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Murtoa College Newsletter

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MURTOA COLLEGE IS A CHILD SAFE SCHOOL.

We acknowledge the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jardwadjali and Judpagulk peoples of the Wimmera region as the traditional custodians of the lands upon which Murtoa College is situated. We pay our respects to their elders – past, present, and emerging - celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and acknowledge their deep care and ongoing connection to land, water and community. We extend this respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples joining us today.



Important Dates – more on last page!

WEEK 4	29th October	Year 12 English Exam AND Library Book Fair Finishes
	31 st October	Year 6-7 Transition Day AND Casual Clothes Day (Halloween) & BBQ
	1st November	Student Free Day
WEEK 5	4th November	Student Free Day
	8 th November	Kinder to Foundation Transition 9am-11am AND Canteen Closed ALL DAY

Whole School Leadership Reports

Principal - Dr Bec Carter

Dear Families, Staff, Students and Community Members,

Last week we closed the chapter on another academic year at Murtoa College for our senior students. Once again, we were proud to observe our Year 12 students celebrating the wonderful relationships they have formed with each other, staff and their younger peers throughout their time at Murtoa College.

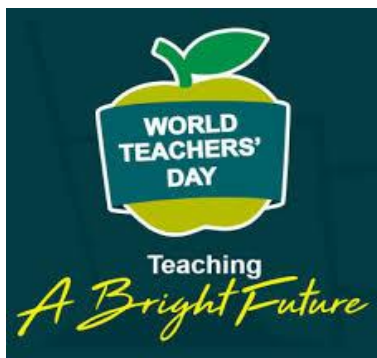


Commencing with all members of the secondary school gathering in the stadium to watch a video presentation that celebrated each Y12 student's time at the College, our departing Year 12s then walked through an avenue of honour formed by all secondary students, primary students and staff. Along the way, our Year 12 students were serenaded by Whimsical Tricycle, the singing of our primary students and the congratulatory clapping of staff and secondary students who lined their passageway as our 2024 Year 12 students exited the College one last time, followed by one last photo opportunity together at the front of the school. For staff, our students' last day was a time of mixed emotions with many feeling both a little nostalgic and incredibly proud of our students' achievements.



Next week the major VCE exams will commence on 29th October with the VCE 34 English examination. We wish the Class of 2024 all the very best for the future and hope they keep in contact with us at Murtoa College so that we can share in their future successes, of which I have no doubt there will be many.

World Teachers Day



Friday 25 October 2024 marks 30 years of acknowledging the extraordinary value of teachers' work to our community and provides us all with an opportunity to express collective gratitude for our teachers' hard work and dedication. Indeed, on World Teachers' Day we are encouraged to take a breath, slow down, and take some time to reflect on how Teachers in your child/ren's lives have positively influenced their lives.

In so doing, we remind everyone that a Teacher's influence on your child/ren is not all about achieving the highest test scores or grades. Rather, it is evident in a teacher's capacity to care for your child in a way that transforms their worldview or in the skillful manner teachers work with community organisations to extend or expand the learning horizons of your child beyond our school gate.

At Murtoa College, every staff member—class teacher, specialist, and education support teaching assistant— does their very best to guide, support, challenge, and care for your child/ren. On a daily basis, they quietly walk alongside our students, offering whatever support they need, be it encouragement, a listening ear, a gentle nudge in the right direction, a smile or a quick hello using your child's name. As a small school, we know that almost all of our staff know every child's name, which, in turn, ensures all of our students feel seen and supported throughout the day.. Research shows that it is this level of care, patience, and commitment to truly knowing our students that can have the most profound impact on your child/ren's young lives.

On this World Teachers' Day, it is vital we acknowledge our staff who tirelessly go above and beyond in their roles, especially in times when we know challenging student behaviours in schools across the state and indeed nation is making teaching an increasingly difficult vocation. To each and every one of our teaching staff—class teachers, specialists, and education support teaching assistants— I now take this opportunity to say 'Thank You for all that you do' on behalf of our community; your hard work is seen, valued, and very much appreciated.

Woodwork Team visit Rupanyup Primary School

Last week, our Woodwork Teaching team visited Rupanyup Primary School to conduct a woodwork lesson for students from Prep to Grade 6. The students experienced activities similar to those of our Murtoa College Year 7 and 8 students by assembling model kits prepared by our team the previous week which were then taken over on the day. Before starting, our Woodwork Teacher covered safety procedures and provided necessary equipment for using hammers and nails. After lunch, students from Rup painted their models in Art class. By all accounts, the experience was enjoyed by one and all!



Y9/10 MC-STEP (Student Trade Engagement Program)



Earlier this month, Mr Steve Hoffman (Service Manager) of Emmetts gave our MC-STEP Students and Teaching Team a tour of Emmetts in Rupanyup. Steve gave the boys first hand insight into what is required to become a Mechanic / Technician. The boys left Emmetts well informed for future possibilities. We sincerely thank Steve and Emmetts for providing our MC-STEP students with this invaluable opportunity to extend their learning beyond the classroom, and actively make the

connection between what they are learning at school and our surrounding industries; which is a central pillar of our MC-STEP program.

Scholarships to support students

Scholarships are available for students who complete Grade 4 to Year 11 in 2024, and for students enrolled in Year 12 in 2024 who plan to do tertiary studies in 2025.

Student scholarships

The Department of Education administers a number of scholarships available to eligible students who are enrolled in **Grade 4 to Year 12 in 2024**.

Applicants for these scholarships will be evaluated on their:

- participation in school activities
- community involvement
- academic achievement.

Scholarships are either one-off payments or cover the duration of the student's course or annual study. Many of these scholarships have specific eligibility criteria, so please refer to individual applications for more information.

Applications are now open, and close on Saturday 1 February 2025. For information on how to apply, refer to [Student scholarships](#).

Management of Covid-19

Given the rise in COVID-19 positive cases in our school community over the last several days, I take this opportunity to remind all community members of the following advice from the Department of Health for Schools:

- Staff members, students and/or visitors who have symptoms of cold, influenza or COVID-19 are to undertake testing for COVID-19.
- Parents/Carers/Guardians of symptomatic students will be contacted and asked to collect their child from school and keep them home until they are no longer symptomatic.
- The Department recommends that staff and students who test positive for COVID-19 are isolated for a minimum of 5 days and do not attend school until their symptoms resolve.
- If well enough whilst isolating, students will be supported in the same way as students with an extended absence due to illness or injury, with learning material provided to support their continued learning.
- Schools must treat health information, including positive COVID-19 test results, in accordance with the Schools' Privacy Policy. This means COVID-19 diagnoses will not be shared or discussed unless the individual (or their parent/carer) provides consent.
- During the school week, if your child/ren test positive to COVID-19, we ask all families to contact the front office, and/or myself via email or a Xuno post on the weekends.

Protecting against mosquito-borne diseases

Warm and wet weather can result in greater numbers of mosquitoes and increased risk of illnesses from mosquito bites. While the overall risk is low, some mosquitoes carry diseases that make people sick.

The best protection against mosquito-borne illness is to avoid mosquito bites. Families can protect against mosquito bites by:

- covering up as much as possible with long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing
- applying insect repellent that contains picaridin or DEET on exposed skin when leaving home
- limiting outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are active.

Families with any health concerns should see their doctor or phone NURSE-ON-CALL: 1300 606 024 (available 24 hours).

Free Japanese encephalitis vaccines

Japanese encephalitis virus is spread to humans through bites from infected mosquitoes and can cause a rare but potentially serious infection of the brain. Free Japanese encephalitis vaccines are available to protect Victorians at higher risk of the virus. The Victorian Department of Health encourages eligible people who live or work in high-risk local government areas to get vaccinated.

For more information, including what is considered a high-risk area and eligibility for a free vaccine, refer to the Department of Health's Japanese encephalitis webpage.

Find out more

For more information on protecting against mosquito-borne diseases, families can refer to the following Better Health Channel pages:

- [Mosquitoes can carry diseases](#)
- [Protect yourself from mosquito-borne disease](#), including a handy checklist to help reduce mosquito breeding sites at home and resources translated into other languages.

Assistant Principal – Chad Frost

School TV

Because parenting doesn't come with instructions, SchoolTV is a wellbeing resource implemented at our school to help support you in the challenges of modern-day parenting relating to youth mental health and wellbeing. Parenting is a learning journey and SchoolTV supports families by providing credible information from trusted sources with practical strategies to help alleviate some of the challenges being faced by young people today.

Watch video interviews with leading wellbeing specialists and browse a library of resources. Each topic is accompanied by factsheets, podcasts, books, articles, apps and other videos.

This award-winning resource helps families build relationships, foster connections, enable understanding and break down barriers to navigate a pathway towards better mental health and wellbeing for young people. It will assist you in starting those conversations on topics that can sometimes be awkward or difficult to tackle.

Parents and caregivers are the greatest influence on a young person's life and SchoolTV focuses on empowering confident parenting.

Explore SchoolTV today!

<https://murtoacollege.vic.schooltv.me/>



Year 12 Goodbyes

Although I have only been with the current crop of Year 12s for less than a calendar year, I have known many for a number of years. I would like to thank the Year 12 students for their contributions to our school community over the course of their schooling life at Murtoa College. They have faced many challenges along the way and shown great resiliency to make it through. It isn't over yet with exams still to come for many. It is important to maintain focus and finish well. have left a lasting impact on us all.

Student Leadership

Student candidates have recently completed their applications for our Student Leadership Positions for 2025. We were due to show each applicant's presentation this week for a vote to be conducted, but due to camp and other commitments this has been pushed back.

Members of the Principal's Executive Leadership Teams will review each Student's application and digital presentation and provide a recommendation of whether or not to progress each applicant to the next stage.

Student Leaders will be announced to the school community as soon as we are able to do so.

Individual Education Planning

Victorian government schools are embracing a new approach to supporting students with disabilities through the Disability Inclusion initiative. This program, which began rolling out in 2021, aims to ensure that every student, regardless of their abilities, can thrive in school and life. This model provides additional funding to schools, such as Murtoa College, allowing us to implement a range of programs, hire and train specialist staff, and purchase resources to enhance support for students with disabilities.

As we move towards implementation, staff have been working on developing their knowledge, understanding and skills in creating and implementing high-quality Individual Education Plans (IEPs), which will help us to access the additional funding into the future. All staff have been working through a range of modules during allocated Wellbeing and Engagement sessions to:

- Develop their awareness of the student-centred, collaborative approach to creating and implementing IEPs
- Supporting their understanding of the four-stage process of creating and implementing IEP
- Consolidating their ability to link long-term and short-term goals to teaching strategies, adjustments and supports
- Strengthening their knowledge about monitoring and evaluating goals and strategies effectively to further support the student.

We are committed to consulting with stakeholders, including families and students with throughout the rollout to ensure the approach meets needs and expectations.

Outdoor and Environmental Studies Camp to Halls Gap

Last week our current Unit 2 Outdoor and Environmental Studies students participated in our final camp for the year with students from Warracknabeal Secondary College. The purpose of our camps are to provide students with hands-on, immersive experiences in natural environments. This experiential approach allows students to:

- Apply theoretical knowledge in real-world settings
- Develop practical outdoor skills like navigation, camp setup, and minimal impact practices
- Directly observe and interact with different ecosystems and landscape
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The weather was magnificent upon arrival and our students were able to experience rock climbing with Absolute Outdoors before participating in a hike from Mackenzie Falls through to Zumsteins, via Fish Falls. On night one we received weather warnings for heavy rain and extreme hail. We established camp and battened down the hatches awaiting the worst, but thankfully (for us) the weather hit the Grampians and moved away. We did cop heavy rain, affecting a few student's tents. Thursday again proved to be a beautiful day for our students to experience canoeing on Lake Fyans before mountain bike riding around Halls Gap. Again, Thursday night we received warnings of heavy rain that did not eventuate – until the morning. Once we woke up the rains hit with the campsite receiving torrential rain for close to an hour, scuppering plans for a morning hike. It was a fantastic camp and we are extremely thankful to be able to team up with Warracknabeal to assist us with these experiences.







Learning and Teaching Executive Team

Director of Student Futures and Pathways (7-12) – Shaun Bray

Year 12s

Last Friday was the last day for Year 12 classes. Congratulations to all Year 12s who have completed 13 years of schooling and have achieved a VCE or VCE Vocational Major certificate. We now wish them the best of luck for their external exams that begin next week and will run until the 19th November.

Year 11 Exams/Final Outcomes

The Year 11 Exam timetable has been sent out to students and their families on XUNO. They will be held off site at OLHC this year. We thank OLHC for allowing us to use their space and this will better prepare our students for the external exams held in Year 12. Please note that staff need to report Satisfactory/Not Satisfactory grades to the VCAA by the end of the exam week. Students need to ensure that they have completed all coursework and handed it to their subject teachers with time to assess it so that these grades can be sent on time.

2025 VCE Subject selections

These are now due to Mr Bray/Mr Beggs. Any students wanting to enrol in a distance subject or VET course, should contact Mr Bray on XUNO ASAP.

VCE Vocational Major (VM) Structured Workplace Learning (SWL)

As part of the VM certificate, Liam has been completing SWL with Grampians Health one day a week. Please see the following article that Grampians Health have written about Liam.

Students wishing to complete SWL or Work Experience, should contact Mr Bray to see how this can work in with their academic program.

Liam turns up the heat

Liam Wheeler has always been interested in cooking and hospitality.

While completing his Vocational VCE Certificate at Murtoa College as well as a Certificate II in Kitchen Operations, Liam has also been working part time in the kitchen at a local hotel. But Liam had been keen to get a feel of the extra heat working in a commercial kitchen.

After a chat with his careers teacher, Liam is now getting valuable experience working one day a week in the kitchen at our Horsham campus. Food Services manager Stephen Hill said he was pleased to give Liam the opportunity.

"We produce over 800 meals each day," Stephen said. "We have a good crew in the kitchen and Liam will learn a lot from his experience."

Senior Vocational students are welcome to apply for regular work placement in any department at Horsham. Applications should be made through their school careers teachers.



F-6 Curriculum Co-ordinator and Literacy Leader – Grace Coustley

It was fantastic to see students back from holidays and ready to learn in term 4. It was wonderful to hear all about their holiday experiences. This term, each class will be completing a range of different assessments to assist teachers in gaining further understanding of students' progress from the year.

This term, the 5/6 students have been participating in golf lessons with Tony Collier. Students learnt how to hold a golf club correctly and the technique needed to hit the golf ball. Students have enjoyed their time and we would like to thank Tony for his time.



Last term, we also had our annual Footy Colours day. Students were excited to wear their footy colours and did so with pride for their team.





Agricultural Science News – Tara Crowe

Primary Students Dive into Sheep and Wool Studies

This term, our primary students have begun an exciting exploration into the world of sheep and wool. Thanks to the generosity of Horsham Wool, we now have a fleece and a variety of wool samples to enrich our studies. Students kicked off the term by discussing what they already know about sheep and wool and shared what they'd like to learn. To start our hands-on activities, the class enjoyed a fun craft project—making Pom Pom sheep!

Alongside this, the students have embarked on a research assignment focusing on sheep and wool. They are investigating the lifecycle of sheep, identifying different parts of a sheep, learning where sheep are farmed in Australia, and discovering the many uses of wool. This assignment will be ongoing for the next few weeks, giving students plenty of time to dive deep into their research.



Secondary Agriculture Class Visits AgXtra Field Day

Meanwhile, our secondary Agriculture class had the opportunity to visit the AgXtra trial crop site for a field day. During the visit, students explored a variety of trial plots, including our own competition plots, to assess their progress. They also heard from experts in the agricultural industry, including:

- **George Hepburn and Ash DeClifford** from Nutrien in Rupanyup/Stawell, who shared insights into their roles in agronomy.
- **Rob Harris**, Variety Support Manager for Australian Grain Technologies (AGT), who discussed AGT's plant breeding programs, which make up a significant portion of the trials at Rupanyup.
- **Mark Slatter**, Field Research and Development Lead at Nufarm, who spoke about his work in chemical development and research.
- **Josh Mahoney**, Manager at AgXtra, who offered students a broader perspective on agricultural development and research.

Students even got hands-on experience with some trial spraying equipment, adding a practical element to their learning experience. It was a valuable day of learning, engaging with industry professionals, and seeing the real-world application of their studies.



Agriculture Teachers Conference in Wagga Wagga

I had the privilege of attending an Agriculture Teachers Conference in the picturesque inland city of Wagga Wagga. It was an enriching experience, filled with opportunities to gather resources, network with industry representatives at the trade fair, and learn about the latest advancements in agricultural education.

The conference featured a range of workshops covering topics such as digital agriculture, cattle self-weighting systems, farming system trials, and autonomous tractors. One highlight was a visit to a local strawberry farm, where we saw firsthand how innovation and value-adding practices are being used to enhance their business.

It was an inspiring event, and I look forward to bringing new ideas and resources back to our students.



Student Wellbeing, Inclusion & Engagement Team

Director of Student Voice, Empowerment and Participation – Tara Crowe

In recent months, we've seen a significant increase in student involvement through our regular Student Voice meetings. These gatherings have become a valuable platform for students to share their collective opinions and ideas on how to improve our school. Attendance has steadily grown, and we're excited to keep this momentum going. All students are encouraged to participate, and to make it easier, meetings are held outside of lunchtime to accommodate everyone.

A number of student suggestions have already been implemented, such as organizing a whole-school activity day for the last day of term, relaying camp information to leadership, and making decisions regarding fundraising for casual clothes days and lunchtime activities. One exciting initiative from senior students is the idea of a Year 12 overseas trip to volunteer in a developing country, as an alternative to Schoolies Week. It's fantastic to see our students pushing their ideas forward, and it's important they continue to focus on specific goals and plan for fundraising efforts to achieve them.

Please note, this month's casual clothes day has been rescheduled to October 31st due to staff and student absences. The event will have a Halloween theme. Our raffle system will be in place again, with prizes for the best-dressed students.

For the remainder of the term, "Monday Funday" in the stadium will continue for F-6 students only. This decision was made as older students were getting a bit too competitive. However, students in Years 7-11 will have Thursdays to themselves, with a 3-on-3 basketball competition planned, complete with prizes. Student Voice has emphasized the importance of lunchtime competitions, and we encourage students to take advantage of this fun opportunity.

BBQ & CASUAL CLOTHES DAY
THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2024

HALLOWEEN THEMED, RAISING MONEY FOR
THE SMITH FAMILY

BBQ:
\$2.50 BEEF SAUSAGE
\$3.50 BEEF/VEGGIE BURGER

PLEASE LET OFFICE KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY DIETARY REQUIREMENTS.

Make sure to bring a gold coin donation!

Student Leader – Student Voice, Empowerment & Participation – Mikaela Wright

Mrs Tara Crowe and I, Mikaela Wright, have had some recent meetings aimed at enhancing student involvement in our school community. It is important that we as students have a voice in the decision making at our school, so if you have anything that you think needs to be brought up come talk to myself or Mrs Crowe. In our discussions, one major highlight was the Snow Camp at Bogong. Despite lower attendance this year, many students expressed their enthusiasm for the trip and stated that it was something to look forward to. Additionally, we're looking into having an overseas camp for Year 12s that involves volunteer work with young children. This initiative will require teamwork and fundraising and could potentially become a tradition for many years to come.

Another key point of discussion was lunchtime activities. We're launching a 3-on-3 basketball competition on Thursdays, so if you're interested in participating, please form a team of three and sign up on the notice board. We also talked about the possibility of organizing Christmas carols, where high school students could visit local nursing homes in Minyip, Murtoa, and Rupanyup to get in the Christmas spirit. If there is any interest, make sure to let us know.

Lastly, please note that our Casual Clothes Day has been rescheduled to October 31st, with a Halloween theme. Come dressed in a costume for a chance to win a prize, and don't forget to bring a gold coin donation. If you have any questions or suggestions, please reach out to me, Mikaela Wright, or Mrs Crowe.

Director of Transitions & Community Engagement – Nicole Noonan

Year 3/4 Dunmunkle Cluster Camp

Early this week students in Year 3/4 from our Dunmunkle Cluster enjoyed a 2 night camp to Adekate in Dean. After exploring Sovereign Hill where students were introduced to school life in the 1850s, a mine tour, candle making and trying their luck at panning for gold, students arrived at Adekate Camp. Over the next couple of days they participated in a variety of activities such as damper making, ziplining, archery, milk crate stacking, the possum glider and orienteering. A fantastic camp for connecting with students from our cluster and forming new friendships. A big thank you to the students and staff that attended.



2025 Transition Dates:

Last week of Term 3 we invited our 2025 Year 7 students to school for their first transition session. The day involved getting to know activities, cooking, 3D printing and a PE session.



2025 Year 7 Transition - We look forward to seeing them on the next transition session:

Thursday 31st October
Thursday 21st November
Thursday 5th December

2025 Foundation Transition dates:

We look forward to meeting our 2025 Foundation students and have planned some exciting activities for them.

Friday November 8th 9am - 11am
Friday November 22nd - 9am - 12am
Friday 29th November 9am - 1.20am
Tuesday 10th December 9am - 3pm

Library News – Jenny Reading

Scholastic Book Fair



Thank you to everyone who has supported the Book Fair. We've already sold over \$700 worth of books in our first 'week'. There are so many beautiful books to choose from. Factual books from DK – the premier publishing company that provides concise facts and stunning imagery for the inquisitive mind, picture books from Australian authors that appeals to our Aussie humour as well as others. Also journals have been really popular: tactile and fluffy ones, or those with necklaces to share with your BF.

To make purchases: You can bring cash, use your wish list and do an on-line payment as per instructions on the back or visit the Library with your credit card to use a new secure 'Tap and Go' facility that I've managed to master!

If you are unsure about anything please do not hesitate to contact me in person, via Xuno or by phone.

We have had a few tears from our little people who do not understand that it's like a shop and you have to pay for things.



I will wind up the Fair on **Tuesday October 29** so please finalise your purchases by then.

Don't forget that the library is only open Monday to Wednesdays from 8.15 am to 4.30 pm.

See you there!

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 7 orders need to be completed by **October 28th at the latest**. I have already sent off one order, so only 2 postage free ones left.

WABA Domestic Basketball Season

REGISTRATIONS

Are Now Open

 When <p>Nights of play will not be locked in until registration numbers are known. WABA are considering one age group on a Monday Night and another on a Friday.</p>	 Age Groups <p>WABA want to get as many players on the court as we can. Once registrations are known Age Groups will be determined. **Do not register yet if you are aged over 17yrs</p>
 Place <p>WABA are extremely grateful to the Warracknabeal Education Precinct for their generous accommodation of basketball in the WEP Gym until the end of the year.</p>	 Cost <p>All Basketball Victoria and Basketball Australia Fees and Levies must be paid at registration and invoices will be sent to families for remaining costs (\$10pp/pw) once the season is underway.</p>

Click on link to Register

YARRIAMBIACK STORYTIME TERM 4

RUPANYUP at 10:00am-Tuesdays,
29 Oct, 12 & 26 Nov.

PATCHEWOLLOCK at 10:30am-Wednesdays,
30 Oct, 13 & 27 Nov.

HOPETOUN at 10:30am-Thursdays,
31 Oct, 14 & 28 Nov.

MINYIP at 10:00am-Tuesdays,
22 Oct, 1 & 19 Nov.

WARRACKNABEAL at 10:00am-Wednesdays,
23 Oct, 6 & 20 Nov.

WOOMELANG at 10:00am-Wednesdays,
9 Oct, 13 Oct, 20 Nov.

MURTOA at 10:00am-Thursdays,
24 Oct, 7 & 21 Nov

BEULAH at 10:00am-Fridays,
11 & 25 Oct, 8 & 22 Nov.

at SLAAM




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SUP PROGRAMS

What: Learn to be safe on the river while having fun. You'll go Stand Up Paddle Boarding, Learn about the river and rescue techniques.

Where & When

Sawyer Park - Horsham

Tuesday 15th October - 4:30pm - 6:30pm

TBC

Tuesday 29th October - 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Dimboola Rowing Club - Dimboola

Tuesday 12th November - 4:30pm - 6:30pm

All equipment provided,
please bring bathers and towel
To register contact Kym Bateson
Kym.Bateson@goolumgoolum.org.au

0447 846 250



TERM 4 CREATIVE MINDS

Creativity for kids at the gallery.

Tuesdays 4:00pm - 5:15pm

15 October - 26 November

(no class Tuesday 5th November due to Melbourne Cup)

Ages 7-17, \$12 per session

Book Online: horshamtownhall.com.au



HORSHAM
REGIONAL ART GALLERY

Chaplaincy **Book Fair**

Books \$1-CASH ONLY

Fri 25 Oct - 12noon-9pm

Sat 26 Oct - 9am-12noon

Maroske Hall, Dimboola Road



MINYIP SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE INC.

Inc. No. A0001043C

Is calling for expressions of interest for

LIFEGUARD POSITIONS

Season 2024/25

Casual employment opportunity from December 2024 – March 2025

Applicants will be offered financial support for lifeguard and update training.

Applicants are responsible for their own First Aid courses.

First Aid requirement: **HLTAID003** (Provide First Aid)

(Compulsory prerequisite for all Lifeguard Training)

Please visit the LSV Training Portal

LIFEGUARD TRAINING

Are you interested in becoming a lifeguard at the Minyip swimming pool?

Please contact Life Saving Victoria or visit their website to apply.

Horsham lifeguard update lifeguard training

27th October 2024 5th January 2025

4th January 2025 6th January 2025

Hopetoun lifeguard training lifeguard update

23rd November 2024 24th November 2024

24th November 2024

Fees for the training or training update will be covered by the Minyip Swimming Pool.

CASUAL BUS DRIVERS NEEDED!!

If you, or someone you know, is interested in Casual Bus Driving for Murtoa College can you please contact Leigh McGinty on 0428 405 339.



All you need is a Medium Rigid License.

WE ARE HIRING

Swimming Teacher - Horsham
 approx 12 hours per week
 (with the possibility of more)

Are you having a Gap Year in 2025?

Do you enjoy working with children and water?

Swim Teaching is a wonderful and rewarding job that you can take with you to fit in around university and study

Training provided

CONTACT:
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 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Prouse Swim School

Important Dates-known at time of publishing

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	29 th October	Library Book Fair Finishes
	31 st October	Year 6 - 7 Transition Day 2
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	1 st November	Student Free Day (staff training day)
Week 5	4 th November	Student Free Day (staff Professional Practice Day)
	8 th November	Kinder to Foundation Transition 9am – 11am
	8 th November	Canteen CLOSED all day
Week 6	11 th – 15 th November	Yr 11 Exam Week
	13 th – 15 th November	Duke of Ed Camp
	15 th November	Year 9 Active Volunteering
Week 7	18 th – 22 nd November	Year 11 into Year 12 Classes
	19 th November	Year 12 Presentation Dinner (Horsham Golf Club)
	21 st November	Year 6 - 7 Transition Day
	22 nd November	Kinder to Foundation Transition 9am – 12noon
Week 8	25 th – 29 th November	Year 11 into Year 12 Classes
	25 th November	Student Free Day (Report writing day)
	29 th November	Kinder to Foundation Transition 9am-1.20pm
Week 9	2 nd – 6 th December	Year 10 Melbourne Camp
	5 th December	Year 6 - 7 Transition Day
Week 10	9 th – 11 th December	Yr 5/6 Cluster Camp Melbourne
	10 th December	State Wide Transition Day
Week 11	20 th December	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 2024

Canteen Closure – Melinda Keel

On Friday 8th November, unfortunately the Canteen will be closed for the entire day,

There will be no recess or lunch food items available.

This is due to unforeseen circumstances and unavailable staff.

My apologies for the inconvenience.

VERSION 2 of ACADEMIC PROGRAM

SECONDARY (Y7-12) ACADEMIC PROGRAM Weeks 4- 11

Week 4 (Mon 28.10.24 – Fri 01.11)

- Tues 29.10.24 – Unit 34 English Exam (VCAA Externally assessed – offsite)
- All Year 7-11 students required to attend all classes

Week 5 (Mon 04.11 – Fri 08.11)

- VCAA Externally assessed exams continue – offsite
- Tues 05.11 – Melbourne Cup Holiday
- All Year 7-11 students required to attend all classes at school all other days

Week 6 (Mon 11.11 – Fri 15.11)

- [Mon 11.11.24 – Year 11 Exams commence offsite.](#)
- VCAA Externally assessed Y12 Exams continue - offsite
- All Year 7-10 students required to attend all classes at school

Week 7 (Mon 18.11 – Fri 22.11)

- [Y11->12 in 2025 Step Up program Commences](#)
- VCAA Externally assessed Y12 Exams continue - offsite
- Wed 20.11.25 - VCAA Externally assessed Y12 Exams conclude
- All Year 7-10 students required to attend all classes at school

Week 8 (Mon 25.11 – Fri 29.11)

- [Y11->12 in 2025 Step Up program -> Concludes Friday 29.11.24](#)
- Y10 student last week of classes; includes diagnostic testing.
- Y7-9 students are required to attend all classes at school.

Week 9 (Mon 02.12.- Fri 06.12.)

- Y10 camp (all week) -> Y10 last day Fri 06.12 (Return from camp)
- Y7-9 students required to attend all classes at school

Week 10 (Mon 09.12.- Fri 13.12.)

- Current Y7-9 students commence 3 Day Step Up Program into 2025-year level classes. NOTE: It is essential all students attend this week as it will include pre-testing of literacy, numeracy, and other skills to provide data to 2025 classroom teachers)
- Wed 11.12 - last day of Y7-9 formal classes
- End of year Activities week commences for Y7-9 students

Week 11 (Mon 16.12 – Fri 20.12)

- Mon 16.12 - Y7-9 Activities week continues
- Tues 17.12 – Y7-9 Activities week concludes (am). Last day Y7-9 students.
- Tues 17.12 – Whole College Presentation evening (Stadium)