

# MURRABIT GROUP SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

- 17th May 2023

### School Values:

- Respect
- Honesty
- Teamwork
- Learning
- Persistence

### Dates to Remember:

19<sup>th</sup> May Parent Game/Challenge

24<sup>th</sup> May National Simultaneous Read

26<sup>th</sup> May Pupil Free Day

This week we celebrate Education Week and Active Learners, 'move, make, motivate', we recognise and applaud the quality of the work done by teachers, support staff and principals in all of our schools every day

We started the week with an open morning followed by scrumptious morning tea supplied by the parents which was also a special treat for the students. On Friday we are holding a parent / community versus student's soccer match. Please let us know if you can come at 2-3pm.

This week is also Careers week as well as ES week. We say a big thank you for our wonderful Educational Support Staff Mrs Ficken and Mrs Coulter. We are so lucky to have your years of experience and support.

A Caring, Country, Community School



### Cross Country

Well done to the nine students that were able to participate in the Mallee Cross Country this year. Once again, we had an excellent result with four students getting through to regionals at St Arnaud on June 6<sup>th</sup> and some just missing out. Great job Jobe, Sophia, Eve, Evan, Charlotte, Austin, Casey, Pippy, Xavier



## Biggest Morning Tea

Thank you for all the yummy treats supplied by families. We were able to raise \$71 so far and donations can still be made online. The link is on social media or funds can be sent to school for The Cancer Foundation. Thank you to the parents that could attend.

## COVID reminder

Yesterday we sent home more RAT tests as Covid, Flu and gastro has hit the school community. With flu season upon us, here is a timely reminder about current Covid regulations:

Students who report a positive result are recommended to isolate for a minimum of 5 days and not attend school until their symptoms have resolved. Please let the school know if this is the case. Please note that schools do not need to notify the relevant classes anymore. It is recommended that rapid antigen tests (RATs) are used by students and staff: Check if they are in date.

- If you have symptoms of COVID-19 infection, no matter how mild
- If you are a household or close contact of someone who has COVID-19
- If you are a social contact of someone who has COVID-19.

RATs are available from the front office if needed. The Department of Health recommends that masks should be worn by a person who is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 when leaving home. Additionally, the Department of Health recommends that masks should be worn by a person who has COVID-19 for at least 7 days after a positive test when they need to leave home.

## Sound Scouts

This week we commenced in school hearing tests for all students and staff, to check if there are any issues that may affect learning. Thank you if you've returned the consent form. If you'd like feedback, please let us know, otherwise we will contact families if further follow up is suggested.

## Outside School Hours Care

Please find attached a survey for out of school hours. If there is enough interest in such a service we can explore if this is a service we could offer at Murrabit Group school.

## Attitude to School Survey

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of their school.

The AtoSS is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education to assist schools to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

This year, the AtoSS will be conducted at our school with grades 4/5 and 6 from 17th May to the 5th of June 2023.

## Maintenance

Blaze Aid have been helping us out by trimming trees, removing the old fence and starting to put up the new. Mr Tassell has been coordinating the works with his tractor, so the east side will be a bit neater soon.

The old sports shed will also be removed soon as it has become very unsafe. Remember to check if you're on mowing duty soon to help keep the school grounds looking fab. And safe.



Gaby Hogg

## Parents & Friends News

A beautiful weekend and a perfect day Sunday to celebrate Mother's Day. Hopefully all our school Mums and special women in our lives enjoyed a lovely day. A special thank you to the MGS teachers who helped the kids create some very special cards and gifts.

Parents and Friends are helping the 5/6 students with some camp fundraising. We have been able to purchase some yummy locally grown persimmon and in the coming days these will be made into yummy fruit chips and also be available to purchase fresh.

Excitingly we have our first fundraiser With Crazy Camel "Art by Kids" commencing. A wonderful opportunity to showcase the kid's creativity and art work, a very special gift and something to treasure for years to come. More details in flier attached and sample products will be available for viewing at the front office. Order forms will be sent out next week so start planning which products you might like, keep in mind one piece of art work can be made into multiple items.

Hope to see lots of parents this Friday to challenge the kids in a fun game or two 🏀



Michelle 😊

## Market Morning Teas

Those families on duty for Market Morning Teas on 3<sup>rd</sup> June – **Danson, Heffer, McNeil and More**



## Curators

May – 1st Half – **Lokeni**

- 2nd Half - **Heffer**

June – 1st Half – **Hein B&N**

2<sup>nd</sup> Half – **Danson**



## Students of the Week:



**Lenny Hein** - for his consistently positive attitude to his schoolwork and always using his initiative to help his peers when they need it.



**Jade Lavey** – for showing persistence in her writing and making a big improvement



**Clancy Pappin** – for demonstrating collaborative skills when interacting with other students at the Leadership Conference in Bendigo

## P/1 News:

Miss Bath has been absent for the past week, firstly on camp and secondly being sick. From all reports we have had a great week in the classroom, all being very adaptive and helping who has been with them, to the best of their ability. Thank you to those who have stepped in whilst I have been away.

P.S. The cold, flu and COVID-19 season has struck. Remember to stay home if you are unwell. 😞

## FootyTipping:

As Miss Bath has not been at school round 9 footy tips have not been marked, we will update you on these in next week's newsletter. Round 10 tips will be done tomorrow at lunch time.



# 3/4 CAMP

Last Wednesday, the grade 3/4 students, Miss Bath and 3 other schools from around the district went to Camp Kookaburra in Corop. We all did the giant swing, flying fox, orienteering, bouldering, initiative course, canoeing, low ropes and night walks as activities. All the Murrabit kids enjoyed the giant swing. The first night we had chicken nuggets and vegetables for dinner and the second night we had pasta and garlic bread. We all had a great time away. Thank-you to Miss Bath for coming and helping us.

By Emily Murray



Students participated in a range of outdoor activities including: giant swing, the low ropes course, bouldering, flying foxes, the initiatives course, canoeing, orienteering and archery. All of the MGS students were super well behaved and had a blast.



## GRADE 5/6 CLASSROOM NEWS

### GRIP LEADERSHIP

Last Wednesday The grade Sixes went to the Grip Leadership conference in Bendigo. We learned about ways to become better leaders and to listen to everybody's opinions. The day was a big success.



School Captain,  
Oliver More



### CLASSROOM LEARNING

In the classroom, we have been learning about mapping and how to use an atlas. We have also been learning about punctuation and how to correctly punctuate a sentence, so that it makes sense. In inquiry, we have been focusing on the environment particularly systems in Antarctica and the Arctic. We worked with the P/1 class to create storyboards about learning at school.





## GET CONNECTED WELLBEING SESSIONS GANNAWARRA



Join KNH & Belinda Batchelor of The Fiit Space Kerang in four Sunday sessions across Gannawarra Shire

Cost: \$5 Time: 10am-1pm

Bookings Essential:

Ring: 54 522 522, Email: [reception@kerangnh.org.au](mailto:reception@kerangnh.org.au)

Participant numbers are capped, preference will be given to those who haven't already attended one of the sessions

Kerang: 21/5, The Fiit Space, 72 Wellington St

Murrabit: 28/5, Murrabit Public Hall

Benjeroop: 18/6, Benjeroop Public Hall

Macorna: 25/6, Macorna Recreation Reserve

### Session Program

Relaxed Yoga & Restorative Pilates

Guided Reset Meditation

Mocktail or Warm Cacao Drink & Grazing Box

You'll receive a self-care goodie bag for the day and at home, which will include; aromatherapy roller, bath soak, a keep cup, candle, soap, body lotion and more.

You will also have the chance to purchase a raffle ticket for the chance to win a fantastic prize: more details soon.

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## MACC Art with Ms Bentley

### Kerri Blades

- Is a West Australian artist living in Albany.
- Her works are created using different media, acrylic, pencils, watercolour, and collage.
- She likes to include text and her images often have little stories written around them.
- She creates because it brings her joy and she hopes that it evokes that same joy in others.
- Grade 5/6 created inspirational mixed media self-portraits in response to Kerri Blades' artworks.



### Grade 2-4

- Brainstorm a list of Australian animals or birds that could be associated with personal qualities, e.g. strong, fast, clever or beautiful.
- Each student will then choose an animal or bird to identify with.
- Students draw an outline and make a charcoal drawing combining the features of their chosen bird or animal with their self-portrait.
- Detail is developed by working back into the charcoal drawing with white charcoal.
- A focus on the patterns and features such as feathers, scales or fur can be used to create patterns for the background.
- Students draw their background using black markers.



## Celebrating Reconciliation Week & Mothers' Day

# NANCY BATES TRIO

Lainie Jamieson

Flik Freeman



**Sunday  
21 May  
2pm  
Murrabit Hall**

### ENJOY AN AFTERNOON OF ACTIVITIES:

- Song Writing Workshop with Nancy Bates (optional 12:30pm to 2pm)
- Performance by local group Typien Kwe
- Presentation of workshop song
- Nancy Bates Trio performance
- Afternoon tea by The Ladies of Murrabit Art and Culture Group

### Tickets

\$25 individual / \$60 family / Under 5yo Free



Online: [trybooking.com/CHNWG](http://trybooking.com/CHNWG)

In-person: contact 03 5457 2205

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