Week 4 Term 2 12 May 2015

Principal’s Report

Staff Matters
I would like to take this opportunity to inform the school community that Chris Smith has accepted a position at Ingleburn High School as Relieving Head Teacher (PDHPE) for the remainder of this term. Whilst Chris is away, Jean Chapman will take on the role of Sports Organiser. I thank Jean for taking on this important role.

NAPLAN Tests
Beginning today, and running until Thursday, our Years 7 and 9 students are undertaking the NAPLAN tests. Much has been written about the value of the NAPLAN tests and how the results are used. While not wanting to become involved in the political arguments the data gained from the tests does provide a snapshot of the literacy and numeracy skills of our students. It also assists in the planning to assist our students in enhancing their literacy and numeracy outcomes.

School Cross Country
Our annual school cross country carnival will take place Friday, on and about the showground. Please feel free to come along and support the kids in this activity.

Zone Athletics Carnival
Congratulations to those students who participated in the zone athletics carnival last Friday. The weather treated us kindly and I have heard many positive comments regarding the efforts of all the students. Well done.

A number of students can now look forward to the Riverina athletics carnival which will be held on Friday 31 July at Albury.

School Plan
The Murrumburrah High School 2015 – 2017 School Plan has now been uploaded to the school website (http://www.murrumburrh.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/school-plan). Our three strategic directions are:

- Quality Teaching and Learning
- A Culture of Success and Well Being
- Leadership and Development

I would encourage you all to read this document, and feel free to contact me if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Timetable Changes
As a result of additional staffing we will be making some changes to our secondary timetable. We are able to split Year 7 into two classes for their core subjects (Mathematics, English and Science). It is hoped that these changes will take effect from the beginning of next week (Monday 18 May).

Dates for the Calendar

Monday 11th May
- NAPLAN

Tuesday 12th May
- NAPLAN

Wednesday 13th May
- NAPLAN

Thursday 14th May
- NAPLAN
- Year 9/10 Debating @ MHS

Friday 15th May
- School Cross Country

Monday 18th May
- Year 7 Aboriginal Health Visit at 12.30pm

Tuesday 19th May
- Riverina Drama Camp
- P&C Meeting 6.00pm

Wednesday 20th May
- Riverina Drama Camp

Thursday 21st May
- Riverina Drama Camp

Friday 22nd May
- Riverina Drama Camp

Murrumburrah High School values Excellence, Respect, Co-operation and Responsibility
**HSC Timetable released**

Year 12 students should by now have marked their HSC examination timetable on their calendars. Murrumburrah High School students will sit their HSC exams on the following dates:

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Enjoy the week

John McFadyen
Principal

**Sporting Successes**

Congratulations to Jared Prosser on his selection in the Presidents XIII Rugby League team to participate in the NSW Combined High Schools Rugby League selection trials at Myuna Bay. These trials will commence on Sunday 24 May and we wish Jared all the best.

Last week Lane Gaudie played in the Riverina team at the CHS State Rugby Union Carnival which was held in Wagga. The Riverina team won two out their four games, finishing 9th overall, which was the best result achieved by a Riverina team in many years. In a consolation final the Riverina team won the Plate Cup. Well done Lane and team.

At the girls CHS State Volleyball Carnival held in Temora, Emma James, Emily Banks and Meg Perceval played in the Riverina team. Over the duration of the carnival they played 8 or 9 games and finished 8th overall. The girls enjoyed the tournament and the opportunity to play at this level. Congratulations girls.

Emma Manwaring and Maddie Douglass played in the CHS girls football championships at Bathurst between 28th and 30th April. Emma played in the mid field and Maddie played in the back line. Riverina were in Pool A amongst opposition including Hunter and Sydney East who eventually finished 1st and 3rd in the final placings of the championships. Riverina had losses on the first day to Sydney East 3-1 and Hunter 3-0. Day two, in a close match Riverina went down to Sydney North 1 nil but then had success against Western 3 nil. Riverina finished 4th in their pool and had to play Sydney North West on the final day. In a convincing display of football Riverina defeated Sydney North West 3 goals to nil. Both girls played extremely well, Emma scoring goals in Riverina’s two winning matches. Riverina with their win on the final day finished 7th overall improving their standing from 8th in 2014.

Emma then travelled to Mudgee to play in the CHS Under 15 touch football championships held at Glen Willow stadium on 2nd and 3rd May. On Saturday Riverina had to play seven matches in total with two more matches on Sunday morning. Needing 2 wins on Sunday morning against South Coast and North Coast to make the finals Riverina came out on top with 2 convincing wins. This placed Riverina in 4th position and the opportunity to play in the finals. Coming up against 1st place Sydney North it was a tough match with Riverina holding out Sydney North for much of the match. However Riverina could not keep Sydney North from scoring and eventually winning the match. Sydney North then went on to win the championships. Emma played as a link in the team and scored several tries over the weekend as well as setting up several other tries.

Our athletes put in a great performance at the Zone carnival held in Temora last Friday with many students qualifying for the Riverina carnival. We have not received official results to date, however, we will provide more details once they are received. Well done athletes.

Good luck to Will Manwaring and Tyler Allen who will be playing in the Riverina team at the CHS State Soccer carnival next week. The boys will travel to Dee Why for this carnival.
WHAT’S NEW AND WHAT’S DUE ..........................

**Year and Subject** | **Task / Project / Homework** | **Due**
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Years 9 and 10 Maths | Half Yearly Exam | Week 6
Year 11 Mid Course Exams | All subjects | Week 6
Year 12 Biology (DE) | Assessment Task 3 | Friday Week 4

P&C NEWS

The next general meeting of the P&C will be held next Tuesday 19 May in the staff common room commencing at 6.00pm. Please come along and have your say. We value your opinion and support.

**Chocolate Fundraiser** – all Nestle fundraising chocolate money MUST be returned to the office by this Friday 15 May. Each box is $60 value. This brings an end to our two week fundraiser. Thank you to all the students and their families who participated.

The Mother’s Day stall, held on Saturday 9 May, raised $820 for the benefit of our students. Thank you to Jodie Pollard, at Panthers Hair and Beauty for displaying our fabulous first prize gift basket, selling tickets and allowing us to sell tickets outside her business on many mornings.

Thank you to Rebecca Wade at Prestige Beauty for displaying our gorgeous second prize gift basket and selling tickets for us. Rebecca also donated a facial gift voucher for our first prize basket.

Gino’s Fruit and Veges in Jugiong kindly donated the beautiful gift box of seasonal fruit and vegetables for our third prize winner. Thank you very much. Thank you to the Harden Nursery for the gorgeous gardenias, expert gift wrapping, and last minute table and chair delivery.

To the Manton family, thank you for the kind donation of your homemade worcestershire sauce. One customer purchased three bottles! Thank you Harrison and Oscar for all the lifting, packing, wrapping, hanging, taste testing, encouragement, and seemingly endless dishes. We now have our dining room back.

I am continually grateful for the ongoing support given by our bakers, Shelly Quinn, Marilyn Murray, Samara Callaghan and Karen Nicholls. Thank you again ladies! I would be lost without you.
Thank you to my mum, Robyn Hampton, for always being available when I need you, and to Lorraine Pollock at the Harden Post Office for volunteering your support on the day. Two of the best raffle ticket sellers I have ever seen. Thank you for an enjoyable and fun morning.

Finally, THANK YOU to our school and community for supporting your local high school and its students.

Congratulations to our raffle winners:
1st prize Pamper Gift Basket, valued at $450 – Roz Graham
2nd prize – Candle Gift Basket valued at $250 – Charlie Dyball
3rd prize – Seasonal fruit and vegetables valued at $150 – Megan Sharman
4th prize – Twin standard gardenias valued at $120 – Jodie Pollard

Uniform update
- Navy woollen jumpers have been ordered and expected delivery is 4 to 6 weeks.
- Years 7 to 10 rugby jumpers are due any moment. Students will be notified as soon as they arrive.

Kellie Forsyth
P&C President

GIRL’S DAY

Last week all female staff and students had the opportunity to attend an overnight excursion to Cataract Scout Park at Appin for Girls Day. The girls had a fantastic time with activities including high ropes courses, caving, a mud run and giant swing. The evening was entertaining with some excellent lip synch acts from staff and students. Everyone had a great time, with the chance to experience new activities.