

# MURRABIT GROUP SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

-14<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### School Values:

- Respect
- Honesty
- Teamwork
- Learning
- Persistence

### Dates to Remember:

14<sup>th</sup> Sept School Council Meeting

16<sup>th</sup> Sept Last Day of Term 3  
- **Dismissal - 2.00 pm**

3<sup>rd</sup> Oct First Day of Term 4

### **End of Term**

What a busy but successful term in many ways.

Year 6 Transition, Lions Club Public Speaking Finals, Open Days, Athletics, Tball State competition, Hockey, 15 Mile Creek Camp, Book Week celebrations, 100 Days of school, some highlights amongst an engaging and high aspiring curriculum. Well done to all our students for the progress they have made; we are proud of you all.

I hope everyone has a restful holiday, enjoying some sunshine and family time, ready for a busy 4th Term which will start on Monday 3rd October. Friday 16th September is the last day of Term 3 and we will be **finishing early at 2.00pm.**

A Caring, Country, Community School



### **Spelling Bee**

Our superstar of the week is Charlotte for putting up her hand individually to have a go at the Rotary Spelling Bee Competition in Kerang. Well done on your efforts coming second



### **Footy Colours Day**

On Friday the 16th of September we are having a Footy Colours Day where the children can come to school dressed in the footy colours of their favourite footy team. We will have a hotdog lunch provided by the parent's club and a bike /scooter wheel's challenge course if the weather allows.

### **Unpaid School Contributions**

Just a reminder to everyone who as yet have not paid their school fees.

These fees cover ALL student consumables (pens, pencils, books etc.) – other schools send home a booklist that must be purchased prior to school starting and any other requirements must be purchased throughout the year.

Murrabit Group School provide everything at a VERY low cost, including laptop computers for every student to use. MARC/MACC fees are also included to cover the cost of craft supplies that go into the art projects that the children bring home – which has to be paid to the Cluster to cover this.

Please help our school by paying your fees of \$160.00, so that we can continue to provide the great resources that we do.

### **Billabong Ranch**

Thanks to everyone who has returned the permission/medical note and deposit for the Year 3/4 Cluster Camp to Billabong Ranch. The final payment of \$250 is due and notes have been sent home today update amounts paid to be paid.

## School Visitors

As part of the Grade 5/6 Inquiry unit Make A Change, students have invited guest speakers to the school. Today we have Ted Ryan Regional Landcare Coordinator and Darryl Pearl Land Management Officer talking to the class and then going on a tour of the Ettershank Farm coordinated by Kane, Jed, Cooper and Jobe. In the afternoon we are joined by Tricia Salau and Jill Billston who have been invited along by Maddi to talk about volunteering in Uganda. On Friday Peter Walsh is visiting the school to discuss sustainable farming organised by Jed and team. Callum and team have had a reply from Sea Shepard, Kane from Andrew Leahy, Oliver from Mayor Gillingham and Shanae from animal shelter for visits or Webex next term. An exciting project.

Gaby Hogg

## Parents & Friends

Hard to believe we are at the end of Term 3 already! P&F are pleased to support the End of Term activities and will once again be supplying the kids with lunch. To fit with the Footy Colours Day theme we will provide hotdogs with bread or bun. 🍔 For those that would like an alternative a limited supply of spanakopita will be available. 😊

We are very excited to team up with Lake Boga Farms to hold our 1st Cherry Fundraiser. We hope to start sales early next term and delivery of yummy fresh cherries is planned for 10th November. 😊



Enjoy the holiday break 🏠 🎉

Michelle

## Market Morning Teas

Those families on duty for Market Morning Teas on **1st October** are: **Ettershank, McDonald, Morton and Larkin**



## Curators

**September** – 1st Half – **Ettershank**

- 2nd Half – **Danson**

**October** – 1st Half – **Teasdale**

- 2nd Half - **Gurnett**



## Students of the Week:



**Jasper Heritage** - for great efforts in his handwriting and writing, trying his best to stay on the lines and use finger spaces.



**Whole 2/3/4 Class** - for being super chefs, super bike riders, super learners and superstars!



**Alena, Charlotte, Eve, Sophia and Jorja** for their terrific tee-ball efforts. Congratulations on your teamwork!



**Maddi Keath & Shanae West** – for showing resilience and a positive attitude on camp

## Italian:



**Jorja Danson** - for being the teacher on Blooket

**Xavier Hein** - for making an Italian chatterbox!



**Mason More** - coming first in our Blooket about numbers and colours



## Music:



**Lenny Hein** for great dancing to What Does the Fox Say?

**Jasper Heritage**

- playing the Boomwhackers exactly at the right time

**Angie Jones**



## 15 Mile Creek – by Maddi

15 Mile Creek was an amazing camp! The things the grade 5/6 kids from different schools did were, Bike Riding, Aquatics, Rock Climbing, Abseiling, Orienteering, and a Bushwalk. It was so much fun! The best part of the camp was the Flying Fox in the dark!



## 15 Mile Creek Camp

15 Mile Creek is an outdoor ed camp. The grade 5/6s from all of the schools in the cluster (Koondrook, Gunbower, Leitchville and Murrabit) went. We were split into 4 groups with a mix of schools and a lot of people made new friends. We did lots of fun activities such as mountain biking, rock climbing/abseiling, orienteering canoeing, bushwalking, walking through the creek, woodwork, flying-fox, and a big game called instincts for survival. Overall, I think everyone had a great time and really enjoyed the camp. There were some downsides though, like pouring rain on the last two days and lots of mud. My favourite things on camp were the mountain biking and creek walk.

By Callum





## Sue's News

Wishing our amazing "Mighty Murrabit" students and families a happy and safe holiday! We are looking forward to an exciting and busy term 4! Keep fit!

## Mallee Zone Athletics...

### ... well-done, everyone!

Congratulations to our athletic squad Xavier, Eve, Charlotte, Sophia, Hunter, Kobe, Evan, Ollie, Jobe, Jorja, Lyla, Ivy, Cooper and Jed, for their terrific efforts last Monday. Eve, Sophia, Charlotte, Ollie, Jobe, Lyla and Cooper have qualified for the Regional Championships on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> of October in Bendigo. The students have a note regarding this event. Parents need to organise transport for this day. If you have any queries regarding this event, please ring.

Special thanks to Hunter, Ollie and Evan, who lent a helping hand at the track events. You were superstars!

A few comments from our students:

Xavier – I did the 200 m and the relay. I made the final of the 200m and came 5<sup>th</sup>. Our relay came 5<sup>th</sup>, and I ran for the 11-year-olds. I had a great day in Swan Hill, and I hope I can go again next year.

Evan – I had a great day. I came 5<sup>th</sup> in the discus and 4<sup>th</sup> in the relay. I threw over 18 metres, and the winner threw 23m. I defeated the person who beat me in Kerang, so I thought I did a great job.

Hunter – It was a fun day. It was disappointing that some of the kids were throwing the shotput and not doing it correctly. I'm not sure where I came, but I did my best. I hope I go again next year.

Charlotte – I had a great time in Swan Hill. I did the triple jump and 800 m. I felt like I was going to vomit after my distance race! And guess what, then I went and ate tasty Maccas. My relay team Bella, Eve and Sophia, came 2<sup>nd</sup>, and we are going to Bendigo. Whoo!

Eve – I had a great time on Monday. I came first in discus, threw over 19m, and made the 100m sprint final. I was very proud of my efforts. I can't wait until I go to Bendigo.

Sophia – I had a fun day. I came first in both my events – 1500m and 800m. I felt puffed after my 800, and I look forward to going to Bendigo.

Kobe – It was a fun day, but it was frustrating that some kids were not doing the shot put properly. I hope that this does not happen next year. I like the shot put, but my favourite event is the triple jump. Maybe I can go in this next year.

Lyla – It was an enjoyable day. I qualified to Bendigo in my events- triple jump (2<sup>nd</sup>) and hurdles (1<sup>st</sup>). I am looking forward to going to Bendigo.

Ivy – It was fun, and I came 3<sup>rd</sup> in my high jump and 100 m sprint.

Jorja - I went in the discus, and I think I came about 4<sup>th</sup>. It was a good day, and I hope I can go again next year.

Ollie – It was a great experience going to Swan Hill for athletics. I won the 11-year-old shotput and am going to Regionals next term. I also did the discus, and I think I may have come 5<sup>th</sup>. I am very excited to be going to Bendigo.

Cooper – It was a cold day. I got through to Regional in the 800 m and came 5<sup>th</sup> in the 200m final. I will have to do some extra running during the holidays.



## Super Speller Charlotte!

Just in case you don't know, Charlotte LOVES spelling. (even more than cheese!) In fact, she loves it SOOO much, she does more spelling tests than anyone we know! So, with this in mind, our super speller Charlotte participated in the Rotary Club Spelling Bee competition on Monday night (after her big day out at the Athletics). Well, you may be wondering how she went... 'second place' and the word that tricked her was 'consonant'. Would you believe we used this word lots last week, but oh dear, we did not write it... otherwise, she would have blitzed! A mighty effort, *super speller Charlotte*. We are so proud of you!

## State Tee-Ball

It was undoubtedly a wonderful experience to participate in the State tee-ball championships in Wheelers Hill last week. We were outclassed and outplayed by Waverly, Shepparton East and St Alban's Heights. We did score some runs in each game, but the opposition scored more! Well done to Jorja, Charlotte, Eve, Sophia, Alena and assistant coach Jobe, and Tilly, Emma, Brooklyn, Molly and Olivia. Thank you to Elissa, Iryna, Michelle, Jo, Tameeka and Belinda for their outstanding support. It was greatly appreciated!

Jobe & Jorja – On Tuesday, we went to Melbourne so the girls could play tee-ball. It was a fun day even though the girls did not win. It was a great experience; we hope to get a boys' and girls' team to State next year. We were able to watch a little bit of the boys, and they could throw the ball like a speeding bullet and hit the ball higher than an aeroplane.

We were lucky we missed the peak hour traffic and had a great trip home.

## Bike Education

Next term, we will begin our on-road riding around the local streets and roads of Murrabit. If you are interested in helping with the on-road riding, please let me know by this Friday (16<sup>th</sup>/9).

This Friday (16/9), all our students will be involved in our 'wheels day'. (Hopefully, the weather will be fine). They will practice their bike riding skills by partaking in a bike circuit to build confidence and skill. Scooters may also be brought to school.

Don't forget to wear your "footy colours" and bring a gold coin donation for this **out-of-uniform** day. Thank you to our Parents and Friends for providing our lunch. We are very spoilt!

Cheers Sue





# LASER TAG & LIVE MUSIC

FOR STUDENTS  
GRADES 5 - YEAR 12

**FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER**  
(LAST DAY OF TERM)

**6-10PM**  
6-7PM FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL  
AGED STUDENTS ONLY

THORNLEY HALL, 48 MURRAY ST KERANG,  
KERANG TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

**FREE ENTRY**  
MUSIC BY 'THE KNOWN'

BBQ & SNACKS AVAILABLE- GOLD COIN DONATION  
(FUNDS SUPPORTING ROTARY CLUB OF KERANG)

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## PROTECT YOURSELF THIS POLLEN SEASON

managing asthma and allergies matters

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Grass pollen season brings an increase in asthma and hay fever. It also brings the chance of thunderstorm asthma. For people with asthma or hay fever, especially those who experience wheezing or coughing with their hay fever, thunderstorm asthma can be sudden, serious and even life threatening.

In Victoria, the grass pollen season runs from October through December. As the season approaches, there are some things you can do to prepare and protect yourself and those in your care:

- **If you've ever had asthma** – talk to your doctor about what you can do to help protect yourself from the risk of thunderstorm asthma this pollen season, including updating your asthma action plan. Remember, taking an asthma preventer properly and regularly is key to preventing asthma, including thunderstorm asthma.
- **If you have hay fever** – see your pharmacist or doctor for a hay fever treatment plan and check if you should have an asthma reliever puffer – which is available from a pharmacy without a prescription.
- **If you have hay fever, and especially if you experience wheezing and coughing with your hay fever**, it is important to make sure you don't also have asthma. Speak to your doctor today about whether you might have asthma, and if you do, get an asthma action plan.
- It's important for everyone in the community to know the **four steps of asthma first aid** so they know what to do if they or someone is having an asthma attack.
- And finally, where possible, **avoid being outside during thunderstorms** from October through December – especially in the wind gusts that come before the storm. Go inside and close your doors and windows. If you have your air conditioning on, turn it onto recirculate.

**1** Sit the person upright

**2** Give 4 separate puffs of blue/grey reliever puffer

- Shake puffer
- Put 1 puff into spacer
- Take 4 breaths from spacer
- Repeat until 4 puffs have been taken
- Remember: shake, 1 puff, 4 breaths

**3** Wait 4 minutes

If there is no improvement, give 4 more separate puffs of blue/grey reliever as above or get more help if needed or suspected.

**4** If there is still no improvement dial Triple Zero (000) for an ambulance

Keep giving 4 separate puffs every 4 minutes until emergency assistance arrives or leave the child/ person in care only if needed or if there is no further help available.

For more information visit the Better Health Channel:  
[www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/thunderstormasthma](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/thunderstormasthma)

## Welcome Spring



Celebrate the new season with miniature gardens, diamond painting and a visit from Mr. Badger himself!

### Miniature Gardens Suitable for all ages

**Kerang - 10.30am Tuesday, 20 September**  
**Cohuna - 10.30am Thursday, 22 September**

### MR BADGER tells the story of *The Wind in the Willows* Suitable for all ages

**Cohuna - 3.00pm Monday, 26 September**

### Diamond Painting 5+

**Kerang - 10.30am Wednesday, 28 September**

### Bookings

Phone 5452 1546 or 5456 2124

**Children to be accompanied by an adult**



