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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.

2016 Final Reports
Parents and Carers please note that the final Accelerus Light report for each of your children who attend the college will be handed out to all students at Presentation night rehearsal on Wednesday afternoon December 16. All students who attended the college this year are expected at the rehearsal and presentation night.

F-6 celebrations day
The F-6 students have their celebration day on Friday. They will spend the day celebrating the year that was 2015. I would like to invite parents, carers and friends to join the students at the college at 12.45pm for lunch followed by their performance that starts at 1.30pm. The grade 6 students will then have their graduation night at the Railway Hotel with family and friends commencing at 6pm.

Camps week
This week is a big camps week! 47 students from year 8 to 10 are attending the Gold Coast trip for the whole week. The following staff will assist them. Mr. Metelmann, Mrs. Chapman, Ms. Lewis, Ms. Kelly and Mr. Goodwin. 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 with Mr. Bray. Finally, the whole of the year 4, 5 and 6 cohort will be on camp in Melbourne from Monday to Wednesday. Mr. Venn, Mrs. Noonan, Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. Gellatly will be looking after them. 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.
Working Bee
The Facilities sub-committee of the School Council has decided to it is time to do another ‘Working Bee’. They have decided to a day of work around the college just prior to the start of the new school year. I would like to encourage parents, students and friends of the college to come and help the college community tidy up the grounds prior to the students coming back to school. Mr Ross Sudholz will coordinate the day’s work and if you can attend please inform the Assistant Principal, Mrs. Anne Sudholz. The details of the day are as follows:

Day: Sunday
Date: January 24
Time: 9.30am

Years F-6 swimming program
Students in years F-6 should have participated in the college F-6 swimming program last week. All students participated in the program and swam every day of the week. The week culminated in the local swimming carnival with OLHC on Friday afternoon. A great week was had by all students and staff. Thank you to the whole F-6 team for their efforts in making the week long program so successful.

Year 10 Exams
The year 10 students have finished their final phase of their academic year with their 2nd semester exams. The exams concluded last Thursday. Then on Friday, the students last day of school for 2015 they attended a ‘Big Day Out’ organized by Mr Metelmann.

Tony Goodwin
Principal

The Department of Education and Training has decided to change the school’s financial codes for 2016. As a consequence of this all outstanding fees on family statements will be credited off and then re-added as a single line item to the statements in 2016 along with the new 2016 fees. We will keep copies of the detailed 2015 statements at the office if there are future queries.

FOR SALE
Yr 9 Nelson Maths Book $20
Phone Ash 5385 2605

Yarriambiack Has Talent 2015
Congratulations to Lily Horvat in the ‘Yarriambiack Has Talent’ contest at Warracknabeal on Friday 4th December. Lily came 3rd in the Painting/Drawing/Sketching category and won a $50 voucher.
Reminder – Students are expected to attend the practise of the Presentation Evening on the morning of the 16th December. School will finish at 1.00pm on the Wednesday with school buses leaving shortly thereafter. Students are expected to arrive at the Presentation Evening no later than 6.45pm.

Over the last few weeks we have given a brief overview of some of the awards to be presented to our student on the Presentation Evening. Other awards presented on the night will include:

The 2015 LITERARY AWARDS F-11, and the Young Writers Award Year 12

For these awards students submitted a piece of work of their choice or teachers submitted pieces completed by students as part of their class work. The award is judged according to the quality of writing and can be in any format – for example, a play, poem, information report or short narrative.

The Young Writers Award applies to a Year 12 students. The winner of this award will have their name added to the shield.

The Literary Award winners will receive a $50 voucher which is held by the school and used for educational supplies and activities of the students in 2016, such as book list items, camps and excursions. The Young Writers Award winner receives a voucher for $100.

The 2015 Library/Reading Awards $55 voucher (Junior and Senior School)

These are awarded to the students who have read a wide variety of books, both fiction and non-fiction, and by a wide range of authors. These books should also be from a range of genres, and be generally regarded as complex for the age of the reader. They are also seen as a “reading role model” by their peers.

Hands on Learning
Last Wednesday the Hands on Learning team went horse riding in the Grampians Horse Riding Centre at Grampians Horse Riding Centre at Brimpaen (http://www.grampianshorseriding.com.au/). The group was accompanied by Brenton, Jenny, Mr Schier and Mr Vague. The morning was spent learning how to ride and control their horses and riding through the surrounding bush. The owner Cam, Mr Schier and Patrick encouraged and assisted the less experienced riders throughout the day. Everybody could get their horse to trot, stop and importantly turn by the end of the session. A magnificent bbq lunch supplied by the Hurleys followed. The students then had the opportunity to learn how to make a stock whip with the help of Laharum best whip maker Ian. The students presented Brenton and Jenny with Xmas gifts at the end of the day. A fantastic way to finish another fabulous year in Hands on Learning. We look forward to next year.
On Monday Laura and I went to a girls leadership day in Melbourne run by Cricket Victoria at Melbourne Girls College. The day was all about achieving your goals and finding the right people to get you there. There were 150 students attending the event where we were all split up into 3 different groups.

The first session was about building your resilience. It was presented by Sarah Elliott, Southern Stars and Vic Spirit all-rounder. She talked to us about being able to move forward once being set back.

The second session was about Getting the Right Balance in life between sport, school, friendship and having a healthy relationship with your family and your community. This was present by Briana Binch, Vic Spirit fast bowler and Tamara Mason Cricket Australia development manager.

Our final session was about getting the most out of a mentor and being able to find someone who can help you achieve your goals throughout your life. This was spoken by Southern Stars and Vic Spirit leg-spinner, Kristen Beams. Then all the groups came back together and we had a panel discussion with 3 of the most successful females in the sport industry. The panel was where we were able to ask these people about how they go so far in sport and in everyday life and what helped them to do it. The three girls were, Meg Lanning captain of the southern stars and Vic Spirit. Steph Prem who was the only female to represent Australia in snowboard cross at the 2010 Olympic games. Mel Jones who was one of the leading female commentators around the world.

I got so much out of this day I have learnt how to be a better leader in sport and how I can improve and go further in what I want to do.

Editor’s note - Special thank you to Nat Robbins and Luci Young for being so willing to take the girls down to this event.

Lori Young & Laura Robbins

LEFT - Mel Jones, one of the leading female sports commentators around the world, Laura Robbins, Steph Prem, the only female to represent Australia in snowboard cross at the 2010 Olympic games, Lori Young, and Meg Lanning captain of the Southern Stars and Vic Spirit cricket teams
Primary School Choir:

Choir students have performed at two different locations in Murtoa last week. Their first performance was at the launch of the Giving Tree on Monday. On Friday, the choir performed for the local Probus group. Students thoroughly enjoyed both performances and the audiences seemed very impressed with their efforts. Their next performances will be at various locations for the ‘Roadshow’ on Monday December 14. Well done!

Rupanyup Football Netball Club

Rupanyup Football Netball Club is currently seeking junior netballers. If you are interested in playing please contact Alex Downes on 0448888293 with your name and date of birth so that we can confirm age groups and numbers.