Week 2 Term 2

School Funding
I would like to share with you an article written by Judy Crowe, President of the Victorian Association of State Secondary School Principals, of which I am a member. During the last week of term one, the Victorian Association of State Secondary Principals was involved in conducting a symposium on “What Next for Victorian School Funding”. It brought together over 170 of Victoria’s educators, parents, the not for profit sector, public servants and politicians. The event examined the state of equity in Victorian schools and the capability of our school funding model to provide an excellent education for all students.

Deputy Premier and Education Minister the Hon. James Merlino MP addressed the forum to outline his ambitions for the ‘education state’, announcing:
- In 2016 School Budgets will include a line item which specifies how much funding has been allocated as a result of the Gonski deal between the state and federal governments.
- A full account of how Gonski deal funding has been spent to date.
- Funding to Victorian schools will be raised to bring them closer to the national average.

I welcome these commitments and look forward to seeing the detail in the coming state budget. I also want to see the Minister increase needs-based funding and update the funding model to increase the equity component. At the symposium there was robust questioning concerning the recent legislation linking the non-government school funding envelope to government school funding. Many believe this undermines the core Gonski principle of sector blind needs based funding.

A report was presented comparing two groups of schools, one serving students from less advantaged families and the other more advantaged families. The report found that school-level education inequality rose in Victoria between 2010 and 2013, a change driven by shifting enrolment patterns. The report also highlighted the societal cost when students exit early from the school system. The report demonstrated that the public schools have a significantly higher proportion (29%) of students in the lowest SES quartile, while this is 15% in Catholic schools and 8% in Independent schools. The report indicates that over the period since the Gonski Report was delivered in 2011, government funding (Victoria plus Federal) to government schools increased by 2.7% which is less than inflation. In the same period, government funding to non-government schools increased by 7.5% per annum, almost three times higher and well above inflation. Whatever the rationale for the disparity may have been, any substantive link to need or disadvantage seems to be missing.

Judy Crowe
President
Victorian Association of State Secondary Principals (VASSP)
New smoking bans to apply on school grounds and at school entrances.

From 13 April 2015, smoking will be banned within four metres of an entrance to all primary and secondary schools in Victoria and within school grounds, under an amendment to the Tobacco Act 1987. A similar ban applying to the entrances and grounds of Victorian childcare centres and kindergartens will be introduced at the same time. While smoking was banned on the grounds of all Victorian Government schools by the Minister for Education in 2009 via a Ministerial Ban Order, the new bans are enshrined in legislation and will also apply to Catholic and Independent schools in Victoria, thereby ensuring a consistent approach across the government and non-government sectors.

Murtoa Lions Club 2015 Deb Ball
This Friday will see the 2015 Lions Club Deb Ball at the Mechanics Hall. I look forward to sharing the night with the 13 debutantes and their partners and all the people from the Lions Club who have gone out of their way to make this night a special event. I know it will be a great night as the year 11 students have put in plenty of dance practice time in preparation for the big night.

ANZAC Day
This Saturday is ANZAC day and it is the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings. I would like to encourage students to represent Murtoa College by wearing the college uniform as a mark of respect at whatever dawn or morning ceremony they attend. I know that many students already do this and march proudly with their families and wear war medals from family members. We will have student representatives lay a wreath at the Murtoa, Minyip, Rupanyup and Horsham ceremonies.

Les Smith
Mr Les Smith, a Murtoa identity and very good friend of the Murtoa College Community passed away recently. He will be laid to rest today. Our thoughts are with the Smith family at this time. Please see the article later in the newsletter.

House Athletics
This year’s House Athletics carnival occurred on Thursday April 16 at Dudley Cornell Reserve. The House Athletics Carnival for the year 7 to 12 students was a fantastic success. It was extremely positive and rewarding day for all involved. Our students get involved the right way. They wear the appropriate gear, participate in events and most importantly support each other’s efforts. Jo Baker needs to be thanked for organising such a successful day. Her meticulous and detailed effort made sure that everything went off perfectly. Thank you to all the staff for either helping at the carnival or making sure the F-6 students could continue their education back at school. I continue to be amazed at how good our College Community is and the way they go about making sure the students get the best possible opportunities and chances to enjoy their whole school life. Please see the detailed article later in the newsletter.

Fit2Drive and Look out for your mate
Friday saw the ‘Fit2Drive’ program for year 11 students and the ‘Look out for your mate’ program for year 12 students run in the college. 31 year 11 students attended the ‘Fit2Drive’ program and 20 year 12 students attended the ‘Look out for your mate’ program. Plenty of questions were asked and two programs were well received. Thanks to Ashleigh Turtur who is the program coordinator, David Rule who was a presenter from the RTA and Linda McLennan who was a presenter from the Victoria Police.

Student Leadership
Following on from last week’s Rotary conference organised in Creswick Jaycob Horvat attended the Mt. Gambier version and like the other potential student leaders enjoyed the camp. In today’s educational environment it is important to continue to recognise potential student leadership and to then develop it.

Tony Goodwin
Principal
It is with great sadness we heard of the passing of Murtoa identity Mr Les Smith last week. Les has been a good friend of the school over the last 20 years. He was instrumental in the maintenance of the old deer enterprise and made a life long friend of his great mate "Moo" the emu, another student enterprise. Les acted as a life model for many art classes and was a great source of local history for our students. Over the past 10 years the VCAL group has helped Les to maintain his garden and mow his lawns. Les was always on for a yarn and very interested in our students and what they have been doing. He recognised the importance of investing in the young people of the Murtoa community and was always keen to be involved. Les was a gentle and kind man who will be missed by the students and staff of Murtoa College. We offer our condolences to Mrs Smith and family.

Fit 2 Drive
All year 11 students were involved in the driver education program Fit 2 Drive last Friday morning. The program is aimed at encouraging young drivers to think about their driving behaviour and the responsibilities associated with holding a current driver’s license. Students were involved in a number of sessions hosted by both RTA and Police presenters. This program was followed by a lunchtime session for the year 12 students Look after your Mates, hosted by David Rule from the RTA. Well done to all of the participating students and staff who supported the program. Keys Please will be run later in the year for year 10 students.

WHOLE SCHOOL
Xuno Parent and Student Portal Assessment Results

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Accessing Term 1 Assessment Results

Many families of secondary students have been requesting the Term 1 Interim Reports. We need to clarify that this data is now available in the Parent Portal and will not be collated and printed as an Interim Report. However, end of semester reports will be distributed at the end of Terms 2 and 4 with a summary of assessment results and the comments are accessible in the Parent Portal – Assessment results.

All families were mailed a Guide to Accessing Assessment and Reports for the Parent Portal, their login and password. To access the ongoing assessment results (which have replaced the Interim Reports) for your children log into the Parent Portal website - http://portal.murtoasc.vic.edu.au and your supplied username and password. See below for further details:

1. Home Page

2. Select ‘Assessment & Reports’ Tab

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**Dates:**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April, Dunmunkle Sports Association F-6 Cross Country in Murtoa

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, Black Ranges F-6 Cross Country in St Arnaud

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May, NAPLAN

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, NAPLAN

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, NAPLAN

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, Lightning Premiership Football and Netball in Birchip

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, Kasa Jizo (CEP) in Murtoa

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August, Dunmunkle Sports Association F-6 Athletics in Minyip

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**Primary News**

On Friday we had a special treat with Bronson, a specially trained 4 year old Beagle visiting the Foundation to Six classes for the Responsible Pet Ownership Incursion. From all reports, it was enjoyable and educational for all involved – see photos and report later in the newsletter.

This Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April, we are involved in the Dunmunkle School Sports Association Cross Country event at Rabl Park. This will see our 9 and 10 year old student compete over a 2 kilometre course and the 11 and 12 year students competing over 3 kilometres. We are hoping for favourable weather, but request that students bring appropriate shoes and clothing for the event which will be held from 1:30pm. It is also important to bring a labelled water bottle to ensure students are hydrated before and after the races. I wish all competitors good luck and trust they will demonstrate excellent sportsmanship, determination, persistence and resilience on the day.

Murtoa College takes attendance very seriously and we are continually looking at ways of ensuring our overall attendance is improved. This is because it simply makes learning difficult for students who are regularly missing learning experiences and crucial steps in sequentially planned units of work. 90% attendance may sound like a reasonable figure, however, if you extend that pattern over 10 years of schooling it equates to missing an entire year of schooling! Now think about how that affects learning if attendance is at 80% or below. We always welcome conversations with parents and guardians surrounding attendance, and request that the office is contacted or a note is provided in the event of student absences. Thank you for your ongoing support and communication.

The Year 2/3s will be hosting our Primary Assembly this week and of course it will be a very special assembly. This Saturday is the centenary of ANZAC Day, so the 2/3s will be sharing photos and stories relating to the commemoration during assembly. The Primary Choir will also be performing the National Anthem at 6pm at the Murtoa Memorial Oval before the commencement of the Wimmera League Football match between the Minyip-Murtoa Burras and Nhill Tigers on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

Mr Brad Venn

Acting Assistant Principal

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**Primary Assembly Hosting**

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The students enjoyed an informative incursion relating to the care of pets, namely dogs. Four year old beagle 'Bronson' made friends with the students. He allowed select students to pat him, after following the procedure for how to approach and interact with unknown dogs. Students learnt about what to do if they encountered an angry dog. They also discovered ways to best interact with their own dogs at home. Reading the information sent home with your child will help them further understand how to be a responsible pet owner.

Sally Venn
F/1 and 2/3 Co-ordinator
WATERSOON PIRATES STEAL THE TREASURE

House Athletics Sports 2015

2015 Final Results TEAM SCORES
1st WATERSOON 3,824
2nd DEGENHARDT 3,566
3rd MEIER 2,724

CONGRATULATIONS WATERSOON HOUSE!

Last year’s TEAM SCORES
1st DEGENHARDT 3,028
2nd WATERSOON 2,827
3rd MEIER 2,482

Athletics Age Champions
The Age Champions will be announced at the next Whole School Assembly.

New records

Congratulations to the following athletes who broke records:

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Newman Award
The Newman Award will be announced and presented at the next Whole School Assembly.

Outstanding Performers
There were a number of students who competed outside their age groups against much older competitors to help their houses score points. Well done to all those students for their efforts, they form the back bone of their houses and truly display the meaning of dedication and sportsmanship for each house.

Absences
Well done to all students who attended! Five points were given to every student who turned up to the Athletics Carnival regardless of their participation. Any student who did not attend the carnival needs a written note explaining their absence. Involvement and support of school carnivals influences selection in school sporting teams.
House Standards
Before the House Teams are decided all students are expected to try out in the Athletics Standards. Points are given to students based on their participation and performance. 5 points were given to all students who attended regardless of their participation, then an EXTRA 1 point given for an attempt, 2 points awarded if a student is under the standard, three points if they meet the standard and 4 points if they better the standard.

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Black Ranges Athletics
Students who placed first in their event and the first FOUR places for 100m events have automatically been put into the Black Ranges squad to compete at Stawell, Monday 4th May (Week 4 of Term 2). Relay teams have been selected from the 100m & 200m events, with the four fastest students qualifying for the team.

These students will receive information soon about the Black Ranges Athletics. It will cost $30 to attend, regardless of whether students are travelling with their parents or not. If a student selected in the squad does not wish to attend, they must see Joanne Baker by April 25 so emergencies can be put into place. If students pull out at the last minute then they will not be permitted to attend any other inter school sport event later on in the year.

Students please remember to bring your consent form to the GENERAL OFFICE and money ASAP (after you get them), for the Black Ranges Athletics at Stawell.

THANK YOU...
I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in this year’s athletic carnival;

The students: for their participation, sportsmanship and competitive house spirit displayed throughout the day. There were many students involved behind the scenes helping with organisation, set-up and pack-up. For those students who competed outside their age groups to fill up the team for their house, a huge thank you!

The House Captains: for organising, encouraging and supporting their teams;

The Dudley Cornell Park Committee and Horsham Little Athletics Club: for accommodating us with their wonderful facility and Little Athletics equipment;

The Staff: for all their assistance, support and encouragement with the planning and running of the Carnival;

Gary Bourke: attending with his Public Address System and music. Thank you again for supporting us as you always do;

Mandy Murfett & Fiona Kerrins: for catering and operating the canteen;

Murtoa College Primary Parents & Friends: for staff catering;

Our bus drivers: Mel Boschen, Bruce Midgely & Tony Goodwin for getting our students across and back on time and safely;

To the Café de Kerb van, thank you for coming to our sports today and providing us with special coffee and other delicious treats.
Special thanks must go to Darcy Schultz from Grade 6 who helped his House out by competing in the 12-13 years boys events for Meier as they were drastically short in that age group. We hope you had an enjoyable day Darcy;

The parents, families and friends: Janine Eagle and other parents and friends for volunteering to help with events, those who came along to support the sports, and those who ensured a good turnout of students on the day.

Joanne Baker
Sport Co-ordinator

Winners of the Fancy Dress Competition: Male – Connor Marsh Female – Lydia Moore

The Chicken Dance: Performed to perfection!
Is it a bird? Is it a plane? Is that Mr. Bray doing High Jump? Isn’t he supposed to be afraid of heights?
Hello from year 8 Home Economics

Term two is in full swing. This term’s focus is on preparing healthy meals. Hopefully the students will be keen to replicate these at home. Week one saw the year 8s create healthy and fabulous hamburgers and wedges. Week two we will cook fried rice and asian chicken wings. Spaghetti bolognese and a healthy dessert are planned for week three.

Coming up this term, the year 8s will make cheeses in Science which we will then whip into something delicious in the kitchen.

CONTAINERS – 8A Tuesdays and 8B Fridays.

Pictures of the mini apple pie production
L.A.S.E.R.S

Laser is an acronym, Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission Of Radiation.

They come in a huge range of size and power. They are able to delicately reshape our eyes to improve vision, remove blemishes on the skin, read data off a DVD, create an open air light show or cut through thick steel plates, perhaps pulse light bright enough to reflect back from the moon so that we can tell how far it is from the Earth.

Imagine a line of children on swings all being pushed in harmony by a line of dedicated swing pushers. If they are all pushed at the same time they are “in phase”. Replace the children with atoms and multiply by millions and you have the idea of a laser. With a swing system like this of course the children would go over the top if we keep adding energy but with a LASER the light energy is channelled out of one end of the excited atoms container and all of the waves are in phase. This allows a very intense beam which does not spread out much. This is what makes LASERs special.

2015 is the international year of light. DC

Horsham Hockey Club is urgently seeking junior players the 2015 hockey season.

Any interested players between the ages of 12-16 can contact our Junior Coach, Jenny on 0437016356, no experience needed; bring a friend to the next training.

Trainings are at 5.00pm on Wednesday nights at Horsham College front oval.

Check out our website for more information www.horshamhockey.com.au

You can contact me on 0408451762 for any further information
## Sport Dates for Term 2, 2015

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

[www.ssv.vic.edu.au](http://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:

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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.
MMFNC Football/Netball Information

Training in Murtoa

Football
Anzac Day Pie Night this Thursday after training, special presentation following.

U17’s – Start @ 2.35pm
No chocolates on Saturday, were beaten by a better side that ran, ran, ran and ran. We had a lot of positive signs and will be more than competitive this year. Fergus Schier took the honors closely followed by Captain Nick Kelson, David Horvat, Jake Ballagh, Corey Chenoweth and Dom Hateley.

Derek Cameron 0428 316 319 derejkcameron30@gmail.com
Bruce Gardy 0428 861 922 jbgardy@bigpond.com

U14’s – Start @ 1pm
All contributed well and a lot of positive signs for the future, Coach Young has a great belief in the boys and rightly so, bring on Nhill. Best players: Jordan Weyburg, Darcy Edgerton, Riley Drum, Connor Drum & Jordy Delahunty.
Again a big THANK YOU to Graham Jackson (our local Electrician) for donating a new set of helmets, not cheap, they were excellent.

Gavin Young 0417 372 120
Team Manager – Leigh Bell 0427 861 409

Auskick/U 12’s
On Saturday the U12’s had a thriller against the Horsham Saints. Thanks to all the parents that brought players over, it was a terrific turnout. It was a close game - Minyip/Murtoa 12 to the Saints 14. Well done to all the kids that played, it was a great team effort. Thanks to Moon for stepping in for Gibba on the day. Goal kickers were Deacan Campbell and Oscar Gawith. The Minyip Community Bank award went to Oscar Gawith with the McDonalds awards going to Brazer McKenzie, Noah Horvat and Fraser Adler and a special mention to Deacan Campbell.

Just a reminder that all children need to be registered and paid with Auskick in order to participate, this can be done online. If your child is not registered they will not be able to train on a Thursday night or play on a Saturday, as per the world we live in, this is due to insurance purposes and must be adhered to, with no exceptions. All U12’s must also be registered with the club (Nat will help with this, just a form to be filled out); the club pays for this at a cost in excess of $700 per year – Malcom Schier, Junior Co-Ordinator.

There is no game this week.
Please contact me if you have any queries.
Nat Johnston 0428852308
natalie.johnson8@bigpond.com

Netball
NetSetGo starts this Thursday, 3.45pm at OLHC Murtoa – any questions Allyssa Wilson 0428 551 734
Plant a Tree for Mum this Mother’s Day

Members of the Murtoa community can celebrate their Mums this Mother’s Day by taking part in the Trees for Mum event being organised by the Murtoa Progress Association. Murtoa Progress Association and Yarrilinks have combined to encourage families to plant a tree for Mum this Mother’s Day in Rabl Park.

The event, which is one of a national series of Trees for Mum events, will take place at Rabl Park, Wimmera Highway, Murtoa between 8.30 and 11am on Sunday, May 10th. All trees and planting equipment will be provided for participants, bring some gloves if you don’t want your hands to get dirty! A delicious breakfast will also be provided for all participants, saves having the kids mess up the kitchen!

Trees for Mum first started in Sydney in 2002 by friends and colleagues, Deena Raphael and Lauren Adlam, as a way of paying tribute to their Mums, who they had both lost to cancer. The first event was a huge success, attracting over 150 people to Manly Lagoon Park to plant commemorative trees.

In the years since this inaugural event, interest has grown and Trees for Mum events have been run in many states across Australia with more than 20,000 people having planted trees as tributes to mothers who have passed away or to celebrate those who are still alive.

“It’s incredible to think we have reached so many people, and the feedback we receive is inspiring. Most people are so grateful for the opportunity to nurture the environment and create living and growing legacies for their wonderful mothers,” said Lauren.

The Trees for Mum event being hosted by Murtoa Progress Association is open to all members of the community who want to plant a tree for their mothers or take part in the event with their mums, while also doing something to help the environment.

Paula Clark, Progress chair, said she hoped that people of all ages might join in and plant a tree to celebrate their mum or commemorate the memory of their mum. “It’s also a chance to enjoy a community breakfast of pancakes in the park. We thank Council and Yarrilinks for supplying the trees and funding for the event”.

Registration for the event is encouraged to ensure that a tree will be available for all participants. Registration forms will be sent to the schools and the kindergarten, or people can register at Belles Milk Bar.

You can also register via email to murtoaprogress@gmail.com or call by calling Paula on 0437 852 626 or Tim Inkster, Yarrilinks coordinator tim@yarrilinks.org.au phone 0488 662 199.

Mother’s Day Planting

Venue: Rabl Park
Date: Sunday 10th May
Time: From 8.30 am – to 11.00 am

Come along to this free event and plant a tree for mum and then stay on for a breakfast

Registrations:

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Registration form also available at the Milk bar.
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Do less, not more, for your kids

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The basic task of parenting, whether you have a two year old or a twenty-two year old, is to work yourself out of a job at the first possible chance.

REDUNDANCY should be the aim of the game! We never become redundant in a relationship sense – the emotional connection between our children and us is never severed.

In a practical, physical way we need to make children less, rather than more, reliant on us.

Developing independence is really about stepping back to allow children in. Doing less rather than more!

We develop greater independence in our kids one job at a time. Recently I gave my 22 year old son a job that I had been doing for a while. He lives in North America and I had taken on the job of being the connector between him and one of his sisters, who lives in the UK. It had been my job to pass messages on between the two via telephone and emails. I would update each of them about how the other sibling was going.

Frustrated being the go-between I made sure he had contact details and let him know that it was his job, not my job, to connect with his sister.

WE EASILY TAKE ON CHILDREN’S RESPONSIBILITIES

It is easy as parents to take on the jobs and responsibilities that really should belong to our children. With toddlers it is so easy to dress, feed and clean up after them rather than give these jobs over to them.

With school-aged children we can find ourselves making lunches, getting kids out of bed and cleaning out schoolbags rather than giving these basic tasks of living over to them. And as I discovered, it is easy to still do the basics of life for adult-aged children.

TIP NO. 1 for developing independence:

Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child’s teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child’s class.

TIP NO. 2 for developing independence:

Never be more worried about a child’s job than they are, otherwise it becomes your job, not theirs.

This mum remained very clear that it was her job to wash the clothes but not to place them in the washing basket. She would remind kids about washing night, but never nag them to put clothes in the basket. She knows that as soon as she keeps reminding them, it becomes HER job rather than her children’s job to put the washing in the clothes basket.

The school holidays provide a good opportunity to reflect on the whole notion of job-sharing. It’s also a good time for kids to increase their job load when they are not burdened with schoolwork and extracurricular activities.

Here’s my challenge for you: Think of a job that you regularly do for your child that he or she can do for him or herself. Then step back and enable your child to do that for themselves on a full-time basis. Do less not more for your kids.

If you do that, then you can congratulate yourself as you have moved one step more toward REDUNDANCY.


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