IMPORTANT DATES

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Term 1 – Week 7
Annual Meeting
This week is the first meeting of the 2016 new school council cycle and as such will include the 2015 Annual General Meeting. At the meeting the 2015 Annual report will be presented to the college community along with the election of college school council office bearers and college school council sub-committee members. I would like to invite any members of the college community to attend. The meeting time and venue is as follows:
Annual General Meeting:
Date: Tuesday March 8
Time: 5.30pm
Venue: Room 1

Whole School Assembly
Our students achieve on a daily basis and recognising these achievements is very important. We know at the college that positive feedback is important and needs to occur regularly. So we will be celebrating student successes at a whole school assembly this week as we do on a regular basis. Therefore, I would like to invite the college community to this week’s whole school assembly to help us celebrate some of the successes of our students. The details of the assembly are as follows:
Date: Thursday March 10
Time: 9am
Venue: Stadium

The week that was! (Week 6 Term 1)
Parent/Teacher Interviews
The college was a hive of activity last Tuesday with Parents/Carers/Guardians attending the college to discuss their respective student’s progress with teachers. The feedback I gained from all involved was generally positive and will be used to improve this process in future. Thank you to those members of the community that attended and to the staff who made sure the feedback given was constructive and useful.
Black Ranges Volleyball - Horsham
The Intermediate and Senior volleyball teams travelled to the Black Ranges Volleyball Tournament last Thursday in Horsham. Congratulations should be extended to all 3 teams that participated as they represented the college with the usual pride and effort. Special mention to the Senior boys and Intermediate girls teams who have won through to the Greater Western Region finals next term. Thank you to Mr Argall and Mr Bray for convening the respective competitions, organising the teams and assisting with coaching.

Year 7 Immunisation
Last Thursday March 3 saw the year 7 cohort immunised from a variety of different diseases. The whole process went very smoothly and the students who received inoculations handled the situation very well. This free service provided by Yarriambiack Shire is another way of supporting the wellbeing of the college community. Thank you to the Rachelle Chapman and Jess Kelly for supporting the students and assisting with the whole process.

VCAL Cake Stall – Relay for Life

Congratulations to the 3 VCAL students who ran a cake stall last Friday March 4 in the main street. Ricki Plevey, Taylor Foscarini and Georgia Belleville organised and ran a cake stall to raise funds for the Relay for Life. It was a fantastic effort and $708 was raised towards the Relay for Life.

Tony Goodwin
Principal

Scholastic Monster – LAST WEEK!

This is the final week for Book Fair -with a Monstrous selection of books from as little as $1. The Fair concludes on Tuesday March 15. All sales earn the school commission to purchase books for our school.
Last week, the Foundation to Year 6 staff and students were very busy with the Bold as Brass CEP performance at Minyip, Parent Teacher Interviews, Wimmera Machinery Field Days excursion and Relay For Life fundraising.

This week, we are taking the Year 1 to Year 6 students to the Murtoa Memorial Pool on Wednesday for the last two periods of the day. Students will be demonstrating the swimming skills taught in term 4 of last year. Please ensure notes are returned promptly due to the short timeframe.

This weekend will be very exciting for all of our community, being a long weekend, but especially for Anai, Fraser, Lloyd, Ryan and Oscar who will be packing for Somers School Camp. The five students and myself will be heading off at 7am from Murtoa College on Tuesday 15th March. We will be attending the camp for nine days and return just in time for the end of term. It is an incredible experience for the students and schools are asked to provide staff every few years to ensure the camp runs to all expectations.

Student Recounts

Bold as Brass Recount by Tilda Horvat, Grade 1
First we lined up and got on the bus. Then we went inside and sat down. Next we listened to the band play. Lastly we lined up and went home on the bus. It was awesome because it was loud.
Field Day Recount by Matthes Gardy, Grade 2

Yesterday the Grade 1/2/3 class went to the Field Days. First we got on the bus. Next we got off the bus and looked at the machines. Then we got vests and went on a header. Then we tried to see the motorbikes. Lastly we went to the animals. There were chickens, a cow, a goat and a turkey. It was fun because we got to pick up the chickens.

Foundation – Year 6 Assembly Schedule

Week 7 – Year 3/4 with Ms Boehm

Week 8 – Year 1/2/3 with Mrs Venn

Week 9 – No assembly; 2:30pm finish for the end of term.

Week 1 – Year F/1 with Miss Barratt

Week 2 – Year 5/6 with Mrs Noonan.

Birthdays

No student birthdays this week.
In Maths we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We went on a shape hunt and made shapes using playdough and marshmallows.

In CCS we have been learning about people that can help us in the classroom, the school yard and the community. On Friday, we had a visit from the Murtoa fire truck.

### Sport Dates for 2016

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Black Ranges Intermediate and Senior Volleyball
– Thursday 3rd March

Results:

Intermediate girls (1st/7) progress through to the next stage after defeating some really strong opposition. A really tough start to the day saw them play Stawell and St Brigid’s in back-to-back games but the girls were up for the challenge and they defeated them both in straight sets (2-0).

After a short break, they had to play Horsham College 1, who was also undefeated in the pool. It was a three set game and it was still close at the change in the 3rd set but the girls were able to finish strongly and finish on top of their pool.

In the crossovers and the final game of the day, Murtoa were able to come away victorious in three sets against a very talented Horsham College 3 side. It was a high quality game with an all-rounded team effort that got them the win.

This group of girls has been playing Volleyball in the Horsham competition for several years but was the first time they have progressed through to the next stage of Black Ranges Volleyball, which is a great effort!

(Right) Intermediate Girls: Laura Robbins, Eadie Garth-Lindsay, Chloe Wilson, Bridget Drum, Holly Jende, Lori Young

Intermediate boys (5th/6) were competitive throughout the day and had a great time despite losing their opening games to Horsham College and St. Brigid’s. They rallied in their last game to beat Holy Trinity 2:0 sets, 25:20, 25:13.

The boys should be congratulated on in the way in which they played the game in high spirits and supported each other. They were all worthy representatives of Murtoa College.

The Senior (1st/3) boys progressed through without too much difficulty defeating Horsham College and Stawell in straight sets. They now progress onto Greater Western Region on Friday May 6th. These boys continue to show their high level of ability and have their eyes set firmly on defending their State Title from 2015.

Intermediate Boys: Cameron Anderson, David Horvat, Bailey Logan, Hayden Grace, Lucas Boland, Noah Collins-Clarke, Jordan Weidemann

Senior Boys: Jayden McQueen, Thomas Petering, Lewis Thomas, Jack Exell, Fergus Schier, Aaron Evans-Halligan, Christopher Eagle
Twilight House Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 23rd February, 2016

Records Broken
Congratulations to Maddi Morgan (DEG) who broke TWO individual records AGAIN this year!
16 year girls 50m Backstroke 38.96 (Old record: Kristen Starick 39.11 KARA 1992)
16 year girls 50m Butterfly 36.71 (Old record: Lauren Reading 37.88 MARMA 1997)
Congratulations to Jake Ballagh (WAT) who also broke an individual record.
18 year boys 50m Butterfly 32.77 (Old record: S. Dymke 32.92 WIMMERA 2005)
Congratulations DEGENHARDT 16 YEARS GIRLS MEDLEY TEAM who broke a relay record:
Maddi Morgan, Eadie Garth-Lindsay, Sheridan Baker & Bridget Drum
16 year girls 50m Medley Relay 3:01.06 (Old record: 3:03.04 WIMMERA 1994)

Age Champions
Congratulations to the following students who won their respective age champions.
These students will be presented their medallions at the next Whole School Assembly.

12-13 year girls  Cleo Baker (Hannah Whyte runner-up)
12-13 year boys  Rupert Loats (Will Coutts runner-up)
14 year girls  Lily Horvat (Chelsea Eagle runner-up)
14 year boys  Will Saligari (Logan Petering runner-up)
15 year girls  Jessica Brand (Laura Robbins runner-up)
15 year boys  Angus Matthews (Jack Pidgeon runner-up)
16 year girls  Maddison Morgan (Eadie Garth-Lindsay runner-up)
16 year boys  Riley Keel (George Robbins runner-up)
17 year girls  Lily Williams (Karina Drum runner-up)
17 year boys  Jake Ballagh (Jayden McQueen runner-up)
18 year girls  Olivia Matthews (Gabrielle Rundell runner-up)
18 year boys  Fergus Schier (Jackson Welsh runner-up)

Black Ranges Swimming
Students who have qualified in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly events are automatically
entered into the squad to represent Murtoa College at the Black Ranges Swimming carnival. This is
scheduled for **Friday March 11 at Warracknabeal**. Winners from there go to the Greater Western Region
Swimming on Wednesday March 23 at Ballarat.
Any students not intending to compete must notify Joanne Baker immediately!
On Wednesday year 7 students in Mr. Coles’ Science classes tested their ‘Solar Hot Dog” cookers.

It was a perfect day with high temperatures and a clear sky. Year 9 students are lucky enough to have classes in the morning and the afternoon on Wednesdays so it was ideal for setting up early on and then ‘testing’ the effectiveness’ of their ovens which featured glad wrap double glazing and a parabolic reflector.

The testing 'went down" well. A big success.
MMFNC Football/Netball Information

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

Membership
All footballers and netballers MUST pay their membership fees before round 1 otherwise they will be unable to play.
If you have any questions please call Sharna on 0428 508 739 or Donna 0428 592 211.

Football

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

U12’s
Training will start this Thursday 11th March @ 5pm til 6pm
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)

Auskick
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
Training times same as previous weeks with 13’s to start warm up at 3.45pm for 4.00pm training
17 & under girls have their practice match at Quantong this week game starting at:
6.00pm - 4 x 12min quarters

JUNG MARKET
We are selling raffle tickets at this month’s Jung market, so we are asking if all parents/players could kindly donate non-perishable items, so a hamper can be put together & we will also be looking for some volunteers to help sell tickets on morning of market, if you think you will be available to help out for an hour or so please let Luci Pidgeon or myself know...Thank you

NETTA NEWS
Net Set Go sign up is Thursday 10th March at 3.45pm - 5.00pm at Murtoa College Stadium. It will also be a training session. This is for all interested children from prep to year 6 & includes our sapphires players.
Net is beginners aged 6-7, Set is 8-9 with an option to put in a Horsham city netball team, Go is 10 -11 which are players interested in playing 9am each Saturday in the Horsham City netball comp.
Looking for someone to help on a Thursday night with training the Net players & umpires for Sat morning.
Costs are yet be determined.

Contact person is Cathie Weidemann - 0411 166 914
Message or call Cathie for any more information required

Jess Whyte - 0428 847381
MMNFC - Junior Netball Coordinator