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Week 4 Term 1

Year F-6 Information Night

Parents/Guardians of students in Foundation to Year 6 are invited to the Information session today, Monday February 15. The information session will take the format of a family barbeque starting at 6pm on the decking. This will be followed by an informal information session where parents/guardians will be encouraged to talk to staff one on one or ask a panel of staff questions about the college programs. This is an important night to set the scene for the year ahead and receive a variety of information about dates and events for the year. Please bring questions to ask the teachers!

Uniform

Congratulations and a big thank you to the overwhelming majority of students who are wearing correct school uniform with pride. You look sensational. All students have a hat on in the yard and are making a strong effort to do the right thing during this very warm weather. Little things make a big difference. Could parents please support our efforts and check the small things like students having their hat at school?

Foundation to year 6 uniform change
At the school council meeting on Tuesday the issue about the colour of the socks that can be worn by the Foundation to Year 6 student was discussed. The council changed the colour of the socks in term 4 last year in good faith but unfortunately this created some issues. As a consequence this was revisited and the council made the following decision. Students in Foundation to Year 6 can wear either white or black socks with their uniform. This change will be effective immediately.

Canteen

Last Tuesday the school council discussed the issue of the Canteen running at a loss in 2015. Due to rising costs and declining student usage a change was required to cover the deficit. Consequently, the following will occur:

The canteen will be closed on a Wednesday effective immediately.

School Council Elections
Nominations for parents remain open this week. If, anyone requires a nomination form please ask at the office. Nominations close 4pm on Monday February 22.
Horsham Buses

We have completed week 3 of the term and have now been able to establish a consistent bus usage. At this stage we will be able to offer some casual bus usage. We are prepared to offer casual usage on the following basis. Firstly, the request is for a regular weekly trip (not 1 off), secondly, the request is made at least 3 days in advance and finally the casual user cost per trip is $5.

The week that was! (Week 3 Term 1)

School Council
The first meeting for 2015 occurred last Tuesday. All the reports that were presented and the items discussed in general business indicated that the college has started the year quite well. This was the last meeting for the 2015 council. I would like to thank the outgoing parents for their tireless efforts in helping to make this college a better educational institution. Thank you to Mrs Ros Petering, Mrs Fiona Welsh and to the retiring president of the last 6 years Mr Peter (Billy) Ballagh.

Year 7 Camp to Roses Gap
Last Wednesday saw the year 7 cohort head off to Roses Gap in the Grampians for the annual year 7 camp. The students spent 3 days doing a range of exciting activities but the overriding aim of the camp was to get the students to know each other and get ready for 6 years of secondary education. The camp went very well from all report. Thank you to Ms Jen Hagedorn for organising and running the camp. Also, thank you to Mr Shaun Williams and Ms Emma Avery for helping to make this camp a great start to secondary schooling for the new Year 7 cohort.

VCE study day
Our year 12 VCE students attended the annual VCE study day in Horsham last Friday. These sessions are important in that they give the students direction and good solid advice on how to approach their study during this very demanding year.

Wimmera Sport Stars of the Year
The Wimmera Sport Stars of the year award ceremony was held on Friday night in Horsham. Congratulations to the Intermediate Boys volleyball team that won the Sports Team of the Year award. This team won the SSV state title in August then went on to finish 5th in the Honours section of the Under 17 Australian Schools Volleyball championships in December. It is a great recognition for the college volleyball program. Thank you to Mr Shannon Argall and Mr Shaun Bray for all their hard work with this program.

Cake Stall
On Friday the 4th of March. Year 12 VCAL students of Murtoa College are involved in holding a cake stall for Relay for Life, in the main street of Murtoa, out the front of the IGA from 9am-12pm. Parents and Staff are invited to make goods to sell at the stall. All money raised will be going towards the Murtoa College Relay for life team to help reach their fundraising goal of $1500. If interested in making goods please contact the school on 53852381.

Murtoa College Relay for life Fundraising

How Many Lollies in a Jar?

This week students in VCAL will be holding a fundraiser ‘Guess how many lollies are in a jar’. This fundraiser money will be going towards the Murtoa College Relay for life team to help reach their goal of $1500. To be involved at half time each lunch time this week (apart from Wednesday) students will be wandering around the yard and sitting at the mosaic table in the assembly area in the secondary side so each person to guess how many lollies are a jar. Each guess will cost 50c. The winner will be drawn and announced on Friday the 19th Feb.
Primary News

Tonight we are holding our Foundation to Year Six Parent Get together and Information Session on the deck area from 6pm. Thank you to everyone for promptly returning the slips, it should be a great opportunity to catch up and share some information in an informal setting.

Our Foundation students have started to settle into the routines of school. It has been wonderful to see them all wearing their uniforms and hats proudly. This time of year can be overwhelming at times for our new students, so please keep us informed if you have queries or concerns.

Next Tuesday our Year 5/6 students will be attending the 7-12 House Swimming Sports to observe some events in period 6. This is a great opportunity for our students to see what the sports are like before participating in Year 7. However, a number of students have been asked to participate to assist with numbers for relays. It should be a fun afternoon and a note will be handed out later this week.

Mr Brad Venn
Assistant Principal

Students of the Week

Back row: Alyssa and Oliver.

Foundation to Year 6 Assembly Schedule

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Year 7-12 Swimming Standards

Wednesday 17th February – Period 5 & 6

Buses to depart from pool for all Year 7-12 students.

Expectations

- It is expected that everyone will swim. If you cannot swim, you are encouraged to have a go either along the edge, down the shallow end only, with a kickboard or lifejacket.
- By simply having a go you will still earn a point for your house.
- When you are not swimming or being marshalled, you are expected to remain within your house area.

Swimming Consent Forms

- SWIMMING CONSENT FORMS ARE OVERDUE! They must be handed in ASAP!
- Students who do not return their consent forms will be given chores to do at the pool.

Schedule Of The Standards

- Periods 1-4 Normal
- Lunchtime 12.45 – 1.15. The gym will be opened for you to get changed into your swimming gear. Please put your uniform over the top of your bathers until it is your turn to swim
- 12.45 – 1.00 – 1st half of lunch
- 1.00 – 1.15 – 2nd half including yard duty
- The 1.15 bell will signal for you to assemble at the general assembly area
- Walk down to the pool as a group
- 1.45 – 3.00 Swimming Standards
- 3.00 – 3.15 Get changed back into uniform
- 3.20 Buses will pick students at the pool

Other Important Info

- The canteen will not be open on Standards Day
- Students including bus travellers must take everything with them, as they will be heading home from the pool. This includes schoolwork, lunch, water, snacks, bathers, towel, HAT, sunscreen and insect repellent.
At The Pool

- Students will sit in their house groups on the lakeside and wait for further instructions.
- Each house will be given 2 lanes for the entire afternoon. The house captains will organise and time each individual for each stroke in their house. There will be no pressure to race, but to swim your best possible time.
- The two students with the fastest time for their age for each stroke will be selected for that event at the carnival.
- All strokes will be 50m.

Pool Passes

- If you haven’t bought a swimming pass, you will need to bring $2 for Standards. This will be checked off along with your attendance in form groups.

Sport Dates for 2016

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Australian Air Force Cadets Information Night

The Horsham Squadron of the AAFC will be holding an information session for potential new cadets and their families on Tuesday the 16th of February, commencing at 7.30pm.

The AAFC is a youth development organisation for young people between the ages of 13 and 20. Cadets are able to participate in activities such as flying, gliding, shooting, camping, hiking, abseiling and camps at Air Force bases and are encouraged to develop valuable skills such as leadership and self-discipline.

The Horsham Squadron meets on Thursday evenings during the school term from 7pm until 9.30pm. Membership fees are $25 per term.

The information session will be held at the James Lawson Depot at 99 Baillie St Horsham (enter through the rear gate, accessed via Davey St). For more information visit www.aafc.org.au or call Dimity on 0429 434 496.
Students need to arrive at the pool by 2pm at the latest. Secondary students are not required at school in the morning as there are no classes for secondary students on this day.

This is a compulsory school day and it is expected that all students will attend. Students who attend our sports days (swimming, athletics and cross-country) are eligible for participation in other sporting competitions such as basketball, tennis, etc. Students who do not attend without a valid excuse are NOT eligible to participate in other sporting competitions. Students are not permitted to leave the pool during the sports.

Parents: Parents, families and friends are encouraged to attend to support the students and their events. We are also seeking parents to swim in the PARENTS Vs. STUDENT Vs. STAFF relay, so bring your togs!

Food: It is yet to be confirmed whether or not the SRC students will be running a BBQ as a fundraiser. The pool canteen will be open for light refreshments.

Seating: Parents may wish to bring their own chairs.

Sun safety: Please remember to wear a broad brimmed hat and t-shirt, and apply sunscreen and insect repellent (if required) regularly throughout the day.

Clothing: Fancy dress in your HOUSE COLOURS as well as swimming gear, rash top, towel, goggles (if required).

Please note: The swimming carnival runs as a school day and it is expected that all students will attend. Any student who does not attend will be deemed absent and will need to provide a written note explaining their absence.

Caption: DEGENHARDT, MEIER and WATERSON House Captains working together to put their house swimming selections in for the swimming sports. For the first time, students have the option of non-swimming events at our Twilight Swimming Sports on Tuesday 23rd February.
Travel Arrangements

Parents of secondary student bus travellers (except those who travel from Horsham) are advised that they will need to provide students with transport to and from the pool.

Horsham Buses: The Horsham buses will run on altered schedules and routes.

Schedule of Events – Below is a summary of the schedule for the Swimming carnival. Parents and families are encouraged to come along, cheer and support the students.

1.45 Arrive at pool
2.30 - Freestyle events begin
3.00 - Breaststroke events begin
3.38 - Novelty events – Life Jacket, Inflatable Relay Race, Non-Swimming events
4.00 – Butterfly events begin
4.20 – Backstroke events begin
5.15 – Medley relay events begin
5.45 – Freestyle relay events begin
6.45 – Staff Vs. Students Vs. Parents Relay – Parent swimmers needed!!
6.50 – Results announced

FYI: Breaststroke, Butterfly, Relay & Starting Rules

Breaststroke Rules
Breaststroke is a symmetrical stroke, so both hands and legs must be doing the same thing at all times

- Shoulders and hips must be horizontal.
- You must touch with both hands simultaneously at the finish.
- You must be doing a proper ‘frog kick’, not a scissor or sidestroke kick.
- You may only complete one stroke underwater at the start.

Butterfly rules
- Butterfly is also a symmetrical stroke: your feet must be doing either a ‘frog kick’ or a ‘dolphin kick’, and both your arms must come over together.
- You must touch with both hands simultaneously at the finish.

Medley Relay Order
Backstroke Breaststroke Butterfly Freestyle

False Starts
Swimmers are not to enter the water until the starter has signalled with the starter's gun. Swimmers will be disqualified if they cause a false start or enter the water following a swimmer in a false start. There will be no warnings issued.
Travel Arrangements

Parents of secondary student bus travellers (except those who travel from Horsham) are advised that they will need to provide students with transport to and from the pool.

Horsham Buses: The Horsham buses will run on altered schedules and routes.

All Horsham secondary students will travel on the 57-seat Main Bus on an altered route, and will arrive at the pool and depart for home after the Swimming Carnival. Students who normally travel on the 20-seat Toyota will need to meet the bus at either Wawunna Rd Shops or Dooen Rd (Edith St) stops.

Times in the evening for drop-off in Horsham have been estimated to the best of the driver’s knowledge. Your patience will be appreciated if they are not 100% accurate on the day.

The timetable is as follows:

**Horsham Main Bus to Murtoa**

1.00 pm  Cnr Mills Ave and Wawunna Rd  
1.02 pm  Wawunna Rd Shops  
1.04 pm  O’Connor and Begg St  
1.06 pm  Churchill Rd and Berry Crt  
1.08 pm  Cnr Natimuk Service Rd and Bennett Rd  
1.19 pm  Haven Primary School  
1.24 pm  McPherson St, Showgrounds  
1.26 pm  McPherson St (Roberts Ave)  
1.28 pm  Dooen Rd Shops  
1.29 pm  Dooen Rd (Edith St)  
1.30 pm  Pryors Rd  
1.31 pm  Henty/Wimmera Hwy 200 metres north Riverside Rd  
1.53 pm  Arrive at Murtoa Pool

**Horsham Main Bus to Horsham**

7:00 pm  Depart Murtoa Pool  
7:22 pm  Henty/Wimmera Hwy 200 metres north Riverside Rd  
7:23 pm  Pryors Rd  
7:24 pm  Dooen Rd (Edith St)  
7:25 pm  Dooen Rd Shops  
7:27 pm  McPherson St (Roberts Ave)  
7:29 pm  McPherson St, Showgrounds  
7:34 pm  Haven Primary School  
7:45 pm  Cnr Natimuk Service Rd and Bennett Rd  
7:47 pm  Churchill Rd and Berry Crt  
7:49 pm  O’Connor and High St  
7:51 pm  Wawunna Rd Shops  
7:53 pm  Cnr Mills Ave and Wawunna Rd

All Horsham based primary students will travel on the 20-seat Toyota Bus on its regular route, with extra stops at the beginning of the run to pick up the travellers from the Main Bus, and will arrive at school and depart for home as per normal school times. If your child/children normally catches the 20-seat Toyota there will no change to their travel arrangements.
Year Seven Camp

Wednesday 10th – Friday 12th February

Last week the Year Sevens went to Roses Gap for their camp. The aim of the camp is for students to get to know one another as well as let them determine their strengths and try to overcome some of their fears. They took part in multiple activities that included:

- The giant swing and vertical playpen
- Abseiling and Rock climbing
- Canoeing and Archery
- Low Ropes
- Bushwalk to Beehive Falls
- Jamie and Kim’s Zoo
- Disco

According to some of the students, the best thing at camp was...

“the giant swing and the vertical playpen because they both test where you wanted to go and your ability to climb” Lucy

“Rock Climbing/Disco” Bailey

“The vertical playpen while climbing up” Lachie

“Disco” Breanna

The best parts continued.....

“Getting to know all the other Year 7s or the disco” Jessie
“The disco” Mikey

“Abseiling and the vertical playpen because I got past what I thought I could and it was fun. I liked the disco too.” Monique

“Vertical Playpen” Rhys

“The best thing was enjoying my time and making new friends, also to get to know people, and doing activities.” Thandi

“The swing or disco” Cleo

“Giant Swing” Selina

“Rock Climbing” Nic

“Abseiling” Darcy

“Abseiling because I conquered my fear of it” Shontelle

“The giant swing where I was singing Spider Monkey” Ashley

“The disco” Thomas

“The giant swing. I went all the way to the top” Larrissa

“Singing on the giant swing and having fun at the disco” Brylee

“Abseiling and disco” Kirah

“The giant swing because you went really high” Rhiannon

“Abseiling” Rupert

“Giant swing” Ben
MMFNC Football/Netball Information

All training will be at Murtoa until the Change rooms are completed at Minyip.

Football

U14& 17 training will start this Wednesday 10/2, 4.30pm at Murtoa.

U17’s

Coaches – Derek Cameron, Angus Trethewen.

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

Auskick/U12’s

These groups have been split up for this season:

Auskick – Manager/Registration, please see Penny Golder 0419 371 051, register online.

U12’s – Manager/Registration, Rachel Howson 0467 251 702. Club membership is $20 per player, this is heavily discounted by the club (actual cost is $75)

Please note:

Auskick registration is with the AFL, not our club, in order to play U12 a club membership only is needed. If you want to play Auskick and U12 you will need to be registered with both.

Netball

Netball training will be on THURSDAY night at Murtoa from 4.30pm

~ PLEASE BE SURE THAT IF YOU HAVEN’T REGISTERED ONLINE IT NEEDS TO BE DONE BEFORE THIS WEEKS TRAINING....THANKS

Below is how you go about registering online:

You will need to know your player Id number which is on your netball Victoria card from last year or you can look it up at:


Once you have your name and password go to FIND A CLUB. Put in 3400. This will then give you the option Wimmera Netball Association. Click on Register, This will take you to New Participant or Return User, enter you ID and password and follow the prompts. Please print the confirmation page and bring it on Thursday night with your payment.

The EFTPOS machine will be there this week for payments.

Indemnity forms will be available to fill in as well.

Club Membership Cost: Senior Player $145.00 Tertiary Student $ 115.00 Under 18 $75 Under 15 $60

Please contact myself if you have any questions Jess Whyte - MMNFC Junior Netball coordinator 0428 847381