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Presentation evening
When: Wednesday December 16.
Where: Murtoa Mechanics Hall
Time: 7pm. We ask that you be seated by 6.45pm.

On the 16th December – Students will have a practice for the Presentation Evening in the morning. The school will finish early that day, with buses leaving the school at 1.00pm instead of the usual time. Students will be expected back for the Presentation Evening that night in the Mechanics Hall at 6.45pm.

Years F-6 swimming program
Parents of students in years F-6 should note that the swimming program will occur all week. Students are expected to participate in the program and will be swimming every day this week. Parents are requested to send students to school with appropriate gear and fuelled up with food and water so they will cope with this activity. If, any child in the F-6 years cannot swim for whatever reason then parents need to communicate that to the appropriate staff member.

Form Group changes for 2016.
Next year there will be a few minor changes to the form groups from year 8 to 12. With student departures and new students arriving there is a need to adjust the form groups. The staff are at present organising the cohort of students at each year level and adjusting the forms to help the class dynamics for 2016. If, there are any changes to current form groups these will be conveyed to the students before the end of the year.

Foundation Transition
The 2016 Foundation students continued their transition program on Friday. They attended for period 1 and 2 again and are starting to get use to the school routine. This gradual introduction to school over a few weeks definitely helps these young people of our community get ready for school.
Year 10 Exams
The year 10 students commence their final phase of their academic year with their 2nd semester exams. The exams start on Wednesday and conclude on Thursday. Friday is their last day of school for 2015 and the students will attend the “Big Day Out’ organized by Mr Metelmann. The community wishes them the best of luck with their exams this week.

Year 11 Exams
The year 11 students have finished their final phase of their academic year with their 2nd semester exams. The exams concluded last Wednesday. The students then spend Thursday transitioning to year 12 and Friday was their last day of school for 2015.

Week 10 – Camps week
I would like to prepare the community for week 10. As you can see above on the calendar there will be a number of camps happening. A lot of students and staff will be out of the school throughout the week. The year 11 and 12 students have finished. 47 students from year 8 to 10 will attend the Gold Coast trip for the whole week. One under 17 volleyball team with 8 students from year 9 and 10 will be in Melbourne for the whole week at the Australia Volleyball Cup. Finally, the whole of the year 4, 5 and 6 cohort will be on camp in Melbourne from Monday to Wednesday. For all the other students, school will run as normal and the expectation is that students in years 7, 8 and 9 that are not involved in camps must attend school.

Tony Goodwin
Principal

PRESENTATION EVENING - Wednesday 16th December at 7.00pm

The Murtoa College end of year Presentation Evening is just over 2 weeks away. Another one of the awards presented on the evening is the La Trobe Institute for Molecular Science Scholarship.

La Trobe Institute for Molecular Science Scholarship

This scholarship was first awarded in 2013 and is due to the generosity of a former Murtoa High School student associated with La Trobe University, Melbourne. The scholarship is presented to a student or a number of students who, in VCE expressed the desire to study science at university. The purpose of this scholarship is to enable a student or students to visit university open days, attend orientation sessions during holidays and to assist with the cost of tertiary education. The scholarship is awarded to a Year 11 student, or a number of students that are about to embark on their final year of secondary education. The scholarship valued at $5000.


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2016 SRC Reps

Yr 8     Bevan Brooke & Hannah Whyte
Yr 9     Jordan Delahunty & Emmy Dingwall
Yr 10    Zach Loats & Ellen Huebner
Yr 11    Tom Petering & Karina Drum
It has already been a busy start to the week with the choir singing at the Giving Tree this morning just before our first group of swimmers went to the pool. The Swimming Carnival is on Friday and the weather, at this stage, is predicted to be warm to hot which is sensational. Along with the out of classroom activities we are still continuing to assess students in a range of areas and are very pleased with the overall growth shown by the students. It is often challenging for students at this time of year and they want to compare themselves to others, however, we are focussed upon the growth of individual. What have they achieved? How have they improved from earlier in the year and semester? Academic growth of students is not a linear pattern and some years they will progress further than others. On the whole we are hoping to see an average of one year’s growth in a year, but year we will see more and others less. It is unique and often very exciting. Once again the majority of reporting comments will be found on Xuno, so if you are unable to access the system, please contact the classroom teachers for assistance, or myself.

Next week we will be taking the Year 4/5/6 students off to Melbourne for Urban Camp. It should be fantastic with an action-packed itinerary. The kids will have to bounce back quickly, because on Friday 11th December we are holding the Foundation to Year 6 End of Year Celebration. This entails lunch from 12:45pm on the Primary Deck. Followed by each class presenting their part of the performance in the stadium from 1:30pm and a video summarising the year’s activities. The final section will be dedicated to our graduating Year 6 students, where they will give a small speech before watching their video. In the evening we will again celebrate with the Year 6 families with a dinner at the Railway Hotel at 6pm.

Mr Brad Venn
Assistant Principal

Swimming
The Swimming program began today, with all students in the Primary enjoying a 30 minute lesson. Students will be swimming each day in their class groups. Lessons will be supervised by Miss Barrett, Mrs Noonan, Mrs Keel, Mrs Dingwall and Mrs Gellatly.

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On Friday 4th December students will be involved in a Swimming Carnival with OLHC. This will begin at 1.30pm. Parents are encouraged to come along to this day and watch their child demonstrate skills learnt throughout the week. A reminder that the blue note sent home last week is due, this refers to how your child will be going home on Friday at the conclusion of the Swimming Carnival. A Bus is provided for any student needing to go back to Murtoa College.

4/5/6 Urban Camp - Melbourne
Next Monday 7th of December Year 4/5/6 students along with Mrs Noonan, Mr Venn, Mrs Gellatly and Mrs Jordan will be attending Urban Camp in Melbourne. The bus will be leaving Murtoa College at 7.30am; therefore I ask that all students arrive at school at 7.15am. A green packing list was sent home last week to assist students with luggage.

Mrs Noonan
Students of the Week

Back row: Cameron, Archie, Darcy and Mikey.
Front row: James, Ari and Mason.

Reading Awards

Back row: Liam, Regan, Mikaela, Jake, Jai, Jorja and Wayne.
Middle row: Tilley, Matthes, Emily and Mason.
Front row: Noah, Oscar, Oliver, Elijah and Cameron.

Premiers Reading Challenge Awards

Ryan and Matthes.

Birthdays
Thursday 3rd December – Ebony’s 6th Birthday

Primary Assembly Hosting
Week 9 – Year 3/4
Week 10 – Friday 11th December, Foundation to Year 6 End of Year Celebration from 12:45pm
Week 11 – No assembly
Clare, Hayley, Bella, Regan, Mikaela, Emily and Natalie.

Felicity, Lily, Seth, Cameron and Emily.

Jorja, Oscar, Will, Noah, Wayne and Tyler.

Alyssa, Lloyd, Fraser, Bronte, Finley and Anai.
Mikey, Monique, Nic, Breanna and Cleo.

**Foundation/One**

A few weeks ago, the Primary students went to Marnoo for the performance ‘The Man From Ironbark’. In the character of Banjo Patterson, he performed some of Banjo’s most famous poems, including Waltzing Matilda and The Man From Snowy River.

Recently we have had another two visits from the kinder students. The Foundation students were buddies up with their future class mates, and helped them in class and during recess.