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**Year 12 Information Night**

All year 12s and their parents are invited to the Information Night next Tuesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} at 7pm in Rm 3.

This is an important night to set the scene for the year ahead and to receive a variety of information about dates and events for the year.

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**Week 2 Term 1**

I would like to extend to the whole Murtoa College community a warm welcome to term 1 2016. I am excited to be back and continue to feel privileged being the Principal of this wonderful college. I am looking forward to working with the community to continue the good work that occurred in 2015. It is great to have the college back to normal with nearly 270 students attending and doing what they do best…..learning!

Can I extend a warm welcome to the new families? I would personally like to welcome the 34 new students into the college. I am happy to say that the start has been fairly smooth. I have been wondering the yard at lunchtime and talking to the students. They are all in a happy space and I have enjoyed hearing about their holiday exploits.

We are a small and caring school. Our No. 1 value is respect. We expect all staff and students to respect each other, to respect our school facilities and to respect our school culture. We want every student to look forward to coming to school and we want them to become better people. We want to see every student recognized for their achievements, whether academic, sporting or through demonstrating our values. Good Luck to all students this year!

**New Students**

Our new students have had a comfortable transition into their new school. Our new foundation group have been tested and will find their feet quickly and starting to understand what school is all about. For those that have been to school before the transition has been smooth as they have been buddied up with a mentor who is looking out for them. Our staff comments about the new students are that they are very happy and that they find the students very friendly and reasonably easy to engage.
They are as follows:

Year 11: Tindara Luricella and Kaleb Whitehead
Year 10: Tyler Buckman, Theo Mayberry and Ella Motton
Year 9: Marnie Belleville
Year 6: Montana Pickering
Year 1: Appollo Brabender
Foundation: Sean Bird, Ruby Castleman, Charlie Coote, Mathilde Gardy, Molly Gawith, Diesal Harris, Charlie Maher, Emelia Martin, Logan McDonald, Matilda Moore, Alicia Nash and Callum Wheeler.

Senior College Student Leaders

I would like to introduce you to our Senior College Student Leaders for 2016. They will lead the student body of the college this year represent them in many different forums. I look forward to working closely with this group and making the 2016 a great year for the students at Murtoa College. In the photo from left to right are the following leaders:

Jessica Boan College Vice-Captain
Corey Chenoweth College Vice-Captain
Fergus Schier College Captain
Erika Ritsa College Captain
Halle Brown SRC Publicity Officer
Olivia Matthews SRC Secretary
Laura Clark SRC Treasurer

Welcome pack

We sent out a Welcome to School pack to all students, new and returning. Please let us know if this was useful or if we missed any information you needed. We were missing contact details for a couple of new families, so apologies if you didn’t receive a pack, spare copies are available at the office.

Attendance

This is quite a difficult issue for schools. We want to encourage every student to attend every possible day, but at the same time it is not appropriate to send a sick child to school. We also recognise that some families will take a family holiday outside of school holidays for financial or scheduling reasons. The DET policy does allow for this but parents are expected to notify the principal in writing IN ADVANCE for approval.

Legally it is expected that principals would excuse absences for:

- medical and dental appointments, where out of hours appointments are not possible or not appropriate
- bereavement or attendance at the funeral of a relative or friend of the student, including a student required to attend Sorry Business
- school refusal, if a plan is in place with the parent to address causes
- cultural observance, if the parent notifies the school in advance
- family holidays, where the parent notifies the school in advance and the student completes any Student Absence Learning Plan agreed by the school, student and parent.

There is also provision for unforeseeable or unexpected events.

However, it is very important for students to attend regularly. This is both for their learning and for social reasons. We are focusing on attendance again this year as our data shows that there are some students that have a large number of absences and that this is impacting on their learning.
It is really important that students get into good habits as early as possible and plan to attend every day except in cases of illness. Please let us know if we can help in any way. Mrs. Rachelle Chapman and the Year Level Coordinators or the F-6 classroom teachers should be the first point of contact about student non-attendance issues.

**Horsham Buses**

85% of our students rely on school buses to get to and from school. They are a very important part of the college community and the scheduling of programs run around the bus timetables. The college runs 2 buses from Horsham. Our student numbers coming from Horsham are increasing all the time. As I write this article the 2 buses are close to their capacity. We are making plans for future increases but right now we will NOT be able to accommodate students using these buses on a casual basis. We will let parents know when this changes.

**School Council**

**School Council Elections 2016 – Information for Parents**

School council elections will commence very soon. We have members retiring so we are looking for new representatives. Please consider nominating. Nomination forms will be available in next week’s newsletter.

**What is a school council and what does it do?**

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

**Who is on the school council?**

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

**Why is Parent membership so important?**

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

**How can you become involved?**

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

**Do I need special experience to be on school council?**

No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

**Basketball**

Basketball starts Tuesday 9th February.

GRAND FINAL – Tuesday 8th March

AGM - Thursday 4th February 7.30pm @ Railway Hotel.

EVERYONE MOST WELCOME!

The future of basketball in Murtoa will be discussed so a good attendance is required.

We are also asking for hamper items for the Jung Market (Feb) & Grand Final.
ALL VET Students need a Unique Student Identifier USI.

Every year almost four million Australians build and sharpen their skills by undertaking nationally recognised training. All students doing nationally recognised training need to have a Unique Student Identifier (USI). This includes students doing Vocational Education Training (VET) when they are still at school (VET for secondary students).

What is a USI?

The Unique Student Identifier or USI is a reference number made up of 10 numbers and letters that:

- creates a secure online record of your recognised training and qualifications gained in Australia, even from different training organisations
- will give you access to your training records and transcripts (available in 2016)
- can be accessed online, anytime and anywhere
- is free and easy to create and
- stays with you for life

Who needs a USI and why?

If you are a new or continuing student undertaking nationally recognised training and course you need a USI in order to receive your qualification or statement of attainment. If you don't have a USI you will not receive your qualification or statement of attainment.

Your USI will give you access to an online record of the training you have done since 1 January 2015. You will also be able to produce a comprehensive transcript of your training. This can be used when applying for a job, seeking a credit transfer or demonstrating pre-requisites when undertaking further training.

Go to https://www.usi.gov.au/students and follow the steps. You must provide your USI to your VET instructor ASAP. Any issues ring Mr Vague 0353852381 at school.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE 2016

IMPORTANT: For ALL families wishing to access the conveyance allowance for 2016.

To be eligible a student must:

- A Victorian resident
- School aged and enrolled (3) three or more days per week at a school, and
- Attend their closest government or non-government school/campus, appropriate to their year level, at which admission is permissible, and is located outside the Melbourne metropolitan conveyance boundary
- Reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended

If approved the allowance payable is based on the one way distance to make the journey to and from school.

If you feel you are eligible please contact the office to receive an application form before Friday 26th February, 2016.

For families who have already received a conveyance allowance in the past you must REAPPLY. NEW APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE DONE.

It is also the parent/guardian responsibility to supply a map of distance travelled to your nearest bus stop. Bing maps will be a good internet site to do this and the website is http://www.bingmaps.com/

For more information or to collect an application form please contact the General Office.
Welcome to the 2016 academic year at Murtoa College. We are very excited to have a number of new families join our community - welcome from everybody involved at Murtoa College. Secondly and equally as important, I’d like to welcome our returning families too. We trust you all had an enjoyable break away from school and that the students are ready to learn.

Thank you for supporting our assessment interviews last week. It is incredible how two days of assessments can change the entire term for our students and teachers. They will now be able to focus upon teaching and learning a lot earlier, and will not rely upon ‘busy’ work to complete these assessments.

This year we have four classes; Foundation/Year 1 with Miss Barratt, Year 1/2/3 with Mrs Venn, Year 3/4 with Ms Boehm and Year 5/6 with Mrs Noonan. We also have a number of teachers supporting our programs or teaching specialist subjects; Mrs Kelly (Year 1/2/3 and Year 3/4), Mrs Jenion (Art), Mrs Noonan and Miss Hagedorn (German), Mr Venn (Digital Technologies) and Mr Sachse (Physical Education).

Hats are required for terms 1 and 4 and it is imperative that they are clearly named, so that we can avoid any confusion and allow students to enjoy playing outside. If students do not have a hat they will need to sit in one of the two designated shade areas at break times – the deck or fake grass. I encourage parents to use whiteout or a similar product for the labelling of hats, because it is clear and permanent.

Uniforms are widely available at the office and we are well stocked (to the best of my knowledge). You will find our blue polo-shirts, jumpers and hats available in various sizes. Plain navy shorts and tracksuit pants are cheaply sourced at numerous local department stores. If you have any queries about uniforms please speak to the classroom teachers or office staff.

Last year we unveiled the Xuno Parent and Student Portal especially for your benefit. It provides students with their timetables and also valuable ongoing assessment information. We are continuing to utilise this student management system this year and will increase its functionality too. For existing families your login details will remain the same as last year and for new families please expect a letter with access details in the coming weeks. If you have had any issues accessing the portal please do not hesitate to contact me or a classroom teacher for assistance.

Home reading is incredibly important to support students with the development of their reading skills. Mrs Venn has compiled a sheet with strategies for assisting with reading at home. Please refer to this sheet later in the newsletter – I’m sure it will give even the most confident parents some ideas too.

Mr Brad Venn
Assistant Principal

New Students

We would officially like to welcome the following new students to Murtoa College:

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2016 Foundation to Year 6 Staff

Miss Barratt

Mrs Venn

Ms Boehm

Mrs Noonan

Mrs Kelly

Miss Hagedorn

Mrs Jenion

Mr Venn

Mr Sachse

Foundation to Year 6 Assembly Schedule

Our Foundation to Year 6 Assemblies are held every Thursday afternoon from 2:30pm in the Year 1/2/3 classroom of the BER. All parents and family members are welcome to attend any or all of the assemblies. They are a fantastic opportunity to see students share and celebrate their recent learning in a range of learning areas. Furthermore, they are student run, promote speaking and listening, and the college values.

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Birthdays

January 5th – Elijah Berger
January 14th – Cameron Newell
January 21st – Wayne Nash
February 5th – Tyler Wright
READING WITH YOUR CHILD AT HOME

Reading is important

Reading has always been a vital skill. Reading with your child at home will help your child in all learning areas of school. Children see you reading in everyday life, including reading for pleasure, using a recipe and reading street signs. This teaches them that reading is a necessary and valuable skill in life.

What you can do at home to help

- Read aloud to children. It helps them to learn the language of books and will encourage them to enjoy books and reading.
- Talk about books, read together and make reading an enjoyable, shared activity.
- Make sure there is a wide range of reading material for your child at home, both fiction and non-fiction.
- Make a special time for reading with your child, away from interruption.
- Listen to your child every day, even for a short time.
- Give books as treats and presents.

Hints for listening to your child read

- Before reading, talk about the cover, the title, the pictures, and discuss what the book may be about.
- Resist the temptation to cover the pictures. The pictures are designed to support the reader.
- During reading, discuss what has been read up to that point, and predict what will happen next.
- After reading is finished, talk and ask questions about the story and the pictures.
- When reading a harder book together, take turns or read the whole text to your child.
- Upon finding an unknown word, pause to give your child time to work out the word.
- If your child is stuck, you can give them a prompt:
  - Look at the pictures
  - Look at the first letter and think about what the word could be
  - Re-read the sentence, or read-on past the difficult word to the end of the sentence.
  - Ask “Does it make sense?”
  - Ask ‘Does it sound right?’
  - If necessary tell your child the word.
- Praise your child for trying even if mistakes are made.

What to read and do

- Visit and use a library near you. Borrow books for yourself as well as your child.
- Read comics, magazines, short stories, poems and rhymes, including nursery rhymes.
- Ask your child to read out simple recipes while you cook together.
- Do crosswords and other word puzzles together.
- Read the TV guide before watching a program.
- Look at letterbox leaflets together.
- Read directions and signs when driving and shopping.
- Play board games together and read the rules.

Remember

- Make time for reading every day.
- Enjoy reading. It’s fun!
- Talk to your child’s classroom teacher for further help and advice.
Horsham Arts Council’s 50th Anniversary Spectacular

The Horsham Arts Council will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in style, and will be the first staged theatre production to be held in the new Horsham Town Hall Theatre. We have a few staff members appearing in this amazing production. See the dates and times below, and follow the link for tickets:


Event Information

DATE
05 February 2016 -
13 February 2016

TIME
Friday 5 February 2016 at 8pm
Saturday 6 February 2016 at 8pm
Sunday 7 February 2016 at 2pm
Thursday 11 February 2016 at 8pm
Saturday 13 February 2016 at 2pm

VENUE
Horsham Town Hall Theatre

DURATION
Two hours plus interval

VCE Parent Information Night

You are invited to a VCE Parent Information Night for parents and students commencing Year 12 in 2016. The meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd of February starting at 7.00pm at Murtoa College in Rooms 3 & 4. The purpose of the evening is to inform parents of the format and administration of the VCE for Year 12 students in 2016. The night will help parents to understand the terminology of the VCE, VET and VCAL. It will introduce the processes and procedures students will undertake in their final year of schooling.

The Agenda for the night will include;

The VCE Challenge – Mr Tony Goodwin.

VCE Rules and Procedures, (What happens if I am sick?) – Andrew Vague.

School Expectations – Anne Sudholz, Brad Venn.

Careers Planning – Andrew Vague.

A Parents Perspective – Anne Randall and others.

A light supper will be served after the meeting.

I hope both students and parents can attend this important event and look forward to talking with you about any concerns on the night.
SECONDARY Swimming Standards & Twilight Swimming Carnival

• SWIMMING STANDARDS  Wednesday, February 17 Periods 5-6

Every student will be timed at swimming two laps of Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly. If students aren’t strong swimmers, they are encouraged to jump in and have a go for at least a couple of strokes to get a point for their house. If students don’t get in the water and do a couple strokes, their house will MISS OUT ON THE POINTS. If students absolutely can’t swim, they may use a kick board or a life jacket to move a couple of metres then hop out. If students swim fast (within the standard times for their age group), they may be awarded extra points, either 2 or 3 depending on their time.

• SWIMMING CONSENT FORMS

These are to be handed back to your FORM TEACHERS or in the box inside the STUDENT ENTRY. Also pool memberships (if you don’t already have one and prefer not to pay $2 as you go), this money is to be taken to the GENERAL OFFICE. This information was given to students on the first day of school.

• TWILIGHT SWIMMING CARNIVAL  Tuesday, February 23 2pm - 6.30-7pm

There is no school in the morning of this day. Students are expected to attend the carnival from 2.00pm to approx. 6.30 - 7.00pm at the Murtoa Pool. There will only be a special Horsham bus with specific pick-up times run for Horsham students, all other bus travellers will need to arrange their own transport to and from the event. ROLLS will be marked at the pool and it is a compulsory activity for students to attend, even if they aren’t swimming. There will be MORE NOVELTY EVENTS this year for students who aren’t able to swim in the traditional competitive stroke events. PARENTS, FRIENDS & FAMILY ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND TO SUPPORT THEIR STUDENTS. We are also looking for PARENT SWIMMERS to volunteer for the STAFF v STUDENT v PARENT relay race.

• HOUSE T-SHIRTS

Students are encouraged to purchase a t-shirt in their house colours from the office for $10. They come in PURPLE for DEGENHARDT HOUSE, BRIGHT GREEN for MEIER HOUSE and BRIGHT ORANGE for WATERSON HOUSE. They are to be worn for any house competition such as swimming standards, swimming sports, athletics standards, athletics sports & cross country. Students may decorate them if they choose.

• MURTOA COLLEGE SWIMMING CAPS

This year we have purchased new swimming caps with the Murtoa College logo. Students will wear these for the Black Ranges Swimming Carnival this term. They are white silicone caps with navy writing. Students may also purchase their own for $10. See Joanne Baker if you are interested.

• POOL FEES

Students will need to pay $2 each time they go to the Murtoa Pool for Phys. Ed. classes or whole school activities like the Swimming Standards and the Swimming Carnival. Some students may already have a pool membership at the Murtoa Pool, which you should indicate on your Swimming Consent Form. If students do not have a Season Pass, they may wish to purchase a STUDENT PASS, which costs $20 per student or $35 for two or more students in the one family. These memberships may be paid at the GENERAL OFFICE. Please put the correct money in an envelope with your name clearly marked on the outside.
Sport Dates for 2016

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MMFNC Football/Netball Information

Welcome to a very exciting 2016

U17’s

Coaches – Derek Cameron, Angus Trethowen.

Derek Cameron 0428 316 319  derekjcameron30@gmail.com

U14’s

Coach – Gavin Young

Training will start 10th of Feb

We need a Team Manager, please contact Malcom Schier 0429 852 788

Gavin Young 0417 372 120

Netball

I would like to welcome all new & old families/players to another season of netball & footy, how the time flies, hope everyone enjoyed their break and are ready for another great season to kick off very shortly!!

REGISTRATIONS ~ at White House Murtoa

13’s & 15’s registrations postponed until ~ WEDNESDAY 10th Feb from 4pm.

Training to be confirmed.

17’s ~ Registrations & TRAINING ~ WEDNESDAY 3rd Feb from 4pm

If you cannot make these nights, please let myself know & we will pop a registration form aside for you to fill in next time.

Any further questions please contact me on ~ 0428 847381

Jess Whyte ~ MMNFC Junior netball coordinator
**Art Club – Teens**

An after school program for 12 – 16 year olds interested in art, design and photography. Learn new skills and experiment with different mediums and materials. This structured program will see participants work toward a display presented within the Horsham Town Hall Foyer.

Cost: $95 a term, includes all materials  
Bookings: 5382 9575.  
Payment required on booking

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**Endoreic**

Lake Lassels Short Film Festival

Engage yourself with the debut of the Yarrambilack Shire’s first film festival

**Participate in Film Production Workshops** led by Visual Artist and Filmmaker Hannah French.  
Create your own 5 – 10 min short films. Entries will be shown at a public presentation at Lake Lassels Hopetoun on April 16th.

Register your interest before January 18th to participate.  
Open to everyone, ages 12 – 25

Workshops to be held at these venues between the following dates

- Hopetoun: Feb 5th – Apr 10th 2016
- Warracknabeal: Feb 6th – Apr 11th 2016
- Murtoa: Feb 6th – Apr 11th 2016

Contact: Murray McKenzie  
Email: mmckenzie@yarrambilack.vic.gov.au
Endoreic Registration Form

Lake Lascelles Short Film Festival

Please fill in your details below:

Name: _______________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________

Age: ________________

Phone: ________________ (H) ________________________ (M)

Email Address: _____________________________________________

Emergency Contact Name and Number _____________________________________________

Workshops Venue Attending (Please Circle)

Hopetoun   Warracknabeal   Murtoa

Please return to M. McKenzie at the Yarriambiack Shire Council Office 34 Lyle ST WARRACKNABEAL 3393 Vic or email on mmckenzie@yarriambiack.vic.gov.au or 0407585097 for more details.
### Endoreic Schedule

#### Free Short Film making Workshops

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef