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Term 4 Week 9

Junior School Leaders for 2017

I would like to repeat my statement from three weeks ago. One of the most important aspects of school governance is the student voice. This is an element that involves the students having opportunities and the ability to have their ideas heard. We have now completed our college student leadership profile for 2017. Our junior school leaders for 2017 have been decided. The process followed was a presentation in front of the whole F-6 section of the college and then an interview with the Principal and Assistant Principal. At the conclusion of the process, the panel decided on two captains and two vice-captains in the junior area of the college. The 2017 Junior Murtoa College leaders are listed below. I am looking forward to them being outstanding leaders of the college and I believe that they will continue in the same vein as their predecessors.

**Junior School Leaders**

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Science Challenge

Thursday November 24 was the science challenge at the College. Students from Foundation through to year 10 took part in the Murtoa College Science Challenge. The stadium was decked out with all the science projects and the Murtoa College Community were invited to come through and see the displays. 5 external judges were invited to judge the projects and awards prizes. It was a fantastic day and there were some amazing projects. Well done to all the students and staff that were involved. I would especially like to thank the external judges who gave up their valuable time.

Bernie Dunn — GWM Water
Tony Baker — Wimmera Catchment Management Authority
Lorraine Merten — Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN
Mary Bysouth — Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN
David Venn — Former DPI
Year 10 Exams
The year 10 students commence their final phase of their academic year with their 2\textsuperscript{nd} semester exams. The exams start on Wednesday and conclude on Thursday. The students will then spend Friday transitioning to year 11 and this is their last day of school for 2016. The community wishes them the best of luck with their exams this week.

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 starting at 7pm SHARP!. 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!

Year 7 Girls Volleyball – state finals
Congratulations to our year 7 girls’ volleyball team that finishing equal 5\textsuperscript{th} in the state. Last Tuesday they travelled to Melbourne to compete in the state volleyball finals on Wednesday. The girls did very well winning one of their three round robin games and finishing equal 5\textsuperscript{th} in the state. I would like to thank Mr Shaun Bray for organising and coaching the team and Mrs Jo Baker for managing the team over the 2 days in Melbourne.

Foundation Transition
The 2017 Foundation students continued their transition program on Wednesday. They attended for period 1 and 2 and are starting to get used 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.

MS Outdoor Education Camp
Our middle school Outdoor Education students travelled to Little Desert for their 3 day bush walking camp last week. The camp ran from Wednesday to Friday and from all reports the camp was a great success. The 16 students spent the 3 days bushwalking and learning valuable survival skills. Thank you to Mr Shannon Argall for organizing and running the camp.

Tony Goodwin
Principal
Foundation – Year 6 News

Once again our Murtoa College Science Awards were well supported by the community, our families, students and staff. Thursday 24th November was a highly successful day for Murtoa College and most importantly our students, especially those who shared their scientific knowledge and understanding with our five guest judges. They were all very impressed with the quality of the work and passion in which their presentations were delivered. Congratulations to all involved.

F-1 2016 Murtoa College Science Award Winners

1st Place – Alicia & Sean
2nd Place – Emelia, Luke & Molly
3rd Place – Charlie M & Ryan
Honourable Mention – Charlie C & Matilda

1/2/3 2016 Murtoa College Science Award Winners

1st Place – Mikaela & Matilda H
2nd Place – Charlett & Charli
3rd Place – Amy & Lochie
Honourable Mention – Natalie & Logan H

3/4 2016 Murtoa College Science Award Winners

1st Place – Blade & Liam
2nd Place – Emily B, Felicity & Lily
3rd Place – Bella & Emily C
Honourable Mention – James, Emily M & Mason
The end of the year is drawing nearer and our 2016 celebration preparations are in full swing. On Friday 9th December, we will be hosting a F-6 Celebratory Assembly from 1:40PM in the stadium. This will incorporate a Christmas theme with individual class carols, 2016 highlights and also a brief ceremony for our graduating year 6 students. In the evening, we will be holding a Graduation Dinner for our year 6 students at the Railway Hotel from 6pm. A letter will be sent home to families of year 6 students this week to collect numbers for the dinner.

**Student of the Week Awards**

Back: Sim, Rhys, Elijah, Mason, Emily, and Bridget.

Front: Charlie, Sean, Zachary and Logan.

**Reading Awards**

Back: Logan, Natalie, Ari, Roland & Indy

Front: Kobe, Charlie, Tyler, Charli & Callum

**GWM Water Wise Poster Competition**

**Honourable Mention Winners**

Back: Lloyd, Cameron, Regan, Matilda & Jorja

Front: Bella, Lyla, Charlett & Clare
2016 F-6 Swimming Program

On Monday 5th December to Thursday 8th December F-6 students will be involved in their annual swimming program. This will take place during periods 5 & 6; students will have a set session during this time with our Austswim qualified teachers, Miss Barrett, Mrs Keel and Mrs Noonan.

On Monday 12 December students will be involved in the annual Swimming Carnival with the Catholic school. The carnival begins at 10am, BBQ lunch followed by an afternoon swim.

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 – helpers, donations of cakes/slices etc..
- Selling of raffle tickets

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

Please contact Nicole Noonan if you are available to assist in any way for the above fundraisers.

Important Dates

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

Foundation – Year 6 Assembly Schedule

Week 9 – Year F/1 with Miss Barratt

Week 10 – F-6 Celebration Friday 9th December
STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Year 7 Girls Volleyball
STATE VOLLEYBALL CENTRE, Dandenong
Wednesday 23rd November, 2016

Murtoa Year 7 Girls Finish Fifth

The Murtoa College Year 7 Girls Volleyball team have come fifth at the State Volleyball championships in Melbourne last week. Coached by Mr Shaun Bray, the girls were in a difficult pool up against the overall winners Eltham High School, narrowly missing out on making the crossover semi-final game.

Game 1 - Lost to Eltham 0:2
Game 2 – Won against Bendigo SE 7-10 SC 2:1
Game 3 – Lost to Yea HS 1:2

The team had to overcome nervous anticipation of playing against much larger schools and Mr Bray did his best to manage a very excited bunch of girls. He had the following to say about each player:

Kirah Smith: Played ‘libero’ for the second and third game. Her desperation and ability to put the ball over the net in ‘broken play’ were important. Her voice on the court kept the girls loud and talking to each other.

Lucy Spriggs: Her serving steadied us multiple times throughout the day and her contribution in the front court was excellent.

Jade Saligari: Showed great leadership by organising the team on the court in the first game. She consistently set high balls to the hitters all day.

Jessie Delahunty: Some impressive sets were delivered to the advantage of Cleo’s left hand. Her tips over the net from opposition over passers often won us several points.

Rhiannon Oxley: Played the ‘libero’ position for the first game and then middle for the next two games. Her movement, desperation and passing around the court were highlights.

Selina Boyd: Has improved her passing significantly in the last month and when the ball was hit at her, she was able to pass the ball up to our setters advantage. Her serving was also impressive.

Breanna Bell: Played a different position in every game and was a really consistent performer. Her passing was always to the advantage of the setter.

Cleo Baker: Her serves and strong hitting won many points throughout the day. The Eltham coaches commented on her spiking skills and the opposition avoided hitting it to her, which is an amazing compliment.
While the girls were incredibly disappointed at losing their game against Yea HS, they learnt a lot about themselves from the experience.

Thank you to those parents, friends and family who made the effort to come and see the team play. The girls really appreciated the extra support and encouragement.

Well done girls and Mr Bray! This is the first Murtoa College Year 7 team to reach State Finals. Watch this space!

SECOND HAND VCE BOOKS FOR SALE

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Please contact 53852 605
Looking for names of girls interested in playing netball for the 2017 season, if you could please forward your: name, date of birth, email address & phone number to Jess Whyte, that would be fantastic, thank you

Jess Whyte - 0428847381
MMFNC Junior Coordinator