I will start with some congratulations. The Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly held their annual 2014 Sport star awards last Monday night. The Murtoa College community was well represented at the awards, especially our volleyball program. Congratulations go to the community members who won the following awards:

- Team of the year: Under 17 girls volleyball team
- Coach of the year: Mr Shaun Bray
- Unsung hero of the year: Mr Shannon Argall

The volleyball program is an integral part of the college and something that we are very proud of. Shannon Argall and Shaun Bray provide a fantastic opportunity for many of our students and need to be publicly thanked for the successes last year. We look forward to another great year and wish them all the best as they strive to achieve more success.
The second congratulation is extended to Darcy Edgerton who competed in the Victorian Athletics Championships last weekend. He competed in the U/15 100m, Long Jump and Javelin. His results were as follows:

- Won Gold in the Javelin with a throw of 40.06mm
- 5th in the Long Jump with a jump of 5.31m
- 11th in the 100m in a time of 12.63 seconds

Well done Darcy on achieving these great results!

**Primary Information Session**

Thank you to the F-6 staff led by Mr Venn for running a very informative session for interested parents last Monday. The parents who attended were able to gain some value information concerning their children’s learning. They were given advice on how to assist their children at home and outside the classroom. A very productive meeting!

**School Council**

The first meeting for 2015 occurred last Tuesday. All the reports that were presented and the items discussed in general business indicated that the college has started the year quite well.

**Year 11 Peer Support training**

Wednesday saw the year 11 peer support students do their training. Thank you to Mrs Chapman for organising the day! Now that the students are trained they will provide very important mentoring and support for the year 7 students.

**VCE study day**

Our year 12 VCE students attended the annual VCE study day in Horsham on Friday. These sessions are important in that they give the students direction and good solid advice on how to approach their study during this very demanding year.

**Uniform**

Congratulations and a big thank you to the overwhelming majority of students who are wearing correct school uniform with pride. You look sensational. All students have a hat on in the yard and are making a strong effort to do the right thing during this very warm weather. Little things make a big difference. Could parents please support our efforts and check the small things like correct socks? White socks with a small logo or stripe are acceptable, grey or black socks are not.

**School Council Elections**

Nominations for parents remain open for today. If, anyone requires a nomination form please ask at the office. Nominations close 4pm on Wednesday February 18.

**Horsham Buses**

We have completed week 3 of the term and have now been able to establish a consistent bus usage. At this stage we will be able to offer casual bus usage on a **Wednesday** only. This is the day that year 11 and 12 students do not come to school. If, any student is interested in taking up this offer please go to the office and ask for a casual bus pass.
A big thanks to the 2015 bus captains for taking on their roles with enthusiasm. This year we have the following students as captains:

Jackson Siding: Elsie Kingston (captain) and Abe Kingston (assistant).
Jung: Tiah Landwehr (captain) and Matt Arber (assistant).
Lallat Plains: Denby Lingham (captain) and Maddi Morgan (assistant).
Lubeck: Erika Ritosa (captain) and Richard Maher (assistant).
Minyip: Connor Marsh (captain) and Tom Birch (assistant).
Horsham Small: Brandon Roll (captain) and Bailey Cox (assistant).
Horsham Main: Josh McPhee (co-captain), Jordan Cox (co-captain) and Abbey Riddell (assistant).

These students have a big responsibility and are leaders among their peers. They must mark rolls and help ensure all bus travellers act in a responsible way.

**Student Safety Near Buses**

Safety is of paramount importance. It is crucial that students understand and adhere to the following safety measures:

- Students must wait at bus stops in an orderly fashion and must not approach their bus until it has stopped.
- In order to avoid the necessity for haste, students should ensure punctual arrival at the bus stop.
- Boarding and alighting from the bus must be conducted in an orderly manner.
- Alighting passengers must immediately move away from the vehicle and must wait on the same side of the road until the bus has moved off.
- Students must not attempt to cross the road until the bus has cleared the stop and they have a clear view in both directions.
- Students must under no circumstances approach, run beside, or attempt to touch the bus as it moves away.
- Parents waiting for students at a bus stop should wait on the same side of the road as the bus in order to eliminate the risk of students running across the road.
- Students who ride bikes to their bus stop should obey the road rules and ride in a responsible manner.

**Student Behaviour**

Travel on the buses is a privilege which can and will be withdrawn if a student’s behaviour warrants it. Students are expected to behave in a manner that will bring credit to themselves and the school. This involves courtesy towards the driver, passengers and other road users. Normal school rules apply to students travelling on buses.

**Students must:**

- Remain properly seated in their allotted seats.
- Not raise their voice above a normal conversation level.
- Place all litter in the receptacle provided.
- Maintain acceptable standards of dress.
- Obey all reasonable instructions of the bus captain, teacher or driver.
- Not physically interfere with any other student.
- Not gamble.
- Not throw items out of the bus windows.
- Not have any part of their person protrude from the bus.
- Not throw or flick any items around inside the bus at any time.
- Maintain high standards of hygiene so that they will not be offensive to, or dangerous to, the health of others.

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**CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE 2015**

**IMPORTANT:** For ALL families wishing to access the conveyance allowance for 2015.

To be eligible a student must:

- A Victorian resident
- School aged and enrolled (3) three or more days per week at a school, and
- Attend their closest government or non-government school/campus, appropriate to their year level, at which admission is permissible, and is located outside the Melbourne metropolitan conveyance boundary
- Reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended

If approved the allowance payable is based on the one way distance to make the journey to and from school.

If you feel you are eligible please contact the office to receive an application form before Friday 27th February, 2015.

For families who have already received a conveyance allowance in the past you must **REAPPLY. NEW APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE DONE.**

It is also the parent/guardian responsibility to supply a map of distance travelled to your nearest bus stop. Bing maps will be a good internet site to do this and the website is [http://www.bingmaps.com/](http://www.bingmaps.com/)

For more information please contact the General Office.
Last Wednesday we took the Year One to Six students to the Murtoa Swimming Pool to reinforce the skills which were taught in Term Four. It was a very enjoyable afternoon and we also had some races for the upper primary students who were interested in possibly competing in the Black Ranges Primary Swimming in a couple of weeks’ time. The Foundation students are beginning to settle into the routine of school, however, it is still a very trying time for them. Often students take time to settle in properly and get used to the long school day. It has been great to see the older students assisting them in the yard too.

Competitions
There are two fantastic competitions open to primary aged students which we are very interested in – Shoot for the Stars and Australia: The Story of Us – Primary School Challenge.

Shoot for the Stars - nbnco.com.au/stars

The NBN is about to launch two satellites into orbit. They will be used to help bring high-speed broadband to rural and regional Australia.

If you're between five and twelve years old, we'd like you to come up with a drawing or painting to decorate the nose cone of one of the rockets that will carry a satellite into space. Your design should show ‘How the NBN will make Australia a better country’.

See the website for further details.

Australia: The Story of Us – Primary School Challenge

HELP YOUR SCHOOL KICKSTART 2015 WITH A $10,000 GRANT PLUS GREAT REWARDS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Australia: The Story of Us Primary School Challenge is a weekly online quiz for primary school students and their parents. Starting soon, watch Australia: The Story of Us on the Seven Network or affiliates every Sunday night, then come back to this website to answer the quiz questions related to that episode.

Students must be in primary school years 4, 5, 6 or 7 and aged 9-13 years to be eligible to play along.


Mr Brad Venn
Acting Assistant Principal

Students of the Week

Back row: Darcy Schultz, Will Coutts, Brylee Briggs and Bronte Kerrins.

Front row: Matilda Gawith and Logan Harris.

Birthdays

Emily Moore – Monday 9th February (belated)
SECONDARY Swimming Standards & Twilight Swimming Carnival

- **SWIMMING STANDARDS** Wednesday February 18 Periods 5-6 PLEASE NOTE: SCHOOL BUSES LEAVING FROM THE POOL

Every student will be timed at swimming two laps of Freestyle, Backstroke, Breast stroke and Butterfly. If students aren’t strong swimmers, they are encouraged to jump in and have a go to get a point for their house. If students don’t get in the water and do a couple strokes, their house will MISS OUT ON THE POINTS. If students absolutely can’t swim, they may use a kick board or a life jacket to move a couple of metres then hop out. If students swim fast (within the standard times for their age group), they may be awarded extra points, either 2 or 3 depending on their time.

YEAR 7 students will be on the Year 7 Camp when the Swim Standards are run, however they will have their times taken during swimming lessons in Phys Ed/Sport classes.

- **SWIMMING CONSENT FORMS**

These are to be handed back to your FORM TEACHERS or in the box inside the STUDENT ENTRY. Also pool memberships (if you don’t already have one and prefer not to pay $3 as you go), this money is to be taken to the GENERAL OFFICE. Information was given to students last week.

- **TWILIGHT SWIMMING CARNIVAL** Tuesday February 24 2pm - 6.30-7pm

There is no school in the morning on this day. Students are expected to attend the carnival from 2.00pm to approx. 6.30 - 7.00pm at the Murtoa Pool. There will only be a special Horsham bus with specific pick-up times run for Horsham students, all other bus travellers will need to arrange their own transport to and from the event. ROLLS will be marked at the pool and it is a compulsory activity for students to attend, even if they aren’t swimming. PARENTS, FRIENDS & FAMILY ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND TO SUPPORT THEIR STUDENTS. We are also looking for PARENT SWIMMERS to volunteer for the STAFF v STUDENT v PARENT relay race.

- **HOUSE T-SHIRTS** – twilight carnival is FANCY DRESS

Students are encouraged to purchase a t-shirt in their house colours from the office for $10. They come in PURPLE for DEGENHARDT HOUSE, BRIGHT GREEN for MEIER HOUSE and BRIGHT ORANGE for WATERSON HOUSE. They are to be worn for any house competition such as swimming standards, swimming sports, athletics standards, athletics sports & cross country. Students may decorate them if they choose.

- **MURTOA COLLEGE SWIMMING CAPS**

This year we have purchased new swimming caps with the Murtoa College logo. Students will wear these for the Black Ranges Swimming Carnival this term. They are white silicone caps with navy writing. Students may also purchase their own for $10. See Joanne Baker if you are interested.

- **POOL FEES**

Students will need to pay $3 each time they go to the Murtoa Pool for Phys. Ed. classes or whole school activities like the Swimming Standards and the Swimming Carnival. Some students may already have a pool membership at the Murtoa Pool, which you should indicate on your Swimming Consent Form. If students do not have a Season Pass, they may wish to purchase a STUDENT PASS, which costs $20 per student or $35 for two or more students in the one family. These memberships may be paid at the GENERAL OFFICE. Please put the correct money in an envelope with your name clearly marked on the outside.
Students need to arrive at the pool by 1.45pm at the latest. Secondary students are not required at school in the morning as there are no classes for secondary students on this day.

This is a compulsory school day and it is expected that all students will attend. Students who attend our sports days (swimming, athletics and cross-country) are eligible for participation in other sporting competitions such as basketball, tennis, etc. **Students who do not attend without a valid excuse are NOT eligible to participate in other sporting competitions. Students are not permitted to leave the pool during the sports.**

**Parents:** Parents, families and friends are encouraged to attend to support the students and their events. We are also seeking parents to swim in the PARENTS Vs. STUDENT Vs. STAFF relay, so bring your togs!

**Food:** It is yet to be confirmed whether or not the SRC students will be running a BBQ as a fundraiser. The pool canteen will be open for light refreshments.

**Seating:** Parents may wish to bring their own chairs.

**Sun safety:** Please remember to wear a **broad brimmed hat** and **t-shirt**, and apply **sunscreen** and insect repellent (if required) regularly throughout the day.

**Clothing:** Fancy dress in your **HOUSE COLOURS** as well as swimming gear, rash top, towel, goggles (if required).

**Please note:** The swimming carnival runs as a school day and it is expected that all students will attend. Any student who does not attend will be deemed absent and will need to provide a written note explaining their absence.

**Travel Arrangements**

Parents of secondary student bus travellers (except those who travel from Horsham) are advised that they will need to provide students with transport to and from the pool.

**Horsham Buses:** The Horsham buses will run on altered schedules and routes. All Horsham **secondary students** will travel on the **57-seat Main Bus** on an altered route, and will arrive at the pool and depart for home after the Swimming Carnival. Students who normally travel on the 20-seat Toyota will need to meet the bus at either Wawunna Rd Shops or Dooen Rd (Edith St) stops.

Times in the evening for drop-off in Horsham have been estimated to the best of the driver’s knowledge. Your patience will be appreciated if they are not 100% accurate on the day.

The timetable is as follows:

**Horsham Main Bus to Murtoa**

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1:31 pm Henty/Wimmera Hwy 200 metres north Riverside Rd
1:33 pm River Heights Rd & Henty Highway
1:53 pm Arrive at Murtoa Pool

**Horsham Main Bus to Horsham**
7:00 pm Depart Murtoa Pool
7:20 pm River Heights Rd & Henty Highway
7:22 pm Henty/Wimmera Hwy 200 metres north Riverside Rd
7:23 pm 148 Dooen Rd
7:24 pm Dooen Rd and Edith St
7:25 pm Dooen Rd Shops
7:27 pm McPherson St (Roberts Ave)
7:29 pm McPherson St, Showgrounds
7:32 pm Corner of Hamilton Rd and Golf Course Rd
7:34 pm Haven Primary School
7:45 pm Cnr Natimuk Service Rd and Bennett Rd
7:47 pm Churchill Rd and Berry Crt
7:49 pm O’Connor and High St
7:51 pm Wawunna Rd Shops
7:53 pm Cnr Mills Ave and Wawunna Rd

All Horsham based primary students will travel on the 20-seat Toyota Bus on its regular route, with extra stops at the beginning of the run to pick up the travellers from the Main Bus, and will arrive at school and depart for home as per normal school times. If your child/children normally catch the 20-seat Toyota there will be no change to their travel arrangements. If your child/children normally catch the Horsham Main Bus they will be riding on the smaller bus for the one day as per the following times. It is important to let them know this will be the case to avoid confusion.

The timetable is as follows:

**Horsham 20-seat Toyota to Murtoa**
7:45 am Corner of Bennett Rd and Natimuk Rd
7:53 am Corner of Hamilton Rd and Golf Course Rd
7:56 am McPherson St, Showgrounds
7:58 am Dooen Rd Shops
The bus will then run as per its regular route and timetable.
8:30 am Arrive at Murtoa College

**Horsham 20-seat Toyota to Horsham**
3:30 pm Depart Murtoa College
The bus will run as per its regular route and timetable.
4:07 pm Dooen Rd Shops
4:09 pm McPherson St, Showgrounds
4:12 pm Corner of Hamilton Rd and Golf Course Rd
4:20 pm Corner of Bennett Rd and Natimuk Rd

**Schedule of Events** – Below is a summary of the schedule for the Swimming carnival. Parents and families are encouraged to come along, cheer and support the students.

1.45 pm Arrive at pool
2.30 pm Freestyle events begin
3.00 pm Breaststroke events begin
3.38 pm Novelty events – Life Jacket and Inflatable Relay Race
4.00 pm Butterfly events begin
4.20 pm Backstroke events begin
5.56 pm Medley relay events begin
5.45 pm Freestyle relay events begin
6.45 pm Staff Vs. Students Vs. Parents Relay – Parent swimmers needed!!!
6.50 pm Results announced
FYI: Breaststroke, Butterfly, Relay & Starting Rules

Breaststroke Rules
Breaststroke is a symmetrical stroke, so both hands and legs must be doing the same thing at all times. Shoulders and hips must be horizontal.
You must touch with both hands simultaneously at the finish.
You must be doing a proper ‘frog kick’, not a scissor or sidestroke kick.
You may only complete one stroke underwater at the start.

Butterfly rules
Butterfly is also a symmetrical stroke: your feet must be doing either a ‘frog kick’ or a ‘dolphin kick’, and both your arms must come over together.
You must touch with both hands simultaneously at the finish.

Medley Relay Order
Backstroke  Breaststroke  Butterfly  Freestyle

False Starts
Swimmers are not to enter the water until the starter has signalled with the starter’s gun.
Swimmers will be disqualified if they cause a false start or enter the water following a swimmer in a false start. There will be no warnings issued.

Relay For Life
The SRC have taken the initiative to participate in the annual Horsham and Districts Relay for Life on Friday 13th of March. This is a cause close to everyone’s heart, therefore there will be fundraising happening constantly for the next four weeks in the lead up to the event. The biggest of these will be on Friday 27th of February when students will have a casual clothes day with an activities lunch. For a small donation students will be able to enjoy a BBQ lunch and participate in games and activities. We have extended lunch time on this day to ensure that as many people as possible can participate.

A “guess the number of lollies” competition will be happening every week. Students can guess the number of lollies in the jar for 50 cents or make three guesses for $1. The winners will be announced on Friday. These competitions will continue until March 13.

We ask for everyone’s support as we strive for our goal of reaching $1,500. Thanks to all students in advance for their participation.
## Murtoa College
### Sport Dates for Term 1 2015  
**as at January 28 2015**

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| WEEK 6 | Wednesday       | March 4         | All day         | Black Ranges Inter & Senior Volleyball (Horsham)  
**Murtoa convening** |
| WEEK 6 | Friday          | March 6         | All Day         | Black Ranges Swimming (Warracknabeal) |
| WEEK 8 | Wednesday       | March 18        | Period 1-4      | HOUSE Athletic Standards |
| WEEK 9 | Monday          | March 23        | All day         | Black Ranges Intermediate Basketball (Ararat) |
| WEEK 9 | Wednesday       | March 25        | All day         | Black Ranges Senior Basketball (Ararat) |
| WEEK 9 | Wednesday       | March 25        | All day         | GWRegion Swimming (Warrnambool) |

For more information and details of GWR and State events please refer to SSV website. See below.

www.ssv.vic.edu.au

The place to go to find all information regarding Victorian School Sport

“Save it in your favourites”

Once in the site, navigate your way using the blue rectangular buttons down the left hand side.

You will find; dates, draws, competition conditions, results and photos.

On the ‘Home’ pages you will find a calendar as well as important competition dates and Coordinator contact details.

For the Greater Western Region information:

- Sports Regions
- Greater Western Sports Region
- Greater Western Sports
- (Select the required sport)

For your Division information:

- Sports Regions
- Greater Western Sports Region
- Greater Western Secondary Division
- (Select your Division name)
- (Select ‘Division Name’ Sports)
- (Select the required sport)

Please look at any other relevant pages on the website.

You will find the most up to date information on all aspects of School Sport in Victoria.
It has been a busy start to 2015. Our Year 8s have already been baking up a storm. Areas of learning focus for term one are safety, hygiene, measurement, design briefs and (of course) producing (probably with some problem solving along the way). We will be doing a lot of baking in term one and term two will be preparing meals.

A reminder for year 8s to BRING CONTAINERS - 8A Tuesdays and 8B Fridays.

On the menu for term one:

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Scholastic Book Club

Issue 1 brochures were sent home last week. Orders and money needs to be given to Mrs Reading in the library as our school is not yet linked up to LOOP. Please return these by Wednesday 18\textsuperscript{th} February.

Our Scholastic Book Fair theme – Kings, Queens and Castles: Enter the Kingdom of Books! – Family and friends are welcome to come and browse the selection of fun, engaging and affordable books, as well as to enter the draw to win vouchers to spend at this or our following fair.

\textbf{When:} Monday March 2 to Friday March 13\textsuperscript{th} \\
\textbf{Times:} 8.15am and 5.00 pm \\
\textbf{Where:} in the College Library

Technology

This term year 9 and 10 students studying Technology Wood have been focusing on the design elements of structural shapes and various types of bridge designs. Among the first practical assessments, students have constructed clear span bridges made from raw spaghetti. This has included extensive investigative work and the history of various types of bridge designs. The spaghetti bridge competition is assessed on aesthetics and strength to cost ratio; the bridge that holds the most weight at least amount of cost will be the winner bridge. The completed scale model bridges will be on display in the front office this week before their destructive testing this Friday where the winner bridge will be decided.

Mr Williams
Basketball

Due to the Yr 7 camp & The Swimming Sports, the following are important date changes:

**Year 7 Camp changes**  *Note – these are changes only*

- **4pm Monday 16th February**
  - Under 17’s (last round) White vs Red

- **Thursday 19th February**
  - Intermediate (last round) 4.30 Red vs Blue
  - 5.20 Black vs White
  - Bye Green

**Swimming Sports Changes**
**Semis – Next week**

- **Monday 23rd February**
  - Juniors 1st Semi 5pm Purple vs White
  - Intermediate 1st Semi 5.50 Red vs Green

- **Wednesday 25th February**
  - Junior 2nd Semi 5pm B. Bank vs Orange
  - Under 17 Semi 5.50pm Yellow vs White
  - Men’s 1st Semi 7pm To be decided
  - Men’s 2nd Semi 8pm To be decided

- **Monday 2nd March**
  - Intermediate 2nd Semi 5pm Blue vs White

**GRAND FINAL – WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH**

- Juniors 5pm
- Intermediate 6pm
- Under 17 7pm
- Men 8pm

Any enquiries please contact Marie 5385 2604 0419 852 227
Personal Development Skills is a part of the VCAL program. Over the first few weeks of school, our group has started doing maintenance to Concordia flats, and an elderly resident’s house. We have started painting numbers on the kerbs for houses in Murtoa that don’t have them. This will help emergency services find houses quickly. This is a part of the neighbourhood watch scheme.

Personal Development Skills is all about getting your community skills up, and learning about the requirements for jobs. You will also be updating/creating your own resumes, enjoying company of other students and elderly residence. We also learn what to say in a job interview. We have a large group of students from both years 11 and 12 all working on different parts of the community.

*Stephanie Howe and Taylor Foscarini.*
U17’s
Coaches – Derek Cameron, Angus Trethowen.
Training will this Wednesday night, 5pm at Murtoa.

We need a Team Manager, please contact Malcom Schier 0429 852 788
Derek Cameron 0428 316 319
derekjcameron30@gmail.com

U14’s
Coach – Gavin Young
Training will be 10:30, 1st March at Murtoa - time at pool to follow if hot enough.
If you can’t make these sessions you’re more than welcome to join in with the U17’s on Wednesdays.
Gavin Young 0417 372 120

Team Manager – Leigh Bell

Auskick/U 12’s
Great news, Jason ‘Gibba’ Keel has kindly offered to take on the coaching job this year and Andrew ‘Moon’ Coutts has also offered his help once again. It is fantastic to have these guys offering their time and expertise.
Auskick is for Primary aged children and registrations can now be paid online at aflauskick.com.au, just follow the prompts. This year the AFL will be mailing packs out directly to participants. For those that pay by Monday 20th April, they will receive access to four free tickets (ie. two adults and two children) to a selected 2015 Toyota AFL Premiership Season match.
Training will commence at 5pm on Thursday 16th April (Term 2) at the Murtoa football oval and run for approximately 10 weeks.
Training will continue on Thursday nights at 5pm with approximate 1 hour duration.
I look forward to seeing lots of registrations come in.
Please contact me if you have any queries.

Nat Johnston 0428852308
natalie.johnson8@bigpond.com
The Horsham Squadron of the Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC) is currently recruiting new members.

The AAFC is a youth development organisation with membership open to those aged between 13 and 18. Cadets are given opportunities to participate in activities such as flying, gliding, camping, hiking, high ropes and visits to RAAF bases.

An information session will be held at the James Lawson Depot in Baillie St, Horsham, on Tuesday the 17th of February from 7-8pm for anyone interested in joining.

For more information please contact Dimity O’Bryan on 0429 434 496 or email co.422sqn@aafc.org.au

Club Leadership

Club Leadership is a program run by the Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly. The aim of the program is to prepare young people for the roles and responsibilities of being involved in volunteer based sporting clubs.

Participants benefit from this program because it gives them accreditations that they can put on their CV and use later in life or at their club. Accreditations include Community Coaching, Sports First Aid, Strap Smart and Responsible Service of Alcohol. Education in Governance, Risk Management, Event Management, Inclusion, Future Club Development and Radio / Communications will also be gained in modules.

The program will be starting on 17th March and modules will mostly be held on a Tuesday night throughout the winter months. There is also an information night on Tuesday 17th February at the Horsham Sports and Community Club, running between 7pm and 8pm. The night is free to attend.

If you would like more information about Club Leadership or the information night on 17th February, please contact Daniel Rees at the Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly on 5382 4599.

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**International Women’s Day**

**FREE EVENT**

**“THE TALK”**

**LIVE**

**WITH COMEDIAN NELLY THOMAS**

COME ALONG AND ENJOY “THE TALK” WITH COMEDIAN NELLY THOMAS

All parents know that they need to talk to their kids about the “birds and the bees” but many are unsure how to go about it or outright dread it! This informative and humorous live show is based on Nelly’s ground-breaking sexual health and ethics DVD of the same name, as well as her 12 years’ experience delivering sexual health shows across Victoria.

The show is about supporting parents to have The Talk with their kids. It is a fun, educational and light-hearted presentation, followed by an interactive discussion where the audience can ask questions of Nelly and a panel of local health professionals.

There will also be opportunity to learn more about local services with the launch of the Grampians Pyrenees Sexual Health Services Guide.

**WHEN:** 11 March 2015
6.30 pm (for a 7 pm start) to 9 pm

**WHERE:** Alexandra Oval Community and Recreation Centre, Waratah Avenue, Ararat

**COST:** FREE - register at https://eventbrite.com.au/e/15440997394/
Or visit eventbrite.com.au and search: The Talk Nelly Thomas

**AUDIENCE:** Parents of primary and secondary school students.

Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be provided

**EVENT ENQUIRIES:** please contact Women’s Health Grampians adminb@whg.org.au or 1800 013 432