**Term 4 Week 8**

**Year 11 Exams**
The year 11 students commence their final phase of their academic year with their 2nd semester exams. The exams start today and conclude on Wednesday. The students will then spend Thursday transitioning to Year 12 and Friday is their last day of school for 2016. The community wishes them the best of luck with their exams this week.

**Casual Clothes day**
This Friday is the last day of the month and as usual it is a casual clothes day. All students are encouraged to wear casual clothes and contribute a gold coin. This week the money raised will be donated to our SRC to raise funds for their selected project in 2017.

**Presentation Evening**
I would like to remind The Murtoa community that our presentation evening is on Wednesday December 14 at the Mechanics Hall in Murtoa. Could you please put this in your calendar? I look forward to seeing many of you at that night to help us celebrate the year that was for our student body.

**The Week that was!**

**Kwong Lee Dow Scholarship**
Congratulations to Eadie Garth-Lindsay and Harris Sudholz who were two of 700 successful applicants from a pool of 1800 for the Kwong Lee Dow scholarship. This scholarship entitles the students who receive an ATAR of over 95 a guaranteed place at the University of Melbourne in a selection of courses, a $2500 relocation allowance, opportunity to attend VCE revision lectures and many other incentives. Congratulations to both students.
Foundation Transition
The 2017 Foundation students continued their transition program on Friday. They attended for period 1 and 2 and are starting to get use to the school routine. This gradual introduction to school over a few weeks definitely helps these young people of our community get ready for school.

Advance Camp
Our year 9 ‘Advance’ students travelled to Portland for their 3 day bush walking camp. The camp ran from Wednesday to Friday and from all reports the camp was a great success. The 14 students spent the 3 days bushwalking and learning valuable survival skills. Thank you to Mr Nathan Sachse for organizing and running the camp and to Mr Shane Williams and Ms Hayley McDonald who attended and supported students.

Future Memories
Last Friday night was the opening of the Future Memories Exhibition at the Horsham Art Gallery. Two of our student, David Horvat and Emma Schache have exhibits in the exhibition. The work displayed by our two students and others from schools in the Wimmera was amazing. The exhibition was opened by our local Member for State Parliament, Ms Emma Kealy and she was so proud of all of the student’s work. She shared a photo with David and Emma. I congratulate both David and Emma on the great work and hope that this is the first of many exhibits that they put into exhibitions in the future.

Tony Goodwin
Principal

Aerosol Deodorant Sprays
Just a reminder. Aerosol deodorant sprays are not to be taken to school. Students in Physical Education classes have been regularly informed of this by their teachers. With the rising incidence of asthma and allergies in students it has now become a health concern. Could parents and guardians please source out alternative types of deodorants for their students to use after PE classes or sporting events. Thank you for your help in ensuring a safe environment for our students.

Murtoa College End of Year Fundraiser
Parents and Friends and the school community would like to make note of the following fundraisers that we will be involved with and would like your support.

Murtoa Market – Sunday 11th December
- BBQ – helpers needed, coleslaw, onions etc
- Cake Stall – Donations of cakes/slices etc
- Selling of raffle tickets

Hampers
3x Hampers – any donations of non-perishable items for 3 hampers. Donations to be dropped off to front office by Thursday 8th December.

Amounts fundraised will go towards the purchase of ride on mower to assist in maintaining our school grounds.

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**Levies & Booklists**

All students will have received their booklist and levy form for 2017. To assist the Office staff these need to be returned to the Office by Friday 25th November

**PRESENTATION EVENING**

Wednesday 14th December 2016
MURTOA MECHANICS HALL
Commencing 7pm.
Foundation – Year 6 News

It was very busy at Murtoa College in the F-6 section last week. We started with a 2017 Prospective Junior School Captains Assembly where the majority of our Year 5 students delivered high quality speeches to the remaining junior school students. The student and staff votes then shortlisted the students for interviews on Thursday. Before the captain and vice-captain announcements were made on Thursday at assembly. We also had a transition session for the 2017 Foundation students on Friday morning. This was followed by a visit from Bunnings Community Involvement staff who planted a tree for our graduating Year 6 students.

Foundation – Year 6 Assembly Schedule

Week 8 – Science Celebration

Week 9 – Year F/1 with Miss Barratt

Week 10 – F-6 Celebration Friday 9th December

Birthdays

Charli – Monday 21st November
Cameron – Wednesday 23rd November

Important Dates

Week 8 – Thursday 24th November – 2017 Murtoa College Science Awards

Week 10 – Monday 5th to Thursday 8th December – F-6 Swimming Program

Week 10 – Friday 9th December – F-6 Celebration and Year 6 Graduation

Week 11 – Monday 12th December – F-6 Swimming Carnival

Week 11 – Tuesday 13th December – Statewide Steps Day (Years F to 9)

Week 11 – Wednesday 14th December – Presentation Evening

Reading Awards
Back: Felicity, Ayden, Jake, Bella, Noah and Lily.

Students of the Week
Charli, Blade, Mathilde and Kobe.
Tree Planting – Year 6

On Friday, Bunnings sent their Community Involvement Officers to plant a tree on behalf of our graduating Year 6 students. We assembled the Year 3/4, 5 and 6 students at the back of the sandpit to be involved in the celebratory mandarin tree planting. Our attending Junior School Leaders, Brent, Lloyd and Anai, excitedly planted the tree which will be leave a lasting memory from the cohort to the Junior School students.

Lloyd, Brent and Anai watering the mandarin tree after planting it with the assistance of Bunnings Community Involvement Officers.

Sarah, Bunnings Community Involvement Officer, with our graduating Year 6 students and their gifted mandarin tree.

2017 Murtoa College Science Awards

On Thursday, we will be hosting judges from Wimmera Catchment Management Authority, Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN, GWM Water and Yarriambiack Shire who have volunteered their time to be involved in the F-6 section of the 2017 Murtoa College Science Awards. WCMA and GWM Water also kindly donated sponsorship to provide prizes for the three placings for each of the competition categories. During periods 3 and 4 the shortlisted entrants from each class will be presenting the science projects to the judges. After lunch, from 1:40PM, we invite the community to join us in the stadium and celebrate the amazing projects which the students have created. Following this open celebration we will be hosting our assembly in the stadium and award the places for each of the four categories. We are looking forward to seeing our community join us for this exciting event once again.

2017 Murtoa College Science Awards

Proudly sponsored by GWM Water and Wimmera CMA.
Murtoa College Team Wins Junior Volleyball Competition

Murtoa 7’s team won the Horsham Volleyball domestic competition in Horsham last week. Coached by Shaun Bray, the Murtoa College students finished top of the ladder after playing in the ten week Junior B Competition.

Playing against other beginner teams, the girls developed their skills over the Winter Season to finish off a very successful season. They won against team Deez Nutz in four sets.

After receiving their Premiership Pennants acknowledging Horsham Volleyball’s 40th year celebrations, Jade Saligari was announced the winner of the McIntyre Medal for the Most Consistent Player over the season and Cleo Baker was awarded the Ladlow Medal for the Most Valuable Player.

Special thanks to Mr Shaun Bray for giving up his time each week to coach and train the girls during his time off.

LEFT - Murtoa College 7’s Team:
Back L-R: Cleo, Laelah Robertson, Jessie Delahunty, Lucy Spriggs,
Front L-R: Rhiannon Oxley, Jake Brennan, Jade Saligari

Left: Cleo Baker winner of the Ladlow Medal for the Most Valuable Player

Right: Jade Saligari winner of the McIntyre Medal for the Most Consistent Player
Issue 8 Book Club
Brochures for the final Book Club for the year are available in the library. Parent LOOP orders have arrived and are available to collect.

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2016
Congratulations to the students who have finished the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Certificates have now been presented. The winner of the $15 Scholastic voucher was Noah Horvat.

Foundation Mathilde Gardy
Year 1 Ryan Clarke
Year 2 Matthes Gardy
Year 3 Regan Bell, Emily Moore, Bella Noonan, Lyla Schultz, Hayley Sudholz, Natalie Sudholz, Liam Wheeler, Clare Whyte, Mikaela Wright
Year 4 Lily Adler, Roland Brooke, Seth Callaby, Emily Clarke, Charlie Gawith, Mason Harris, Felicity Okley, Cameron Whyte
Year 5 Elijah Berger, Archie Gawith, Oscar Gawith, Noah Horvat, Oliver Moore, Wayne Nash, Tyler Wright
Year 6 Fraser Adler, Finley Goodin, Ryan Hart, Anai Taylor
Year 7 Nic Ballagh, Breanna Bell, Edan Johns, Kirah Smith
Year 8 Curtis Brown, Lily Horvat, Lydia Moore, Hanna Whyte
Year 10 Ashton Hardingham

Scholastic Book Fair
Thankyou to everyone who supported the Book Fair, which is winding up today. We received approximately $350 to spend on new books in our library. People who have made purchases after our prize draw will go into the draw for next year. The winners of our draws for students who have purchased from both our Book Club and Book Fair are:
Sean Bird - $20, Logan Liao - $20, Matilda Moore - $15

Missing and Overdue books
Unfortunately many of our popular books went missing whilst I was on leave caring for my mum. There are also a lot of books that have been over due in excess of 6 months. Please check under beds, in books shelves and return these so I do not have to waste our budget replacing old titles – especially when there are so many exciting new ones to choose from!

Jenny Reading

Horsham Guides

Come and try night
for girls aged 7–15

Wednesday, November 30
6-8pm
Guide Hall
Baillie St
(opp. Central Park Tennis Courts)