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NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember:

25 th July	Lions Club Speeches
26 th July	Prep Transition – 9 to11
28 th July	100 days of Prep
2 nd August	School Council
9 th August	School Photos
25 th August	Book Parade

A relatively smooth going week this week with few disruptions. We are focusing on being reflective learners as a part of the 'Murrabit Way' learner profile for the first half of the term. Students reflect on the positives and negatives of learning activities to make sure they can do better next time. This works well as we start our parent teacher discussions next week and reflect on the student individual learner plans.

Lions Club Speeches

Students are busy practicing their speeches for the Murrabit competition next Tuesday night at 6pm. Parents and family are welcome to come and watch and stay on for dinner.



Sporting

Once again a big congratulations to Sophia, we are very proud of you for your determination and drive towards the State Cross Country. Thankyou Iryna for taking her down.

Eve has been successful in getting through to the next level with her netball team. They will play on Aug. 8th

The combined mixed T-Ball will play against Candlebark in Aug. in Bendigo.

Naplan Proficiencies

Some of the Naplan results have come through and we have done very well as a school compared to similar schools and regional schools in reading, math, and writing. What a ripper result with great teaching and learning happening even through the challenges of Covid and floods.

Literacy/Spelling

This week we commence our whole school spelling approach, with explicit teaching on Wednesdays. All students will have lists of words they can practice at home, look out for, and will be reflected in their reading. The teaching of students will be at their point of need, and they will be grouped accordingly. We will be working on the assessed gaps in student understanding. We will discuss this more at the parent information evening including reading and spelling and how home can support school learning.

Bingo Fundraiser

A big thankyou to the Exchange Hotel Kerang once again. Try and get a group together this Thursday and support the Exchange and have some fun at the Bingo night. Last week they raised \$575 towards the school.

Help Required

We have a number of library books that require covering. If you have some spare time and would like to help, please let me know.

Wood Raffle

Wood raffle tickets will be sent home soon to sell for school project fundraising. The sports shed continues to be taking shape.



Gaby Hogg

Bookclub

Bookclub orders have been sent home and need to be returned before **Wednesday 26**th **July**

Curators

July – 1st Half – Teasdale - 2nd Half – Gurnett



August – 1st Half – McNeil - 2nd Half – Hein N&E

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Market Morning Teas

Those families on duty for Market Morning



Teas on 5th August are:-Holland-Hogan, Lavey, West, Hein N&E, Hein B&N

Parents & Friends News

We have several fundraisers happening at the moment so just a few little reminders this week.

Sock order forms were sent home last week and all orders and money will need to be returned by **this a Friday 21st July**. Bridgewater pie orders are open with some yummy pies and slices available. Orders can be made online with trybooking or forms returned with payment or direct deposit to school. **Orders close Friday 4th August.**



Italian:



Eve Murray and **Clancy Pappin** - for full participation in all aspects of Italian lesson

Liliarna Holland-Hogan - for step counting in Italian Jade Lavey and Brandon Thomas – for buying

and selling in our Italian shop game

Music:



Casey Heffer and Shanae West – for great guitar playing Brax Maclean - for his awesome manners! Liliarna Holland-Hogan - for excellent singing and dancing

Beau Murray - for great playing the hand drum in time and for making the

sounds of the orchestra instruments. You star!! Angie Jones









Students had a lovely smooth transition back from the school holidays. We loved listening to everyones holiday adventures and activities. This week in 2/3/4 students will commence an author study on Aaron Blabey. Students are extremely excited to read Blabey's Pig the Pug series books and explore other Blabey books. We are really impressed how much our 2/3/4's reading skills are improving and how their comprehension and deeper thinking is developing. As always, we are continuing to encourage reading every night. Just a reminder there is a prize for the student who reads the most nights this term in our classroom.



Students of the Week:



Liliarna Holland-Hogan - for her great creativeness in her holiday recount writing and our Native Bird artwork.



Myrtle Pappin - for creating a lovely piece of writing that was neat and creative.



Kobe Teasdale – for showing thoughtful consideration of our classroom text by considering the characteristics of different characters



Principal Award Sophia Larkin – for excellence in sport through persistence, dedication and determination

Grade 5/6 News!

It's been another busy week this week and we continue to make really good use of all of our available learning opportunities.

We have been studying recounts as a genre and style of writing. We understand that a recount is the retelling of a past experience written in the first, second or third person. We have been reading the autobiographies of different authors so that we can hear different author voice and compare different writing styles. We are using the insights we have gained to explore our own writing styles.

We are continuing our work on fractions, decimals and percentages in Numeracy and are establishing our learning goals for this term in consultation with both teacher and student, ie Anita and each of us!

A big focus this Semester is to ensure we are reading a variety of different literature both in the classroom and at home and honing in on our comprehension of particularly summarizing text, in information and providing detail in our responses using evidence from the texts we read. Our Speaking and Listening Skills are really improving and we are looking forward to lots of great presentations this term including our wonderful speeches from Hunter, Sophia and Charlotte for the Lions Club next week. What a great opportunity! Have a great week! Anita







TRANSITION DATES - TERM THREE WEDNESDAY JULY 26TH (SAM-11AM) THURSDAY AUGUST 17TH (SAM-11AM)

