

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:

1st April Last Day of Term 1
- Dismissal at **2:30pm**
18th April Working Bee – 9:30am
19th April First Day of Term 2

Dear Families,

Thank you to all families that were able to attend the Parent/Teacher Interviews last Thursday. While these formal times are a great way to further build the home/school connections, please also note that all staff are available to chat about your child's progress at any stage throughout the term.

Market Morning Teas

With the further easing of Covid restrictions we are now asking rostered families to bring cake/slices when on duty. Those families on duty for the market on 3rd April are: Hein B&N, Edgley, Larkin, Shae and McDonald.

Acting Principal

I am pleased to share that Mr Neil Hopkins will be Acting Principal from Monday 3rd May until Friday 21st May with Mr Adams returning on Monday 24th May. Neil's experience and knowledge of the school will ensure a seamless transition with minimal disruption.

Working Bee

Sunday 18th April (day before Term 2 starts) has been scheduled as the termly working bee. Beginning at 9.30am, we will aim to complete the general maintenance tasks including mowing, whipper snipping, weeding, pruning and window cleaning. We will also aim to prepare the area for the construction of the new chook shed that will occur later in the term. It would be great to see as many families as possible in attendance as 'many hands make light work'.

Murrabit Group School Review

On Monday, Murrabit Group School were involved in the first day of reviewing the 2017-2020 School Strategic Plan. This consultative process aims to celebrate the successes of the previous 4 years of work and develop the next School Strategic Plan. Thank you to Ang Morton for her involvement as school council president on the review panel.

This process involves the input from the whole school community, namely students, staff and parents. We would appreciate any **input from parents** to assist in the creation of this plan. Please either email or call me if you are available and I can give you further information on the process. This will more than likely involve a chat (either face to face or by phone) with a member of the review panel on Thursday 29th April.

Email- martin.gray@education.vic.gov.au or phone 0400 484 995.

COVID Guidelines

With the further easing of COVIDSafe settings we are welcoming visitors to our school. The only guidelines currently in place are remembering to sanitise upon entry and maintain physical distance.

End of Term

This Thursday is the annual hat parade and Easter egg hunt which will be a great way to celebrate the final day of Term 1 before the Easter break. Please note the earlier finish time of **2.30pm** on **Thursday** following the drawing of the Easter Raffle at 2.15pm.

I would like to wish all families a fantastic Easter and look forward to seeing everybody on Monday 19th April for the start of Term 2.

Hope you have a great week and please contact me if you have any queries.

Marty Gray (0400 484 995)

Parents and Friends

The Easter excitement is building as we come to the end of Term 1. Parents and Friends are getting into the theme of Easter and are providing the kids with some Hot Cross Buns for their morning snack. We are also providing some special chocolate eggs for Sue's Easter Hunt Activities. Hopefully the kids can work out where Sue has hidden the big 'Golden Egg'

A special reminder to make sure you have returned your Raffle Tickets and any money to school. If you would like to join in the excitement of the Easter Raffle it will be drawn on Thursday approximately 2pm. A big thank-you to everyone who donated Easter treats to the Easter Raffle. We have some great prizes on offer & wish everyone good luck 😊 🐰 🍫

A reminder to get your calendar entries in as soon as possible so that the calendar can be finalised.

Wishing everyone a fabulous Easter holiday full of fun and chocolate!!

The P&F Team

Students of the Week



Jakob Simmonds - for his improved listening and hard work during Maths sessions.



Casey Heffer – for his clever counting in Maths and awesome bike riding



Ollie More – for his outstanding attitude to learning and for his kindness to others



Leah Simmonds - for using a range of strategies to solve word problems in Maths.

Italian:



Pippy Morton and **Emily Murray** - for acting out and guessing feelings
Leah Simmonds - for great



pronunciation when reading her future tense sentences



Evan McNeil – for good comprehension of facts about Italian culture



Jobe Hein - for performing Italian gestures like Marco



Music:

Jed McDonald - for listening to instructions and great persistence



Sophia Larkin – for great improvement when changing chords on the guitar



Angie Jones



Market Morning Teas

The following families are on duty for the Market Morning Teas on **Saturday 3rd April** are:- **Hein B&N, Edgley, Larkin, Shae McDonald**



Curators

March – 2nd Half – **Gurnett**

April – 1st Half – **Hein N&E**

- 2nd Half – **Murray**

May – 1st Half – **Lavey**

- 2nd Half - **Heritage**



Sue's News

Hockey

Thank you to Briony from Hockey Victoria for visiting last Friday to revise and upskill our students in the game of hockey. The children were enthusiastic participants and we certainly have many talented players. A few comments: Kobe – *I liked playing hockey and I am good at dribbling and playing octopus. I ended up being seaweed.*

Ollie – *I really liked the hockey clinic. It was good fun learning how to play. I went to hockey in Kerang last Saturday and I am definitely going to keep on playing.*

Cooper W. – *It was a fun session and I liked dribbling the ball. I liked playing popcorn where people could steal your ball. I would like to play this on the weekend.*

Alena – *Hockey was fun and I really enjoyed it. Sue was playing as well but she could not get my ball.*

Sophia – *I really enjoyed the hockey. It was great fun. We played some games but no one could get the ball off me.*

Pillow talk...

Our grade 3/4 children worked with Judy and Opal from the Red Cross and learnt what to do in an emergency. The ladies also shared their story of being helpers at the bushfires last year. The children were given a pillow case to decorate, reminding them that in an emergency, you can only take a few essentials with you. Here are some of their thoughts:

Casey – *We were told to be calm in a fire or flood. I really liked colouring my pillow case blue and red.*

Austin- *I learnt to ring 000 in an emergency and to put things together such as a teddy, water, food and a first aid kit. I decorated my pillow in Richmond colours. It was awesome!*

Shanae- *In an emergency, stay calm and don't panic. Bring items that mean a lot to you. I would bring photos of my family, food and water. My pillow was coloured in Hawthorn colours and I drew some pictures of food and water.*

Charlotte – *I enjoyed drawing and colouring my pillowcase. I drew rainbow grass and fire. In an emergency, I would put special things in a pillow case to take with me. I would take food and water, and my teddy.*

Biathlon... brilliant work everyone!

Congratulations to our Mighty Murrabit children who excelled last Friday. Everyone competed to the best of their ability and managed to complete our course. We had some of our children ride another 10-30 laps of our fitness track. What a sensational effort! Jobe, Jed, Drew and Evan were our first 4 to complete the circuit. We also had some super efforts from students across the grades, we even had some who repeated the course! We may do another event like this later in the year as the children loved this challenge.

Last Day of term...Easter Hat Parade and Egg Hunt.

Thanks to our P &F for their continued support with our *egg hunt* and for supplying the *hot cross buns*. We will begin our day with a buddy read. Then we will have a **guess** the weight and number competition. After this our **egg lotto** will begin. Next, we have our counting by **3s** mini-egg hunt. Our class hunts for the **carton of eggs** involves reading a cryptic clue. We will then do a **team trailing** activity where the children need to locate stickers and decode a message. And of course, it is tradition to finish with our hunt for **THE GOLDEN EGG/S!** *Have a happy, safe holiday everyone and make sure you have some sleep-ins! But most importantly, 'keep fit' as you are running like champions!*

Thanks, Super Sue



MURRABIT

Special Immunisation Clinic

Tuesday 27 April 2021
Murrabit Recreation Reserve Complex
By Appointment Only

A great opportunity for community members to get vaccinated against influenza and for parents to ensure that children's scheduled vaccinations are up to date.

Vaccines covered by the National Immunisation Program (NIP) Schedule are free of charge. This covers all childhood immunisations, influenza vaccine for persons aged 65 years and over, children between the age of 6 months and less than 5 years, people with certain medical conditions which increase the risk of influenza (under the NIP) and for pregnant women (during any stage of pregnancy).

In addition to free vaccinations, the following can be administered for a cost:

Influenza \$25 (for between the age of 5 and 65) and

Boostrix \$50 (Diphtheria Tetanus and Pertussis).

Appointments can be made by Friday 16 April 2021 by phoning Gannawarra Shire Council's Community Health Team on 5450 9333.

Payment via Epos (where applicable) required on day of session. Cash payment will not be accepted at session.

AFL CENTRAL VICTORIA

FOOTBALL

GIRLS PROGRAM 2021

Ages 8 – 13 Years of Age
4 WEEK PROGRAM

Tuesday Nights 5.00 PM – 6.00 PM
SWAN HILL RECREATION RESERVE

SESSION 1 – 4TH MAY
SESSION 2 – 11TH MAY
SESSION 3 – 18TH MAY
SESSION 4 – 25TH MAY

Focus is introduction to the game.
Fundamental Skills.
Small, sided Matches



SCAN ME!

Attend all 4 Sessions and receive a Synthetic Sherrin Football Program is at **NO CHARGE.**

Any questions please contact.
David Alderuccio 0437 558 971 or david.alderuccio@afl.com.au

[REGISTRATION LINK - REGISTER TODAY!](#)

Proudly Supported by the following





Experiment with expressive watercolour and charcoal techniques to produce native bird/animal portraits.

Watercolour and Charcoal Nature Portraits

Workshop with Paul Oswin

Choose your sessions:

Wednesday April 7, 5pm - 8pm:
Sir John Gorton Library Kerang

Thursday April 8, 2pm - 5pm:
Cohuna Gateway to Gannawarra Visitor Centre

Friday April 9, 10am - 1pm:
Quambatook Community Resource Centre

School Holiday Program for kids (age 12+) and adults

Bookings www.trybooking.com/BPYOC

\$5
All materials supplied
No experience necessary

Funded by the Victorian Government's Drought (Mental Health) Support Package







School Holiday Family Activity
from Friday April 2

Find the wildlife

where could they be?



Explore the Gannawarra parks and find native animal drawings on trees

Post a selfie with the artworks on @CreativeGannawarra Facebook page

location tips



You may be lucky to spot local artist Paul Oswin creating the artwork in the first week of school holidays

Activity funded by the Victorian Government's Drought (Mental Health) Support Package





Easter Art



NDCH

Northern District Community Health

NDCH-your first port of call in the pursuit of good health!

5 TIPS FOR KEEPING YOUR TEETH HEALTHY



Tips for looking after your families teeth:

- 1. Brush every morning and night:** Use fluoride toothpaste. Brush every tooth gently in circles for two minutes. Spit and do not rinse with water at the end.
- 2. Drink well:** Drink mainly tap water. Soft drink and juice have added sugar that are not good for your teeth.
- 3. Eat well:** Enjoy a wide variety of nutritious foods from all five food groups. Limit foods with added sugar. Healthy meals and snacks are important for healthy teeth.
- 4. Visit the dentist every year:** Visit the dentist at least once every year. They will check to make sure your teeth are growing properly and are clean.
- 5. Change your toothbrush often:** Get a new toothbrush every three months.

Good oral health can help you live a longer, healthier life!

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Kerang Quilters Inc.
Quilt Show

COLOURS OF KERANG
EASTER 2021

Saturday April 3rd 10am-5pm

Sunday April 4th 10am-4pm

KERANG MEMORIAL HALL

Admission \$5

Raffle Quilt

Special Features

Quilts by Patti McDonald

Vic Quilters' Travelling Suitcase

Gail's Patchwork Emporium

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Tea and Coffee available

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