 = 1/2/3

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**Birthdays**

- Alyssa Whyte Tuesday 12th August
- Jonathon Baker Friday 15th August

**Reading & Value Awards**

Back Row: Mason Coombe, Noah Coutts, Alex Dean, Jonathon Baker and James Elliot.

Front Row: Logan Liao, Natalie Sudholz and Hayley Sudholz.

Lydia Moore, Will Saligari and Harry Reither.

Back Row: Connor Johnson, Tyler Wright, Cameron Whyte, Xavier Johnson, Regan Bell and Bella Noonan.

Front Row: Lyla Schultz.

Jake Maher, Mikaela Wright, B’Elanna Penny-Paditz and Mikey Collins-Clarke.
Xavier Johnson and Reece Hammond.
Murtoa College Bendigo Discovery Centre Excursion

On Tuesday 5th August the Foundation to Grade Six students from Murtoa College, along with teachers, aides and the principal, travelled to the Bendigo Discovery Centre. The centre is a maze of educational activities setup to inspire young inquisitive minds. The students were broken into their four classes and attended a specialised laboratory session, experienced the seven metre vertical slide, planetarium and interacted with the plentiful floor exhibits. It had been three years since the Murtoa College students had attended the venue and it was certainly another memorable and worthwhile experience. This week the students will continue their science focus by demonstrating their knowledge in a Science Fair from 2:30-3:15pm on Thursday 14th August in the primary section of the college and the invitation is extended to all members of the community.

Mr Bradley Venn
Murtoa College Grade 5/6 Teacher and Primary Leading Teacher of Curriculum

Student Reports

On Tuesday 5th August the primary students went to the Discovery Centre in Bendigo. We played and experimented with the exhibits and watched a show about planets in the planetarium. There was an extremely tall slide and all of the classes got to ride down it. We also visited the laboratory to make our own balloon rockets and raced them against other people’s rockets. It was well worth the 2 hour bus ride there and it was a great excursion.

By Aiden Hart, Grade 6

By Breanna Bell, Grade 5

By Eloise Harkess, Grade 6

By Lily Horvat, Grade 6

By Patrick Schier, Grade 6
Sport Dates for 2014

Term 3

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Scholastic Book Fair

Our second Fair arrives on Thursday September 4 and begins Monday September 8th in the College library.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge

Currently 30 students have completed the Challenge, whilst many others are only a couple of books away! Please see Mrs. Reading if you need help or information on completing the Challenge.


The Challenge ends on **12 September 2014**.
Training in Murtoa this week

U17’s

Great win, hard fought and playing some fantastic football for a quarter and half, Cheno showed everyone again what attitude and commitment to the team can achieve. Best players: Corey Chenoweth, Corey Morgan, Josh Petering (put on a clinic with 5 goals) and Jake Ballagh.

*We will need a Team Manager for season 2015, Mark will be ‘retiring’, would be easy to learn the ropes alongside Mark this year, not many games remaining, see Mark Schache or Malcolm Schier if you can do it. This position MUST be filled!*

Derek Cameron 0428 316 319, Mark Schache 0429 433 688  
markschache@bigpond.com  – U17 Team Manager

U14’s

Players fought hard all day and mostly matched it with Warrack, Keegan Fallon did a great job at full back ably supported by Logan Petering, Jordan Weyburg, Cody Bell, Nick Ballagh and goal sneak Richard Maher.

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

Auskick/U 12’s

Training is Thursday night at 5pm. We were a bit undermanned the first half but with the addition of two little Warrack guns (one even scored a goal for us) until some of the older kids turned up, we managed to keep Warrack to just 1 point in the second. Final scores were 42 to 24, in Warracks favour. Goal kickers were Jack Dean and Oscar Gawith. Minyip Community Bank Award went to Lachie Drum and the McDonalds Awards to Oscar Gawith, Deacan Campbell and Reece Hammond. There is no game this Saturday.

Nat Johnston 0428852308  
natalie.johnson8@bigpond.com

Netball

**13 & Under**

Great team effort from the 13s on Saturday against Warrack Eagles. The girls strongly contested the ball at every opportunity.

Minyip Murtoa 7 to Warrack Eagles 24

Awards: Emmy Dingwall, Laura Robbins and Caitlin Ballantine.

**15 & Under B**

Fantastic team effort resulted in a very exciting and well deserved win! Bring on the finals!

Minyip Murtoa 22 to Warrack Eagles 12

Awards: Alayna Toporzisek, Sheridan Baker and Imogen Chesterfield.

**15 & Under A**

15As played a very competitive game putting in a good last quarter. They got within 6 goals in the end.

Minyip Murtoa 22 to Warrack Eagles 28

Awards: Karina Drum, Courtney Campbell and Emma Schache.
17 & Under

Up against the top team the girls showed determination and enjoyment. Positional changes were handled well by all with a great willingness to give it their best.

Minyip Murtoa 11 to Warrack Eagles 68

Awards: Emily Craig, Brooke Crabtree and Eilish Chesterfield.

We are hosting a final at Murtoa on Sat 30th August, any parents, players or supporters, male or female, willing to do a shift or supply a slice, cake or sandwiches in the canteen please contact Melinda Keel on 0429 194 119 ASAP. All help will be much appreciated.

Basketball

Names for the 2014 – 15 basketball competition for juniors and seniors need to be given to Marie by Friday 22nd August. Contact Marie on 53852604 or 0419 852 227.

Horsham Branch
Asthma Foundation of Victoria
2014 Wimmera Asthma Camp for 6 – 12 year olds (Primary School Age)
24th – 26th October 2014
Tandara Lutheran Camp Halls Gap
It’s lots of fun, we can often do bushwalking or swimming, archery, canoeing, mini golf, or even a zoo visit.
Oh yeah, we do education too!
The camp is conducted by Doctors, Nurses and Support Staff, so you’re in GREAT hands!

Renee: 0429 812 324
Amanda: 0429 846 334
Sue: 0419 947 048
Primary School

Science Fair

Thursday August 14
2.30 - 3.15 pm
BER Building
All welcome