This week is the start of year 12 students VCE exams. They will start with English on Wednesday. We wish all our year 12 students the best of luck with their exams in the coming weeks. Federation University will be coming to judge the PICSE (Primary Industry Centre for Science Engineering) science awards on Tuesday. The stadium will set up with all our student’s (Prep through to year 11) science projects and I would like to invite the Murtoa Community to join us in recognizing this great work. Our students will receive some very good prizes for their efforts.

I would like to remind families that now that the warm weather has arrived that we need students coming to school prepared. Hats must be worn at all times in the yard and we need to carry a water bottle so the students stay hydrated. Also, wear the appropriate school uniform so they do not get too hot.

Finally, with the holiday weekend upon us just a gentle reminder that next Monday is a curriculum day for all staff and so students are not required at school.

Minyip Field and Game School Shoot
Monday October 20 saw 23 of our students compete at the Minyip field and game school shoot competition. Both boys and girls shot well but were unplaced. Thanks to Mr Craig for organizing our students and the whole competition for over 400 external students. Thanks also for their assistance must go to Mr Argall and Mr Collins.

Year 12 final celebration
Tuesday night saw a wonderful celebration for the 2014 year 12 students. 109 people were present at the Horsham Golf club to celebrate the years’ 12 student’s conclusion to their secondary education. Mr David Martin the guest speaker did a presentation about following your passion and one can only hope that this will help the outgoing students in their pursuit of their dreams. Thanks to Tyson Lingham for organizing the venue and to Mr Vague for his organization of the evenings proceedings. 21 current staff attended the evening to support the outgoing students.

Year 4-6 Camp
Our year 4-6 students attended a 3 day Camp from Wednesday to Friday. They spent 3 days visiting Sovereign Hill and doing other interesting activities in and around Ballarat. Thank you to Mr Venn, Ms Boehm and Mrs Keel for organizing and running the camp. The students who attended had a great time.
The primary students had a great time at the final CEP performance of the year in Marnoo – see brief and photos in the following pages. It was also an exciting week for the 31 year 4, 5 and 6 students who attended the Ballarat Goldfields 2014 Camp. We had a really great time at Gum San Chinese Museum in Ararat, Sound and Light Show at Sovereign Hill, exploration day at Sovereign Hill, Ballarat Botanical Gardens, Wendouree YMCA Pool, Tangled Maze in Creswick and Ballarat Wildlife Park. It was all made better with great accommodation and food at Adekate Forest Lodge Camp in Creswick – thanks to Rob and Rose who hosted us!

Ballarat Goldfields Year 4/5/6 2014 Camp

Important Dates

Tuesday 28th October – PICSE Science Awards
Friday 31st October – Walk to School Day (Official)
Birthdays

Connor Johnson – Wednesday 29th October
Breanna Bell – Wednesday 29th October
PICSE Science Awards

On Tuesday 28th October we will be holding the PICSE Science Awards in the stadium all day. The primary students have been working very hard on investigations, experiments and inventions to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and understandings. We are really looking forward to seeing the final presentations and wish everyone the best on luck in their category. Below is the planned timetable for the day, but please understand this is the first time we have held the awards and there could be last minute changes on the day.

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**CANTEEN**

Fruit Salad $3.50 (Ice Cream Optional)
This needs to be ordered at recess for lunchtime.

**Basketball**

17 & Under players need to check the website for the new draw starting tonight.
Star of the Week

The recipients from left to right: Matthes Gardy, Mason Harris, Cameron White and Nicholas Adler

Reading Award

The recipients from left to right: Lachlan Hammond, Jake Maher and Noah Coutts.

Walk to School

On Friday 31st October we will be participating in the state wide initiative - Walk to School Day. We encourage all students to walk to school or at least part of the way. To ensure that bus students also have the opportunity to participate we will be dropping them off at the Murtoa Football Oval. We would also like to encourage parents and guardians who drive students to school, to drop them off at the Murtoa Football Oval between 8:30am and 8:45am, so they can join the bus students in the walk to school. The event has been sponsored by VicHealth in partnership with the Yarriambiack Shire and a healthy breakfast will be provided at school in celebration. We are delighted that Tim Rose, our shire Environmental Health Officer, will also be attending the event.

As part of the program we encourage students to walk to school regularly to improve health and wellbeing. The recommended minimum duration of physical activity for children is 60 minutes per day and walking to school can go a long way to achieving this level. Walking also reduces traffic and parking congestion and the associated environmental impacts. Please encourage students to participate in the program, so they can reap the health and wellbeing benefits.
Primary CEP Performance:
Murtoa College Primary students had an immensely enjoyable time at the excursion to Marnoo last Tuesday. The presenter ‘Wildman’ gave insight into indigenous life prior to the conquering of the British, across a range of Australian habitats. He presented information and artefacts that covered the following topics: clothing, medicine, utensils and tools, fire, water, bush tucker and fighting weapons. The students were encouraged to touch and closely examine all of the artefacts. This proved to be a very engaging and informative session for students of all ages.

Sally Venn
Foundation/One Teacher

Last Tuesday the Murtoa students went to Marnoo. We went to the hall to learn about aboriginal people. First we got on the bus. Next we had a snack at the playground. After that we had a play. We then got back on the bus and we went to the hall. We learnt about aboriginals and we saw Wildman. After we learnt about aboriginal people we had lunch. I really liked the excursion to Marnoo!

Recount written by Nicholas Adler
Grade 1
Literacy PLT 2014

This year we have turned our attention towards reviewing and revitalizing our teaching practices around reading instruction. Literacy is a complex field, and every child’s needs are different, so the more tools that we have at our disposal to assist them in our progress, the more chances we, and our students have of success.

To that end, after a period of review we have started using Cars and Stars in Years 7 to 9. This is a differentiated reading instruction program that provides tools to students to help them decipher text, its structure and organization. It aims to instruct students in how to approach text, as well as become more confident and independent in their reading. We’ll continue to review this program and its success into the new school year.

Effort has been put into assessment also. In order to give students accurate and effective feedback, we have spent time assessing student work together in order to come to a consensus on its merits, and strategies to improve it. This has resulted in developing and deploying rubrics that match to the standards we assess to, that help students understand what success is, and how to achieve it.

A literacy festival was held at the conclusion of Term 2, involving performance, writing, literary dating, drop everything and read time, a spelling bee and literary fashion parade.

JC, RC, SW, JB

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Yr 9/10 Fashion Design Excursion.

On Friday 24th October, ten Fashion Design students travelled to Melbourne to see the Jean Paul Gaultier exhibition “From the Catwalk to Australia” at the National Gallery of Victoria. The exhibition was a huge showing of 140 garments designed by Gaultier, including the conical bras worn by Madonna, stunning outfits designed for Kylie Minogue, Cate Blanchett and Nicole Kidman. The interactive mannequins and moving models on the catwalk displayed each outfit with fantastic effect. The multimedia presentation and his hand crafted “haute couture” was truly amazing. The students viewed a world class presentation of Gaultier’s work shown in themes such as Punk, Cancan, Skin Deep, Metropolis, Urban Jungle (showing many animal inspired and cultural works), The Boudoir and Muses. Students were also given an insight into Gaultier’s design work with a talk by a gallery education officer after the exhibition viewing.

The group also visited the Whitehouse Institute of Design in Bourke St. seeing VET and undergraduate students at work. The Institute discussed courses in Interior Design, Creative Direction & Styling as well as Fashion Design. It was great to visit such an innovative tertiary institute.

The Jean Paul Gaultier exhibition and Whitehouse Institute of Design visit were most inspiring for the students. It was a fantastic day.

Anne Randall
Fashion Design Teacher