

MURRABIT GROUP SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

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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:

13 th October	Prep Transition 9 – 11.30am
27 th October	Prep Transition 9 – 11.30am
11 th November	Prep Transition 9am – 1.45pm
26 th November	Prep Transition 9am – 1.45pm
11 th December	Prep Transition 9am – 3.25pm

*“Good communication is the bridge
between confusion and clarity.”*

Hello Everybody,

I hope you managed to have some family time with your children over the last two weeks. While it may have been difficult to get away it is important to spend time with your family and enjoy each other's company so hopefully you were able to do this, even if it was in the local area.

It has been fantastic to have the students back at school to start term 4. They have made a seamless start, with lots of smiling faces, energy and enthusiasm to begin the term.

A big thank you again to students, parents and staff who were amazing throughout the period of remote learning. Your support, resilience, independence and commitment, among other traits, ensured the remote learning period was successful at Murrabit Group School.

Thank you Donna

Unfortunately, our school cleaner Donna Thomson will no longer be working for us. Donna always did an amazing job, keeping the school looking in excellent shape. We thank you Donna for your efforts.

Grade 2/3/4 classroom

An update on the Grade 2/3/4 classroom. Over the holidays the shelves were painted and they have added much colour to the corridor. Thank you to Stephen O'Donoghue for the effort he put into this. The recladding is nearly finished and looks very smart. This leaves the painting of inside and outside to be completed over the Christmas break.

Vandalism

Unfortunately, we had some vandalism at our school over the school holidays. This matter has been reported to the police who are acting upon it. This is disappointing as our school is something that our whole school community is very proud of.

Term 4 Operations Guidelines

The department has put in place guidelines that they have asked school communities to follow. They include:

- Students and staff who are unwell MUST stay home.
- Practise good hygiene, including washing hands with sanitizer,

students bringing own water bottles, no sharing of food and non contact greetings.

- Ensuring physical distancing among all students and staff as appropriate. This includes a face mask for adults (not teachers when teaching) and limiting visitors to school grounds.

Other guidelines are in place that affect the day to day running of the school and we are following these to implement school programs.

Have a great week, **Greg**

Parents & Friends

Welcome back for Term 4!! It's great to have the kids back at school enjoying each other's company and learning in the classroom.

Our mango fundraiser is currently underway with some great mango sales made over the holiday period. Mango trays are \$25 each. If you know of anyone who enjoys mangoes, please spread the word. Orders for mangoes close **26th October** with delivery expected between the 7th - 11th December

Special thanks to Sara who has organised online ordering and contactless payment options. Order forms are available for those that require them or alternatively orders can be made online at trybooking.com/BLMBO

Kind regards, Michelle & Sara ☺

Bookclub

Bookclub orders have been sent home and need to be returned before Wednesday 21st October.

Curators

October – 1st Half – **Simmonds**

2nd Half – **Morton**

November – 1st Half - **Edgley**

- 2nd Half - **Heffer**



Sue's News

We are very excited to be back and it was lovely to see the smiling faces of our students. We are looking forward to a Covid free term 4! Thank you so much to our **amazing** parents for their **awesome** support of our remote learning program. Your efforts were definitely appreciated!

Thank you to my team of student helpers (Cooper W, Charlotte, Sophia, Ivy, Maddi and Shanae) who assisted in returning furniture to our 2/3/4 classroom on the last day of term 3. Special thanks to Eliza, Harrison and Lachie who also lent a big helping hand. A terrific team effort! Everyone worked very hard (and built some **BIG** muscles) shifting gear from the shed and the shared library space. Over the next few weeks we will continue our shift, and hopefully have everything done by the end of October. We love our brightly painted shelving in the corridor...thank you Steve for your work! We hope that you all like our colours as we do!

As a classroom and sometimes a messy one, we would like to acknowledge the wonderful efforts of Donna and her support of the work done within the 2/3/4 room over the past few months. You truly were a star and we are so sad to see you go! We hope that you love the cards that the children made for you "super cleaner extraordinaire!"

To **celebrate** our return and to catch up on our special end of term 3 day, we will have a **Bush Day** this Friday (9th of October) where our students can wear **old farm clothes**. The children will participate in bush dancing, bush cooking, bush art and bush survival. Does anyone have any spare firewood lying around that we could have for our campfire please? (Ring me on 0428160008 if you can help.) Could all children (if possible) bring a banana as we want to cook these in the campfire. Thank you!

Bushgirl Sue



The recladding of the old school building is nearing completion



Get your walking shoes on, Walk to School 2020 starts up at the start of term 4!

Walk to School is on again during October and all students are encouraged to walk, ride or scoot to school.

All schools in the Gannawarra Shire will be taking part again in this fantastic program, run in partnership with VicHealth and the Gannawarra Shire Council. Our schools will be joined by thousands of other active students from across the state.

Walking to school has lots of benefits, including:

- Working towards the recommended 60 minutes of exercise
- Developing Road Safety Skills
- Connecting with friends
- Building healthy habits for life

So remember that this October is Walk to School month, get out and get walking!

Walk to School is a VicHealth initiative. For more information visit the Walk to School website on www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au

BAROOK SWIM CLUB Expressions of Interest.

To gauge numbers and help plan for the upcoming season, we'd love to hear from you.

If your child would/might like to join our fun and friendly swim club (runs mid Nov - mid Mar),

please TEXT their name and age to Sharon on 0438 531 366

Sessions will be run in accordance with Covid Safe guidelines.



How to be safe and kind online

With kids using devices more than ever now-thanks home schooling- we have put together some things to think about to help your kids (and you) be safe and kind in the online world.

Digital Use

It can be very easy for your child to spend hours online without you or them noticing. Set clear time limits and boundaries for device use and online chats. You might want to include your child in the discussion about how long is appropriate so they feel heard and have some ownership of the limits too.

Digital Safety

Does your child understand what cyber bullying is? Talk to them about showing empathy and respect even if they cannot see who the person is they are talking to. Also, encourage them to talk to you or someone they trust if they are being bullied online themselves. Teach them to only talk to people online that they know and that not everyone on the internet is as nice as they seem.

Digital Emotional Intelligence

Explore with your child how they control their own feelings online and consider the feelings of others. Explain that there is still a person at the other end of the conversation.

Digital Literacy

Can your kid tell fake news from real news or who they can and can't trust? They need to know that not everything they read or see online is real. Monitor what your child is accessing online and keep conversation open so that they feel able to ask questions when they are unsure.

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Tips to Look after your Mental Health

Saturday Oct 10th is World Mental Health Day 2020 and this year we are reminding everyone to look after their mental health. Here are some ways to look after your mental health.



October is also Walk to School month. Walking, riding or scooting to school can be good for mental health as well as you physical health.

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