

# MURRABIT GROUP SCHOOL



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## NEWSLETTER

- 16<sup>th</sup> December, 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.*

### Dates to Remember:

17<sup>th</sup> Dec. End of Year Picnic  
18<sup>th</sup> Dec. Last Day of Term 4  
- Dismissal at  
1:30pm



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

Hello Everybody,

### Thank you and Merry Christmas

As this is the last newsletter for the year, I'd like to say a big thank you to our whole school community for their wonderful efforts throughout 2020. This year was an extremely challenging year because of COVID and remote learning, but we can be very proud of the way we worked together as a whole school community to ensure the student's learning was paramount. The resilience and independence of the students has been amazing and I am sure you are very proud

of your children, just as we are as teachers.

2021 promises to be very exciting. The “main building” renovations will be completed over the summer break and more facilities works are in line for throughout the year, including the building of the chicken shed and concreting in the assembly area. Most exciting though is a full year of onsite learning, which will be guided by the writing of the School Review.

So much to look forward to.

### End of Year Break Up

Everything is organised for tomorrow night's break up. It promises to be a fantastic night with our student's putting together some performances to delight the crowd.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Start 6pm Finish 8 to 8:30

Picnic Tea

Please bring along a chair

All people attending will need to sign in. *We will need to practice social distancing and be Covid safe.* Unfortunately, our Santa will be unable to attend this year.

Let's celebrate the end of what has been a challenging year in each other's company.



### Mango Fundraiser

A huge thank you and congratulations to our Parents and Friends for the Mango Fundraiser. This has raised much needed funds for our school which will be spent wisely in 2021. It was a team effort with many parents involved and the students helping to unpack, but I would like to acknowledge the work of Michelle Mathews, Sara McNeil and Nicole Hein who led this fundraiser.

## End of Term 4

School finishes on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm. All students are expected to attend school until this date.

## Reports

School Reports were sent home today. If you would like an interview before the end of the school year, please contact your child's class teacher to schedule a meeting.

## Stephanie Alexander Garden

Some of the produce in the Stephanie Alexander Garden will need to be picked during the school holidays. Please feel welcome to visit the school and take what you want. There will be strawberries, tomatoes, pumpkins, cucumbers, snow peas and corn ripening over the next six weeks.

## Murrabit Market

We look forward to another fantastic market on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Notes will be sent home to those parents who are on duty with the latest requirements.

Finally, have a great Christmas and a happy New Year. I hope you get a chance to holiday with your family.

Have a great week, **Greg**



## Student Banking

From Term 1, 2021 the Victorian Government has ceased school banking programs in Victorian government schools. As a result, the CommBank School Banking program will no longer operate at our school after the end of this term. If you are unsure of other methods of depositing to your child's account, please feel free to contact the Bank's general enquiries hotline on 13 2221 or alternatively visit your local CommBank branch.

## Parents & Friends

As 2020 comes to an end we want to thank everyone who has provided support and helped out in what turned out to be a very different year. Our last fundraiser for the year is our kids Christmas Raffle. Prizes will be drawn on Thursday night at the end of year celebration - be sure to have your tickets in!! 🎁 😊

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday period. 🎄 🍷

Looking forward 2021 🌟

Kind regards, Michelle 😊

## Music:



**Kane Gurnett** – for great work playing G in our song "Blues in C"



**Kobe Teasdale** – for his awesome

job with showing the P/1/2 learners how to use "Chrome Music Lab"



## Italian:



**Drew McNeil, Jobe Hein, Oliver More** – for top score in revision of greetings in Italian



**Cooper West** - for winning the kahoot game in Italian about greetings. Great remembering of vocabulary, Cooper!



Angie Jones

## Students of the Week:



**Riley Danson** - for his excellent attitude towards learning.



**Year 2/3/4** – for being the amazing class of 2020.



**Year 5/6** – for sensational work throughout 2020



## Market Morning Teas

The following families are on duty for the Market Morning Teas on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January** are:- **Larkin, Murray, Danson and Heffer.**



## Sue's News...the final Chapter!

It's hard to believe that 2020 is almost over... where did this remarkable year go? Thank you to all our families for their wonderful support. We managed to survive and come out smiling, and we are very proud of the resilient efforts of the children. We are certainly looking forward to getting back to normal in 2021. Stay fit in the holidays everyone and have a safe, relaxing holiday.

## Gymnastics Fun

The children have worked hard on improving their skills during our unit of work over the last couple of weeks. We will be displaying part of a gymnastic session on Thursday at our presentation night. We hope that you enjoy viewing the many talents of our amazing students. Please ensure your child has suitable clothing for this activity They will be in bare feet so footwear is not a worry. If you have younger children, they will need to be kept clear of the student pathways and equipment because of safety elements.

We are excited! Hope to see you there!

## Swimming 2021

We will be doing 10 days of swimming commencing on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> of January. The next 9 days will be across the following two week period. Our dates have not been confirmed by the Shire and a note will be sent home on the first day back regarding dates and times. We hope to swim between 1.00-2.00pm. Cost was \$2.50 per session this year so we are hoping it will be the same next year. Thus, total cost will most probably be \$25.00 (Grade 1-6) \$20.00 (prep). This will be confirmed at the beginning of next year. Please sign the permission note attached and return before the beginning of our swimming program. Lake Charm will once again be part of our program.

**Kerang Division Swimming Trials** for those children who are 9 years and above, will be held in mid-February. To be eligible for this event, you must be able to swim 50 metres and be technically correct and proficient. A *proposed* date for this is Monday 13<sup>th</sup> of February. More details on our return to school. *More Swimming news...* the proposed date for the cluster interschool Swimming Sports is 26<sup>th</sup> of February. Keep this date free!

### Last Day...water fun, here we come!

The weather looks like it's going to be fine so our water session will be on this Friday commencing at 11.30am. Remember that the children may bring water pistols and water balloons. Don't forget to bring a towel. Bathers may also be brought along to change into. It's an **out of school uniform day** so casual clothes can be worn. Thank you to our Parents and Friends for supplying the zooper doopers. We are so lucky to have your wonderful support and we certainly appreciate your efforts. **THANKYOU!**

### Room pack-up

Yes, we are at it again! Our Grade 2/3/4 classroom once again needs a reshuffle due to the paintworks that will be happening during the school holidays. Thank you to our students who assisted with clearing the walls of posters and furniture! **Top job super helpers!**

**Thanks Water Warrior Sue.**

### Curators

- December** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Half – **Shea**
- January** – 1<sup>st</sup> Half – **Ettershank**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Half – **Danson**
- February** – 1<sup>st</sup> Half – **Teasdale**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Half - **West**



*Merry Christmas*



## 5 Ways for Happy Holidays



As we near the end of the year NDCH want to extend our best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday. We encourage you to spend time with loved ones, in ways that are safe, and to take the time to relax and recover after what has been a big year for all. We are so proud of our community and cannot wait to be back working with you all next year. In the meantime here are some tips from the 5 Ways to Wellbeing to ensure you all have happy holidays.

#### CONNECT

Spend time with loved ones (in a COVID safe way) and be present with them. Enjoy the meals together, the laughter and catch ups and all that comes with gathering together. These are the times your children will have memories of forever.

#### BE ACTIVE

Walk, swim if it is hot, play backyard cricket. Find ways to keep your body moving during the holiday period and encourage your children to join in with you.

#### TAKE NOTICE

Take the time to notice the joy around you this Christmas and share it with your children. It might be the lights and decorations around the towns or the excitement of children as they share and receive gifts. Being in the moment helps us stay positive and happy.

#### DISCOVER OR KEEP LEARNING

Support your child to read that new book they got from Santa, or to learn to play their new instrument. You might do a crossword puzzle or even travel somewhere and learn about another town. Challenging our brains helps to keep them strong no matter what age we are.

#### GIVE OR VOLUNTEER

Holidays are a time of giving not just receiving. Show your children that you can give in the form of gifts, perhaps donate new or used toys to those less fortunate. Or you could volunteer your time to help out many of the much needed services over the holiday period.

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Get your craft on!  
Our famous **Kits4Kids**, activity packs are back!  
Covering a variety of age groups, examples shown below.  
1 per child.

Join our **Summer Reading Club!**  
Running from January 4th - 30th, you could win a family pass to Twisted Science!  
Open to 6 - 12 year olds, each borrow of a book will add to your chance of winning! Pick up a book mark from your local library to record your visits. Happy reading!

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