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Presentation evening
When: Wednesday December 14.
Where: Murtoa Mechanics Hall
Time: 7pm. We ask that you be seated by 6.45pm.

2016 Final Reports
Parents and Carers please note that the final Accelerus Light report for each of your children who attend the college will be handed out to all students at Presentation night rehearsal on Wednesday afternoon December 14. All students who attended the college this year are expected at the rehearsal and presentation night.

F-6 celebrations day
The F-6 students have their celebration day on this Friday. They will spend the day celebrating the year that was 2016. I would like to invite parents, carers and friends to join the students at the college at 12.45pm for lunch followed by their performance that starts at 1.40pm. The grade 6 students will then have their graduation night at the Railway Hotel with family and friends commencing at 6pm.

Years F-6 swimming program
Parents of students in years F-6 should note that the swimming program will occur all week. Students are expected to participate in the program and will be swimming from Monday to Thursday this week. Parents are requested to send students to school with appropriate gear and fuelled up with food and water so they will cope with this activity. If, any child in the F-6 years cannot swim for whatever reason then parents need to communicate that to the appropriate staff member.

Year 10 Exams
The year 10 students have finished their final phase of their academic year with their 2nd semester exams. The exams concluded last Thursday. Then on Friday, the students last day of school for 2016 they attended a ‘Big Day Out’ organized by Mr Metelmann.

Tony Goodwin  Principal
We are set for an exciting celebratory week in the F-6 section with swimming, a celebratory assembly and Year 6 Graduation Dinner. From today until Thursday the students will be swimming in the afternoons in small groups with Miss Barratt, Mrs Keel and Mrs Noonan instructing and other staff supporting and supervising. It has been well published recently that it is incredibly important for students to develop basic swimming skills and more importantly, water safety and survival skills. This will be our focus for the sessions.

On Monday 12th December, we will be holding our Swimming Carnival with OLHC from 10AM at the Murtoa Memorial Pool and we welcome our parents, guardians and carers to join us for the day. The students will be participating in some competitive and fun activities until noon and then we’ll have a break for a barbecue lunch. After the lunch break, we will resume with a free swim and relaxed afternoon to celebrate the year.

Important Dates
Week 10 – Monday 5th to Thursday 8th December – F-6 Swimming Program
Week 10 – Friday 9th December – F-6 End of Year Assembly from 1:40PM in the stadium
Week 10 – Friday 9th December – Year 6 Graduation Dinner from 6PM at the Railway Hotel
Week 11 – Monday 12th December – F-6 Swimming Carnival from 10AM at the Murtoa Memorial Swimming Pool
Week 11 – Tuesday 13th December – Statewide Steps Day (Years F to 9)
Week 11 – Wednesday 14th December – Presentation Evening at the Mechanics Hall, Murtoa (please be seated by 6:45PM)
Foundation – Year 6 Assembly Schedule
Week 10 – F-6 Celebration Friday 9th December
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.
Students need to remember to pack bathers, rash vest, towel and sunscreen in a waterproofed backpack.

There are a variety of ways families can pay for school swimming activities for the 2016/2017 season. Families will need to indicate which payment method they are choosing. Students can pay for each day, or the school provides a swim pass for school activities, or families purchase a family membership from the swimming pool. The cost of swimming is in the table below (please note the students will be involved in another swimming day in the last week of term):

Swimming Cost:

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Swimming Carnival
On Monday 12th December students will be involved in the annual Swimming Carnival with OLHCS. Students will begin the school day as normal and then proceed to the pool before the beginning of the carnival. We invite parents and friends to join us at the pool from 10am.
At the conclusion of the carnival at midday there will be a BBQ lunch for sale. Students will need to pre-order their sausage. Families are invited to purchase sausages on the day.
In the afternoon students will be invited to stay at the pool for a leisurely swim. At the conclusion of the day students needing to catch a school bus home will be transported back to school to do so.

F – 6 End of Year Celebration
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.

Hamper Items
We are asking families for donations of non-perishable items to make 3 hampers. Items can be dropped off at the school office or given to classroom teachers. All donations need to be at school by next Wednesday 7th of December.

Murtoa College End of Year Fundraiser - Murtoa Market
Parents and Friends and the school community would like to make note of the following fundraisers that we will be involved with and need 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
Items for the stall can be left at school on Friday 9th December.
Vicswim Dates for 2017 at Murtoa Pool

Week 1       3rd Jan - 6th Jan
Week 2       9th Jan - 13th Jan
Week 3       16th Jan - 20th Jan

Please enrol on line....vicswim.com.au

Put your health first and book your free breast screen with BreastScreen Victoria.

The clinic at Wimmera Health Care Group/ Wimmera Base Hospital Horsham, offers free screens to women aged 50-74.

Breast screens are the best way to detect cancer early, and a screen every two years could save your life.

Appointments are available in school holidays. Breast screens take 10 minutes and are with a woman.


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2016 QUICKSMART Participants
Back: Mrs Dingwall, Tyler, Ash, Shanara, Ruby
Front: Wayne, Reece, Archie

2016 GWM Murtoa College Science Awards
Year 7 – 10 Award Winners
Back: Cody, Logan, Bevan, Jordan, Bella, Laura, Jess
Front: Harry, Rohan, Monique, Breanna, Lily, Lydia

BIRTHDAYS
December
7       Alex Bebero
8       Will Gellatly
11      Lachlan Hammond
        Ryan Hart
SECOND HAND VCE BOOKS FOR SALE

VCE NELSON PE – Units 3-4 $20.00
VCE NELSON MATHS – Unit 3 $25.00
VCE NELSON Maths – Unit 4 $25.00
Ph: 0402 511 285

Casio fx-cd400 Calculator. Excellent condition
Comes with protective case. $150.
Ph: 0407822711

WANTED TO BUY

Boy (DVD)
To Kill a Mockingbird
Nelson VCE Math Methods Unit 2 Student Book
Heinmann Physics (4th Ed)
Nelson Vis Comm Design VCE Units 1-4 (3rd Edition)

Please contact 53852 605

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Friday, Dec 9th
At the Rotunda
(Supper Room if raining)
BBQ Tea 6 to 7pm
BYO chair and drinks
Items by Local Artists
Santa coming at 7.00pm

For more information
Ph 03 5385 2785

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ON THE TURF
FOAM PARTY

FRI DEC 9
CIRCUS PERFORMER
LOCAL DJs
$5 ENTRY

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 5362 1500
NEXUS YOUTH CENTRE 7-9 PM PH 5362 1500
This is a Drug & Alcohol Free Youth Event - Ages 12-17