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Term 3 Week 7

Naplan Results
The college Naplan 2016 reporting package results have been posted out. Students in year 3, 5, 7 and 9 who sat the Naplan tests have had their individual reports posted to their home address. The Naplan student reports are confidential documents that contain personal information about each student. I know parents are very interested in the results but these results are just one measure used in monitoring student growth. If, any parents have questions or are concerned about the results please contact the college for assistance. The information being passed onto the college from the VCAA is comprehensive and the teachers will be using this data to help assist them in making sure all students are achieving the required academic growth.

F-6 Dunmunkle Athletics Carnival
The 2016 F-6 Dunmunkle Athletics Carnival was postponed from last Friday due to poor weather. It is now going to take place on Monday August 22. All the F-6 students will make their own way to Marnoo for the day and participate in the annual Athletics carnival. It is a great day of activity and fun watching the younger students of the college running, jumping and participating in relays. I will be at the carnival and I look forward to seeing all our students participating and demonstrating a variety of our school values. I would like to invite any parents and friends of our students to join us at Marnoo.

Basketball – Year 7 and 8
This week our Year 7 and 8 basketball teams will play in the Black Ranges basketball competitions. The students will travel to Horsham and Ararat along with coaches, David Horvat, Bailey Logan, Jordan Delahunty and Jack Pidgeon. Mrs Jan Dunlop and Mr Shaun Bray will assist the coaches. I would like to wish the all the students the best of luck and I hope you enjoy the day.

Casual Clothes day
This Friday is the last day of the month and as such is casual clothes day for all who attended the college. I would like to ask students to wear casual clothes and donate a gold coin. This month’s donation will go to the SRC.

The week that was! (Week 7 Term 3)

Whole School Assembly
Last Thursday August 18 was the whole school assembly. As usual we celebrated plenty of the student’s successes over the recent period of time. This included Values awards, Maths competition awards and sporting awards. It is always a pleasure to acknowledge the students who are doing well in a variety of areas. We also had Murray McKenzie the Youth Development Officer for the Yarriambiack Shire speak about upcoming Freeza events (Battle of the Bands) and Laser Tag nights being run at the College on Monday night.
Battle of the bands
Last Friday was the FREEZA Battle of the Bands regional heat. The competition was held in the multi-purpose room of the stadium on Friday night from 6.30pm until 9.30pm. Sisters Doll was the star act. There was an array of local talent that competed for the right to participate in the regional finals to be held at the Murtoa Big Weekend and the competition was very good. The night was a great showcase of local talent and was attended by a crowd made up of young people from all over the Yarriambiack Shire. Thank you to Nicole Noonan for coordinating and running the night and to Murray McKenzie, the Youth Action Council and the Freeza Committee for putting on a great night of entertainment for the young people of the Murtoa College Community.

Breanna Bell
Congratulations to Breanna Bell for her win at the Midland Zone Pony Club Flat Team competition at Donald on the weekend. She was part of a team from the Horsham Pony Club coached by Kylie Fielder that won the dressage competition. I am sure that the Murtoa College community will join me in celebrating this win with Breanna. This might be the start of something that could lead to her representing her country. Who knows? Anyway, well done Breanna!

Tony Goodwin
Principal

There is going to be a BBQ on the 26th of August at lunchtime, and casual clothes day, with all funds raised going to towards Wimmera Uniting Care for Homelessness Prevention Week.

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Please support this worthy cause.

Facts

- In Australia 1 out of 200 people is homeless every night
- 60% of people who are homeless are from rural areas
- Last year 1525 people in the Wimmera were affected by homelessness, 178 were children.

BOOK CLUB
Issue 6 orders that I have received so far, including LOOP orders processed before Friday 19th have been submitted. Unfortunately because I am not here this week I won't be able to process any further cash or cheque orders. LOOP (online parent orders paid with credit card) can still be submitted and will be duly processed. Sorry for any inconveniences this may cause.

Jenny Reading

Murtoa Pie Drive
The pies will be delivered to the school Home Eco room this Thursday 25th August. Parents can collect from the Home Eco room from approximately 3pm.

Thank you for your support.
Foundation – Year 6 News

Students of the Week

Tyler, Amy, Roland, Tilley and Diesal.

Well, last week was certainly eventful! We started with Yarri Tag after-school on Monday night for our older students, which will continue for the next two Mondays. Then, there was the continuation of Olympic fever – where we saw so many incredible achievements by our Australian team. Thank you to Mrs Venn for consistently offering students the chance to watch the Olympic Games at lunch times. The live streaming and highlights were certainly a hit with many of our students.

Sadly, we saw the postponement of the DSSA Athletics on Friday due to poor weather. We are hopeful, that whilst you read this we are attending the DSSA Athletics today. If the event is postponed again, it will be until later in the year. Thank you for understanding the difficulties in coordinating an event with so many organisations involved. However, the postponement did allow our F-6 students the fortune of seeing Sister Dolls perform in the Multi-purpose Room on Friday afternoon.

Reading Awards


Next week is National Literacy and Numeracy Week. We will be running a number of exciting activities in the classrooms and also during break times. We will celebrate with a book character parade on Friday 2nd September to highlight some of the amazing characters that entertain and inspire us.


Casual Dress Day Friday 26th August

Students in F-6 are asked to come dressed in an Olympic Sport. All proceeds will assist the Yr 12 VCAL students who are raising funds for the Wimmera Uniting Care’s work with the homeless in the Wimmera.
**Important Dates**

Week 7 – Monday 22nd August – DSSA Athletics in Marnoo

Week 7 – Thursday 25th August – Mini-Olympics – TBC

Week 7 – Friday 26th August – Casual Clothes Day

Week 8 – Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd September – Nhill Dental Clinic

Week 8 – Friday 2nd September – Book Character Parade

Week 10 – Friday 16th September – Casual Clothes Day and Last Day of Term 3 (2:30PM finish)

**Foundation – Year 6 Assembly Schedule**

Week 7 – Mini-Olympics – TBC

Week 8 – Year 5/6 with Mrs Noonan

Week 9 – Year 3/4 with Ms Boehm

Week 10 – Year 1/2/3 with Mrs Venn

Week 1 – Year F/1 with Miss Barratt
Battle of the Bands
Friday afternoon students were entertained by the leading act of the Battle of the Bands. In the evening, the stadium rocked on as Sister Dolls performed to an enthusiastic crowd. The crowd was witness to four up and coming bands/duos as they battled. The winner will play at the final on Sunday 2nd October during Murtoa’s Big Weekend celebrations.
MMFNC Football/Netball Information

Junior Presentation Night is on this Friday 26th August, at ‘The Whitehouse’ Murtoa starting at 6pm.

NETBALL FAMILIES - are asked to please bring a salad

FOOTBALLER FAMILIES - are asked to please bring a dessert

Hope you can all make it, would be nice to see some senior players amongst our juniors, if possible

Thank you for your continued support of our club.

Jess Whyte - MMNFC Junior Coordinator
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AUSTSWIM Victoria is thrilled to be offering an AUSTSWIM course at Horsham Aquatic Centre on the 17th and 18th of September.

The AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety course is available to all with a minimum enrolment age of 16yrs. Consequently it would be wonderful to share the opportunity with your whole school community including parents, teachers and students, 16yrs+. It is a fabulous course that leads to engaging employment for many.

There is now a Recognised Prior Learning (RPL) process for AUSTSWIM Teachers who’s Licence has expired. They are only required to attend day 1 of the AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Course and complete the post course requirements. This will then renew their AUSTSWIM Licence for three years and for the reduced price of $350.00.

Please contact the Aquatic Centre for enrolment forms.