I would like to start by reminding The Murtoa community that our presentation evening is on Wednesday December 17. It is at the Murtoa Mechanics Hall and is starting at 7pm. We ask that you be seated by 6.45pm.

As we get close to the finish of the school year I would like to emphasise how important it is for parents/guardians to collect school reports. These documents are a detailed record of student’s achievements in the second half of this year. Our staff spent a long time preparing these in depth documents. There is pressure on our staff to get this record right so that parents/guardians get a clear picture of where their children are at with their learning. Consequently, it is just as important that these reports go home and are read and discussed. Please make sure you collect the respective reports.

Congratulations once again to Darcy Edgerton who continued his track and field exploits at the Australian All Schools Track and Field Championships in Adelaide on the weekend. He represented Victoria in Javelin and Long Jump. In the Under 14 Boy’s Javelin he won a bronze medal and he finished equal fifth in Long Jump.

2015 will commence on Thursday January 29 for all students. The staff will return on Wednesday January 28 and book distribution day will be from 12 noon on Tuesday January 27.

**Junior School Captains**
The Junior School Captains were decided last week and announced at F-6 assembly on Thursday. The grade 5 students went through a rigorous process and the conclusion has seen the following students become the 2015 F-6 school captains.

- Nic Ballagh – Junior College Captain
- Monique Gellatly – Junior College Captain
- Breanna Bell – Junior College Vice-Captain
- Darcy Schultz – Junior College Vice-Captain
Hands on Learning
The students involved in hands on learning celebrated their end of year with a day out at Toys. They played mini-golf then had a celebration lunch in the Chinese restaurant. The program has helped 8 of our ‘at risk’ students reconnect with school and has been a major success. Thank you to Matt Hurley and Jenni Downer for running the program on a Wednesday and to Mr Vague for administering it.

DARCY EDGERTON WINS BRONZE
AUSTRALIAN ALL SCHOOLS TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS
Adelaide, December 6 & 7, 2014

Darcy Edgerton continued his track and field exploits competing at the Australian All Schools Track and Field Championships in Adelaide on the weekend. Darcy qualified for Under 14 Men’s Long Jump and Javelin.

Darcy finished equal fifth in Long Jump, smashing his personal best by half a metre!

In the Under 14 Men’s Javelin he won bronze. He threw under his personal best, which would have won him silver.

Congratulations Darcy on your achievements!
PRIMARY NEWS

We have another very busy, but exciting week ahead with Steps Day, Primary Celebration and Year 6 Graduation, Year 6 Graduation Dinner and Big Day Out.

Tomorrow we are all stepping up a year level into the 2015 classes for Steps Day. There will be some changes with staffing and we are very pleased as a school to announce these today. In 2015 there will also be some changes in timetables related to departmental curriculum alterations which we must adhere.

On Thursday we will be holding our 2014 Primary Celebration and Year 6 Graduation starting with a barbeque lunch from 12:45pm on the primary deck and fake grass. At the end of the lunch break (1:35pm) students, parents and teachers will make their way over to the stadium for the circus performance. At the conclusion of the circus we will watch a video showing all of the wonderful events the primary students have participated in throughout the year and then a year 4/5/6 camp video. Following these will be the Year 6 Graduation with presentations of Murtoa College glasses, brief speeches from the Year 6 students and a Year 6 video.

On Friday we are all heading to Horsham for the Primary Big Day Out. The Foundation to Three students are going to Kids Capers and the Year Four to Six students are canoeing in the Wimmera River near the Apex Adventure Island. After a brief lunch break we will then all head to Horsham Centre Cinema to watch a movie

Week 9 Values Awards

Back row: B’Elanna Penny-Paditz, Mackenzie Goodin and Harry Reither.

Front row: Tilly Gawith, Ayden Nash and Mason Coombe.

Week 9 Reading Awards

Back row: Tyler Wright, Shyanne Jones, Logan Petering and Lydia Moore.

Front row: Tilly Gawith, Nicholas Adler, Noah Coutts and Charlie Gawith.

Important Dates

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
Monday 15th December – Activity Day 1
Tuesday 16th December – Activity Day 2 and Primary Swimming Afternoon
Wednesday 17th December – Presentation Evening
Friday 19th December – Final Day of the Year
100% Scores on PAT Maths 3

Eloise Harkess and Lydia Moore.

PAT Maths – Big Improvers

Fraser Adler, Bronte Kerrins and Jenna McCallum.

Front row: Cody Bell, Will Dingwall, Mikey Collins-Clarke and Caitlin Adler.

Back row: Will Coutts, Jade Saligari and Larrissa Crawford.

Back row: Bree Rundell, Cleo Baker, Mackenzie Goodin, Lucy Spriggs and B’Elanna Penny-Paditz.

Front row: Shyanne Jones, Monique Gellatly, Hannah Whyte and Harry Reither.
JUNIOR GOLF HOLIDAY PROGRAMS
COME & TRY GOLF, at the Horsham Golf Club

Students: 14-17 years of age, come try a great Sport!

Monday Dec 15; 18 & 19 at 9am: Girls Golf Package Cost $15.00
Tuesday Dec 16; 18 & 19 at 9am: Boys Golf Package Cost $15.00

Package includes: Each Day - 1 hour of practise and rules, plus 9 holes of play

NOTE: Players MUST enter by 12 noon Sunday 14th December 2014.
Entries to: Elaine Breuer 5382 4846 / 0428 824846; or Pro Shop 53823312

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JUNIOR GOLF COMPETITIONS
at the Horsham Golf Club

9am - Monday 5, 12 & 19 of January 2015 Fee $5 per day / 18 holes

- Sections each for Handicap & Non-Handicap Boys & Girls
- ENTRIES to: Elaine Breuer 582 4846 / 0428 824846; or Pro Shop 5382 3312
  by 12 noon each Sunday prior (eg: 4th Jan for play 5th Jan)

Zumba Fitness MASTERCLASS – FUN for ALL!
In order to participate, please bring along a donation of non-perishable food items to the value of what the class would normally cost.
These donations will be given to Dunmunkle Health to distribute locally this Christmas.
Thanks in advance for your support!!
Zumba Fitness with Bec, 0418 391 563
Murtoa Hall – 6.30pm SHARP! Be early 😊
Monday 15th December

Parental Consent required on the night!!!!!
No consent, No participation sorry guys!!