Principal’s Report

Deputy Principal Appointed
After a process of merit selection, it has been recommended that Mark Jankovics be appointed to the position of Deputy Principal at Murrumburrah High School. Mark has accepted this appointment. I’m sure all members of the school community join me in offering Mark our congratulations. I look forward to working with Mark for the benefit of all our students.

Royal Easter Show
I had the opportunity last Friday to visit the school’s Farm Club exhibitors at the Royal Easter Show. I came away impressed with the kids enthusiasm and dedication to the task at hand. They represented themselves and their school with great pride. Special thanks must go to Jan Young and her team of helpers who put an incredible amount of work into what is an exceptional program.

P & C Annual General Meeting
Unfortunately, due to lack of numbers, the P&C Annual General Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 17 March was unable to be held. The P&C is a vital parent body within our school, responsible for the Driver Training Program, the canteen and assisting with the management of the Crown Land.

We need your support! If you want to see the school continue to provide these services to our children please show your support by attending the AGM. We will attempt to hold our AGM on Tuesday 28 April commencing at 6.00pm. Please mark this date on your calendar and come along and show your support.

School Athletics Carnival
Please feel welcome to come along and support the kids in their endeavours at the Athletics Carnival to be held this Wednesday (1 April) on the school oval.

Merit Assembly
This Thursday, 2 April is our Term 1 Merit Assembly. As well as presenting our Term 1 award winners we will be inducting our school captains and student representatives. The assembly recognising our student’s achievements begins at 10.30am, and all members of the school community are more than welcome to attend.

ANZAC Day Ceremony
Murrumburrah High School will hold its ANZAC Day Ceremony at Newson Park on Friday 24 April at 12.30pm, along with Murrumburrah Public School. Members of the school community are more than welcome to attend.
NAPLAN
In May 2015, the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian Schools. The testing dates are as follows:
- Tuesday 12th May – Language Conventions
- Wednesday 13th May - Reading
- Thursday 14th May – Numeracy

Term 2 Dates
First term has slipped by very quickly and I wish all members of the school community an enjoyable break.

Term 2 will commence with a staff development day on Monday 20 April. All students will return to school on Tuesday, 21 April.

Enjoy the break
John McFadyen
Principal

Swimming Success at Homebush
Last week Mikayla Johnston and Ryan Daley swam at the CHS State Swimming Carnival at Homebush. It is a huge achievement to make it to this level of competition. Both swimmers are to be congratulated on this fantastic achievement.

Ryan competed in the 15 Years 100m Breaststroke event finishing 18th overall, great effort Ryan.

Mikayla swam in six individual events. Her best results were placing 3rd in both the 100m Backstroke and 50m Butterfly. Mikayla was very pleased to swim a personal best time of 1.40.00 in the backstroke. Mikayla has now qualified to swim in the All Schools Carnival which will be held at Homebush on 18 May. Congratulations Mikayla on this amazing achievement. We wish you continued success.

Girls Get Ready!
Oops! Please note the cost of the girls day excursion is $100 not $10 as advised in the last Mercury. Sorry for any confusion. Information and permission notes have today been posted home to all girls for this day. Girls Day 2015 will be held on Tuesday 5 May and Wednesday 6 May and will involve an overnight stay at Cataract Scout Park. Cost includes accommodation, meals, all activities and transport. Families can welcome to start making payments on the trip.

Success at sporting trials
Week 1 of next term sees Tom Foster and Tyler Allen travel to Mount Druitt for the CHS State Volleyball Carnival as part of the Riverina team. We wish them good luck!

Following recent selection trials the following students have been selected in Riverina teams:
- Girls Volleyball – Emily Banks, Emma James and Meg Perceval
- Girls Soccer – Maddie Douglass and Emma Manwaring
- Open Rugby League – Jared Prosser
- Boys Soccer – Will Manwaring and Tyler Allen
- Boys Open Touch Football – Will Manwaring and Jared Prosser
- Girls Open Touch Football – Emma James

Well done to these students, who will attend State Carnival in upcoming months.

Accessing Murrumburrah Mercury electronically
Please note this is the final issue of the Murrumburrah Mercury which is being posted home. All future issues will need to be assessed electronically, via email or on the schools website. Paper copies may be collected at the school office if required.

If you have not provided the school with your email address, please send us an email at murrumburr-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au and we can add you to our email mailing list.

Each fortnight the newsletter is also uploaded to the school website. This can be accessed at murrumburr-h.schools.nsw.edu.au. There is a tab on the home page which will take you to past and present newsletters.
Uniform Shop
A reminder the MPS P&C operated uniform shop is open each Thursday from 3.00pm to 5.00pm in the ballet room at Murrumburrah Public School. School uniform shops are available at the shop.

Please note the Uniform Shop will be closed during the school holidays.

Year 12 broaden their culinary skills
Our Year 12 students felt their BBQ at the swimming carnival was so successful they have decided to broaden their culinary skills and offer the community two street stalls. These will offer a range of sweet and savoury products for sale on Monday 27 April and Wednesday 19 August. All students are encouraged to inform their families and friends to support the fundraising by buying some of the delicious food items: biscuits, cakes, slices, muffins (sweet and savoury). YUM!!

And to keep the school community warm in the winter months Year 12 will also be hosting 4 BBQ’s throughout terms 2 and 3. On offer will be egg and bacon rolls, sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, tomato soup and hot milo. These days are being held on Wednesday 13 May, 17 June, 22 July and 2 September. Reminder announcements will be made during roll call. Cost of items will range from $1.50 to $5.

What’s Happening

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On behalf of our MHS school community the library is attempting to enrol all our students as members of the National Library of Australia. To do so all students were asked to complete and return a permission form. Several of these forms are still outstanding. Please return the forms to the Front Office so your student can have access to the wealth of resources and information the NLA provides for Australian citizens. Also, any students who have received the NLA membership card need to bring that card to the library or the Front Office.
Local School manages to match the district exhibit and have success in the show ring

Murrumburrah High School has just returned from Sydney Royal Show with numerous successes following seven long days of competition. A team of 16 students and 16 steers travelled to Sydney on Monday 23 March to begin a week long program.

The students had decided to set up their display to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of “Anzac” and the contribution that Murrumburrah Harden made to the 1st Australian Lighthorse. Students were chuffed to see that the amazing district exhibits had also followed the theme of “Anzac”. The school teams are judged on their display as well as their public relations, herdsmanship, knowledge and ability to maintain a clean and well looked after team of cattle. Results from this competition are yet to be announced as this article is written.

Students from Murrumburrah High School as well as the 3 adopted team members hailing from Hennessy Catholic College, Cootamundra and Junee combined to form the team. In the state paraders competition, Gus Shea placed 1st in the 14 years age division while school leaders, Jared Prosser and Taylah Phillis placed 3rd each in their respective 18 years and 17 years age divisions.

With mornings starting as early as 4.30am and sleep finally coming at 11pm the students were totally exhausted by the end of the show. The last day had the students up to load steers onto trucks at 5:45am which denied them any chance of a sleep in. In short, Sydney Royal Show is not designed for the faint hearted.

Murrumburrah – Harden should be proud of the efforts the students put into promoting their region with donations for home baked “Anzac” Biscuits from show goers raising funds for Harden Can Assist. The students have demonstrated that not only can they work hard, represent their home town, include students from around the district but also think of others. Hats off to Murrumburrah High School Show Team 2015.
WHAT’S NEW AND WHAT’S DUE ..........................

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P&C NEWS

**Annual General Meeting** – We need your support! We were unable to hold our AGM recently due to lack of numbers. As the only school parent body, we need to maintain our P&C so we can continue to provide services and resources to our students. Our Annual General Meeting will now be held on Tuesday 28 April commencing at 6.00pm. All welcome, so please join us.

**Mother’s Day Stall** – We will be holding a Mother’s Day stall on Saturday 9 May in the Neill St kiosk from 9.00am to 12 noon. We will be offering raffle, gift baskets, candles and homemade goods for all to buy. The raffle will be drawn at 12 noon outside the kiosk and winners announced in the Twin Town Times.

All students have received a pink note with a return slip on the bottom to purchase raffle tickets. Please support our P&C by buying tickets.

**Uniform Update** – Students have also received notes regarding the purchase of school uniform dresses and woollen navy jumpers. If you wish to order either or both of these items, orders need to be returned to school with payment by Thursday 30 April.

**Chocolate Fundraiser** – We are also holding a Nestle chocolate fundraiser and are asking families to support this by taking a box of chocolate to sell. A note was also sent home about this. Please return the reply slip to school to support.

**Community news**

**Harden Soccer Club Registrations**

Harden Soccer Club online registrations are now available for players aged 5 to 15 years. **If you wish to play soccer this year online registration needs to be completed by 31 March 2015.** Players and parents/carers can register by at [www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au). To register follow the prompts. Cost of registration is $60 per player. If you require further information or need assistance please contact: Allison Manwaring on 0429 193 453, email hardensoccerclub@gmail.com, or call the FFA my football club support centre on 8020 4199.

**Harden Swimming Club Presentations**

Harden Swimming Club will hold their end of season presentations this Thursday 2 April at Newson Park, Harden commencing at 4.00pm. All swimmers and their families are invited to attend.