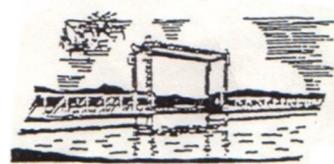


# MURRABIT GROUP SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

- 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 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:

23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Biggest Morning Tea Parents & Friends Meeting
28 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup>	15 Mile Creek Camp 5/6
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Breakfast Club
5 <sup>th</sup> June	School Council Meeting

Hello Everybody,

### **NAPLAN**

Last week the students in Grades 3 and 5 completed their NAPLAN tests, most of which were online for the first time, and the students are to be congratulated for the way they applied themselves to the tasks set. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is just one aspect of the student assessment and reporting process. It does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance. Printed NAPLAN Online Individual Student Reports arrive at schools in mid August.

### **Gannawarra Transition Book**

On Monday we had the district school launch of the Gannawarra Transition Book with representatives of the Gannawarra Council including Deputy Mayor Charlie Gillingham who spoke on the Shire's behalf. All Grade 6 students have been given a copy of the book as part of their transition process.

### **Education Week –**

**Biggest Morning Tea / Open Day  
– Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – 10am –  
11:30am**

This week is Education Week and 2019 is the 75th year of Education Week in Victoria as we aim to positively profile and celebrate the strengths and achievements of Victoria's government education sector. We are again inviting community members and family members, but are particularly keen to have prospective prep parents. If you know anyone who is thinking of sending their child to our school in 2020 and would like to see what our fantastic school has to offer, please encourage them to come along.

The Open Day starts at 10am with classroom visits, before the whole school performances and morning tea at 11:00am. It promises to be a fantastic morning.

### **15 Mile Creek Camp**

This Tuesday the Grade 5 and 6 students leave for 15 Mile Camp. I am sure they will have lots of exciting stories when they get home.

### **Zone Cross Country**

Congratulations to our competitors in the Zone Cross Country at Swan Hill yesterday. The standard of competition is always very high at this level and I know that you all would have done your best.

## Parent and Community Help

Parent and community engagement in education is about parents and carers, schools and communities working together to ensure that every parent and community member can play a positive role in a child's learning, school community, sport, and social life.

Parents and families play an important role in supporting their child's education. Research has shown that when schools and families work together, children do better, stay in school longer, are more engaged with their school work, go to school more regularly, behave better, and have better social skills.

At Murrabit Group School we have an amazing amount of support from our parents and wider community that makes our school such a special learning environment for our students. Examples of contributions from parents and community members this term that have added to the education of our students are: working at the Murrabit Market; organising, cooking for, selling raffle tickets for and working at the Mother's Day Luncheon; mowing the school lawns; reading in P/1 class; Parents and Friends Meeting; School Council Meeting; cooking for Biggest Morning Tea; helping at the Mother's Day Stall; transporting students to the Zone Cross Country; fixing sprinkler systems at school; hanging pinboards within the classrooms; Breakfast Club; support at ANZAC Day activities; transporting students to transition activities; watering of the school lawns and oval; concreting of the new garden shed; collection of cans; and collation of community calendar. I am sure there are tasks that I have missed that have been completed by parents and community members who happily get jobs done for the sake of the students. This is an amazing list from such a small school. I would like to thank everyone who makes an amazing contribution to our school. When I reflect on the contribution of our parents and wider community, and that of our dedicated staff, it makes me think of the African proverb "It takes a village to raise a child". I think we do that very well at Murrabit Group School.

Have a great week, Greg

## Woolworths Earn and Learn

The Woolworths Earn and Learn campaign will run until 25<sup>th</sup> June. Please collect stickers if you are shopping at Woolworths, and encourage your friends and family to do the same. Boxes for stickers are in Kerang, Swan Hill and in the office at school. The stickers earn points that the school can then use to redeem educational resources, including Maths, English and Arts and Crafts.

## Italian

**Pippy Morton** - for answering questions about the animals in the story about Tom Thumb



**Shanae West** - joining in on the actions for our bird story



**All 5/6's** - for logging onto Duolingo (Italian Language program) and creating an account, and for joining my class. **Duolingo** is a popular way to learn a language. It's 100% free, fun and science-based. Practice online on **duolingo.com** or on the apps! At school, we will continue to use Languages Online, Duolingo is not compulsory, and for home use.

## Music



**Stella Ettershank**: for her improvement during Term 2 using the keyboard and xylophones



**Zeb Hein** and **Lachlan Maher**: for fixing the electric guitar!



**Cooper Hein** - being consistently first to do the actions in our bird story



**Austin Gurnett** - for being well prepared to sing at the Biggest Morning Tea next week!

Angie Jones

## Students of the Week:



**Casey Heffer** – for trying super hard to improve his reading



**Maddi Keath** – for being a superstar writer and for her bright smile



**Callum Ettershank** – for his excellent writing ideas and great use of punctuation



**Angus McDonald** – for his excellent ICT work in Literacy

## Parents & Friends

Hi All

Just a few reminders for this week:-

Tomorrow is the Biggest Morning Tea and school open day is on, please bring a cake/slice along to share. There will be a raffle & donations box with all money raised going to the Cancer Council.

Parents and Friends meeting **this Thursday** at 12 after the Biggest Morning Tea. All welcome, discussion point is the Lions change over dinner.

Don't forget to collect your bottles/cans and place them in the shuttle near the sports shed for the earn & return so we can recycle them for 10cents.

Thanks Sara and Michelle

## Lost & Found

Have you lost a pair of small blue runners and socks? If so, they are in the lost property box in the middle space.

## Market Morning Teas

Those families on duty for the Market to be held on

**1<sup>st</sup> June – Teasdale,**

**Wescombe, Hartley and McNeil**



## Sue's News

### Mallee Division Cross Country

Congratulations to all our **super** runners. We are so **proud** of your awesome efforts and it was great to see you having a **'red hot go!'**

Breaking News...

Callum- It was a really fun day but I was knocked down at the start of the race and I skidded on my shoulder. I quickly got up and bolted. I came 23<sup>rd</sup> and everyone was proud of me.

Cooper- It was fun and I came second and got a ribbon. I was amazed that I ran so well and everyone was really proud of me. I was really puffed and I am excited to be going to St Arnaud.

Drew- It was completely exhausting and I came 10<sup>th</sup>. I was really puffed but I kept on going. I want to do it again next year and I hope to get to St Arnaud.

Leah- It was a great day but very tiring. I missed out by one place to go to St Arnaud. I came 8th and I needed to be in the top 7. Hope I can do it next year!

Xavier- It was fun. I came 8th but I was disappointed that I did not get to St Arnaud. Hopefully I can do it next year.

Jack- I ran 3 kilometres along the Murray River and I came 22<sup>nd</sup>. My chest was hurting and my legs wanted to stop but they kept going. It was tough but I did it!

Lachie- Yesterday I went to the cross country and I came second...last! It was fun but tiring. I ran 3 kilometres and I was glad when I got to the finish line.

Zeb- I came 34<sup>th</sup> and I did my best. It was a fun time and there were some really super fit and fast kids there. At the start some of the kids sprinted and stayed in the lead the whole race.

Wishing Super Cooper all the best for the Regional Event in St Arnaud on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June. We know that you will run keep training hard Cooper.

Thank you to all our wonderful parents who supported this event. Your effort and interest was greatly appreciated!

**Thank you Sue**

## Curators

May – 2<sup>nd</sup> Half – McNeil

June – 1<sup>st</sup> Half – Gurnett

-2<sup>nd</sup> Half – Hein N&E



## Kerang Christian College Open Day

Kerang Christian College will be holding an open day on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May from 2-3pm and an information evening for year 7 from 7pm

## 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**



