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Last week we were officially told that Mrs Anne Gawith has been appointed the ongoing Principal of Dimboola MSC. I am sure the whole community will join with me in congratulating her on the appointment and wishing her great success in her new challenge at Dimboola. Murtoa College will now commence the process of finding a new ongoing Assistant Principal to replace Mrs Anne Gawith.

One of the most important aspects of school governance is student voice. This is an element that involves the students having clear leadership opportunities and the ability to have their ideas heard. Murtoa College has always provided opportunities for students to develop their leadership and we have continued to provide these opportunities in a range of ways.

The college captains for 2015 have been decided. The aim of this was to have senior students be the school leaders of the student body and for them to represent the college. We have been well served by the previous college captains and vice captains. They are listed on the honour board in the foyer of the administration building.

The selection process for 2015 started at the beginning of the term with ten students putting themselves forward to be considered for the college captain and vice-captain positions. The selection panel were spoilt for choice. The selection process involved an application and an interview.

At the conclusion of the process, the panel decided on two captains and two vice-captains. In 2015 Murtoa College Captains will be Max Koschmann and Caitlin McQueen. The College Vice-Captains will be Lauren Drum and Gemma Morgan.

I am looking forward to them being outstanding leaders of the college and I believe that they will continue in the same vein as their predecessors.

The place of leadership in the college context can be best summed up by the former US President, John F. Kennedy, who stated “leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.”

Finally, I would like to again remind The Murtoa community that our presentation evening is on Wednesday December 17. I look forward to seeing many of you there.
Foundation Transition
Friday November 28 saw the 2015 foundation students attend day 2 of their transition. 12 very excited students had their second morning of primary school. They were here for 4 periods and were made to feel very welcome by the current foundation class who will be grade 1 students in 2015.

Year 8 Volleyball
The year 8 boys’ volleyball team travelled to Melbourne on Friday to play in the state finals. They made it through the round robin games beating Maribyrnong SC, the sports excellence school. They then played Kew SC in the semi-final. They did not beat them but played very well. Finishing equal 3rd in the state is a fantastic result. Congratulations to the team and thank you to Mr Bray who drove the bus and coached the team.

Junior News
Swimming
The Swimming program began today, with all students in the Primary enjoying a 30 minute lesson. Students will be swimming each day in their class groups. Lessons will be supervised by Heidi Sudholz who is an Austswim Qualified teacher, Mrs Noonan, Mrs Keel and Maddy Belleville
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Swimming Times

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On Friday 5th of December students will be involved in a Swimming Carnival with OLHC. This will begin at 1.30pm. Parents are encouraged to come along to this day and watch their child demonstrate skills learnt throughout the week.

A reminder that the yellow note sent home last week is due, this refers to how your child will be going home on Friday at the conclusion of the Swimming Sports. Bus kids will be brought back to school.

Primary Big Day Out
This year on Friday 12th of December, the Primary students will be involved in a ‘Day Out’ to Horsham. Students in year F-3 will be going to Kids Capers followed by lunch at Adventure Island, whilst students in year 4-6 will be involved in water activities such as canoeing near Adventure Island, then joining the others for lunch. Students will then go to the Movies before heading back to school.
Permission forms for this excursion have been sent home and are due back at school by Monday 8th of December.

Murtoa Basketball
This coming Wednesday the 3rd of December Tony Goodwin (School Principal) will be conducting a basketball clinic at Murtoa Stadium for all of the Junior Competition Players. This will be from 4pm - 5pm.

Any questions call Marie on 53852604 or 0419852227.
Federation University Hairdressing and Beauty Awards

On Friday night, Yr 10 student Georgia Belleville was awarded the ‘Outstanding Certificate II in Makeup & Skincare VETis – Winner for 2014’.

Former student Tegan Kerrins was awarded the ‘3rd Year Apprentice of the Year for Trade School, 2014’ award in Hairdressing. Congratulations to both of you from everyone here at Murtoa College.

Second Foundation Transition Day

The 2015 Foundation students enjoyed another wonderful day at school. They made patterns, read books, sang a song together and played on the playground, amongst many other fun activities. We finished the day with a BBQ lunch together. We look forward to the third and final transition day, as part of Steps Day on Tuesday the 9th of December.

Sally Venn
Foundation/One Teacher
Week 8 Values Awards

Cameron Whyte, Emily Moore, Darcie Telpuk and Tilly Gawith

Week 8 Reading Awards

Back row: Reece Hammond, Logan Harris, Mikaela Wright, Bella Noonan, Lochie Hammond and Mason Coome.

Front row: Taylan White, Liam Wheeler, Matthes Gardy, Emily Moore and Darcie Telpuk.

Important Dates

Monday 1st to Thursday 4th December – Primary Swimming
Friday 5th December – Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 9th December – Steps Day (for all year levels)
Thursday 11th December – Primary Circus Celebration and Year Six Graduation
Thursday 11th December – Year Six Graduation Dinner at the Railway Hotel from 6pm
Friday 12th December – Big Day Out
Wednesday 17th December – Presentation Evening
Friday 19th December – Final Day of the Year
This year our Year 8 students participated in two SEPEP units for Speedball and Flag Rugby. The Sport Education in Physical Education Program (SEPEP) is a curriculum model for use in school physical education programs. SEPEP relies on teachers and students to create a particular form of social system within physical education lessons known as student centered learning.

Within normally scheduled physical education lessons, matched mixed ability teams are formed at the start of a four to five session competitive season. This season exhibits many parallels with community sport. Teachers shape the learning environment to enable students to assume far greater responsibility for their own learning. In this environment students are developing social and cognitive skills along with sport skills. SEPEP enables students to fulfill roles such as umpiring, acting as a team coach or captain, serving on a sports board or working as a publicity officer or a school-community links officer.

Last week during our Physical Education session the Year 8 students presented a DVD showing highlights of the Flag Rugby competition and the votes for best players were announced with a power point display. This end of unit celebration was a reward for the conduct and participation of students throughout the duration as they completed their roles including equipment managers, statisticians, publicity officers, selection committee, special event managers and media.

Students who were a part of the Selection Committee decided on five even teams to create an equal competition over the duration of the unit.

Every week Mr Sachse drove students in the Equipment Managers group down to the Murtoa town oval before school to set up the fields and get all the required equipment ready for the competition to begin as soon as students arrived at the start of our lessons.

Students in the Publicity Officers group would then announce the draw of the competition for the day and which team was on duty. The team on duty would video parts of the games, referee other teams playing then give three votes for best girl and boy players and score.

At the end of each round, students in the Statistician Group would take the scores and organise a weekly ladder that they would then put up on the noticeboard in the stadium.

If need be, a Tribunal Group may be formed to deal with rough/dangerous and/or unnecessary play. One student from each team will sit in a meeting with the reported player, the umpires who filed the report and an independent teacher. The outcome to be determined whether or not the student should be suspended from the competition and for how long if they are deemed guilty.

The winners of the competition were presented with prizes purchased with the money collected by the students throughout both units.

Right: Year 8 students watch the vote count and media presentation of the Flag Rugby SEPEP unit they have just completed.
**LEFT:** Harris Sudholz & Eadie Garth-Lindsay receive their best and fairest trophies from Karen Spriggs and Kate McIntyre-May (Special Events Group)

**Right:** Lachlan Deane, Bailey Logan and Abe Kingston with their power point presentation with the vote count for the girls and boys

**Left:** George Robbins is congratulated by the Special Event Managers group and presented with a participation certificate made by Jasmine Monk.
Right: Adam Birch and Zach Loats in front of their media presentation of the Flag Rugby unit which was very entertaining!

Above: Team SUPER HERO SQUAD players, winners of the Flag Rugby Competition Year 8 SEPEP Competition
Ashton Hardingham, Jasmine Franklin, Lachlan Deane, Bailey Logan, Harris Sudholz (Ashleigh Franklin absent)

Many thanks to all parents for contributing a couple of dollars for each of the competitions and especially those who sent along a plate of morning tea for the students to share during the presentation session.

Joanne Baker & Nathan Sachse – Year 8 Physical Education teachers

Murtoa Swimming Pool Inc.
School Fees 2014/2015

$3 single entry
$20 single school pass
$35 family school pass
STATE FINALS
VOLLEYBALL
Year 8 Boys
Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre,
Albert Park
Friday 28th November, 2014

Murtoa Team Competes in State Finals

Congratulations to the Year 8 Boys Volleyball team, coached by Shaun Bray, for making the State Finals at MSAC on Friday. They had a win and a loss to make the crossover semifinal, unfortunately losing to Kew High School, which took them out of the final. This is still a fantastic achievement to play in the State Semi Final, and we commend them for their achievement.

Murtoa had an early start at 9.30am against Eltham College. When in a rally, Murtoa were very competitive but the boys had trouble receiving Eltham’s strong serves and bigger hits. Jordy Weidemann was our Libero for that game and he did his best to lead Murtoa’s defence but the team ended up losing 20-6, 20-7.

In the second game against Maribynong College, the Murtoa boys had had the advantage of previously watching Maribynong play Eltham when another school was a late withdrawal. This game had increasing importance for the Murtoa team; a win would see Murtoa progress through to a semi-final crossover game and a loss would see them leave for the Wimmera before 11.30am.

A changed line up and a focus on defense, saw Murtoa College win in three sets; 20-18, 8-20, 15-9. Jack Pidgeon had a chance to play Libero and our serving in the first and third sets was a highlight!

After a two and a half hour break, Murtoa College went into one of two semi-finals against the first place of the other pool – Kew. Angus Matthews was our Libero and although the boys played their best game for the day, they just could not get past Kew’s intimidating blocks. They went down in two sets; 20-9, 20-7.

The behaviour and effort of the team throughout the day was excellent and coach Shaun Bray commented that it was a pleasure to take them. The boys continued to improve as the day went on and the spirit and sportsmanship shown against very good opposition was pleasing to see. A big thank you must go to parent, Julie Weidemann for her support and assistance. Julie as always, was there before dawn, transporting students to Murtoa College at 4.30am and scored Murtoa’s games throughout the day. Murtoa College is very fortunate to have such wonderful, supportive parents.

Congratulations to the boys and Mr Shaun Bray for their efforts.
2014 Primary Circus and Year Six Graduation

Thursday December 11
12.45pm to 3.15pm
BBQ provided