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NEWSLETTER

- 3rd May 2023

School Values:

- Respect
- Honesty
- Teamwork
- Learning
- Persistence

Dates to Remember:

3 rd May	School Council Meeting
5 th May	Cross Country Colour Run
10 th May	GRIP Leadership Excursion
10 th - 12 th	Year 3/4 Camp Kookaburra
12 th May	Parents & Friends Meeting

Welcome

Today we welcome Miss Taylor in Grade 2/3/4 we are all very excited and the students made a lovely welcome card for her.



A Caring, Country, Community School



Grounds and Chooks

The school grounds are looking amazing, and we continue to work away at various maintenance tasks around the grounds. The chickens were very well cared for over the holidays by many families including the Gurnett Family, Elissa McDonald, Iryna Larkin and Olivia Monk, thank you.

New Social Media

Last week we sent home a new privacy form as we have now included a public Facebook / Instagram page for school advertising and promotion purposes. Please get this back to the school ASAP and tick the school communications you approve your child to appear on.

Fitness

We have been very fortunate to be offered six weeks of fitness through Active Grants NDCHS this term. Belinda Bachelor from The Fit Space in Kerang will commence this afternoon with fitness gym and yoga for the whole school.

Swimming

Well done to Sophia for participating in the State Schools swimming event, a great experience for the relay team and they performed a personal best. We are very proud of them.

Cross Country

On Friday 5th May we will be holding our school Fun Cross Country / Colour Run commencing at 2:00pm. All races will take place around the school and football grounds. It will be good practice for the Swan Hill event. Children can wear old clothes, something light coloured or black on this day. We suggest a change of clothes for the bus.

Parents are welcome to help at check points and take part too. Icy poles and oranges will be shared for after the run.

School Council

A reminder school council is on at 7pm tonight at Murrabit Group School. There is still space for two parent members if anyone else would like to join us.

Year 6 Grip Leadership

The Gannawarra Shire has organised for the Year 6 students to join a special trip of students from the schools in the Shire to participate in the GRIP Leadership Conference at the Bendigo Stadium on Wednesday 10th May.

The GRIP Leadership Conference combines presentations, interactive activities, discussions, leadership games and entertainment to assist students to think about themselves and their leadership role within their school community.

Students are required to wear school uniform and bring a packed morning tea, lunch, a drink bottle and a snack to eat on the bus on the way home.

Students will attend the conference together on a chartered bus from Lakes Coaches. Gannawarra Shire Council is covering the cost of admission to the conference for all students and staff attending as well as paying for the Lakes Coach.

We will be departing Koondrook Primary at 6:15am and returning at around 4.45pm. Anita Tresize will attend the day with the Grade 6.

Mallee Division Cross Country

The children who qualify will attend the Swan Hill Cross Country on **Tuesday 16th May** at Riverside Park. Parents will be responsible to get their child to and from the event. Entries have been forwarded for all children attending.

Curriculum Day

There will be no school for students on Friday 26th May and June 9th. Teachers will be writing reports. Winter Sports for Grade 5/6 will still be happening in Kerang on this day. Anita and parents will attend.

Education Week

Open Day and Parents Match

On **Monday 15th May** we would like to invite parents, grandparents and friends of Murrabit and surrounds to our Open morning from 9.00-11am. You are invited to visit the classrooms, and then join us for morning tea. On **Friday the 19th** we invite parents and community to participate in a student/parent game / challenge, yet to be decided. Just come with sneakers.



Mrs Coulter supporting students in the classroom

Year 3/4 Camp

We are really excited that Grades 3 and 4 will be heading off to Camp Kookaburra from Wednesday 10th May to Friday 12th May. Positive Start camps are fully funded by the Victorian Government. There is no cost for children to attend this camp.

They will be travelling by bus to Camp Kookaburra, Corop. Departure times are yet to be confirmed and parents/carers will be informed closer to the date.

Camp Kookaburra is an outdoor adventure camp.

Students have the opportunity to participate in a range of activities including Canoeing, Archery, Orienteering, Low ropes course, Initiative course, Bush cooking, Raft building, Walk to Lake Cooper, and a Night reflector walk. The students will also develop their social skills as they interact with students from their own and other schools in the cluster (Gunbower, Koondrook, Leitchville, and Murrabit).

Wellbeing

This term we are focusing on Positive Coping and Problem Solving through our Respectful Relationships Program. Our current value/attitude we are discussing and highlighting is collaboration. This is reflected in the Pupil of The Weeks on Mondays. We have discussed Kids Helpline with the Grade 2-6 and encourage you to look at this. There are lots of great tips for parents too.

<https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

Kids Helpline is Australia's only free (even from a mobile), confidential 24/7 online and phone counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25.

Qualified counsellors at Kids Helpline are available via WebChat, phone or email anytime and for any reason.

Since 1991, Australia's kids and young people have been turning to our professional, specialised counsellors, no matter who they are, where they live or what they want to talk about.

Over this time, we have responded to **over 8.5 million contacts**. For some young people, connecting with Kids Helpline has been a life-saving experience, while for others it's about practical help and emotional support at the critical moment they need someone to listen.

Gaby Hogg

Bookclub

Bookclub orders were sent home last week and need to be returned before **Wednesday 10th May**.

Market Morning Teas

Those families on duty for Market Morning Teas on 6th May – **Morton, Larkin, Gurnett, Pappin and Maclean** (for Murray)



Curators

May – 1st Half – **Lokeni**

- 2nd Half - **Heffer**

June – 1st Half – **Hein B&N**

- 2nd Half - **Danson**



Parents & Friends News

A busy start to Term 2 with some very exciting things happening throughout the next few weeks. This Friday 5th May the first colour run will take place at MGS. A great chance to practice for those competing in Swan Hill Zone Cross Country but most of all a lot of fun for all the kids 🎉 P&F are very pleased to be able to supply the colour and fun for this event and look forward to sharing the fun. All Parents, siblings and others are welcome to attend.



Due to the run on Friday and we will postpone our meeting planned this week and aim to meet next week **Friday 12th May**.

Our first fundraising events are just around the corner and we will let you all know the details soon. Thanks to those working hard behind the scenes.

A big Murrabit Group School Welcome to Miss Taylor who has started with us today in the 2/3/4 class. Hopefully you enjoying meeting all the kids and we look forward to getting to know you over the coming weeks. 😊

Michelle 😊



Our beautiful new reading resources and cupboards

MYALL'S TIMELINE OFFICIAL OPENING & POST-FLOOD EVENT

SUNDAY 7TH MAY 2023
MYALL HALL



GANNAWARRA
Shire Council

12 noon BBQ
Live Music & Storytelling
3pm Official Opening of
Myall Pioneer Remembrance Display
by Cr Ross Stanton
& George Rathbone
Followed by afternoon tea
For catering purposes contact
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Students of the Week:



Karleigh Thomas - for her fabulous effort and support for all learners and her own learning the classroom.



Brax Maclean – for using thinking time carefully and trying his best whilst working with others.



Evan McNeil – for taking a leadership initiative when working in small groups and always encouraging others.

Prep/One News:

Middle of week 2 and we're back in the full swing of things here in the classroom. We are excited to welcome Miss Taylor to our school today and have her take the P/1 class for PE twice a week.

In the classroom we will be focusing on looking at science for our Inquiry and STEAM unit for the term. The students are very excited to work on some hands-on creative projects throughout the term. In the 2/3/4 & 5/6 STEAM lessons we will also be focussing on the theme of science, after more so looking at the Engineering, Art and Mathematics topics last term.

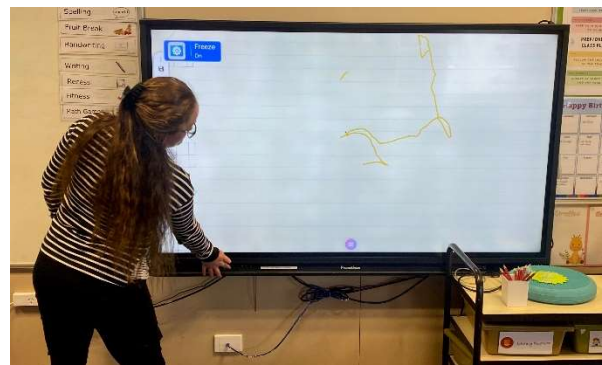
Please remember:

- Home reading every night is a great way to facilitate a love of books and reading for your child, as well as provides them exposure to a range of worlds that they can explore. It also supports their learning and development in the classroom.
- Library is on a Monday and each week students need to return their books in order to borrow more to take home.
- We need any outstanding Public Facebook Permission forms returned to us ASAP (these were attached to the newsletter last week).

Footy Tipping:

Round 7 Top Tips: Mrs Hogg, Mason, Tyler & Myrtle all with 7/9

Overall leaders: Mason on 42/61 closely followed by Miss Bath and Huey on 40/61.



Miss Bath with the new Promethean Board

