Congratulations to Year 8 student Ryan Daley who qualified for the State CHS Swimming Carnival following his success at Leeton last week. Ryan will swim in the 14 Years 100m Breaststroke and 100m Butterfly events. Ryan swam personal best times to qualify for the State carnival. Congratulations Ryan, a fantastic effort. We wish you good luck at State, which will be at the end of this term.

Our other swimmers were very competitive and acquitted themselves well at this high level of swimming. Special mention to the Open Boys relay team which finished 3rd, just missing the chance to represent at state and the 14 Years Girls relay team who finished 4th.

Harmony Day is the celebration of multiple cultures and traditions living as one in the community.

This Friday students from Year 7 English and Year 8 Geography have organised a celebration of multiculturalism. On the day there is-

- A whole school gold coin **MUFTI DAY**. Students are asked to wear orange as it is the colour of Harmony day. (Students need to bring in a gold coin to wear out of uniform, otherwise full school uniform is expected.)

- An **INTERNATIONAL FOOD STALL**. Students from the above classes are bringing in foods from around the world which will be sold at lunchtime near the hall.

- A **HANDPRINT MURAL**. Students will get the opportunity at lunch time to add their handprint to the mural to show their support for acceptance and harmony in the school, community and country.

- International **ULTIMATE FRISBEE**. At lunch students can sign up to play Ultimate Frisbee on the oval.

This is a great opportunity for the whole school to get behind and support a worthy cause. All funds will go towards a cause that Year 7 and 8 choose i.e- Oxfam (which they have studied in class).
P&C NEWS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TONIGHT TUESDAY 18 MARCH
6.00PM IN STAFF COMMON ROOM

Positions to be filled: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Please come along and show your support.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

P&C AGM
A reminder that the Annual General Meeting of the Murrumburrah High School P&C Association will be held in the Teachers Common Room at 6.00pm tonight, Tuesday 18 March.

All parents and school community members are invited to attend. Why not come along and take an active part in the school’s official parent representative group?

LEATHER SHOES IN PRACTICAL AREAS
I would like to remind parents that all students must wear fully enclosed leather shoes in all practical subject areas. This is a “Work Health & Safety” regulation. Students not wearing the correct footwear will not be allowed to participate in practical subjects.

PAYING SCHOOL FEES OVER THE INTERNET
A number of parents have made enquiries in regards to paying school fees online or by EFTPOS. We do not have EFTPOS facilities but if you would like to pay your fees online please ring Bev, in the office, and she will give you our account details.

HARMONY DAY
Year 7 and 8 students, under the guidance of Ms Luke, are preparing to run a number of activities to involve all our students in Harmony Day celebrations on Friday. Food stalls, extreme frisbee competitions and a “hand mural” are just part of the day’s planned activities.

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS
Our Year 10 boys and girls have been in the process of completing their Work, Health & Safety White Cards. The boys completed theirs a fortnight ago and the girls will gain their cards tomorrow. These qualifications will be most useful for our students in the workforce situation.

Year 12 undertake their mid-course exams next week. Our students will be busily preparing for the exams that provide the first examination situation in Year 12; culminating in the final HSC exams beginning in October.

Over the next fortnight we have students participating in matches and trials in cricket, soccer, volleyball and rugby union. We wish all these students good luck.

Our Farm Club members are also busily preparing for competition at the Sydney Show. Recent results at local shows have been very pleasing and encouraging.

Neil Solomon
Principal
LAPTOP STOCKTAKE
All students with a school laptop (Years 10, 11 and 12) need to bring their device to school, log in, and leave it connected to the school network for a period if they haven't already done so.

Please also make sure your password is up to date.

Students who have broken devices sitting at home need to bring them in to the front office so that they may be counted in the stocktake and have any problems diagnosed.

What's Happening

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THE WINGARA MURA SUMMER SCHOOLS PROGRAM

During the last term of school in 2013, I was selected, along with 300 other students from across Australia and the Torres Straits, to travel to the University of Sydney to participate in the Wingara Mura Summer Schools Program for young indigenous students.

In January while most were enjoying their holidays, I set off to Sydney University to meet a broad range of people and discuss different career paths that are available.

The University of Sydney provided us with accommodation, meals and lectures from all different types of professors. Each day began with a morning wake up at 6.30am, when we would dress, drag ourselves down to breakfast and then depart for the day. The days consisted of lectures and lessons of all sorts. In the afternoons we went laser tagging, ten pin bowling, went on harbour cruises and were entertained by many aboriginal elders with stories of the Dreamtime and dance. After dinner we would usually seek refuge in our room to recover from the big day.

During the day, we were also given all sorts of different opportunities to speak to professors, students and people in the workforce, all from different spectrums and career paths. We even had the opportunity to make ice cream with liquid nitrogen, along with many other experiments and arts and crafts.

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The experience was memorable. I gained confidence among large groups of people and knowledge of career paths I now know I want to pursue after completing Year 12. I made new friends, all of whom I'm still in contact with and I got to meet, discuss and share the university experience with the most inspirational people.

I would like to thank Mrs Middleton, Mrs Jacobs and the school or all of their support.

If an opportunity like this ever arises again, I really hope more students apply, because it really was a wonderful experience. You meet great people, learn and have fun doing so. It would also be great if next time someone could be there to help me explain where Harden-Murrumburrah is, instead of just saying "about 30 kms from Young" or "2 hours from Canberra."

By Jess Abnett
Year 10

COMMUNITY NEWS

HARDEEN SOCCER CLUB REGISTRATIONS

Harden Junior Soccer Club will be holding a final registration and information afternoon on Tuesday 25 March from 4.00pm to 5.00pm in the Kindergarten room at Murrumburrah Public School.

All players are required to register online this year. You are able to do this yourself by going to www.myfootballclub.com.au, clicking 'register now', then selecting 'player registration', and following the prompts. You can also complete payment online by using a credit card.

Online registrations will also be able to be completed by attending the registration afternoon. Manual payments to the club will also be taken. Cost of registration is $60 per player.

For more information contact Allison Manwaring on 0429 193 453 or Ann Sharman on 0412 456 870.

CANASSIST BODY SHOP PARTY

A Body Shop party will be held at the Commercial Hotel Murrumburrah on Saturday 22 March commencing at 2pm. All proceeds from this party are being donated to Harden Branch of CanAssist.

Please come along and show your support for this great cause. Everyone is more than welcome to come along to the party, for an afternoon of fun. Enjoy a complimentary glass of champagne and afternoon tea.

Please don’t hesitate to contact Allison Manwaring on 0429 193 453 or Michelle Howe on 0408 534 275 for further information.

YOUNG JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB REGISTRATIONS

The Young Yabbies are taking junior rugby registrations at Hall Brothers Oval, Young on Friday 21 and Friday 29 March from 5.30pm. These registrations will be held in conjunction with training. For more information visit www.youngrugby.com.au or call Nathan McEvoy on 0439 952 059.

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