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**Term 4 Week 4**

**Year 12 Exams**
This week is the start of year 12 students VCE exams. They will start with English on Wednesday. We wish all our year 12 students the best of luck with their exams in the coming weeks.

**Casual Clothes day**
This Friday is the last day of the month and as usual it is a casual clothes day. All students are encouraged to wear casual clothes and contribute a gold coin. This week the money raised will be donated to our charity of choice which is 'Rachael’s Wish'.

**Year 12 Final Celebrations**
Last Tuesday night saw a wonderful celebration for the 2015 year 12 students. Over 100 people were present at the Horsham Golf club to celebrate the years 12 student’s conclusion to the secondary education. Professor Robin Anders who lectured at Latrobe University in Bioscience area was the guest speaker. He did a presentation on Malaria and about following your passion and one can only hope that this will help the outgoing students in their pursuit of their dreams. Thanks to Year 12’s for enjoying the celebration and sharing it with their families. Thank you to Mr Vague for organizing the evenings proceedings. 20 current staff attended the evening to support the outgoing students.

**Year 12 Final Day**
Following on from the Tuesday night the Year 12 students had some fun at the College on the Wednesday morning with a staff run breakfast, some fun activities and then a final assembly. I was incredibly impressed with the respect shown by the students during their end of year celebrations. The fun activities were entertaining and done in the right spirit so student safety was at the forefront. It is a true sign of character that this is how students at Murtoa College carry themselves.

**Minyip Field and Game School Shoot**
Monday October 19 saw 35 of our students compete at the Minyip field and game school shoot competition. Both boys and girls shot well but were unplaced. Angus Gilsenan was the top scorer in the boys section with 17 from 24 shots and Sheridan Baker was the top scorer in the girls section with 12 from 24 shots. Thanks to Mr Craig for organizing our students and the whole competition for close to 500 external students. Thanks also for their assistance must go to Mr Argall and Mr Collins.
SSV Athletics Championships – Darcy Edgerton
Darcy competed at the SSV State Athletics finals on Tuesday October 21. As usual he represented the College with pride, passion and a great deal of effort. He won a silver medal in the Javelin and finished 8th in his 100m final.

College chess championships
The playoffs to determine our college champion continued during this last week. This exciting competition has finally drawn to a conclusion. The result saw Karina Drum declared the 2015 Murtoa College champion and Blake Hardingham the runner-up. Congratulations to both students.

Foundation visit to the Kindergarten
Our foundation students visited the Murtoa Kindergarten last Tuesday as part of the transition for the kindergarten students to school. Ms Barratt reported that the students were excellent ambassadors for the college and made the kindergarten students feel very comfortable about moving onto school.

Tony Goodwin
Principal


The Parent and Student Portal was upgraded last week which will be very noticeable when logging in and viewing the dashboard. You will be prompted to use a new username; as shown on the screen and it may initially take a couple of attempts to successfully login. Furthermore the updates have removed past assessment tasks and our staff are working hard to make the necessary arrangements to ensure they are visible again. Thank you for your understanding and patience with this matter. Please contact Mr Venn or Mrs Sudholz if you have any questions or concerns.

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TO SELL. 1950s Grey Fergie.

Murtoa College wants to sell its petrol engine tractor. $2200 (including GST). Please ring Ross Sudholz (School Council Representative) with expressions of interest. Mobile 0428 852 376.
State Secondary Track & Field

Albert Park

Friday October 16th 2015

Darcy Edgerton was our only athlete competing at the State Finals for Track and Field this year.

At the Greater Western Region Finals earlier this month, Darcy qualified for Javelin, 100m and 200m. We celebrate his ability in coming this far and for placing second in javelin. Despite not achieving his personal best, this still was an outstanding achievement.

Darcy now has his sights set for the Victorian All Schools event in a few weeks.

Thank you to Darcy’s family for taking him to this event.

Darcy Edgerton

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You are invited to come to our Scholastic Book Fair in the College Library

When: Wednesday November 4th to Friday November 20th.

The library is open from 8.15am to 4.30pm (or I am happy to arrange later or earlier times)

Great buyer prizes on offer again.

Jenny Reading
Active Girls Brunch 2015

Year 7 Girls

Wednesday 21st October

Last week the Year 7 Girls joined by students from other Wimmera schools, attending a special event arranged by the Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly at the Ian Maroske Hall, Horsham College.

The brunch had been designed by the Sports Assembly through the VicHealth Regional Sport Program. The brunch highlighted to teenage girls from surrounding Wimmera schools the importance of being physically active and socially connected through sport.

The students were welcomed by Dave Berry, and then given a group fitness session from the YMCA by Aaron Murray.

Guest speaker from the Melbourne Vixens – Kelsey Browne, spoke about her experiences with netball and working her way into the state representative team. She highlighted how necessary it was for her to persevere with trying out for the team despite being knocked back for two years. She also spoke about how important it is for girls to be active, releasing endorphins in their bodies for their general health and wellbeing, and how as little as ten minutes of exercise each day will bring some benefit.

At their tables, the students had the opportunity to speak to local sports women who have had success with their own sporting pursuits in the Wimmera. They discussed possible interests the students had and how they could become involved in local sporting groups. These women were able to mentor the girls and offer advice around their own sporting careers and values that they hold towards being physically active. The girls then filled out surveys to show what they may be interested in playing at some stage.

From this, the Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly aims to continue to work with sporting clubs into the future to make sure there are enough opportunities for teenage girls to participate in their chosen sports.

The students enjoyed a delicious platter of sandwiches and fresh fruit, and water.
If students or parents have any other questions regarding sports available to teenage girls please call Alex at the Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly on 0353824599.
Primary News

2016 Captains – This week our Year 5 students will have their chance to present a short speech to the Foundation to Year 6 students at assembly outlining why they would make a fantastic school captain. There will once again be a boys and girls captain and vice-captain. The primary students will be asked to vote for the captains and then Mr Goodwin and I will interview the candidates to before making the final decision. We wish all of the candidates the best during this process.

Walk to School - This week we are wrapping up the Walk to School program. Thank you to the students, parents and staff for supporting this initiative. We have funding to purchase recess and lunch equipment for the primary classes. The teachers have agreed upon a monitoring system to ensure the equipment is properly looked after and students are accountable for returning equipment which they have borrowed.

Road safety – Last week we received a phone call from a concerned resident that some of our ‘younger students’ have been unsafe on the roads. This includes riding on the wrong side of the road, not stopping and carefully checking both directions before crossing roads, running across roads and riding erratically on the roads. Please ensure you have a conversation with your child/ren about road safety to follow up our discussion at assembly.

Kindergarten visit – On Tuesday last week the past Murtoa Kindergarten students who are currently in Foundation returned to the kinder for a visit. The purpose of the visit was to interact with kids and ensure they’re feeling comfortable to transition this term. It is a very exciting time for everyone involved and I’d like to thank Miss Barratt and the Foundation students for their positive participation.

Year 12 ‘Muck Up’ Day – If your child/ren had some entertaining conversations with you on Wednesday afternoon last week, they were probably discussing ‘Muck Up Day’. The Year 12 students used wool and toilet paper to ‘spider web’ the quadrangle, silly stringed and water pistoled students and staff, and generally ‘mucked up’ in good humour. We know you’ll understand their excitement in finishing classes and fun natured activities.

Mr Brad Venn  Assistant Principal

Students of the Week

Back row: Connor, Cameron, Emily, Jorja, Lily, Darcie and Makai.

Front row: Mikaela, Charlett and Charlie.
Reading Awards

Back row: Clare, Liam, Lochie, Makai and Bella.

Front row: Barney, Tilley and Logi.

Birthdays

Monday 26th October – Ayden’s 8th Birthday
Thursday 29th October – Connor’s 11th Birthday
Thursday 29th October – Breanna’s 12th Birthday

Sport Dates for Term 4, 2015

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AOD FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP
Grampians Community Health, 25 David Street, Horsham is offering Alcohol and other Drug (AOD) Family Support Group meetings.
Why attend a support group?
- A family member, partner, friend or close one, may be using or misusing alcohol and other drugs, i.e. marijuana, ice, illegal substances or legal substances i.e. prescription medication
- You would like to be supported and be supportive of others.
How do I attend?
- Just come along 5.30pm to 6.30pm to Grampians Community Health, 25 David Street every second Thursday. The next one is October the 29th. You will be met by an AOD counsellor, introduced to the participants, and made to feel safe and welcome.
What will I get out of attending?
- Support and connection • Listened to • Information and education • Refreshments • Coping strategies for yourself and your loved one. • Your story will stay within the group, confidentiality.
For more information please contact Ann-Marie on 0417 554 505 or Grampians Community Health Reception 5362 1200.

Grade F to 3 Dinner
followed by...
Grade 2 and 3 Sleepover

Friday the 6th of November
$5 per Gr F /1 student
$10 per Gr 2/3 student
More details to come early Term 4
See Mrs Venn if you have any queries

Cream of the Crop Exhibition
the best of Art & Design from our Regional students
16 October - 30 October 2015

Wimmera Trade Training Centre
Horsham College
310 Baillie St. Horsham

Official Opening:
Friday 16th October, 6 - 7:30pm
Exhibition opening hours 9 - 4pm week days