

# MURRABIT GROUP SCHOOL



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## NEWSLETTER

- 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2020

### 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.*

Hello Everybody,

Thank you for your continued support with Flexible and Remote Learning. It is fantastic to see the children develop their independent learning skills and technical skills as we make our way into week 4 of this unusual way of learning. Staff have put forward their timetables for each grade. It is recommended that students work to routines, however we do understand that at times family situations might vary and learning may take place at different times throughout the day. We do ask that you maintain communications with the school but understand this can be difficult. A reminder that if you need assistance please contact myself or your child's teacher between 8:45am and 3:45pm.

### Packages

Be in contact with your class teacher to organise the pick up and dropping off of packages.

### Attendance

A reminder that each class teacher will have set up a method to record their class attendance. Also a routine should be put in place to help your child.

### Mother's Day

A Happy Mother's Day to all our fantastic mums. I hope you get a chance to have a rest this Sunday, maybe even get breaky in bed, and spend time with loved ones. A reminder about the lovely gesture that our Parents and Friends have done. They will be having a Mother's Day Lucky Dip. Pick up from school from 3pm Friday or special delivery by Murray on the bus. Contact Michelle Mathews or myself to organise your option. Thank you to Michelle for organising this. It has been greatly appreciated.

### Survey

A Survey will be sent out to all families in the coming days to provide us with feedback about how Flexible and Remote Learning is progressing. We would really appreciate the time spent in completing this.

### School Council Meeting

School Council will meet tomorrow night, 6<sup>th</sup> May via Webex

Have a great week, **Greg**

## Student of the Week



**Xavier Murray** – for his persistence with technology

## Parents & Friends

Our Mother's Day Lucky Dip is happening this Friday the 8th May! Children can spoil their Mum this year by collecting a gift from school after 3pm or if preferred gifts can be delivered by Murray on the bus.

To help with gift distribution and ensure gifts are available for collection please let myself or Mr Adams know which collection method suits best.

Wishing all our school and local community Mums a very special Mother's Day this Sunday 🌸

Kind regards, Michelle 😊

## Bookclub

**BOOK CLUB** is running this Term, but it will look a little different! It will be a **virtual catalogue** rather than the printed catalogues you're used to receiving.

**To order from this issue go to:**

[Scholastic.com.au/Book-Club/virtual-catalogue-1/](https://www.scholastic.com.au/Book-Club/virtual-catalogue-1/)

Place your order on LOOP as normal and orders need to be in by: **8<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

We will receive your order here to our school like normal. Once your order arrives, we will contact you to arrange for collection:

If you have any questions or queries, please contact the school

## Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund

If your circumstances have changed from Term 1 and you are now in receipt of a **Centrelink Healthcare Card**, you may be eligible for CSEF funding.

Please contact the school for an application form which needs to be completed and returned by **14<sup>th</sup> May**

## Library News

### Premier's Reading Challenge

Here are some tips from the Premier's Reading Challenge team to help students keep up their reading and literacy skills.

We understand that it is a difficult time and trips to the library or bookstore may not be possible. Here are some tips to share with your students to help them read more:

- Re-read favourite books from your home collection.
- Borrow eBooks from your local library.
- For young children, search YouTube for 'read a picture book', and listen to dozens of children's books like *The Lorax*, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *The Rainbow Fish*.
- Watch your favourite authors read their books at [The Big List of Children's Authors Doing Online Read Alouds and Activities](#).
- Watch astronauts on the Space Station read children's books at [Storytime from Space](#).
- Stream videos of authors reading children's books with illustrations at [Storyline Online](#).
- Listen to a [David Walliams audio book](#).
- Download a free classic children's or young adult's book from [International Children's Digital Library](#) or [ManyBook.net](#).
- Reading is more important than ever to develop literacy skills. We hope students have fun exploring the wider world and new exciting places without leaving their living rooms.

Well done to the students who have had a go at entering their books on the 'Challenge' website.

**Jeanette Coulter**

## Gannawarra Shire – Online Study Resources Available

Families whose children are currently studying from home as part of measures to stop the spread of Coronavirus can access valuable resources via the Gannawarra Library Service.

Library members can access, for free, a range of study-related resources that can complement materials provided by schools.

Study resources available from the Gannawarra Library Service include:

- Studiosity, which connects students with qualified specialists 24 hours a day, seven days a week for free, one-on-one help
- Britannica Library, which makes it easier to find reliable information fast for research, assignments and special project purposes; and
- The Computer School, which contains thousands of easy to follow tutorials on computer and technology basics, tablets and mobile devices, social media, popular programs and more

### Curators

May – 1<sup>st</sup> Half – **Maher**  
 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Half – **Murray**  
 June – 1<sup>st</sup> Half – **Lacey**  
 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Half - **Heritage**



### Contact Numbers if You Need Assistance

**Vinnies in Kerang** – Open Thursdays only (call 5452 2380 appointments must be made prior)

Able to assist with:

- Food Vouchers to IGA or Woolworths
- Fuel Vouchers (medical appointments only which cannot be done via telehealth)

**Kerang & District Community Centre** – Open Mondays only (call 5452 2522 as appointment must be made prior)

Able to assist with:

- Food Hampers
- Food Vouchers to IGA or Butchers



**Tips for School + Work Home Desk Set Up**  
 FROM NDCH OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST – ZOE TREACY



**Choose a nice chair:** Try and use a chair that supports your spine. Support around your lower back can help you sit up straight. If you have a chair without support, try rolling up a towel and placing it in the lower curve of your back. A height adjustable chair is also good. If you don't have one try using a firm cushion to sit higher.



**Position:** When sitting at your desk keep your wrists straight and your arms at or below elbow level. Have your knees in line with your hips and your feet touching the floor. Adjust your chair to your desk - if your feet don't reach the floor, put a box or books under them.



**Elevated computer screen:** You don't need a fancy stand. Use something from home – a ream of paper, a box or a folder. Stretch your arms in front of you, and that is where you want your screen to sit. The top third of the screen should be at your eye level. If you are using a laptop you will need to have a separate keyboard and mouse so that you are not reaching up.



**Most used items:** Keep your most used items close by so that you don't have to keep reaching. Pen and paper, phone, keyboard and mouse. Stand up to reach anything that cannot be reached while sitting down – use this time to go for a walk around the house, pretend it is the walk to the printer or scanner in the office.



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



## Positive Parenting Telephone Service

Our free 6 to 10 Week program helps you to:

-  Have Stronger more positive relationships
-  Set rules and limits
-  Manage everyday behaviour problems

Participants complete a workbook or online modules which are supported by weekly 30 minute phone calls with a trained parenting educator.

All of this can be done from the comfort of your own home at a time that suits you.

**FREE VICTORIA WIDE SERVICE**

For:  
**Parents**  
**Grandparents**  
**Carers**

**Enrol now and make a positive start to last a lifetime**

Call us for more information or to enrol

# 1800 880 660

Enrolments are taken all year round 

 

