**principal's report**

**semester 1 reports**
Half yearly reports for students from Year 7 through to Year 11 are almost finished. These reports will be mailed home later this week. I would ask all parents to read the teachers’ report comments, and if improvement is recommended, to seek their teachers’ advice on how this improvement can be achieved. If you have concerns, please feel free to contact the school early next term and make an appointment to speak to the appropriate teacher. A Parent-Teacher night will be held at the beginning of Term 3.

**Murrumburrah High School – CAPA night**
On Wednesday 29 July, members of the school community will have the opportunity to watch students perform in our annual CAPA night. The night will highlight the many and varying skills of our students. Bookings are essential and tickets are now available at the Front Office. Don’t miss out.

**Merit Assembly**
Our Term 2 Merit Assembly was held today to celebrate the achievements of students of Murrumburrah High School. Congratulations to those students who received awards.

**Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)**
This year, all Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Disability Standards for Education 2005. This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the educational needs of students with disability.

**Next Term**
This is our last newsletter for the term. I trust the holidays go as planned and you take the opportunity over the break to recharge your batteries and return ready for a busy Term 3. Staff resume on Monday 13 July with a day devoted to professional learning. School resumes for all students on Tuesday 14 July.

Enjoy the break
John McFadyen
Principal
What's Happening

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Year 12 HSC Enrichment Days in Dubbo

In the early, cold hours on Thursday 4 June our intrepid Year 12 students, with one of their English teachers and their Year Adviser, boarded the community bus for the 3 1/2 hour trip to Dubbo to attend the HSC Enrichment days.

After a breakfast stop at Macca’s we arrived at the event which attracts approximately 400+ HSC students across regional NSW and we were straight into our seminars. Some went to lectures on Standard or Advanced English texts, others went to individual subjects such as Ancient History, Agriculture and Society and Culture. A brave thing to do by yourself, but well worth conquering the fear when you realise the other students are there for exactly the same reason. Students were congratulated by the lecturers, all teachers from across the state, for caring enough about their education to attend the classes. Focus was on exam content with techniques for achieving success. Handouts of presentations were collected by the handful and the first day wrapped up around 4 o’clock.

Most of our students attended a lecture for each of their subjects and most found the presentations highly beneficial to their understanding of the courses and units. They all enjoyed hearing from different teachers to those who usually conduct their classes.

However it is pleasing to know that the majority of students felt their own teachers are providing them with the content that was highlighted at the lectures. Several of the students were anxious to get back and review the syllabus to catch up on any topics they may have missed.

As the Year Adviser of year group I would like to take this opportunity to express what a pleasure it was for myself and Mrs Knight-Gregson to accompany these wonderful young adults to such an event. They demonstrated maturity, dignity, humour and assisted one another and others throughout the two days. I would also like to thank the students for their unexpected gifts of flowers and chocolate.

Lauren Masson
Year Adviser

Full of new knowledge our students quickly accessed their devices to locate the local cinema and indulged in some downtime watching either “San Andreas” or “Pitch Perfect 2”. Then it was off to our fabulous accommodation at the Dubbo City Tourist Park. The park is within easy walking distance of several dinner venues, of which we choose a local club. Meals were huge with some students having difficulty consuming everything on their plate. Fortunately Tyler stepped up to the plates and gave them a helping hand to devour every morsel of food available.

After a great nights’ sleep we were back at the seminars armed with pens, paper and lecture schedules for another full day. Most of our students attended a lecture for each of their subjects and...
Sporting Representatives

Will Manwaring and Jared Prosser travelled to Coffs Harbour last week to play in the Secondary boys State touch carnival held at the Coffs Harbour International Sports Stadium. Ten teams from throughout the state participated in the carnival.

Riverina’s first match was against Hunter, who eventually placed 2nd in the carnival. In a tight match Riverina went down 4 tries to 2. With only a short break Riverina then played Sydney East with Riverina winning 4-2. Their third match for the day was against Sydney North West with a 5 all draw being the result. The final match for the day was against Sydney West. Sydney West would become the winners of the carnival. It was a high scoring match with Riverina losing 8 tries to 5.

On Wednesday Riverina had 3 games for the day the first against Sydney South West. Riverina played strongly and convincingly defeated South West 7 tries to 2. Matches against South Coast and Sydney North were close but did not go Riverina’s way losing 5-3 and 5-2 respectively. Needing to win their final two matches on the last day of the carnival for a possible finals match Riverina unfortunately lost to North Coast 7 tries to 3 but then won the match against country rivals Western 7-4.

Throughout the tournament Jared played in the middle and Will was in the link position. To add some more competition to the carnival a relay and 100m sprint race was held. Riverina came 4th in the relay while Will came 2nd in the sprint race. The Riverina team came 7th overall which is a great result with a lot of new and younger boys in the squad this year.

Do you have a video camera?

The CAPA department are looking for someone who has a video camera that is of high quality and has a connection to put videos on the computer so they can be edited. The camera is required for the CAPA evening which will be held during week 3 of next term. If needed we would organise one our students to do the filming on the night.

CAPA Night tickets now on sale

The annual CAPA evening will be held on Wednesday 29 July. Come along and enjoy a night at the circus!

Tickets are now available at the school office. Cost of tickets is $5 per adult and $2 per child. Family tickets are also available for $10 which includes 2 adults and 3 children.

WHAT’S NEW AND WHAT’S DUE …..

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Murrumburrah High School values Excellence, Respect, Co-operation and Responsibility
Year 10 History interviews

Five Year 10 students recently interviewed local senior citizens about their memories of Anzac Day and experiences during wartime. This was part of Senior Citizens project between the school, The Twin Town Times and the Harden Shire Council. The interviews will be stored at the local museum.

P&C News

School Rugby Jumpers—We are offering students another opportunity to purchase the Years 7 to 10 rugby jumper. We will take orders and payment and submit an order when we have sufficient numbers. The rugby tops will be available for $65. If you would like to order, please collect an order form from the school office or a copy of the order form has been attached with this newsletter. Please note that payment needs to be returned with the order, and all cheques should be made payable to ‘Murrumburrah High School P&C’. Please return orders and payment by Friday 24 July. This is the last order which will be submitted this year. The next order will be placed in early 2016.

Uniform dress orders—The first dress order is due for delivery in two weeks. We look forward to handing dresses out early next term.

National Library Card

CALLING ALL STUDENTS, PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

Please bring in your NLA library card. This will provide MHS students with access to electronic / digital resource subscriptions worth thousands of dollars. Students cannot access the e-resources without their card; staff can not access the service for the students. The student must have a card with their user id. As an Australian citizen the students retain their membership and access to this vast range of information all their life. Students may request a new application form from library staff. Thank you for participating in this initiative.

Community News

Mellissa Ings and Catherine Cooper will lose their locks on 15 August to raise funds for the Harden Nursing Home and Harden Branch of CanAssist. They are passionate that money raised be used to help the people of the Harden community. To make a donation please visit: gogetfunding.com/catherine-mellissas-shave-for-harden/. All donations would be greatly appreciated.