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NEWSLETTER

- 9th March 2022

School Values:

- Respect
- Honesty
- Teamwork
- Learning
- Persistence

Dates to Remember:

9 th March	School Council AGM
14 th March	Labour Day Holiday
17 th March	Regional Twilight Swimming
18 th March	Prep Screening
22 nd March	KTHS Transition
30 th /31 st Mar	Parent Teacher Interviews

Monday the 14th we have an extra day of rest as our busy term continues. Our successful swimming program has now finished at school for Term one. We thank all our helpers, staff and students for your efforts, positivity, and attitude. Well done again to Murrabit for winning the cluster sports and shining because of your positive can-do attitudes. Our water safety day has been postponed to fourth term as the current weather is too chilly and we have several students sick or recovering from colds. Congratulations to all our sporting families with the recent and upcoming tennis and cricket finals and all the best for the upcoming fishing competition. All the best to Lyla, Pippy and Ivy with the next swimming meet.

A Caring, Country, Community School



Parent Payment Arrangements

Thank you to those families that have made contributions towards your students learning for 2022. We try and keep our curriculum contributions to a minimum. The **\$160** contributions pay for the student supplies that are needed in the classroom - exercise books, pencils, glue sticks, craft supplies, computer programs - Mathletics, Reading Eggs, Essential Assessment and the MARC and MACC program. Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school. Within our school this support has allowed us to have a wider offering of subjects, extra staff and special curriculum experiences.

Welcome

We welcome Janice Flood to our staff for the remainder of this term. She will join us on Wednesdays to support classroom teachers and students in their learning.

School Council

A reminder that the School Council AGM will be held **tonight** – Wednesday 9th at 6pm at school

Student Leaders

Last week Peter Walsh visited the school to present our student leadership badges which we streamed on Facebook. Our leaders were challenged to share what they wanted to achieve during their tenure and what improvements they'd like to see. Hands On Learning and having fun seemed the theme.



Learner Profile

Last week staff reflected on a what a Murrabit Learner profile looks like which is attached to the newsletter, we will also be discussing what the best teaching learning environment looks like too. Your feedback would be valued.

Thankyou to our market helpers- it was a very successful morning on Saturday. The senior class enjoyed helping set up on Friday too.

Murrabit Market



Those families on duty for Market Morning Teas on Saturday 2nd April are - **More, Simmonds, Teasdale** and **Keath**

Bookclub

Bookclub orders have been sent home and need to be returned before **Wednesday 23rd March**

Curators

- March** – 1st Half – **Lavey**
 - 2nd Half – **Heritage**
- April** – 1st Half – **Larkin**
 - 2nd Half - **More**



Students of the Week:



Mason More - for helping others to learn and play new maths games.



Emily Murray – for her super 'On Demand' testing efforts

Hunter More – for his determination and excellent swimming effort



Oliver More – for kindness, can do attitude and passivity at all times

Music:



Cooper Hein - for helping his peers get on the virtual keyboard program during class.



Jade Lavey - for naming the percussion instruments



Dillan Gurnett - for recalling the names of some of the percussion instruments and for playing melodies on the green xylophones.



Ivy Shea - for playing RLRR pattern on the drum kit and for incorporating other parts of the drum kit as well!



Charlotte Keath - for playing D, A7, G and C on the guitar without needing to look at her fingers.



Austin Gurnett - for changing chords smoothly on the guitar and for using his spectrum correctly.



Italian:

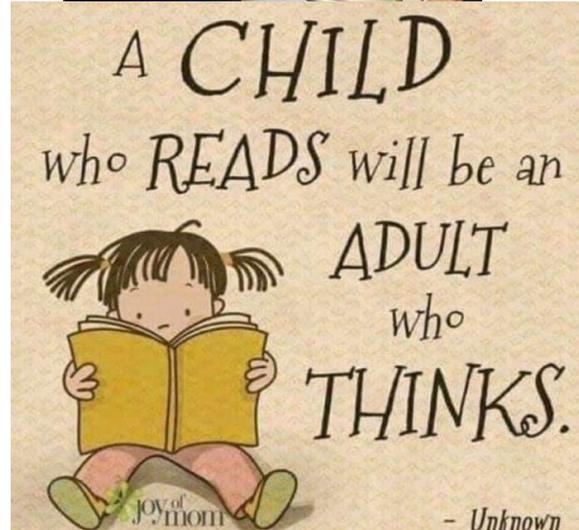
Casey Heffer- for answering questions in class and for respectfully taking orders in our Italian restaurant.



Jasper Heritage - for playing Italian games in a friendly manner and for listening to and following instructions.



Learners were ordering the suspects from shortest to tallest in Italian!



School Nurse Visit

Kerrie McCosh, primary school nurse, will be visiting our school on **March 18th**

Prep Health Assessments: All parents/guardians of Prep grade children will be asked to complete a Health Questionnaire and return the form to the school before **March 18th 2022**. If you do not wish your child to be seen by the school nurse, please sign the non-consent section and return the form to the school.

Referrals (Grades 1-6): Parents and/or teachers may refer children from any grade for assessments of vision, hearing, basic speech, physical abilities, medical conditions, behavioural and parenting issues. Please collect a referral form from the school office. Completed forms are to be handed into the school office prior to March 18th 2022. Should parents wish to have an interview with the School Nurse, please indicate your request on the form.

Please note: You can talk to the primary school nurse at any time throughout the year. The school has her mobile phone number.

Sue's News

Water Safety Session Cancelled

Unfortunately, we have been unable to reschedule our Water Safety session due to unavailability of the pool this week and its closure next week. This is disappointing for us all. Special thanks to the Hird family for their support over the last few days with the preparation for this day. The horses will be very happy as the float had an autumn clean!

Congratulations to all our students for their wonderful swimming efforts over the past few weeks. If your family has paid for this day, Mrs Ficken will place this money in credit

Fitness Focus

We are continuing to build our aerobic capacity through lots of different running activities in preparation for the cross country season. We have also started some ball handling skills. Did you know our preps can even play *Island Ball*? They are being well supported by our older students. I love the way you look after one another.

Testing...on the home run!

Our amazing 2/3/4 students continue to try their best with our testing. Keep up the great work and we are so proud of you all. It was wonderful to read about the *Three Wishes*... an entertaining read that brought lots of smiles. I wonder what you would wish for if you had three wishes. Hmm, let me see...

Cheers Sue

COVID SAFE MEASURES

We want to thank parents and students for the great job they have done so far in keeping our school as safe as possible by following important COVIDSafe measures such as mask wearing, physical distancing, ventilation, getting vaccinated and rapid antigen testing. This has meant that our school has remained open and our students in class. This is a fantastic outcome and a testament to the hard work of parents, carers, students and school staff. **To keep this happening please remember to keep your children at home if they are showing symptoms: runny nose, temperature, coughing etc, and do a test.**

On behalf of the school, I would like to thank you again for your continued support in helping your child to complete the rapid antigen tests and other COVID Safe measures. As a result of these efforts our school can continue providing a safe environment for students and staff.

PHYSIOTHERAPY

for families and children from birth to 17 years old

Brought to you by  NDCH

Physiotherapy is available for children who may have difficulty with things such as;

- Rolling
- Sitting
- Crawling
- Walking
- Running
- Balance
- Coordination
- Gross motor skills – these include, throwing, catching, kicking, jumping, hopping, skipping, climbing, bike riding and/or playing sport.

Physiotherapy is available for children with a wide variety of conditions including, but not limited to;

- Cerebral palsy
- Developmental delay
- Down syndrome
- Acquired brain injuries
- Cystic fibrosis
- After Surgery or illness
- Toe walking
- Autism Spectrum disorder
- Duchenne Muscular dystrophy
- Neurological conditions and genetic disorders

If your child may benefit from this service you can contact Northern District Community Health on 5451 0200, alternatively any children with Physiotherapy in their NDIS plan, referrals can be sent to NDIS@ndch.org.au



YOUNG PERSON OF THE MONTH

for February- Ebony Smith



Our Young Person of the Month for February is EBONY SMITH!

Ebony has volunteered with Leo Lions for six years and has undertaken many roles to better the community and the club. She is the current Leo Lions president and has been secretary, vice president and catering manager. Ebony has contributed to the new development of the village garden, Cohuna Leo cooking van and helps at the Cohuna Little Athletics.

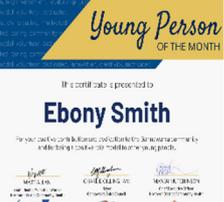
Ebony has also donated her time to broader projects outside of her own community, including going to Walwa after the fires to deliver backpacks full of goods to the students there. She hopes her work inspires others. "It just feels amazing to give back to your community and help others," she said.

Ebony will receive a certificate and a \$50 gift card. If you know a young person that deserves recognition, please enter them for our March Young Person of the Month via [NDCH_FreeZa](https://www.facebook.com/NDCH_FreeZa) Facebook or Insta.

If a certificate is presented to

Ebony Smith

Young Person OF THE MONTH



LET'S GIVE KIDS THE HEALTHY START THEY DESERVE

Join the movement



Your local Health Promotion Workers Rachel & Tanya will support you every step of the way





Murrabit Lawn Tennis Club 75th Annual Easter Tournament 2022



For the quickest and easiest way to enter go to –
www.surveymonkey.com/r/KRWYP3Y

Enquiries to
MURRABIT LAWN TENNIS CLUB
P.O. Box 33, Murrabit, Vic. 3579
murrabitolawntennisclub@gmail.com or 0439 380 604

www.tennis.com.au/murrabit

EVENTS

Good Friday 15-4-2022 Mixed

Easter Saturday 16-4-2022 Doubles

Each day – Mens & Ladies; A, Int, B
Boy & Girls; U/16, U/13



While in Murrabit experience
Murrabit's HUGE Country
Market on Easter Saturday



JOIN THE FUN!

BOYS AND GIRLS 5 – 12 YEARS OF AGE
OVER 20 CENTRES IN THE REGION
PLENTY OF FUN!
GREAT FOR SOCIAL
INTERACTION!
FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS
AND SMALL SIDED GAMES

PROGRAM COST IS \$85 AND YOU GET AN
AFL PACK SENT TO YOUR HOME & A GREAT PROGRAM
NAB AUSKICK – JOIN THE FUN!

2022 COMMUNITY AUSKICK PACK



play.afl/auskick



NDCH School Newsletter

GANNAWARRA KIDS EAT WELL POSTER/COLOURING COMPETITION

What is Vic Kids Eat Well?

A new movement to encourage healthy food and drink!

What's involved?

Make a poster or colour in the Gannawarra Kids Eat Well poster, and display it at the Cohuna Show to see your entry on display.

Who can enter?

Open to all primary and secondary schools in Gannawarra.

How to enter?

Send your entry to Rachel at Rachel.brooks@ndch.org.au or drop it off at your school reception. Names will be displayed at the show, leave name blank if you want students to remain anonymous.

Entries close: 16th March 2022

Prizes include:

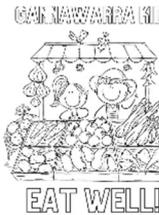
- 4 x \$25 voucher for your school from a local fruit and veg retailer in your area
- Gannawarra Kids Eat Well certificate for every child who enters
- Colouring displayed at the Cohuna Show



Example from: Grade 5,
Epping Public School



Example from: Grade 4,
Wahroonga Public School



More information:
[f ndchvic](https://www.facebook.com/ndchvic)



NDCH School Newsletter Gannawarra & North Loddon

International Women's Day
BREAK THE BIAS

MORNING TEA

Break the Bias in Gannawarra
Join us to celebrate women and our rich diversity and achievements. Help raise awareness against bias and take action for equality.

Cr. Rossie Gray Williams, Gannawarra Shire Council's Director Community Well-being, and Wandy Hutchinson, NDCH's CEO, will lead a panel of exceptional local women.

Tuesday March 8, 2022 at 10am
Outside at Sir John Gorton Library, Kerang

Bookings essential: www.trybookings.com/BXVW
Free covers. Morning tea provided.
Send 10 people to book will receive a complimentary gift bag.

More Information:
03 5452 1546 / library@gs.vic.gov.au

This initiative is funded by Gannawarra Shire Council through the Victorian Government's Community Activation and Social Inclusion (CAS) Initiative.

www.internationalwomensday.com

International Women's Day
BREAK THE BIAS

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the achievements of women.

The day marks a call for gender equality. Gender equality is the state in which access to rights and opportunities does not depend on gender.

3 Tips for teaching about gender equality:

1. Be open and talk about it
Talk with them about what gender equality means and why it is important. Talk about how important it is for both men and women to have equal opportunities.
2. Give examples
Show them examples of gender equalities and inequalities.
3. Model gender equality
Children learn from what they see. Role model positive gender equality behaviours at home and in the community. Share home tasks such as cooking and cleaning with both boys and girls.

For more information visit: www.internationalwomensday.com

GET ACTIVE VICTORY!

APPLY FOR VOUCHERS

Vouchers are available for eligible families and activities.

Applications for vouchers will be opening in March 2022. There will be two ways to apply:

1. **GET REIMBURSED**
If you have already paid for your child's registration fees or membership you can apply to be reimbursed for up to \$200. You can be reimbursed for expenses incurred between 1 January 2021 and 18 March 2022. Applications for reimbursement will open on 7 March and close 18 March 2022. After this date, you won't be able to be reimbursed for your expenses.
2. **APPLY FOR A VOUCHER**
Apply for a voucher up to \$200 that you can redeem with a registered activity provider. When you register or pay your membership fee to the activity provider you will provide them your voucher code and they will reduce the cost of the registration and/or membership fee up to the value of \$200.

For more information visit: www.getactive.vic.gov.au

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