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Term 4 Week 6

VCE Exams
Wednesday October 28 saw the start of the VCE exams. Our year 12 students are in the process of completing their final exams. The student’s final exam will be this Friday and then we wait for the exams to be corrected by examiners. The students have been happy with their efforts and generally feel good about their chances of good unit scores. Three members of our staff are examiners this year. Mr Craig is marking English papers, Mr Bray is marking Further Maths papers and Ms Littore is marking Legal Studies papers. We wish all involved in the process from now the best of luck.

Year 2/3 Sleepover
Friday November 6 saw the year 2 and 3 sleepover at the college. The year 2 and 3 students enjoyed an afternoon of activities with the Foundation and year 1 students before all had a dinner organised by the staff. The year 2 and 3 students then stayed at the school for a sleepover. The night was a huge success and a big thank you needs to be extended to Mrs Sally Venn for organising the night. She was supported by Mr Brad Venn, Ms Jenna Barrett, Ms Prue Eldridge and Mrs Sheryl Jordan who all slept over and to Mrs Nicole Noonan and Mrs Sharon Crawford who helped with the afternoon activities. Well done everybody!

CEP excursion
Today the F-6 students will travel to Marnoo for the term 4 CEP cultural performance. The performance is set down for 1pm and all our students will be bused out there. The program is titled “The Man from Ironbark”.

School Council
This Tuesday is the November school council meeting. As usual issues concerning the running of the college will be discussed and debated. I invite any members of the college community who would like to attend and observe to do so.

Remembrance Day
Wednesday November 11 is Remembrance Day. The College will be sending students and staff to Murtoa, Minyip and Rupanyup to help each of those communities celebrate Remembrance Day. I would like to extend an invitation to families to join the students and staff at these celebrations. The celebrations start at 11am at all three venues.
Jung House burns down
I would like to extend the college community thoughts to Helga Link from Jung. Helga, a 72 year old member of the Jung community lost everything in a house fire last week. Like all good communities the Jung community have got together to donate and help Helga. But there is always more needed. If, anyone from our community would like to help Helga a website has been set up to accept donations. The website is:  [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com)

ASSISTANCE & SUPPORT SERVICES FOR FARMERS
Farm Household Allowance
The Farm Household Allowance (FHA) provides eligible farmers and their partners who are experiencing financial hardship with assistance and support to improve their long term financial situation. FHA replaced the Interim Farm Household Allowance (Interim FHA) on 1 July 2014. The allowance is delivered by the Department of Human Services and is paid fortnightly at a rate equivalent to the Newstart Allowance (or Youth Allowance for those under 22 years). A Health Care Card will be provided to recipients. Support will also be provided through a dedicated case manager to help recipients assess their situation and develop a plan for the future.
Eligible farmers and their partners will be able to access up to three years of payment. This is designed to give farm families time to get back on their feet and the opportunity to take steps to improve their circumstances.

Drought Concessional Loans - AVAILABLE SOON
On 9 May 2015, the Australian Government announced $250 million would be available nationally in 2015–16 to continue the access to the existing Drought and Drought Recovery Concessional Loans schemes. From this, $150 million in loan funding has been allocated to the Drought Concessional Loans Scheme in 2015–16. Loans are to assist drought-affected farm businesses manage through and recover from drought and return to viability in the long term. Loans of up to 50 percent of eligible farm business debt to a maximum of $1million will be available. Drought concessional loans can be used for:

- **Debt restructuring:** Applicants can use the concessional loan to restructure a proportion of their existing eligible debt at a lower interest rate.
- **Operating expenses:** Applicants can use the concessional loan to fund operating expenses that are necessary to continue the normal operations of the farm business.

If, you would like more information or assistance please contact the Yarriambiack Shire.

Tony Goodwin
Principal

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2015 PRESENTATION EVENING - Wednesday 16th December.

The Murtoa College end of year Presentation Evening is fast approaching. This night acknowledges the excellent efforts of our students and the support given to our college by our valued sponsors. As part of the lead up to the night we will be having a weekly article highlighting some of the awards presented to our students on the night.

**THE PHYL UHE MEMORIAL AWARD IN HOME ECONOMICS**

This award is in memory of Phyl Uhe who was a valued member of our School community for many years. Phyll worked as a Domestic Arts Aide for 27 years at Murtoa College and gained great enjoyment in helping students throughout their school life not just in Home Economics, but in all areas of their schooling.

The Phyll Uhe Memorial Award is awarded to a student who has participated in Year 9/10 Home Economics during the year and who has demonstrated the following attributes: They show initiative, regular attendance and a high standard of behaviour in class. Their written and practical tasks are of a consistently high standard and they have a positive attitude to all tasks. This award is valued at $50.

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**MS FOOD TECHNOLOGY**

**FOOD STALL -  Friday 13th October**

Oreo Rum Balls / Cake Pops / Chocolate Chip Cookies = 50 cents each

This coming Friday the Year 9/10 MS Food Technology class will have a food stall as part of their assessment for the unit on ‘Catering for Others’. Students will be selling their produce at lunchtime near the canteen with funds going towards the end of year camps and excursions.

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**Sport Dates for Term 4, 2015**

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YARRIAMBIACK HAS TALENT ART WORKSHOP
On Weds 4th Nov. approx. 20 students from Years 7, 9, 10 & 11 enjoyed a morning of painting with Nicohla Clark. They learnt methods in painting for their entries into the "Yarriambiack Has Talent" competition.

Scholastic Book Fair: Under the Sea

Come and explore ‘an ocean of books’ in our College library between 8.15am and 4.30pm (or I am happy to arrange later or earlier times). The Fair finishes on Friday November 20th. We have ‘bottom shelf bargains’ – books for as little as $1 (to $5). We have buyer prizes on offer again. Scholastic has also offered to match the price of book club items if they are cheaper.

Book Club

Issue 8 is now available, and there are lots of great buys that would be ideal for Christmas. If you would like to collect the orders personally, just let me know and I will ring you when they arrive. Orders need to be completed by Monday November 23rd.

Jenny Reading
Fifteen Year 9 students recently attended VSSEC (The Victorian Space Science Education Centre) based in Pascoe Vale, and took part in the "Mission to Mars" program. On the way to Melbourne we stopped at Ballarat Paper Co for a guided tour of the factory and watched laser cutting in action. It is the "International Year of Light" and this topic was covered earlier in the year. Thank you to Mr. Keith Parry (business owner) for facilitating this. In the afternoon we visited CERES, the urban farm in Brunswick where we learned about recycling and how housing can be made energy efficient quite simply. As luck would have it the movie 'The Martian' was showing at this time so students watched this excellent movie at Hoyts in Melbourne Central during the evening. After brekkie at the YHA we spent the day at VSSEC where student performed a variety of geological tests on the "Mars surface" guided by their mission controllers in the "Command Centre". An action packed but very educational trip.

David Cole & Caroline Teggerth
Primary News

2016 Captains – We are incredibly proud of the Year 5 students for being captain candidates for next year. They certainly made our decision difficult by presenting detailed persuasive speeches at assembly and then following that up with an interview with Mr Goodwin and me. We are very pleased to announce that the Junior School Captains are Bronte Kerrins and Lloyd Baker; and the Vice-Captains are Anai Taylor and Brent Phillips.

2/3 Sleepover – Mrs Venn organised a sensational afternoon and evening of activities for the 2/3 Sleepover. The F/1 and 2/3 students returned to school at 4:30pm for some games and then dinner. After dinner the F/1 students went home and the 2/3s were involved in an ‘Amazing Race’ which tested their skills, knowledge and patience. In the evening the boys and girls watched a movie and then gradually drifted off to sleep. After some games and breakfast in the morning it was time to pack up and go home. Thank you to Miss Barratt, Miss Eldridge and Sheryl Jordan for sleeping over with the 2/3s. Also, thank you to Sharon Crawford, Mr Goodwin, Mrs Sudholz and Mrs Noonan for their assistance on Friday afternoon and evening. It was an incredibly successful sleepover which we look forward to coordinating again in the future.

NOTE: Photos will be published on the school’s Facebook page later in the week.

CEP Performance – Today the F-6 students are heading to Marnoo for an Australian folktale performance of ‘The Man from Ironbark’. It will involve poetry, rhyme and word play, along with drama to tell these classical stories. The students are also taking their lunch, hat and drink bottle to have lunch and a play in Marnoo before the performance. We know they’ll have a great day and represent the school in a positive manner.

Mr Brad Venn    Assistant Principal

Students of the Week

Back row: Deacan, Darcy, Jai and Noah.

Front row: Clare, Matthes and Luke.

Dates:
Monday 9th November, CEP Performance in Marnoo
Wednesday 11th November, Remembrance Day
Tuesday 17th November, Murtoa Steps Day (Year 6s to Year 7 ONLY)
Thursday 19th November, Whole School Assembly at 9am
Friday 20th November, Kinder students visit Murtoa College
Tuesday 24th November, Dunmunkle Year 6 visit to Murtoa College
Friday 27th November, Kinder students visit Murtoa College
Friday 27th November, Casual Clothes Day
Monday 30th November, F-6 Swimming Program Commences
Friday 4th December, F-6 Swimming Carnival
Monday 7th December, Year 4-6 Urban Camp Commences
Wednesday 9th December, Year 4-6 Urban Camp Concludes
Friday 11th December, F-6 Celebration
Friday 11th December, Year 6 Graduation at the Railway Hotel
Wednesday 16th December, Presentation Evening
Friday 18th December, Last Day of Term 4
Reading Awards

Back row: Roland, Tilda, Josiah, Charlie, Noah and Emily.

Front row: Luke, Matthes, Tyler, Jake and Tilley.

2016 Junior School Captains

Left to Right: Anai Taylor (VC), Bronte Kerrins (C), Lloyd Baker (C) and Brent Phillips (VC).

Birthdays

Saturday 7th November – Mikaela’s 8th Birthday
Tuesday 10th November – Nic’s 12th Birthday
Saturday 14th November – Darcy S’s 13th Birthday

Foundation/One

Kinder visit

The Foundation students recently visited the kindergarten, where they spent time getting to know their future classmates, catching up with Janet and Chris, and reliving some of their favourite kinder past times.
F1/2/3 Drama

In drama, we have been creating and acting out a variety of scenarios, using picture books and character games.

Primary Sleepover Recount

On Friday we stayed at school for a sleepover. We had a bbq for tea. The girls slept in the grade 3/4 room and the boys in the 5/6 room. We watched a movie called 'The Nut Job'. It was great. For breakfast we had toast and the most popular drink was apple juice. We had a scavenger hunt called 'The Amazing Race', around the primary school. When we were finished we had to ring the bell three times. We played ball games and other fun activities, like dress-up relay and potato-sack races. The sleepover was amazing!

Emily Moore
Grade 2

Try a Trade Day

Last Friday 6th of November, the Year 5/6 students from Murtoa College travelled to Horsham Primary School (Rasmussen Campus) to attend the “Try a Trade Day”. This is an initiative developed by Skillinvest and Horsham Primary School to give grades 5 and 6 students an opportunity to explore vocational careers as they prepare to transition into secondary school.

Students were be able to try their hand at over 20 vocational occupations and interact with tradespeople, other specialists and apprentices to explore vocational career options and career pathways. Some of the interactive trade displays included automotive, landscaping, horse racing, hairdressing, jewellery manufacturing, first aid and horticulture.

Interactive trade displays included automotive, working with grain, paddock to plate, fibre, conservation and land management, horse racing, audio-visual, hairdressing, carpentry, civil construction, electrical, plumbing, plastering, horticulture, hospitality, jewellery manufacture, first aid, warehousing and trade supplies.

We would like to thank Mr Vague for organising this excursion and Skillinvest for the invitation to participate in the activities.
Milo In2Cricket is BACK in MURTOA!

All Ages 6-10 years

ALL families welcome: Contact Phil to Sign up or Register @


WHEN: Thursday, November 12th  5:00 pm to 6:00s pm

WHERE: Murtoa Cricket Ground Nets, Lake St

Cost: with Pack: $75   Without Pack: $20

Parents welcome

If for any reason you cannot make it but want to join please contact Phil on 0414321451
Friday December 4th
Warracknabeal Town Hall
Show Starts 6.30pm

Must be aged between 12 & 25 years
Free BBQ from 5-6pm
Free to enter & free to watch

Theme for all categories is
“Being Positive”

Categories
1. Musical/Dance Performance
2. Painting/Drawing/Sketching
3. Photography
4. Creative Writing
5. Public Speaking (e.g. comedy)

1st prize in each category $150 voucher
2nd prize in each category $100 voucher
3rd prize in each category $50 voucher

Entry terms available online at
www.yarriambiack.shire.vic.gov.au
Or from the Yarriambiack Shire Office at
34 Lyle St Warracknabeal.
All entries to be received by November 27th.

Entry Form

Yarriambiack Has Talent (YHT) Entry Information

The Theme of Yarriambiack Has Talent 2015 is “Being Positive”

All entries must reflect the theme.

Judges’ decisions will be final and no correspondence will be entered.

*Images will become the property of the Yarriambiack Shire Council and may be used for future publications. Entries can be returned any time after this event.

AGE GROUP: Must be aged between 12 and 25 years during 2015.

To be eligible to enter YHT a person must be either a resident, work or be educated or have a mailing address within the Yarriambiack Shire Council boundaries.

1. Photography images need to be emailed to remmitake@yarriambiack.shire.vic.gov.au or placed on a memory stick clearly labelled and dropped into Yarriambiack Shire Council Office at 34 Lyle St Warracknabeal before 4.30pm on November 27th.

2. Drawings, Sketches and Paintings must be done on A4 or A3 paper, board or a Canvas.

THUMB NAILS AND CONTACTS IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ONLY: Full name, age, date of birth, and address including phone and email (in English) must be on the back of any painting/NOT on the front of the painting.

CLOSING date for Drawings, Sketches and Paintings that have been accepted or accepted elsewhere will not be accepted in this competition. By Drawings, Sketches and Paintings that show a particular person, organization or a brand name will not be accepted. All Drawings, Sketches and Paintings should be received at the Yarriambiack Council Office at 34 Lyle St Warracknabeal before 4.30pm on November 27th. Entries will not be accepted after this time.

3. Creative Writing pieces need to be submitted to remmitake@yarriambiack.shire.vic.gov.au or placed on a memory stick clearly labelled and dropped into Yarriambiack Shire Council Office at 34 Lyle St Warracknabeal before 4.30pm on November 27th.

No entry is to be no longer than 500 words. Any entry exceeding word limit will not be read.

Musical Performances (including Singing and Dance) and Public Speaking (excluding comedy) must submit a completed entry, including the category they are participating in. These entries must be received at Yarriambiack Shire Council Office at 34 Lyle St Warracknabeal before 4.30pm on November 27th. Entries will not be accepted after this time. Any special requirement may need for their act e.g. props must be arranged with the Yarriambiack Shire Council Office at 34 Lyle St Warracknabeal before 4.30pm on November 27th. Entries must arrive one hour before confirmed performance time and book in with Yarriambiack Council Office.

Full Name ___________________________ Tick which category(ies) are being entered

Age ___________ DOB ___________

Phone Number ________________________

Email _______________________________

Parent/Guardian Name ____________________

Signature _____________________________

*Under 10 parental permission required*
15 SPOTS LEFT!!!!!!!

THE PORTSEA CAMP 2016
FOR ALL CHILDREN OF THE
YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL

Monday 11th January to Sunday 17th January 2016

The Yarriambiack Shire Council is offering a fun filled seaside holiday for all children of the Shire between the ages of 9 to 12 years. The Shire Council has provided the opportunity for children to attend this camp for many years. The children who attended have totally enjoyed themselves and many wish to return the following year.

The Portsea Camp has been running since 1946 and has a well-deserved reputation for providing, safe holidays and entertainment for. Entertainment includes: snorkeling, swimming, high ropes, flying fox, giant swing, canoeing, arts & craft activities, strolls on the beach, movies, plus many more other fun things to do. If not sit back relax and watch the ferries float past and maybe see a dolphin or two swim by. A HOLIDAY NOT TO BE MISSED!!!

Total cost for each child to attend The Portsea Camp is $227.00. Yarriambiack Shire subsidise $100.00 per child for up to 30 children. If these spaces are filled the opportunity for more children to attend is available at full cost of $327.00.

All applications and payment must be handed in to Yarriambiack Shire Council office by Friday 20th November 2015. Application forms are available at the Shire Council Office (Warracknabeal). Please phone 5398 0100 if you require an application form to be posted.

Any Volunteers interested in attending the camp willing to assist with children, or have any queries please contact Michelle Hallam (03) 5398 0100.

Many Thanks

Michelle Hallam
Camp Coordinator