Term 4 Week 3

Year 12’s last week
This week is the last week of school for our year 12 students. 29 students will finish 13 years of formal primary and secondary education. We will help them celebrate this week with a farewell dinner at the Horsham Golf Club on Tuesday night. The guest speaker is Mr Luke Mitton who is the Environmental Officer for Horsham Rural Council and is a Murtoa College graduate. He is passionate about the environment and science and is a supporter of students following their scientific dreams. Then on Wednesday morning the student body of the college will say farewell at a whole school assembly. I would like to wish them well on their upcoming exams.

Well Being Coordinator for 2017
Mrs Rachelle Chapman’s promotion and imminent departure from the college plus her 3 week long service leave break in weeks 7,8 and 9 has required us to address a replacement Well Being Coordinator sooner than later. After canvasing expressions of interest, consulting with the respective groups in the college I have decided to appoint a replacement to start immediately. Jan Dunlop will be the new Well Being Coordinator. She will officially commence her new position as of today, Monday October 17. This will give her a chance to do a hand over and prepare for 2017. I am sure the whole Murtoa College community will all join me in congratulating Jan and wishing her the best of luck with this new appointment.

SSV State Secondary Athletics Championships – Cleo Baker
Cleo will be competing at the SSV State Secondary Athletics finals today, Monday October 17. The championships are held at Olympic Park in Melbourne. She is competing in 2 events. (Girls 13years 100M and 400M) The college community wish her the best of luck.

Minyip School Field and Game Shoot
The annual schools Field and Game shoot at Minyip is happening today. I would like to wish the 25 students from years 7 to 12 the best of luck at the shoot. I would also like to wish Mr James Craig the best of luck in organizing and running the whole day for over 200 students from various schools.
On Wednesday afternoon the annual term Country Education Performance or CEP will take place. All our F-6 students as well as students from Minyip PS, Rupanyup PS, Marnoo PS and Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic PS will attend. Richard Scholes will do a presentation called Crazy Science – ‘The Weather Report’ I am sure the performance will be worth seeing and look forward to hearing what the students think. The performance starts at 1pm.

Bike Marking
On Friday October 21 the Lions Club in conjunction with the local police are going to assist the young people of Murtoa to help make their bikes safer. Mrs Jenny Williams is coordinating a bike marking session at the college for all the local young people to bring their bikes to be marked and registered with the police. I would like to encourage the young people of the community to bring their bikes to school on Friday and have it marked.

The marking session will start at 1pm and run throughout the afternoon until all the bikes wanting marking have been marked.

The week that was!

Black Ranges Volleyball
On Monday October 10 the college sent teams to participate in the year 7 and 8 Black Ranges Volleyball competition. The college was represented by three teams. A year 7 girls team, a year 8 girls team and a combined year 7 and 8 boys team. All three teams had a great day, represented the college with pride and had mixed results. I would like to congratulate the year 7 girls team who won through to the Greater Western Finals which will be held next week. Thank you to Mr Shaun Bray and Mrs Jo Baker for organising the teams and coaching them on the day.

Outdoor Education Canoeing trip
16 year 10 students went to the Glenelg River for their Outdoor Education camp last week. They were in Glenelg from Wednesday October 12 to Friday October 14. The students participated in canoeing, surfing and sandboarding. The feedback from all involved was very positive. I would like to thank Mr Shannon Argall for organising and running the camp and Mrs Jo Baker for assisting with the running of the camp.

Greater Western Athletics – years 4, 5 & 6 students
Two of our students in years 5 and 6 represented the college at Greater Western Athletics Carnival on Friday October 14.

Congratulations to both students on their great effort and a special mention to Noah who won his long jump event and now progresses to the SSV State Primary Athletic Championships next week – Fantastic effort!

Noah Horvat
1st Boys 10/11 Years Long Jump
3rd Boys 10/11 Years Triple Jump

Montana Pickering
3rd Girls 12 Years 200m heat (did not make the final)

Tony Goodwin
Principal

Applications for 2017 School Leadership

The School Captain selection process is underway for current Yr 11 students to take on leadership roles in 2017. This is a great opportunity for students to learn leadership skills and contribute to the school. It also gives a substantial boost to any resume! Nomination & application forms were handed out on Friday 14th October. Students requiring a further form will need to see Mrs Randall or Mr Vague.

Application must be submitted to Mrs Randall by Thursday 20th October.
YEAR 7 GIRLS

The Murtoa Year 7 girls have qualified for Greater Western Region in Volleyball after winning the Black Ranges competition in Horsham last week. They played two games against Horsham College and Holy Trinity Lutheran winning both in two sets. Working and supporting each other, the girls were able to play some very competitive volleyball managing the play in their favour.

Year 7 Girls Volleyball Team
Lucy Spriggs, Jade Saligari, Selina Boyd, Rhiannon Oxley, Cleo Baker, Breanna Bell, Kirah Smith

YEAR 8 GIRLS

The Murtoa Year 8 girls lost against Holy Trinity Lutheran and St Brigid’s in two sets and then won their final game against Horsham College 2-0.

The girls greatly improved over the duration of the day as they worked together to play some very competitive rallies.

Year 8 Girls Volleyball Team
Laelah Robertson, Jade Farlow, Hannah Whyte, Evie Bolwell-Combe, Lily Horvat, Chelsea Eagle
YEAR 8 BOYS

The Murtoa Year 8 boys lost against Holy Trinity Lutheran and St Brigid’s in two sets and then lost their final game against Horsham College in three sets 1-2. The boys did a great job encouraging and supporting each other on the court as they battled out their games against the other schools.

Year 8 Boys Volleyball Team

Oliver Garth-Lindsay, Curtis Brown, Ashley Anderson, Will Saligari, Mikey Collins-Clark, Ronan Garth-Lindsay, Jake Little, Rhyce Allen, Blake Turner

SPECIAL THANKS to Mr Shaun Bray for driving the bus and coaching the three teams for the day.
The Year 4/5/6 students will be excitedly preparing for camp this week. On Friday afternoon our students will meet with the OLHC students to form four teams which will be used for activities and challenges whilst on camp. In the past, the camp has centred around teamwork skills and working together to complete a range of challenges. Teams score points for how well they complete the activities and receive bonus points for exhibiting desirable values. It is a fantastic camp in a picturesque location. If students or parents have any final questions please ask us this week, so we can properly prepare to set off next Wednesday.

Tonight our school will be hosting the Dunmunkle Cluster Meeting and prior to the meeting, Mr Matt Copping, Principal of Horsham Special Development School, will be hosting a 2 hour professional learning session with teachers from the surrounding area, Understanding Disability. We have had overwhelming interest in the session and look forward to learning best current practices which will include strategies for improving the learning outcomes of students with special needs.
Important Dates

Week 3 – Wednesday 19th October – Richard Scholes, Wild Weather, CEP performance in Murtoa
Week 3 – Friday 21st October – Dunmunkle Schools Year 6 Transition session
Week 4 – Wednesday 26th to Friday 28th October – Year 4/5/6 Tarooki Camp in Robe with OLHC
Week 4 – Friday 28th October – Casual Clothes Day
Week 5 – Monday 31st October – Curriculum Day (student free)
Week 5 – Tuesday 1st November – Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Week 6 – Tuesday 8th November – Murtoa College Steps Day (Year 6 to Year 7 only)
Week 6 – Friday 11th November – Year 2/3 Sleepover and F/1 Dinner
Week 10 – Friday 9th December – F-6 Celebration and Year 6 Graduation
Week 11 – Tuesday 13th December – Statewide Steps Day (Years F to 9)
Week 11 – Wednesday 14th December – Presentation Evening

Foundation – Year 6 Assembly Schedule

Week 3 – Year 1/2/3 with Mrs Venn
Week 4 – Year F/1 with Miss Barratt
Week 5 – Year 5/6 with Mrs Noonan
Week 6 – Year 3/4 with Ms Boehm

Birthdays

Blade – Sunday 23rd October

Issue 7 Book Club

Issue 7 brochures were sent home last week. Scholastic has an exclusive Bonus Book Offer for parents who order and pay via LOOP. If parents have placed a registered order on LOOP at any time throughout the year, they could qualify for up to four bonus books. Customers will need to upgrade to the latest version of the LOOP app before logging on to be offered the bonus book promotion at checkout. See Scholastic’s book club page: scholastic.com.au/LOOP for more details.

Orders need to be completed or returned to the school library by Friday 21st October, 2016

Jenny Reading
Sport Dates for 2016  

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Bike Marking

Community Safety Initiative by Murtoa Neighbourhood Watch at suggestion of Sergeant Brendan Khan - Murtoa Police in conjunction with Di Davidson Proactive Policing Crime Prevention Officer - Northern Grampians/ Wimmera.
- Aim for improved bike security and prompt property identification.

Date: Friday 21st October 1 to 3pm  
Where: At the College

Requirements:
# Bike owners must provide parent Car licence number for the engraving.

Police officers will be present to execute the engraving and provide guidance and resources related to bike safety and security. This is an opportunity to meet and talk with local Police re. any concerns around this issue.

*Police would appreciate some indication of numbers interested in availing themselves of this valuable opportunity

*SMS Family Name; No of bike & licence No. to 0423 320 108 (Robyn) or email barry3422@bigpond.com
Nominations for Murtoa Young Citizen of the Year open

This is your opportunity to nominate a young person in our town you believe deserves special recognition.

The awards will be presented at celebrations 26 January 2017.

Please fill in the nomination slip below and send to address provided.

Nomination for Murtoa Young Citizen of the year

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