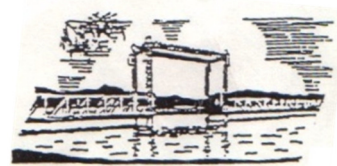


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## NEWSLETTER

- 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2019

### School Values:

- Respect
- Honesty
- Teamwork
- Learning
- Persistence

*Murrabit Group School respectfully acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land.*

*We pay respect to their ongoing living culture.*

### Dates to Remember:

25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Zone Swimming Trials
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Cluster Swimming Sports
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Dental Clinic – Flying Dr's Peter Walsh Presentation
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Water Safety Day
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Prep Health Screening School Council AGM

Hello Everybody

The children have completed the daily swimming program with great success and are now ready for the Swimming Sports and Water Safety Day which all promise to be very exciting.

### **School Council Meeting**

Last week's school council meeting went very well. A point of discussion was the school fees and I'd like to take the opportunity to clarify school fees. The \$160 school fees are made up of:

Books and Materials \$35 – Many schools require students to bring their own books and other materials (eg: tissues, pencils, and rulers) but School Council has decided that parents will pay a fee of \$35 and the school will purchase them on their behalf. The advantage of this is that all the children have the same materials, eliminating inequity, and making it easier and cheaper for parents.

Excursions \$125 – On the statement sent home to parents it has the description "Excursions". This is made up of a number of items which can't be broken down through the school administration system of CASES. Excursions is to cover the bus cost of local excursions which is quite substantial. This includes Arts Council, swimming (program and sports), athletics, lightning premiership and any other trips that may arise. It also covers the cost of the Arts Council Performances.

The Parents and Friends very generously make a contribution to cover part of the cost of the swimming bus but a fee payment from parents is required to cover all bus expenses. Many schools require students to pay for these as they arise. School Council has decided that it works best for parents if one fee covering all excursions is paid. Any family that has a current Centrelink card and has returned their application form receives \$125 per child which covers the excursion cost.

Fees also takes into account a computer levy so that all students have access to one to one computers. Without this input from parents within the fees the outstanding ICT would not be possible.

### **School Council Elections**

We are currently looking for one more Parent Member for School Council. If you would like to be part of this very important group please contact me.

The Annual General Meeting of School Council will take place on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March.**

Have a great week. *Greg*

## Presentation to School Leaders

Peter Walsh will be presenting badges to all school leaders on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 11am. All parents and community members are welcome to attend.

## Parents and Friends

The Welcome Barbecue will be held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – please put this in your diary and keep it free.

Have a great day, Sara and Michelle.

## Market Morning Teas

Those families on duty for the Market to be held on

2<sup>nd</sup> March are – **Hartley, Hein B&N (Danson), Hein N&E** and Maher **(Keath)**



## School Nurse Visit

Kerrie McCosh, primary school nurse, will be visiting our school on Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> this year. The purpose of this visit is to undertake health assessments and discuss health concerns that parents and/or teachers may have with their children/students.

**Prep Grade Health Assessments:** All parents of prep grade children will be requested to complete a Health Questionnaire and return the form to the school before March 1<sup>st</sup> 2019, If you do not wish your child to be seen by the school nurse, please sign the non-consent section and return the form to the school.

**Referrals (All Grades):** Parents and/or teachers may refer children from any grade for assessments of vision, hearing, basic speech, physical abilities, medical conditions, behavioural and parenting issues. Please collect a referral form from the school office. Completed forms are to be handed into the school office prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>. Should parents wish to have an interview with the School Nurse, please indicate your request on the form.

Please note: You can talk to the school nurse at any time throughout the year. The school has her mobile phone number.

## Students of the Week



**Xavier Hein** – for his excellent listening skills



**Shanae West** - for super swimming and Her wonderful writing



**Jobe Hein** – for excellent focus and fantastic effort In maths



**Belle Morton** – for her excellent work ethic

## **Zone Swimmers...Top effort!**

Congratulations to our 12 Zone competitors...Angus, Belle, Emmity, Zeb, Jack, Lachie, Cooper, Jed, Dustie, Eliza, Ivy and Lyla. We are so proud of you all for having a 'red hot go' and doing your best! What an amazing effort by everyone and all swimmers are off to Mallee Division in Swan Hill next Monday, 25th of February. WOW! .Good luck and we know that you will be awesome! These children will be doing extra training after school to help prepare for this event... well done! Thank you to our parents for supporting this.

I will be attending next Monday so I can help transport children to Swan Hill if required. Please let me know if your child needs a ride.

Here are some comments of our super swimmers:

**Ivy:** *I am so excited to go to Swan Hill. I came 3<sup>rd</sup> in my breaststroke and fifth in my freestyle heat. It was fun!*

**Lyla:** *WOW! I made the freestyle final. How good is that! I came 4<sup>th</sup> in the breaststroke final. I swam in a relay and we came 2<sup>nd</sup>. I am going to Swan Hill next week and I can't wait. I am amazing!*

**Eliza:** *I was excited to win the backstroke and I made the freestyle final and I came 6<sup>th</sup>. I was very proud of myself!*

**Cooper:** *It was fun practising for next year. I came 4<sup>th</sup> in the freestyle final and we won our relay. I am excited to be going to Swan Hill.*

**Jed:** *I am excited to get to Swan Hill. It was the fastest lap I have ever swam. I hope my relay team gets through at Swan Hill!*

**Dustie:** *I came 3<sup>rd</sup> in backstroke and I got out with a smile and dad came to cheer me on!*

**Jack:** *I think I did an awesome job in my freestyle and breaststroke. I came first in both. We came first in our freestyle and medley relay. I hope I do well in Swan Hill. It was a fantastic day!*

**Lachie:** *This year I have done a great job with my swimming. I came 2<sup>nd</sup> in my backstroke and freestyle and I even swam the butterfly in the medley. I am going to Swan Hill in all my swimming events and I hope it's a great day!*

**Angus:** *I did a great job in my swimming. I came first in my breaststroke heat and second in the final and now I am going to Swan Hill. My freestyle relay came 3<sup>rd</sup> and I swam breaststroke in our medley that we*

*won. I am really happy that I nearly won the breaststroke race. I hope I can go faster next week!*

**Belle:** *I came third in my breaststroke heat and my final. I came 4<sup>th</sup> in backstroke and my relay came last. I had a great day!*

**Zeb:** *I was really excited to make both my finals. I came 5<sup>th</sup> in the free final and I qualified in the breaststroke. I can't wait to go to Swan Hill.*

**Emmity:** *I won my freestyle heat and qualified for the final where I came 5<sup>th</sup>. I was really proud of that! I did breaststroke and I came last. My 12/13 relay team came first.*

## **Interschool Swimming Sports.. ...Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at Koondrook Swimming Pool**

Our 'Mighty Murrabit' children will be competing in our very first Murray Plains interschool swimming sports against Gunbower, Leitchville and Koondrook. The events commence at **10am** although marshalling begins at 9:45 am. We will be departing school at **9.15am**. The day is expected to finish by 2.00pm and we will return by 3.15pm.

The entrance costs are as follows

Children - **\$2.50 per child. Students to bring this money to school by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

Spectators - \$1.50 (spectators pay at the gate)

The kiosk will be open to sell lollies, chips and drinks, and **some** lunch items.

Students need to bring bathers, towels, sun cream, hats, water bottles, lunch and snacks.

Thank you to our parents who have volunteered to assist on this day.

**"Go Mighty Murrabit Go!"**

## **Water Safety Day coming soon...**

Friday, March 1st is our Water Safety Day. The bus will depart school at 11am. This session begins at 11.30 am and the children will participate in a range of activities including reach and throw rescues, boating, wading and PFD activities. At the end of this session, the water slide will be available for us to use. The children will be able to bring money to purchase something from the kiosk (\$5

limit) to support the pool. What a great way to practice our money handling skills! We have been so lucky with the weather and it's been an amazing team effort throughout our swimming program. The improvement in the children's swimming ability has been outstanding. I certainly appreciate the support we receive for our program. Swimming is a vital life skill and we value this in our school and community. Special thanks to our terrific Parents and Friends who help sponsor the bus and also provide the finance to hire Fiona as a swim instructor. Thank you!!

**Thanks Sue**

**Curators**

**February** – 1<sup>st</sup> Half – **Hein B&N**  
 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Half – **Shea**  
**March** – 1<sup>st</sup> Half – **Ettershank**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Half - **Danson**



**Farming Families Information**

Some information to support our farming families.

[www.farmhub.org.au](http://www.farmhub.org.au)

A farmer can find out what help is available to them by typing in their location on this site. It will show what fodder, water, transport and living expenses assistance is available at an individual farm, as well as physical and mental health services.

Please make this information available to people in the community who may benefit from it.

It's always good promote the availability of the Rural Financial Counselling Service too. This service can assist farmers to navigate **ALL** the assistance that might be available to them. The staff are engaging and build rapport with families.

<http://www.sunrcs.com.au/>

This is the link for the North West group in Victoria, however the RFCS service is all over the rural parts of the state.

**Royal Flying Doctor Dental Visit**

Please return the forms sent home on last week's newsletter if you would like your child/children to have a dental check up on this day. (See information opposite)

**Absence Note**

Student Name.....

Date of Absence.....

Reason for Absence (please tick)

- illness
- family reasons
- medical appointment
- holiday
- other .....(reason)

Signed:.....  
 (Parent/Guardian)

**Market Swap**

Name.....

**I have swapped market duty**

**with.....**

**For the ..... (month) market**

