I would like to start by congratulating our Year 8 boys’ volleyball team who have won the SSV - western region finals held in Horsham and now go to the state finals on Friday November 28. Also, congratulations to our primary school hoop-time team on their efforts at the hoop-time finals in Werribee. They were very competitive on the day but did not win.

The 2014 academic year now focuses on year 11 and 10 exams. Our year 11 cohort have their last week of formal classes in preparation for their exams staring on Monday November 24. The year 10’s follow them in week 9. While all this is going on we welcome our 2015 new foundation students this Friday for their first transition day. These kindergarten students are looking forward to starting primary school and over the next few weeks will attend the college to prepare for the 2015 school year. The rest of our current students will also experience the upcoming transition period in early December to prepare for moving up a year level in 2015.

Finally, I would like to remind The Murtoa community that our presentation evening is on Wednesday December 17. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Remembrance Day
Tuesday November 11 saw 3 groups of students represent the college at Remembrance Day celebrations. 7B and 9B along with Ms Bigham and Ms Littore attended the Murtoa shrine. Mr Metelmann and 6 Rupanyup students attended the Rupanyup service in the main street. Mr Smith and 3 Minyip students attended the Minyip celebrations. Thank you to all those who help represent the college on this special occasion.

Whole school assembly
Thursday November 13 saw a whole school assembly. The Murtoa community joined the students in the gym to celebrate many awards. These included: The premier reading awards, quick smart awards, maths competition, computer competition, pice science awards, chess awards, values awards, academic awards and the introduction of the 2015 school student leaders.

Year 12 Exams
Our year 12 students have finished sitting their VCE exams. The feedback I have gained from speaking to the students who have completed exams is a sense of relief and one of being nervous as they now wait for the results to come out on Monday December 15.
REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Tuesday 11th November, Miss Bigham Mr Goodwin and Miss Littore walked 7B and 9B down to the war memorial in Murtoa to participate in the Remembrance Day ceremony. This year we are commemorating 100 years since the beginning of World War I and therefore it was especially significant that the students of Murtoa College be involved in local services. Mr Metelmann and Mr Smith took local students to Rupanyup and Minyip respectively to lay wreaths. The new Rupanyup war memorial was unveiled and it was wonderful for our students to be a part of such a special occasion. A minute silence was held at school as students paused in their classes at 11 am.

Discussions about the significance of Remembrance Day and the way it differs from ANZAC Day were had throughout the day and it was lovely to see the students of Murtoa College show respect to all service men and women who have given their lives to preserve the freedoms we take for granted every day.

_SRC Members Aaron and Karina from 9B lay a wreath on behalf of the staff and students of Murtoa College._

_Students of 7B and 9B together at the Murtoa war memorial._
It is a very important time for all of the primary students as we are beginning to work through many assessment tasks. Some of these tasks were completed in the first few weeks of school this year and now we have the chance of tracking individual student growth by comparing the two results. Although it would be fantastic to see all students achieve their applicable AusVELS benchmark, we know this is not always the case. However, by resitting assessments throughout the year we are able to measure growth and show students where they have made improvements and how they have been successful this year. There are of course many other measures we use as well which are combined to form the end of year report which will go home in the last week of school.

Last week the Year 5 and 6 students went on a local careers promotion excursion called Raising Aspirations. It entailed a visit to the Trade Training Centre and Federation University in Horsham, Emmetts in Rupanyup and Schiers Cabinet Makers in Murtoa. We also sent a small team of basketballers to Werribee for the next round of the Hoop Time competition. Please see the detailed reports later in the newsletter.

Week 6 Values Awards

Nicholas Adler, Jake Maher and Mikaela Wright.

Week 6 Reading Awards

Back row: Brent Phillips, Oscar Gawith, Nadene Adler, Bridget Botterill and Lucy Spriggs.

Front row: Finley Goodin, Jenna McCallum, Darcy Keel, Darcy Schultz, Oliver Moore and Noah Horvat.
Birthdays
Alex Dean – Tuesday 18th November
Oliver Moore – Wednesday 19th November
Cameron Whyte – Sunday 23rd November

Important Dates
Thursday 11th December – Primary Celebration
Friday 12th December – Big Day Out
Wednesday 17th December – Presentation Evening
Friday 19th December – Final Day of the Year

Transition Dates

Friday November 21
9.00am - 10.35am
(please bring food for recess)

Friday November 28
9.00am – 1.15pm
(please bring food for recess)

Parents are invited to come and enjoy a BBQ lunch with our Primary students and staff from 12.30pm to 1.15pm.

STEPS DAY
Tuesday December 9
9.00am – 3.15pm
(please bring food for recess & lunch)
Greater Western Region Volleyball
Year 8 Boys
Horsham
Wednesday 12th November, 2014

Year 8 Boys Victorious

Congratulations to the Year 8 Boys Volleyball team, coached by Shaun Bray, for winning the Greater Western Region competition at St Brigid's College on Wednesday. They won all their games to take out the pennant and now qualify for the State Finals in Melbourne on Friday 28th November.

Murtoa College wishes them all the very best.

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BRAU = Brauer College, Warrnambool
DAYS = Daylesford Secondary College
After qualifying in Horsham earlier in the year, Murtoa grade 5 & 6 students played in the Regional Finals for the Future Stars Hoop Time basketball competition. They competed against other western regional finalists from the state.

The games were very quick with two eight minute halves and very little time at game change overs.

**Game 1**
Murtoa 10 Colac West PS 11
Ronan Garth-Lindsay – 6, Will Dingwall – 2,
Cleo Baker – 2
A hard and fast match against some very tall opposition. Being their first game after a long drive, it took the students a while to warm up. As the game came was ending, they came very close to winning, losing by just one point.

**Game 2**
Murtoa 14 Bannockburn PS 22
Nic Ballagh – 8, Will Dingwall – 2,
Ronan Garth-Lindsay – 2, Logan Petering – 2
A more evenly paced game. Students tried hard against very tall opposition again. Bannockburn had ‘fresh legs’ every sub putting on four new players from the bench.

**Game 3**
Murtoa 4 Footscray City 6
Nic Ballagh – 2, Ronan Garth-Lindsay – 2
A very tough contest with many fouls. Hannah Whyte held her ground well. The last twenty seconds were intense with coaches, scorers and umpire almost in dispute regarding team fouls, free shots and the like!

**Game 4**
Murtoa 2 Bacchus Marsh 13
Logan Petering – 2
Another highly contested game with our shots just not falling in the ring. Bacchus Marsh had more success in attack and our defence fell short towards the end. The score did not reflect the competitiveness of the game.

Congratulations to all the students for the effort they put into their matches. Some games were very exciting to watch and it was great to see the way in which they could play together as a team.

Thank you to:
- Matt Baker & Gaylene Ballagh for giving up their day to coach the students;
- Jess Whyte & Carmen Petering for assisting the team and scoring the games;
- Nicole Noonan & Shannon Argall for organising the team.

If students would like a copy of the photos, please bring a USB to Joanne Baker.
Term 4 Sport Dates

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Scholastic Bookclub

The brochures for issue 8 were sent home today. This is the final Book Club for the year. Orders need to be returned to Mrs Reading by Friday November 28th.

Jenny Reading: Spark by Rachael Craw

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

During Term 3, all Murtoa College students from Years 7 to 11 competed against students from 40 different countries in the Australian Mathematics Competition.

Congratulations to the following students who received Distinction (top 15%) and Credit (top 50%) awards.

Year 7
Distinction awarded to Darcy Edgerton and Credits awarded to Thomas Dunlop, Chloe Wilson, Angus Matthews, Noah Collins-Claire, Billy Lawes and Jack Pidgeon.

Year 8
Credits awarded to Eadie Garth-Lindsay, Abraham Kingston, Ashleigh Franklin, Maddison Morgan and Karen Spriggs.

Year 9
Distinction awarded to Jaycob Horvat and Credits awarded to Daniel Drum, Karina Drum, Alayna Toporzisek, Thomas Petering, Lachlan Wilson and Breanna Russell.

Year 10
Credits awarded to Fergus Schier and Jessica Warrick.

Year 11
Distinction awarded to Josh Petering and a Credit awarded to Max Koschmann.
Above: A photo of the first place getters of the PICSE Awards.

The official placing for the PICSE awards were announced at the Whole School Assembly on Thursday. Certificates and cheques were presented by Pr. Geoff Lord, Head of Campus, Wimmera, Federation University and Jessica Sautner, PICSE Science Education Officer. It was a great way for the whole school to acknowledge the winners, and a wonderful opportunity for family to be there to celebrate their children's achievements.

The placings went as follows:

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I would also like to thank all the sponsors of the awards:-

Wimmera CMA; VFF; Wimmera Grain; Birchip Cropping Group; Yarriambiack Shire; Yarrilinks Landcare; Wimmera Development Association; DEPI Grains Innovation Centre; Longerenong; WSM LLEN; and EnviroEd;
for generously donating prize money and judges on the day. Without your assistance our day would not have been such a success.

These awards provided our student with an awesome opportunity to demonstrate their "scientist within", and all of this was made possible thanks to the staff embracing the challenge and encouraging all students to do their best. So thank you.

Next year, the awards will be held during Science Week, August 15 to 21. So start planning now.

Caroline Teggerth
(Science Co-ordinator)
Raising Aspirations Wednesday 12th November

Year 5, 6 and 7 students from Murtoa College, OLHC, Rupanyup Primary, Minyip Primary and Marnoo Primary schools attended a “Raising Aspirations Day,” last week. The day started at the Trade Training Centre at Horsham College. Dimity Obrien from the Wimmera and Southern Mallee Llen opened the day. Mal Schier from Schiers Cabinet Makers then spoke to the group about what it means to work for someone and what an employer expects from their employees.

The group was then split into 4 and taken for a tour of the training facilities at the Trade Training Centre and Horsham’s Federation Uni campus. Highlights of the tour included hair and beauty, building and construction, plumbing, furniture making, hospitality, 3D printing, electro-technology, automotive and health services. Following the tour students enjoyed a bbq lunch and drink on the lawns at Federation University.

In the afternoon students visited Scheir cabinet makers Murtoa factory for a guided tour from Mal. It was a great opportunity to see a thriving local business in action. Students then went to Emmetts of Rupanyup for a tour of the workshop and a close look at some of the latest headers and tractors. Thanks to Mal, Josh and Anton for organising these sessions.

That night a parent session “Career Conversations,” was held at school. A small but dedicated group enjoyed the guest presenter Andrew’s presentation. He gave parents ideas and a framework to start career conversations with their students. Thanks to all parents who attended.

It is important we continue to have discussions with our students about what types of jobs they may be interested in as early as possible. This is the second year we have run an “Aspirations Day. A big thankyou to Fed Uni, the Wimmera and Southern Mallee Llen, and the Horsham College Trade Training Centre for their continued support. Well done to all of the Murtoa Staff members involved. I look forward to the Dunmunkle Aspirations day in 2015.
The Gold Coast camp is returning to Murtoa College. Students in Years 8 – 11 for 2015 will be given the opportunity to participate in an end of year multi-year level school camp. The camp will run in the second last week of school, Term 4 travelling to the Gold Coast (Sunday Dec 6 – Friday Dec 11). There will be a minimum requirement of 40 students to ensure the camp runs. The cost of the camp will be approximately $617 p/student.

All students who express interest and are accepted to go must pay for the camp plus their year level camp in full. There will be 3 deposits throughout 2015 to ensure the cost is manageable for parents (dates will be advised in early 2015). As with all camps and excursions, only students who display exemplary behaviour and effort will be permitted to go. If many students express interest there will be in information evening in week 9 of Term 4, 2014.

If you would like to express interest in this camp (You are not committing as yet) please tear off this slip and have your child return it to the school by Friday 21st November. If there is limited interest the camp will not run. If you have any questions regarding the camp please call Ryan Metelmann at the school, or send an e-mail to metelmann.ryan.c@edumail.vic.gov.au. A travel itinerary is also included with this newsletter.

* Please note a deposit of $100 may be required in early December 2014.

Please tear off and return to school (you may tick more than one box)

I _________________ would like to express interest in my child/children
_____________________________________attending the Gold Coast school camp in 2015.

I _______________would like to know more information about this excursion, and can be contacted on____________________

I ___________________________ would be interested in attending an information night about this camp.
GOLD COAST TRIP 2015 – Travel Itinerary

Sunday - December 06, 2015
Coach Travel
School to Gold Coast

A mid morning departure, with express travel to the Gold Coast stopping where and when necessary (please note no meals supplied on express / overnight travel).

Monday - December 07, 2015
Coach Travel
Arrive on Gold Coast

Arrive on the Gold Coast this morning.

Wet ‘N’ Wild Water World
Admission

This morning it's off to Wet'n'Wild to get the kinks of long distance travel out of your system while enjoying a wide variety of water activities.

Multi Shared Accommodation

Duration from 07/12/2015 to 10/12/2015 - 3 nights

(Meals)
Dinner

Tuesday - December 08, 2015

(Meals)
Breakfast & Dinner

Dreamworld Theme Parks
Dreamworld - Admission

Visit Dreamworld - Australia's premier theme park - offering a variety of rides, entertainment and quality education programs for a unique learning experience.

Wednesday - December 09, 2015

(Meals)
Breakfast & Dinner

Movie World
Admission

Spend today at ‘Hollywood on the Gold Coast’, Movieworld promises a star studded look behind the scenes of making movies. Take a journey into fantasy with some of Hollywood’s most colourful legends on the Looney Tunes Studio Tour.

Thursday - December 10, 2015

(Meals)
Continental Breakfast

School Arrangements
Rest of the day, free at leisure

Coach Travel
Gold Coast to School

Leave the Gold Coast late afternoon for overnight express travel to school (please note no meals supplied on express / overnight travel).

Friday - December 11, 2015
Coach Travel
Arrive back at school

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY: TO PROVIDE A TOWEL & TOILETRIES
You are invited to the
2014 Christmas Giving Tree Launch
Tuesday 18 November 10.30am
Murtoa Community Health Centre

All Welcome
You may wish to bring along a gift or you may select a gift tag from the Christmas Tree, purchase an appropriate gift and return it to:

The Murtoa Community Health Centre
18 November - 12 December
Mon-Fri 8.30am-5pm, Sat & Sun 9am-1pm

Minyip Community Health Centre
18 November - 12 December
Mon-Fri 8.30am-5pm

Rupanyup Doctor’s Surgery
18 November - 12 December
Mon-Fri 8.30am-5pm

Priceline Pharmacy Depot, Rupanyup
18 November - 12 December
Mon-Thu 12.30-5.30pm, Fri 10-12pm & 12.30-5.30pm

All gifts received will be distributed to families within the Murtoa, Rupanyup and Minyip Districts by social workers at Dunmunkle Health Services.

For further information on how you may wish to participate or access the gift and/or food hamper appeal please contact Kylie or Maxine, Dunmunkle Health 5363 0400.

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