**Week 8 Term 1**

19 March 2015

**Principal’s Report**

**Lots happening**

Our Year 10 boys and girls have been in the process of completing their Work, Health & Safety White Cards. The girls completed theirs a fortnight ago and the boys gained their cards yesterday. 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 soccer, rugby league and rugby union. We wish all these students good luck.

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

**Homework Centre**

Parents are reminded that the school’s library will be open to any student from any year group wishing to conduct private study, complete homework, work assignments or assessments each Thursday afternoon. The library will be supervised by a member of staff and will be open between 3.20pm and 5.00pm. The first session will be held today.

Year 11 and 12 students have the opportunity to use the library after school every day. If you have any questions regarding these evenings, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

**Swimmers off to State**

Congratulations to Ryan Daley and Mikayla Johnston who have qualified for the State CHS Swimming Carnival following their success at Leeton a few weeks ago. I’m sure you all join me in wishing them the best of luck at State, which will be at the end of next week.

**eT4L**

This week, the school is undergoing some major upgrades to the computer network. This will mean that staff and student portal access will change. Staff have been briefed on the changes, and students will be shown the changes as they become apparent. This should mean that the school will be technologically prepared to implement a “Bring Your Own Device” program into the school in the near future. The upgrade this week has caused some disruption to the use of technology, but all things going well, the upgrade should be complete by today.

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**Dates for the Calendar**

**Thursday 19th March**

**Friday 20th March**
- Girls Soccer Trials
- Rugby League Trials

**Monday 23rd March**
- Year 12 Mid Course exams commence
- Farm Club to Sydney Royal Easter Show
- Boys Soccer Trials

**Tuesday 24th March**

**Wednesday 25th March**

**Thursday 26th March**
- Black Diggers Performance

**Friday 27th March**
- CHS Swimming Carnival at Homebush

**Monday 30th March**
- Vaccination needles
- Open Touch Trials

**Tuesday 31st March**
- School Police Liaison Day

**Wednesday 1st April**
- Athletics Carnival

**Thursday 2nd April**
- Merit Assembly 10.30am
- End Term 1

**Friday 3rd April**
- GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

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Murrumburrah High School values Excellence, Respect, Co-operation and Responsibility
P & C Annual General Meeting
Unfortunately, due to lack of numbers, the P&C Annual General Meeting was unable to be held on Tuesday evening. 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.

Respectful Language
At Murrumburrah High School we value the respect that students and staff have for themselves and all members of our community. Recently there has been an increase in the use of inappropriate language by students at school. As a school community we encourage students and staff to treat each other with courtesy and respect to create a safe learning environment. All staff will respond to the use of vulgar, inappropriate language by students through the level system and detentions. I encourage and ask for all parents and carers to speak to your children about the appropriate use of language at school and in the community. The use of vulgar language can reflect poorly on the individual, family, school and community.

I know all parents, students and staff take pride in the way they conduct themselves at all times and this is reflected in the respect they demonstrate to others every day.

Year 12 Exams
Year 12 students should now be preparing for their examinations which will be held in the week beginning March 23.

Year 11 Interviews
Jan Young and I took the opportunity last week to speak to our Year 11 students with regard to their Preliminary studies and their progress at this stage of their senior schooling. Whilst I’m sure some students can put a little bit more into their studies, we came away impressed by the overall commitment of our students.

Good Study Approaches
Many students find study difficult or boring, but you can help make it more rewarding by using the following ideas. Developing an understanding of key concepts through study is generally more important than remembering large amounts of information. If students process new material in ways that are personally helpful, the greater the chance there is that successful learning will occur.

- Have a plan – know when your assignments are due
- Review your class work each day
- Make a summary of the main ideas
- Use organisers such as columns, lists or tables and colour-coded folders for different areas of the subject
- Draw a diagram, or mind map, to show main ideas and links between them
- Reorganise the information and label the points
- Write key words in the margin
- Use headings, subheadings, underlining or bold-face when making notes
- Create a list of key terms
- Paraphrase a difficult passage using simpler words
- Try memory testing by saying aloud what has been learnt
- Cover a paragraph, diagram or page and say aloud what it was about or write some brief notes

Enjoy
John McFadyen
Principal
Wiradjuri Language Day

On Tuesday 3 March the Murrumburrah High School held a Wiradjuri Language and Culture day. Years 7 to 10 each spent one hour with two Wiradjuri language tutors, Aunty Teish and Uncle Harry, with local community members also joining the sessions.

An introduction to basic Wiradjuri was the focus, using games such as ‘Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes’ to help engage the students. There was as much laughter as learning, as the students thoroughly enjoyed the day. ‘Kanga-Bangers’ were cooked up for the students at lunch by the School’s Student Leadership Team.

The Murrumburrah High School will follow up the success of this day with more events involving Wiradjuri culture and language in the near future.

Pictured are Oscar Killick, James Daley, Aunty Teish, Kasey Jones and Uncle Harry

Girls Get Ready!

Girls Day 2015 will be held on Tuesday 5 May and Wednesday 6 May and will involve all female members of Murrumburrah High School attending a two day (overnight) extravaganza at Cataract Scout Park.

Girls will be immersed in activities such as

- Mud run obstacle course
- Ropes courses
- Caving
- Flying fox
- Waterslide
- Giant swing

We have organised some funding of the cost, so girls will be asked to pay $100 which will include accommodation, meals, all activities and transport. Families can start to pay off this fantastic trip in instalments as of Monday 23 March.

Jan Young

Tennis happenings

Yesterday the boys tennis team of Jeff Brown, Josh Barker, Will Manwaring and Tyler Allen, travelled to Wagga to compete in the Wagga Area Gala Day Knockout, which was the first four rounds of CHS Knockout tennis.

The boys played extremely well, making the third round after some great victories. Despite being beaten in the third round to a very experienced Kooringal team containing rep players, our boys held their own and displayed great sportsmanship and spirit.
**Lane and Johno to State Rugby Carnival**

Following the rugby union trials held yesterday, Lane Gaudie and Johno Davis have been selected in the 2015 Riverina Rugby Union team. The boys will now compete at the State Championships which will be held in Wagga from 6 to 8 May. Congratulations on your selection and good luck!

**School Police Liaison Day**

On Tuesday 31 March, Senior Constable Gary Mutton, Murrumburrah High School’s Police Liaison Officer, will be talking to our students about being safe while online (e-safety). This will be a timely reminder to our students of their responsibilities and rights as a cyber-citizen and to clarify what exactation is meant by cyber-crime.

The school body will be broken up into four groups based on gender and year group for the presentations. Please ring the school if you have any questions.

**What’s Happening**

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**Accessing Murrumburrah Mercury electronically**

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.

Please note, from the start of Term 2, the Murrumburrah Mercury will not be posted home to families. It will need to be received electronically, or parents may call at the school to receive a copy.
P&C NEWS

Annual General Meeting – We need your support! We were unable to hold our AGM on Tuesday evening 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 to all to buy. The raffle will be drawn at 12 noon outside the kiosk and winners announced in the Twin Town Times.

Raffle tickets will also be available for purchase outside Panther’s Hair and Beauty on the 27 March, 10 April, 24 April, 1 May, and 7 May between 9.00am and 1.00pm each day.

Uniform Update –

- Rugby Jumpers – For those who missed the first order for Year 7 to 10 rugby jumpers, a second order may be place on 30 April if sufficient orders and payment are received
- Girls Dresses – Notes will go home shortly regarding girls’ school uniform dress. These will be priced at approximately $55 each, with delivery in 4 weeks from order placement.
- Woollen Jumpers – The navy blue V neck woollen jumper can still be worn as part of the school uniform. These may be worn at merit assemblies, on excursions and during school representation. We will be giving families the opportunity to order these jumpers for approximately $70 each, with a four week delivery time.

WHAT’S NEW AND WHAT’S DUE ……………………………

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Harden Soccer Club Registrations

Harden Soccer Club on line 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.

Junior Golf Lessons

Young Golf Club are offering a series of junior golf lessons from Monday 13 April to Thursday 16 April. The classes are open to boys and girls aged between 9 and 17 years. The sessions feature qualified coaching, skill building and testing, games and prizes.

Total cost is $60. For more information or bookings please call 6382 1543.

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**Community news**

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