**Start of the Term**

I would like to extend to the whole Murtoa College community a warm welcome to term 4 2015. I hope everybody had a relaxing holiday where they were able to recharge their batteries. This term is very busy with external and internal exams, sporting activities, camps, transition programs and finally on December 16th we will celebrate the year with our presentation evening. After two weeks break it is now time for all students to get back into the mode of doing school work. To assist our students with this I encourage families to make sure that students come to school ready to learn, with the correct equipment, in the correct uniform with appropriate food and drink and with a positive attitude. This term is 11 weeks long for most students and we need to get back into the routine very quickly.

**Note:**
- Hats must be worn in the yard at all times by all students. (recess and Lunchtime)
- Primary Uniform - primary students will wear black socks from term one, 2016 with black or white being an option in term four this year.

**Year 12’s last term of school**

This is the last term of school for our 23 year 12 students. They will finish their formal course work at the end of week 2, celebrate their conclusion to school and start their revision in week 3 and then start their exams in week 4. The journey for these students has been very positive and moving on will be difficult but it is time for them to do something else. The whole College community wishes them luck and will help them celebrate and move onto their next phase in life.

**Year 10 Camp to Melbourne**

The Year 10 cohort headed off to Melbourne for their 5 day camp in the last week of term 3. I would like to thank the staff who gave up a week of their lives to give the year 10 students a great experience in the CBD of Melbourne. The biggest thank you goes to Mr Metelmann who organized and ran the year 10 camp. Thank you also to Mr Metelmann’s support cast of Mrs Chapman, Mr Smith, Ms Littore and Mrs Dingwall. The 37 year 10 students had a great week and the feedback I have received from both staff and students has been nothing but positive. The students spent a week learning how to survive in the big city of Melbourne.

**Outdoor Cinema Night**

Saturday September 26 saw the college community enjoyed the ‘Pop Up’ cinema at the Murtoa Oval. 75 people attended the evening and enjoyed watching Big Hero 6. A big thank you to Karina Drum in year 10 who is on the Yarriambiack Youth Shire Council for organising such a wonderful night. She was assisted by Ms Littore. Those that attended made a donation to ‘Rachael’s Wish’ with a total of $750 being raised. Well done to all those who attended and raising funds for this worthy cause.
Jayden McQueen – National Volleyball Championships
Jayden represented Victoria at the U/17 National Championships held during the holidays. If, you remember earlier in the year he was picked in the U/17 Victorian Blue team or the top team. Jayden had a great week at the AIS in Canberra. The Victorian team won the silver medal for coming second in the competition losing the final to Queensland. The Murtoa College community would like to congratulate Jayden on his success.

Primary Oval
As most of you would have noticed by now our Primary Oval has a lush cover of new grass on it. It looks fantastic and as the new grass grows we look forward to the F-6 years students playing on the new surface in the near future. The work that Ross Sudholz has put in on the oval and with general maintenance around the college over the holidays is nothing short of amazing. We are lucky to have parents like Ross and the work that has gone into improving our grounds just helps to make this educational institution an even better place for our students to attend on a daily bases. Well done Ross and thank you from the whole college community!

Murtoa’s BIG weekend
Finally, I was again privy to attending the BIG WEEKEND in Murtoa this last weekend. What a fantastic celebration of all things Murtoa. Lots of the college community were involved in various capacities. Our students won prizes at the show for various things from writing to drawing. These are displayed in the foyer of the general office area for all to see. Also, I saw the wonderful artwork from all our students in years foundation to year 6 and some of our secondary students that were displayed at the art show and the prizes won by some of them. I took in the street market, saw the Murtoa Cup run and won at the races, wandered through the heritage listed Stick shed, visited the sump oilers, visited the vintage car display at Rabl Park, watch lots of people ride around the sporting precinct, met plenty of local people, learnt a lot more about the local history and generally enjoyed myself. Our community needs to thank the following staff for the huge effort they put into helping our students in preparing and displaying their work. Thank you to Mrs Noonan, Mrs Jenion and our newest staff member Ms Eldrigde.

Tony Goodwin
Principal

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We have still been encountering a number of connection issues with the portal although we have been in constant communication with software developers – Xuno. There is currently a new update being trialled and we a hopeful that this will rectify the situation. Please let staff know if you are having issues accessing the ongoing reporting data and a hardcopy can be provided.
**Dates:**

Tuesday 6th October, F/1 and 2/3 Milo Cricket Incursion  
Wednesday 14th October, Walk to School Day  
Tuesday 20th October, Foundation students to visit the kindergarten  
Friday 30th October, Casual Clothes Day  
Monday 2nd November, Student Free Day  
Tuesday 3rd November, Melbourne Cup Public Holiday  
Friday 6th November, Year 5/6 Try-a-Trade Excursion  
Friday 6th November, Year 2/3 Sleepover  
Monday 9th November, CEP Performance in Marnoo

**Primary News**

The Foundation to Year 6 students attended an excursion to Warracknabeal in the last week of term. They visited the Wheatlands Agricultural Machinery Museum, Historical Centre, Log Lock-Up, Water Tower, Anzac Park, and the Flora and Fauna Park. We would like to thank the Warracknabeal & District Historical Society for their assistance in coordinating the day’s events. I would also like to thank the staff for their efforts and the students for their engagement and positive behaviour.

Tomorrow we are fortunate to have Milo Cricket attending the school between recess and lunch. They will be teaching a range of cricket based skills to the F/1 and 2/3 classes. We look forward to hearing the students’ feedback.

**Mr Brad Venn**  
**Assistant Principal**

**Students of the Week**

[Image of students holding awards]

*Back row:* Tyler, Matthes, Jake, Oliver, Archie, Noah and Oscar.
Reading Awards

Back row: Johnno, Felicity, Tyler, Roland, Wayne and Seth.
Front row: Emily, Matthes, Alex, Tyler and Kobe.

Primary Assembly Hosting

Week 1 – Year 3/4
Week 2 – Year 2/3
Week 3 – Year F/1
Week 4 – Year 5/6

Excursion Response by Regan Bell, Year 2:

On Tuesday the Primary students went to Warracknabeal to look at old machinery. I thought that the excursion was great because we got to see an old bank and lots of old stuff.

At the Historical Museum there was an old bank. They used different coins to what we know. They used pens. I thought that the bank was cool and the coins were cool to look at.

At the Agricultural Museum there was lots of old machinery. There was an old motorbike and lots of horse and carts. There were two fake horses that were made to show how a horse and cart works. There was an old engine that you would put a belt around to make something go around. In my opinion, I think that the Agricultural Museum was great because the man started up the engine.

At the log lock up we got to go inside and have a look. It was pitch black. There was an old bed in there and the walls were made out of logs. I thought that the log lock up was fantastic because we got to go inside and the walls were made out of wood.

I think that the adventure was fantastic because we got to look at an old bank, museum and the log lock up.

Birthdays
Anai & Brent – 23rd September
Finley – 25th September
Deacan – 7th October
Congratulations to everyone for their efforts with artwork which was displayed at the Murtoa Show and the Art Show. The following are winners from the Murtoa Show. Well done!
In Maths, we have been learning about fractions. We cut and labelled whole, halves, quarters and eighths, using circles, squares and triangles.

Last term the whole primary school went on an excursion to Warracknabeal as part of our history CCS topics. We visited the Historical Centre, the Log Lock Up and the Agricultural Museum.

In Art we have been working on our entries for the National Water Week poster competition and also making crazy creatures from tissue boxes.
Hello from year 7 Home Economics

Term three zipped on by. Here is the proposed recipe list for term four:

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7A – containers Friday 7B – containers Tuesday
Sport Dates for Term 4, 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.

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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.

Basketball

Skills sessions with Mr Goodwin **Wednesday 7th October**

- **3.30 – 4.30pm** 9 – 12 year olds.
- **4.30 – 5.30pm** 12 – 15 year olds
FIELD AND LABORATORY WORK

Finished VCE and looking for work over the summer? Simpsons are looking for people for farm and field work, machinery operation and laboratory work with the Wimmera’s leading crop research organisations. A car licence is preferred. Call Bryce on 5382 5801 to register. Or email bryce@simpsons.net.au.

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FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER 7.30PM

Murtoa Football Club Rooms
Byo Drinks & A Plate Of Supper To Share

GUEST SPEAKER
RACHAEL LITTORE

All money raised donated to Rachael’s Wish to help raise funds for the Wimmera Cancer Centre

DONATE WHAT YOU’D SPEND ON A NIGHT OUT
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