STEPS DAY

Murtoa College Steps day is tomorrow Tuesday 14th October. If parents have any questions please contact the school and ask for Mr Sachse

Please note: current Year 7 students are not required at school tomorrow.

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Week 2 Term 4

Welcome to week 2. Last week was a busy and productive week for all the students. It was pleasing to see how quickly all the students settled back into their routine.

The College is excited to announce that the Acting Assistant Principal position will be filled by two staff for term 4. Mrs Anne Sudholz and Mr Brad Venn will share the role for term 4. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them and wish them luck for the rest of this term.

Students are encouraged to regain their focus onto their learning after the term break. All students have many opportunities to be involved in a variety of types of learning and extra-curricular activities this term. Make the most of all these learning opportunities to be the best that you can be, both inside and outside the classroom.

Now that the warmer weather is here students must wear a hat in the yard at recess and lunchtime. Mrs Chapman and Mrs Baker have been out checking the students and have reported the majority of students are wearing their hats. If, I could ask for parent support on this issue it would be appreciated. We do not want end up with any sick students due to heat exhaustion or sun stroke.

The week that was! (Week 1 term 4)

I would like to congratulate the following students on their great efforts at Greater Western athletics carnival in Ballarat on Friday. Special mention to Darcy Edgerton who won 4 events – Fantastic effort!

1. Darcy Edgerton 1st the 13 years and under 100m, 200m, Long Jump and Javelin
2. Jayden McQueen 1st the 15 years and under Discus and 4th in the Long Jump and Triple Jump
3. Alyce Campbell 1st the 16 years and under Javelin
4. Callum McLean came 2nd in the 16years and under Javelin
5. Aaron Evans-Halligan came 3rd in the 15 years and under Javelin.

Darcy, Jayden and Alyce now progress to SV state athletics finals next Friday at Olympic park. I wish them the best of luck.

Steps Day

Tuesday October 14 is the start of our transition program. It is the ‘Step’ up day for 2015 year 7 students. All new year 7 students will attend their first full day of secondary education in preparation for 2015. I look forward to meeting them all and wish them the best of luck.
Values award recipients:
Jake Ballagh, Fergus Schier, Joe Gardy, Oliver Moore, Alyssa Whyte, Lucy Spriggs

First Aid Certificates:
Tarlee Jenkins, Jayden Hatcher, Trae Martin, Stephanie Howe

Academic Achievement Awards:
Jasmine Monk, Ashton Hardingham, Josh Petering, Lauren Drum, Erika Ritosa

Fruit Salad Yummy
Yummy!
From Week 3 onwards we will be trialling fruit salad in the canteen.
Make sure you buy it, or it will not be permanently added to the menu.

FOR SALE – HINO BUS
Expression of interest for 1988 Hino School Mini Bus. Contact General Office for more information.
Greater Western Region Track and Field Carnival
Llanberris Reserve, Ballarat
Friday October 10th 2014

Murtoa College had a very successful day at the Greater Western Region Track and Field finals at Ballarat on Friday. Five competitors competed in ten events, each bringing home a medal.

Our most outstanding performer was Darcy Edgerton who won all four of his events. Also outstanding in their own right were Jayden McQueen who won his discus and Alyce Campbell who won her javelin event.

These three students now qualify to compete at the State Track & Field Finals at Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park this Friday. We wish them all the very best!

Callum McLean and Aaron Evans-Halligan won second and third respectively in their Javelin events. Callum performed extremely well despite injuring his finger the day before!

Thank you

• Special thanks to Peter Gawith for doing Murtoa College’s duty at the event
• Huge thanks to the parents and friends who drove students down and supported each other throughout the day
• to the students for their efforts in the events and for their conduct throughout the day

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Education Maintenance Allowance UPDATE

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance

From 1 January 2015, the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools instead of providing the Education Maintenance Allowance directly to parents.

Parents will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015.

The money will be allocated to eligible schools through schools’ core operational funding mechanism, with the neediest schools receiving the most funding. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015.

This change to how the money is distributed was required by the funding agreement with the Commonwealth government to make sure Victorian schools receive increased funding that will benefit all students and, in particular, those from schools with concentrated disadvantage.

The majority of parents who received the EMA payment already elected to provide the money directly to their school.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, you can speak to your principal about how you can access assistance from the State Schools’ Relief Committee for clothing and uniforms.

The end of the EMA direct payments to parents will not affect any other payment you may be receiving such as the Schoolkids Bonus, which is provided directly to eligible parents to assist with education costs.

If you have any questions about this change, please speak to your school principal.

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**Term 4 Sport Dates**

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HEALTH AND PE WEEK
October 13-17
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT MURTOA COLLEGE

MONDAY
RM INDOOR CRICKET
stadium open at lunchtime for all students

TUESDAY

- FITNESS SESSION 10-15min before classes for whole school
- Dress up in your favorite sports gear $$ gold coin donation $$

JL BADMINTON
stadium open at lunchtime for all students

WEDNESDAY
BJ CONTINUOUS ROUNDERS
stadium open at lunchtime for all students

RM FREE FRESH FRUIT at lunchtime!

THURSDAY
SA FITNESS CIRCUIT
stadium open at lunchtime for all students

FRIDAY
SA 8.15am WALK TO SCHOOL from the Rotunda
ALL STAFF YEAR LEVEL ASSEMBLY watch UV You Tube Clip
“HOW THE SUN SEES YOU” 3mins

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o9BqrSAHbTc

RL FUN RUN at Lunchtime
FUN “JOG” AROUND THE LAKE – bring your runners and jogging gear
Ice Bucket Challenge

On Friday the school raised $165 for people living with Motor Neurone Disease by holding an ice bucket challenge. Motor Neurone is a very rare disease with 1600 people a year diagnosed. The challenge was the initiated by Amy Stehn and Sapphire Paris who, along with Miss Lewis and Mr Coles, volunteered to be victims. Raffle tickets were sold and students and staff spent up big hoping to win the opportunity to pour the icy water over the victim of their choice. Winners were Corey Chenoweth, Jan Dunlop, Haylee Siorach and Mr Beggs.

Corey taking pleasure in dumping icy water on Mr Coles

Jan had the honour of giving Miss Lewis the big freeze

Haylee was happy to pour her bucket over Amy

Mr Beggs enjoyed drenching Paris way too much!
The Big Science Competition, 2014

The Big Science Competition was held on Wednesday 21st of May. This was the first year that Murtoa College participated, so the science department decided to invite two students from each class to try their hand and maybe win some prizes.

This international competition tested critical thinking and problem-solving skills as well as science knowledge and all the questions were aligned with the Australian Curriculum for Science. The competition consisted of 30 questions on contemporary issues, ran for 60 minutes and was open to students at three levels:

Junior (Yr 7 & 8)
Intermediate (Yr 9 & 10)
Senior (Yr 11 & 12)

Each student who took part received a certificate, which was presented to them at Monday’s whole school assembly. The certificates were awarded as follows:

High Distinction (top 5%) Cassie Dunlop (Intermediate)
Distinction (top 15%) Jaycob Horvat (Intermediate)
Harris Sudholz (Junior)
Credit (top 50%) Tim Boan (Senior)
Karina Drum (Intermediate)
Jayden McQueen (Intermediate)
Eadie Garth-Lindsay (Junior)

Participation
Vanessa Hocken (Senior)
Tom Dunlop (Junior)
Darcy Edgerton (Junior)
Ashton Hardingham (Junior)
Teneille Nitschke (Junior)
Jack Pidgeon (Junior)
Chloe Wilson (Junior)
Welcome back! Didn’t last week fly by? We sincerely hope that everybody had a safe and enjoyable holiday break. This term is slightly longer, with 11 weeks, and will once again be full of exciting opportunities for the students. In week 3 we will have our final CEP performance for the year and also be sending the year 4, 5 and 6 students off to Ballarat for camp. We will also be running a number of activities for the upper primary students involving careers, so that they can see the wonderful occupations on offer in the Wimmera-Mallee.

Health and Physical Education Week

This week is Health & Physical Education week and we will be conducting a number of physical activities at break times and also on Tuesday morning with the whole school. Also, on Tuesday we are encouraging students to dress up in their favourite sports clothes for a gold coin donation and the money raised will go towards purchasing break time sports equipment. The primary section is having a Healthy Food Day on Tuesday as well, so can you please make an extra effort to provide healthy options for snack and lunch tomorrow. Health & PE week walk to school will also be on Friday from the Rotunda at Marma Lake at 8:15am. Finally there will be a fun run at lunch time on Friday for our cross country runners to run from the school, around the lake and back to school.

Values Awards – Term 4, Week 1

Back row: Will Saligari, Monique Gellatly, Logan Harris, Alex Dean and Ayden Nash.

Front row: Taylan White.

Front row: Cooper McCallum, Emily Moore, Mikaela Wright, Mathes Gardy, Tilly Gawith and Oliver Moore.

Values Awards – Term 3, Week 10

Back row: Logan Petering, Breanna Bell, Alyssa Whyte and Jenna McCallum.

Front row: Wayne Nash, Logan Liao and Hayley Sudholz.
Reading Awards – Term 3, Week 10

Back row: Nicholas Adler, Shyanne Jones, Bronte Kerrins, Will Coutts, Cameron Whyte, Nadene Adler, Jenna McCallum and Will Gellatly.

Front row: Noah Coutts, Jonathon Baker, Logan Harris, Mason Coombe, Regan Bell, Tilly Gawith and Logan Liao.

Birthdays

Brent Phillips – 23rd September
Finley Goodin – 25th September
Mackenzie Goodin – 28th September
Deacan Campbell – 7th October
Aiden Hart – 16th October
Shyanne Jones – 17th October

Important Dates

Tuesday 14th October – Health & PE Week: Sports Clothes Day for gold coin donation
Friday 17th October – Health & PE Week: Walk to school from the rotunda at 8:15am
Tuesday 21st October – CEP Phillip Green Performance
Wednesday 22nd October to Friday 24th October – Year 4/5/6 Ballarat Camp
Friday 31st October – Walk to School Day (Official) from Rabl Park
Murtoa Tennis Club is offering Hot Shots again this year, beginning Saturday 25 October.

So you are able to claim your free t-shirt, please register online at hotshots.tennis.com.au/claim

(If you are registered from last year and can’t remember your tennis ID and password, click on ‘forgot your details?’ and enter your email address. These passwords will be emailed to you!)

**Junior Tennis Competition**

**SKILLS PRIZES FUN!**

Additionally, we are offering budding young tennis stars a chance to improve their skills while having lots of fun with friends on the court.

*Same time and dates as Hot Shots!*

**Commencing**

Saturday 25 October

9:30 – 10:15am

**Murtoa Tennis Club**

(8 Saturday sessions until 13 December 2014)

Kids from 5 years and up

Cost $2 per session

Child’s name ________________________________

Child’s age ________________________________

Contact phone number ______________________

Email address ______________________________

Registered? □ Yes □ No

(If you haven’t registered your child’s details (or for more information), please visit hotshots.tennis.com.au)
BASKETBALL

Due to additional players in the intermediate competition a fifth team has been added. Please check the website www.foxsportspulse.com

1st WEEK GAMES

4.30pm   Red vs Blue

5.20pm   Black Vs White

Bye: Green (new team)