I would like to start by congratulating 2 students on their achievements from last week. Firstly, Bella Noonan in grade 1 won a state prize. Bella along with other students in the primary section of the school entered the national water week poster competition. Not only did she win the best poster for grade 1 and 2 students in the Grampians schools section but she won the best poster for the whole state. Bella’s poster is proudly displayed in the foyer of the College administration building. Secondly, Darcy Edgerton has won another athletic title. This time he has won the under 14 boys Javelin at the Victorian All Schools Championships held on Saturday with a throw of 40.70m. Well done to both students!

The 2014 academic year is fast drawing to a close. There are only 5 weeks until the school year finishes. Year 11 start exams in week 8 followed by year 10 exams in week 9. Students need to focus on the next few weeks and make sure they finish all their learning outcome requirements. Attendance has been good this term but there is a need to make sure that this continues and students are at school. We can help them learn if they are here.

This Thursday will see a whole school assembly to celebrate lots of student’s successes. I would like to invite the Murtoa College community to join us for these celebrations. We will be celebrating the Quick Smart, PICSE, Premier Reading, Math’s Competition and Computer Competition awards. Also, our new 2015 student leaders will be introduced to the student body.

Science PICSE awards
Tuesday October 28 saw the Federation PICSE awards in our gym. Students from Prep through to year 11 participated in the inaugural awards. There were some amazing science investigations, experiments and inventions. The Murtoa community joined the students on the day and saw some great work that was put together by the students.

Curriculum Day - Coaching
On Monday November 3 staff participated in their second professional development day this semester that was aimed at inspiring them to influence, guide and ignite learning in their students through peer coaching. Marie-Therese Milani presented a whole day on how to coach each other into being better teachers. The day involved reflecting on current practice, identifying beliefs about coaching and establishing a plan to move forward. This was a very valuable professional development day for the staff in preparation for 2015.

Year 12 Exams
Our year 12 students are sitting their year 12 VCE exams at the moment. The feedback I have gained from speaking to the students who have completed exams and from the staff has all been positive. Next Friday is the last VCE exam. We will then wait for the results to come out in Mid-December.
P.I.C.S.E Science and Engineering Awards

On behalf of the Murtoa College’s teachers of Science, I would like to congratulate all those students who submitted poster boards in the P.I.C.S.E Awards held at the College on Tuesday 28th of October. The quality of the entries was amazing and a credit to the students.

A massive thank you to our judges who took time out of their busy schedules to adjudicate. The pressure of the day was well handled by the diverse range of judges. Please note that the judges’ decisions are final and no discussions will be entered into. (No matter how much I try to convince them otherwise.)

I was so proud to see so many students perform ‘outside their comfort zone’. Most may not have taken out the top awards but the experience will be worth more in the long run. I have many ‘warm fuzzy’ moments from the day and I thank the students for all their effort.

A special congratulations to all our place getters (listed alphabetically):

F – 2 – Jonathon Baker, Mason Coombe, Alex Dean, James Elliot, Matilda Gawith, Taylan White, Clare Whyte

3 / 4 – Nadene Adler, Jorja Gardy, Wayne Nash

5 / 6 – Caitlin Adler, Cleo Baker, Breanna Bell, Laelah Robertson, Hannah Whyte

7 / 8 – Jessica Brand, Emmy Dingwall, Ashton Hardingham, David Horvat, Holly Jende, Madi O’Bryan, Harris Sudholz

9 /10 – Daniel Drum, Karina Drum, Callum McLean

11/12 – Lauren Drum, Elsie Kingston, Bella Matthews, Gemma Morgan

The announcement of the final placings and the presentation of the winners’ cheques will occur at the whole school assembly on Thursday, 13th of November to be held in the stadium. All community members are welcome to attend and the winning entries will also be on display.

Caroline Teggerth

(Science Co-ordinator)
DARCY EDGERTON VICTORIAN ALL SCHOOLS

JAVELIN CHAMPION

Darcy Edgerton continues to excel in track and field as he competed in the Victorian All Schools Track & Field Championships in Melbourne on the weekend.

In the Under 14 Men’s Javelin he won with a throw of 40.70m against a very strong head wind. He won by about four metres, about four metres shy of his personal best.

He placed fourth in Long Jump, with a personal best jump of 5.33m. He was coming third until the last jump!

On Friday night he ran 12.68sec in his 100m heat, but missed the final. Not his personal best.

He chose to withdraw from the 200m. It was very hot, blustery conditions particularly for this time of year in Melbourne.

Darcy will now be off to the Australian All Schools Championships in Adelaide in December.

Murtoa College wishes him all the very best.

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Term 4 Sport Dates

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What an amazing week and half of activities we’ve had since the last newsletter! In week 4 we had the long awaited PICSE Science Awards on Tuesday 28th October in the stadium. It was an absolute credit to all of the students who presented excellent science investigations, experiments and inventions. We saw the preliminary announcement of award winners in each of the categories and cannot wait for the presentation of places and prizes on Thursday at the Whole School Assembly at 9am in the stadium.

On Friday 31st October we had the official Walk to School Day sponsored by VicHealth and supported by Yarriambiack Shire who were represented by Tim Rose their Environmental Health Officer. Their sponsorship allowed us to purchase a healthy breakfast for the entire school which certainly was a positive end to the month.

We also had a number of representatives from Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water including Phil the Bucket attend the school on Wednesday 5th November to present students with merit certificates and Bella Noonan with her special award and prizes for winning not only the region, but state too!

This week we have the Year 5 and 6 students attending Raising Aspirations in Horsham on Wednesday to promote and highlight local career opportunities. Mr Vague has been working tirelessly to organise the event and has also invited the other Dunmunkle Cluster Schools. On Friday we have six basketballers representing the school at the State Hooptime Championships in Melbourne – we wish them luck in what will be a skilful competition.

PICSE Science Awards

On Tuesday 28th October we held the PICSE Science Awards in the stadium all day. The primary students creatively demonstrated their scientific knowledge, skills and understandings. Here are some of the amazing displays:
Important Dates

**Wednesday 12th November** – Raising Aspirations Excursion for Year 5 and 6 students

**Thursday 13th November** – Whole School Assembly at 9am in the stadium to present PICSE Science Awards, Academic Awards, Values Awards, Premiers Reading Challenge Awards, QuickSmart Awards and Mathematics Competition Awards

**Friday 14th November** – Year 5/6 Hooptime Basketball Competition in Melbourne

**Wednesday 17th December** – Presentation Evening

**Friday 19th December** – Final Day of the Year
Birthdays

Cooper McCallum – Friday 7th November
Mikaela Wright – Friday 7th November
Nic Ballagh – Monday 10th November
Darcy Schultz – Friday 14th November
**Week 4 Awards**

**Back row:** Lily Adler, Tyler Wright, Eloise Harkess and Shyanne Jones.

**Front row:** Liam Wheeler and Jake Maher.

**Back row:** James Elliot, Blade Foster, Reece Hammond, Mackenzie Goodin, Amity McCallum, Lily Adler and Nicholas Adler.

**Front row:** Lyla Schultz, Hayley Sudholz, Natalie Sudholz, Clare Whyte, Mason Coombe, Bella Noonan and Matthes Gardy.

**Week 5 Awards**

**Back row:** Patrick Schier, Laelah Robertson, Blade Foster and Bella Noonan.

**Front row:** Charlett Saligari and Taylan White.

Emily Moore, Makai Penny, B'Elanna Penny-Paditz and Charlie Gawith.
Windy and wet conditions allowed for a mixed day of Super 8’s cricket at Dudley Cornell in Horsham. Cricket Australia representatives organised teams from 9 schools around the Wimmera to compete in this modified version of cricket.

The girls had three games, and the winners of the day progressed through to the state final next month.

### GIRLS Year 9/10

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Game 1 for the girls saw a nervous but cautious start with Denby Lingham and Abbey Riddell bowling steadily to Dimboola. They both scored hat-tricks. Murtoa clearly outclassed Dimboola 73 to 90.

Game 2 with St Arnaud was more intense with their proficient bowling, forcing our batters to be cautious with their runs. Olivia Howe, Karina Drum and Amy Stehn were our only bowlers to get a wicket. Denby Lingham and Bonnie Delahunty had a partnership of 23 runs; however it wasn’t enough to bring St Arnaud down, Murtoa losing 71 to 137.

Game 3 against Hopetoun was very casual with the opposition bickering amongst themselves over their team selections. Bailey Cox and Denbea McHarry both bowled a wicket but Murtoa still couldn’t match it with Hopetoun, losing 90 to 136.

Congratulations to the girls for the effort they put into their matches and also a huge thanks to Mr Metelmann for giving up his time and classes to drive and coach the girls on the day.

Joanne Baker
Sport Coordinator
Perfect conditions allowed for a successful day of Super 8’s cricket at Dudley Cornell in Horsham. Cricket Australia representatives organised teams from 14 schools around the Wimmera to compete in this modified version of cricket.

Both girls and boys teams had three games, and the winners of the day progressed through to the state final next month. The girls had the most success of the day winning all three and coming third overall by percentage. The boys started with a bye and had one loss, and one win.

**GIRES Year 7/8**

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Game 1 for the girls saw Bridget Drum and Ellen Huebner taking two wickets each. Bridget and Laura Robbins made 25 runs without a wicket.

Game 2 saw Laura Robbins, Bridget Drum, Lori Young and Ellen Huebner take one wicket each. When the game looked lost, Lori Young and Ellen Huebner put on 43 with the last wicket to steal victory from the jaws of defeat.

Game 3 against Horsham saw Maddi Morgan and Madi O’Bryan take two wickets each. Bridget Drum and Laura Robbins starred with the bat having a 36 run partnership.

**BOYS Year 7/8**

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Game 1 for the boys was a victory as we had a bye. Many brash comments and big statements were heard form the team about how they were planning to play in subsequent games.

Game 2 saw some exceptionally bad shots and loose bowling cost us the match against Marian College by under 10 runs. It was time to tighten up, stop talking and play cricket!

Game 3 was a closely fought tussle, Murtoa College prevailing with some exceptional line and length bowling to round off the game. Murtoa victorious by 6 runs.

The boys should take a few things away from the day. Always respect your opposition and if things don’t go your way keep trying and rely on the basics of batting and bowling. Watch the ball onto the bat and don’t look towards where you are going to hit it. And most importantly don’t talk about how good you are or what you are going to do, just do it!

Joanne Baker
Sport Coordinator

*The Murtoa College Girls Year 7/8 Super 8’s Cricket Team*
Laura Robbins, Madi O’Bryan, Lori Young, Ellen Huebner, Sheridan Baker, Maddi Morgan, Bridget Drum (absent for photo)*

*The Murtoa College Boys Year 7/8 Super 8’s Cricket Team*
(Back) Andrew Vague (coach), Braydan Rundell, Jordan Weyberg, Darcy Edgerton, George Robbins, Tom Dunlop, Ryan Metelmann (coach) (Middle) Riley Keel, Harris Sudholz, Jordan Weidemann, Richard Maher (Front) Angus Matthews, Jack Pidgeon, Jordan Delahunty

*Congratulations to both teams for the effort they put into their matches and also a huge thanks to Mr Vague and Mr Metelmann for giving up their time and classes to drive and coach the teams on the day.*
This year’s Raising Aspirations Day is happening on Wednesday November 12th for all Grades 5, 6 and Year 7 students in the Dunmunkle Cluster. The day will commence at 10.00am at the Trade Training Centre at Horsham College. All students will be bussed from school to Horsham. Following introductory address students will be divided into groups to tour the facilities at the Trade Training Centre and the Federation University Horsham Campus. Students will get to see training areas including hospitality, kitchen operations and front of house, automotive, building and construction, hair and beauty services, health, plumbing and electrical trades. Students will have the opportunity to see students and apprentices in action at the Federation University Campus. A particular highlight this year will be a demonstration of a 3D printer. A BBQ lunch will be provided for all students and staff on the central lawns at Federation University.

After lunch students will go on an industry visit prior to arriving back at school to travel home on their normal school buses. The aim of the day is to make students aware of some of the employment and training opportunities available in our district.

A session for all Murtoa College parents will be run at 7.00pm that night at Murtoa College titled “Career Conversations,” by our Regional Career Development Officer | Youth Pathways & Transitions Team Andrew Smith from the Footscray office of the DEECD.

Career Conversations is designed to help you:

- support your child to prepare for the future world of work
- help your child to develop skills, knowledge, attitudes and behaviours to manage their own career
- understand your child’s career journey, which starts in childhood and continues throughout their life
- help your child develop the career they want, to feel more confident and to build their own support network
- have career conversations that go beyond ‘What do you want to do when you finish school?’
- help your child to make informed decisions about their career options.

Andrew will give parents strategies they can use to assist their students in making choices about planning their career pathway. This is a great opportunity for our Cluster’s parents to access advice from a career specialist with extensive experience.

Could all parents planning to attend please notify Gary at Murtoa College 53852381 before Monday 10th November for catering purposes. A light supper will be provided.

Students from years 7 – 11 have the chance to have a lunchtime Zumba session with Beck Hendy on Tuesday 11th of November.

Students need to sign up on the sign-up sheet by Friday 7th of November!

Students will also need to bring their sports gear and a drink bottle on the day.
LEARN TO SWIM

VICSWIM Summer Kidz Program is a great way for your child to learn how to swim & stay safe in & around water!

ENROL NOW FOR SUMMER

$25* FOR 5 SESSIONS

*An additional entry cost may apply at some pools.

VICSWIM Summer Kidz is coming to a pool or beach near you. For dates, locations & times go to www.vicswim.com.au & enrol online today!
LAST CHANCE!!!!

THE PORTSEA CAMP 2015

FOR ALL CHILDREN OF THE
YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL

Sunday 11th January to Saturday 17th January 2015

Dear Parents,

The Yarriambiack Shire Council is offering a fun filled seaside holiday for all children of the Shire between the ages of 9 to 12 years. The Shire Council has provided the opportunity for children to attend this camp for many years. The children who attended have totally enjoyed themselves and many wish to return the following year.

The Portsea Camp has been running since 1946 and has a well deserved reputation for providing, safe holidays and entertainment for. Entertainment includes: snorkeling, swimming, high ropes, flying fox, giant swing, canoeing, arts & craft activities, strolls on the beach, movies, plus many more other fun things to do. If not sit back relax and watch the ferries float past and maybe see a dolphin or two swim by. A HOLIDAY NOT TO BE MISSED!!!

Total cost for each child to attend The Portsea Camp is $221.00, due to funding the Shire Council subsidies $100.00 per child for 30 spaces. If these spaces are filled the opportunity for more children to attend is available at full cost of $321.00.

All applications and payment must be handed in to Yarriambiack Shire Council office by Friday 21st November 2014. Application forms are available at the Shire Council Office (Warracknabeal). Please phone 5398 0100 if you require one to be posted.

Any adults interested in attending the camp willing to assist with children, or have any queries please contact Michelle Hallam (03) 5398 0100.

Many Thanks

Michelle Hallam  Camp Coordinator
Are you worried and anxious about anything? Family issues, difficult forms to fill in? Our Social Workers provide Counselling, Practical Assistance, Groups, Referral & Community Education. Available Monday-Friday 8.30-5pm.
This is a free and confidential service for residents in Minyip, Murtoa, Rupanyup and surrounding areas. You can meet with the Social Workers at: Community Health Centre, Murtoa, Community Health Centre, Minyip, in your own home or at another venue of your choice.

No referral is necessary – just phone the Social Workers on 53630 400. Email: socialworker@dunmunkle.com.au

Community Bus to Horsham
Tuesday 11 November, 9 December
Note Change of leaving time-later
Minyip 9.30 am
Rupanyup 9.50 am
Murtoa 10.10 am
$10 p/person
Bookings essential, 53631 200

Amalgamation Up-date
At this time we have nothing further to report as we are waiting for a response from the Minister’s office. When this occurs we will further advise. In the meantime we look forward to your support of all services each of our campuses.

Take-A-Break
Occasional Childcare
Rupanyup: Monday 3 & 17 Nov, 1 & 15 Dec
Minyip: 7 & 21 Nov, 5 Dec & 19 Dec
Give yourself a few hours break to enjoy a quiet moment, an appointment, a visit with a friend etc.
Your infant/pre-school child can be cared for by qualified carers (who undergo regular ‘Working with Children’ and ‘Police Checks’) at the local kindergarten for 3-hours, 9 am till 12 midday.
Please supply a piece for fruit for your child along with nappies, formula and any other necessities.
Milk and water is supplied.
Child Care subsidy is available to reduce the cost of childcare. Families can apply for CCB by phoning the Family Assistance Office on 136 150 or visiting the Medicare Office. Pamphlet & info available from the Take-A-Break Care or Minyip.
Bookings essential: 53631 200

Here we are, it’s November and Christmas is looming and we seem to be rushing to get things done. Its harvest and we are anxious about the future. Take time to stop and take a breath.

Look After Yourself.

Annual General Meeting
Monday 24 November
8pm
Minyip community health centre
Service Recognition and Awards
Guest Speaker: Kendra Clegg from the State Emergency Service.
We look forward to Kendra’s presentation and invite you to join us.
Supper will be served following the meeting.
All welcome