**The week that was!**

Wednesday evening saw the current Year 10 cohort attend the VCE/VET/VCAL information evening. To assist their transition preparation for 2015 into year 11 over 80% of the students and families attended this very important evening. Thank you to Mr Vague for organizing the very informative evening and to the staff (Mrs Gawith, Mrs Chapman, Ms Randall, Mr Metelmann and Ms Lewis) for their support.

Following this great evening was the F-6 science fair on Thursday afternoon. The BER building was packed with parents, guardians, grandparents, friends and siblings all eagerly watching the students perform various science experiments. The student support from the F-6 staff (Mr Venn, Ms Boehm, Mrs Coutts, Mrs Schodde, Mrs Noonan, Mrs Venn, Mrs Keel, Mrs Adler, Mrs Liao, Mrs Jordan, Mrs Koch and Ms Barrett) was fantastic and very much appreciated by the community.

**Uniform**

To follow on from last week the new college uniform has been on the whole, embraced by the college community. It is now time to make sure students are wearing the correct uniform. The college uniform policy has been developed to positively promote the college’s image to the wider community and it is clear and precise about student’s requirements to wearing the correct uniform. It also outlines the process that should be followed if the correct uniform cannot be worn for any reason. To assist families with this process photos of students in correct uniform have been attached and a copy of the policy is available on demand. I have asked the staff to assist me in getting students into the correct uniform and would appreciate parent support on this issue.

**Dunmunkle Athletics Carnival (F-6)**

I would like to invite all parents of students in Prep to Grade 6 to join the college staff and students for the Dunmunkle Athletics Carnival.

**Curriculum Day – Friday August 22 (Pupil Free)**

Staff will participate in a professional development day this Friday. They will be involved in sessions to assist them with the use of the new student management tool – Xuno and with the visible learning strategies to help them create innovation in the student’s learning environment. As a consequence the students are not required at school.

Tony Goodwin  
Acting Principal

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# Sport Dates for 2014

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Science Expo

Firstly, I’d like to thank all of the members of the community who attended the event last Thursday afternoon. We were overwhelmed with the amount of interest in the event and it certainly made it more important for the students. This has certainly demonstrated your commitment to the education which is delivered at Murtoa College.

The students’ displays were absolutely incredible, which was a credit to all of the students and staff involved. Foundation/One students created exhibits about growing plants and one of the most popular was the ‘plant husk slime’ which was demonstrated by Kellie Gardy earlier in the unit. One/Two/Three students displayed their understandings of different states of matter and created some very visual experiments including dry ice, liquid densities and emulsion. Three/Four/Five students choose to inform us about different natural forces and their notable displays ranged from cloud formation, plate tectonics to volcanic eruptions. Finally, the Five/Six students created a range of displays to demonstrate their knowledge of electricity and circuits which included static electricity, circuits and the amazing ‘jitterbugs’.

In conclusion, we were incredibly proud of all of the students’ behaviour and their ability to communicate scientific understandings from their various units of work. Well done!
Dunmunkle Schools’ Sports Association Athletics

The Dunmunkle Schools’ Sports Association Athletics are on this Thursday 21st August at Murtoa Oval. A roster for parent helpers has been sent home and we will not be able to hold the events without your assistance, so a huge thank you in advance. The day will start at 9am with all students in their respective school groups on the oval. After a short welcome students will be placed in their age groups and move to their first event which will begin at 9:30am. The rotation of events is expected to be completed by 12:30pm where students will then have a break for lunch before the tunnel ball, corner spry, relays and Marj Wood 800m. We are really excited to be hosting the athletics this year and look forward to seeing fantastic sportsmanship on display from everyone involved.

Thank You Jenna

The students in the Foundation/One classroom have been lucky to have Jenna Barrett as a pre-service teacher for the past few weeks. Jenna has demonstrated excellent teaching by engaging students in hands-on and exciting tasks. We would like to thank her for her contributions and we wish her well for her future teaching career.

Important Dates

Thursday 21st August – DSSA Athletics at Murtoa Oval from 9am
Friday 22nd August – Curriculum Day (student free)
Thursday 28th August – Federation University Science Education Officer visit
Friday 29th August – Casual Clothes Day
Friday 29th August – Minyip-Murtoa Football Clinic
Friday 5th September – St John’s First Aid Incursion

Birthdays

Emily Botterill – Wednesday 20th August
B’Elanna Penny-Paditz – Saturday 23rd August
Our final charity fundraiser for the year is on Friday 29th of August and is raising money for Disability Sport and Recreation Victoria. Specifically, we are aiming to provide two sports wheelchairs for students in Victoria; this means we need to raise $700, an achievable amount for the generous Murtoa College community.

There will be a casual dress day and extended lunchtime on the day. A BBQ lunch will be provided by the SRC. Representatives from NEXUS will be attending with some fun activities and musicians will provide some entertainment throughout lunchtime. Bring your money for the casual dress and lunch and get ready to support a great cause. As a school that loves our sport we want to help give others the opportunity to stay active and have fun.

Casual Dress: Gold Coin Donation

Theme: Sports

Sausages: $2

Lunchtimes: 12:40-1:40pm

*Primary School

Order forms for the BBQ will be going home early this week. Please make sure they are back by Tuesday 26th August 2014.
Year 12 Outdoor and Environmental Studies

Bogong cross-country skiing and overnight snow camp

_Caitlin & Maddy McQueen, Lauren Drum, Jessie Ellis and Mr. Argall with Kyabram College._

**What we did...**

At Falls Creek we cross-country skied for 3 days, including camping one night in the snow. For the last day we downhill skied for half a day. We made new friendships and we had an amazing time. It was a really good experience to camp in the snow, we constructed a kitchen on the side of a hill out of snow and that is where we cooked our meals. We set up camp next to a creek, which we collected our water from and the view was amazing. We visited the Bogong AGL hydro-electricity plant. This plant is part of the Kiewa Hydro scheme and generates renewable electricity.

**What we learnt...**

We learnt lots of new skills for both cross-country and downhill skiing. We learnt how to protect and conserve the Alpine environment. We had presentations from Parks Victoria and Fall Creek Alpine Resort Management to provide us with information about how they manage the Alps. We learnt that there are endangered species such as the Mountain Pygmy Possum and the invasive species Hawkweed which came into the environment only 10 years ago due to someone planting it in their garden. The Hydro Dams has an effect on the environment as if it wasn't there, there would still be more natural environment there and it has to be drained and cleaned every year to clean the sediment from the bottom of Lake Guy.

**Funny moments...**

Jessie falling over backwards and with the pack on and then got up and then fall over forwards due to too much power

When Args told Jessie her water wasn't cooked enough and she put the lid back on but the water was in fact boiled.

The twins fighting over who was the best at skiing.
MMFNC Football/Netball Information

Training in Murtoa this week

Last Pie Night this Thursday – Tony Goodwin will be talking to all of us, football and netball inclusive, sharing his extensive TEAM experience, not to be missed.

U17’s

No chocolates, but a lesson on where we need to be and how hard we need to work. Best players: Jye Weyburg, Mitchell Delahunty, Adam Schache, Patrick Maher, Corey Chenoweth, Charlie Taylor

We will need a Team Manager for season 2015, Mark will be ‘retiring’, would be easy to learn the ropes alongside Mark this year, only one game left, see Mark Schache or Malcom 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

Stawell were bigger, bigger and bigger. Our boys just couldn’t match a taller opposition, tried all day, never gave up, enjoyed themselves and are ready to take on Dimboola, another win ?? Best Players: Darcy Edgerton, Keegan Fallon, Cody Bell, Jordan Delahunty, George Robbins, Jordan Weyburg

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

Auskick/U 12’s

Training is Thursday night at 5pm. Our last game for the year will be at Dimboola this Saturday. Players to be at the ground at 10am for a 10.30am start. All jumpers will need to be returned to me after the game. If you are not intending to play on Saturday please give your jumpers to either myself or Pidge this week.

Nat Johnston 0428852308 natalie.johnson8@bigpond.com

Netball

13 & Under

Girls got experience with several positions on the court and showed versatility.
Minyip Murtoa 1 to Stawell 48
Awards: Caitlin Ballantine, Jaye Farlow and Jessie Delahunty.

15 & Under B

Another great win! Everyone did their job with a great game.
Minyip Murtoa 31 to Stawell 2
Awards: Alayna Toporzisek, Lily Williams and Haylee Slorach.

15 & Under A

15As played their best game for the season with a great team effort and were unlucky to miss out on a win.
Minyip Murtoa 18 to Stawell 19
Awards: Montana Petering, Maddison Morgan and Eadie Garth-Lindsay.

17 & Under

17s were very competitive against Stawell demonstrating great passages of play in their final game for the season.
Minyip Murtoa 29 to Stawell 48
Awards: Kelsey Bell, Jessica Warrick 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.
We are privileged to have been selected by the Cancer Council Victoria to participate in a research study, which is being undertaken next Friday. The results of this survey will be used to develop education programs aimed at reducing the use of drugs among young people. The survey aims to find out adolescent attitudes in a range of areas including sun-related behaviour, use of legal and illegal drugs, drinking alcohol and smoking. The survey is confidential and anonymous. Two researchers from the Cancer Council will be travelling from Melbourne to carry out the survey.

Information is provided within this newsletter, and a form if you DO NOT wish your student to participate in the survey. If you do not return the form, it will be assumed that you are happy for your student to be included in the survey.

Thank you for your support with this.

If you have any questions, please contact me at Murtoa College on (03) 53852381.

Rach Chapman
Wellbeing Coordinator

Cancer Council Victoria is conducting a state-wide survey of secondary students. The survey is about behaviours some adolescents may do, and aims to find out how common these behaviours are. The sort of things the survey covers are: smoking tobacco, drinking alcohol, use of legal and illegal drugs and sun-related behaviours. Students will also be asked about their attitudes towards using different substances and their experience of school. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has approved the study, which is part of a national survey of secondary students. The results of the survey will be used to develop education programs aimed at reducing the use of drugs among young people.

Our school has agreed to participate in the study. Members of the research team will be coming to the school to conduct the survey in the next month. The survey is confidential and anonymous. Students are told NOT to write their names on the questionnaire. Students will place their completed questionnaires into a blank envelope that will be returned directly to the researchers.

Students from about 72 schools throughout Victoria will be surveyed. The research team has randomly selected all schools involved with the study. There is no special reason for including our school in the study. Four classes from the school will be surveyed. There is no special reason for including any child in the sample.

I am writing to ask for your help by allowing your child to participate in the survey.

If you do not agree to your child being included in the survey, please complete the form below and return it to your child’s teacher. If you do not return the form, we will assume that you are happy for your child to be included in the survey. If your child does not wish to participate she/he will be given the opportunity to withdraw from the study at the time of the survey.

Any information provided in the survey is completely confidential and will only be used for research purposes. No school or student will be identified in the data set or in any reports published from the study.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the survey, please do not hesitate to call Tahlia Williams, at Cancer Council Victoria, on (03) 9514 6487. This project has been approved by Cancer Council Victoria’s Human Research Ethics Committee. Therefore, should you allow your child to participate, if you have any complaints or concerns about the manner in which this research is being conducted, please contact Ms Nicola Quin, Executive Officer of the Human Research Ethics Committee, Cancer Council Victoria, (03) 9514 6340.

In view of the importance of this project as part of the continuing effort to improve the health of our young people, your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Please fill out this form and return it to your child’s teacher if you DO NOT want your child to participate in the survey.

I DO NOT AGREE to let my child participate in the State-wide survey.

Student’s name: (please print) __________________________

Your name: (please print) __________________________

Signed: __________________________

Date __________________________
# Uniform 2014 – Supplier list

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| Navy polar fleece – All students               | Murtoa College    | For boys and girls                                                    | Size 6 – 14 $30
| PRIMARY Navy tailored short (girls)            | Murtoa College    |                                                                      | Size S – XL $45|
| PRIMARY Navy school shorts (boys)              | Target            |                                                                      | $40.00         |
| Summer Dresses (Secondary)                     | Murtoa College    | Available Mid April                                                  | $65.00         |
| Winter Wool Skirts (Secondary)                 | Murtoa College    | Available Mid April                                                  | $60.00         |
| Navy woollen jumper                            | Murtoa College    | By order only                                                          | Size 8 – 14 $65
| Boys grey shorts and long trousers             | Target, Earle’s,  | No cargo shorts                                                        | Size S – L $80 |
| VCE - Navy Polo Shirt with white logo          | Murtoa College    | Year 11 and 12 only                                                   | $30.00         |
| Girls tailored navy shorts (Secondary)         | Murtoa College    | No sport shorts for general uniform                                   | $40.00         |
| Girls tailored navy pants (Secondary)          | Murtoa College    | No tracksuit pants for general uniform                                | $50.00         |
| Navy Sport Polo Shirt with logo                | Murtoa College    |                                                                      | $30.00         |
| Navy sport shorts - girls                      | Murtoa College    |                                                                      | $30.00         |
| Navy sport singlets with logo                  | Murtoa College    |                                                                      |                |
| Volleyball tops                                | Murtoa College    | Made to order                                                         |                |
| Football jumpers                               | Murtoa College    | Made to order                                                         |                |
| Fleecy Track Pants                             | Murtoa College    |                                                                      | $15.00         |
| All black school shoes                         |                   |                                                                      |                |
| White socks                                    |                   | Small logo permitted                                                 |                |

*If you have any queries regarding uniform, please contact the General Office.*
Sunday Funday

Shake off those winter blues and spring into spring!

Sunday 24th August
2.00 – 5.00pm @ Mechanics Hall

Watch
Peter Adler’s old Murtoa film footage: 1972 Town Centenary & 1978 Railway Centenary

Play
charades, table tennis, celebrity heads & art stuff with Murtoa college students

Singalong
60’s, 70’s, 80’s hits with Leo Tellefson & Bernie Del

Hear
Murtoa School Choir at 4.30pm

Eat
scrumptious afternoon tea

Drink
soft drinks, tea & coffee

Meet
newcomers, returners, old friends, new friends

Bring
yourself, friends & neighbours

A free event sponsored by Murtoa Progress Association