

MURRABIT GROUP SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – 11th SEPTEMBER 2023



Our Values

RESPECT. HONESTY. TEAMWORK. LEARNING. PERSISTENCE.

Our Mission

We want the children of Murrabit Group School to fly!
Our belief is that every student has the ability to learn, and that this best occurs in a flexible, warm, happy and positive environment.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 11th Sept. - Mallee Div. Athletics Swan Hill
- 11th Sept. - Teacher Planning Day
- 12th Sept. - Grade 6 Dreamseeds Koondrook 9-11
- 13th Sept. - School Council 7pm
- 14th Sept. - RUOK Day?
- 15th Sept. - School Holidays 2pm finish
- 15th Sept. - Footy Colours Day
(Gold Coin - Cancer Foundation)
- 2nd Oct. - Back to School!

INTRODUCING
OUR NEW
SCHOOL MASCOT
- GILBERT.



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PRINCIPAL UPDATE: MS HOGG

It's been a challenging term with lots of illness, some disappointments but mainly many successes academically and through the sports. Everyone is ready for a well deserved break to rest and finish the year on a high. We finish on Friday at 2pm with the bus run a bit earlier.

ECHUCA WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION

Our whole school day was amazing as could be seen by all the smiles. We thank Miss Bath for coordinating the day. Twisted Science was very educational but also a lot of hands on fun and discovery. Students came home very tired after the thrills of jumping and sliding to finish the day.

MALLEE ATHLETICS

We wish all the students all the best on Monday in Swan Hill. Well done on achieving your best and getting to this level. Thank you parents/carers for getting the students there and helping out on the day.



FAREWELL ANITA

I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Anita for working with MGS for three terms in Grade 5/6 and wish her and her family all the best in the future. Anita will commence work at Merbein P-12 for Term 4. We have been fortunate to have someone as experienced as Anita at the school sharing her love for literature, history and caring for all students. She was willing to give anything a go. She will be missed!

RU OK DAY

R U OK? Day 2023 is Thursday 14 September and is our national day of action when we remind Australians that every day is the day to ask, 'are you OK?' and start a meaningful conversation whenever they spot the signs that someone they care about might be struggling with life. We continue to work on kindness and checking with each other at Murrabit Group School. We encourage all children to speak up and care for one another.



SOMERS CAMP

Seven lucky Grade 5/6 students will leave for Somers Camp on Monday 2nd October, first Day back. This is a wonderful camp and they will have lots of fun. Bussing details will be forwarded this week.

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DREAM SEEDS

On Tuesday 12th Grade 6 students will travel to Koondrook P.S. to partake in the Dream Seeds workshop. The Dream Seeds® workshops are made up of 90 minutes of fun, hands-on learning that engages all students. The workshops focus on teaching students about values, the importance and power of community and teamwork, making decisions, and setting goals. They teach these things through a range of fun, original activities that encourage the students think about their futures and understand that they are the leaders of their own lives. The workshops are strong, impactful and can really make a difference to the lives of young rural Victorians as they transition to secondary education. This opportunity has been funded by MCLLEN.

ONLINE TUTORING

Our online tutoring program for reading and math finishes this week. We've been very fortunate to be one of the few schools to be a part of this quality opportunity for two terms. Cheryl, Mel and Nat have been professional and great teachers for the targeted students but also very caring. They've developed great relationships with the students. The students also commented on the support of this program and that they have achieved all individual goals, gaining more confidence in the classroom. If there is another opportunity we will apply again next year. I met with Cheryl in Oakleigh this week for our weekly handover and program reflection. The tutors have also supported staff to further build capacity.

STATE TBALL

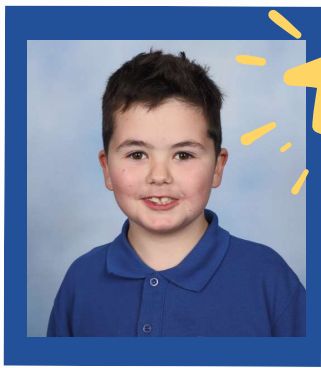
After travelling to Melbourne to participate in the State finals, disappointingly the day was postponed to 7.30pm. The association is attempting to reschedule before the end of the year. We'll be in touch with families about their thoughts going forward.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our meeting will take place Wednesday at 7pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gaby Hogg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Nate West

for always being kind to others and working hard on his reading and sounds in class.



Brax Maclean

for being a good team member



Pappin Moppy

for good ideas for songs



Brax Maclean

for good singing



Italian:



Kobe Teasdale

for being our Kahoot leader.



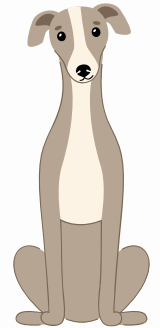
Austin Gurnett

for remembering term 3's Italian content on the test



Tyler Long

for excellent participation in our Italian animals book.



Principal Award: The T-ball team for the resilience, enthusiasm and positive attitudes.

READING CORNER: EVE MURRAY'S PICK



MY TWO BLANKETS

-Irena Kobald

Illustrator Freya Blackwood

First Published in 2014

Genre: Modern Fiction

Reviewed by Eve age (11)

The characters in this book are Cartwheel and her Auntie. Cartwheel meets a girl in the playground. Cartwheel and her Auntie have to move to Australia because there was a war in the country where they were living. It takes place in a busy town in Australia.

I think the author's purpose for writing this book is to inform people that don't know about people coming from different countries to live safely in Australia and to help them understand how it feels to feel different to everyone else, like all the different foods there are to eat and the different languages they sometimes speak.

I liked the book because the title of the book interested me and the images. This book reminded me of Australia through the setting and illustrations.

The theme of this book is about people that come to different countries and how they have to get used to it, new foods different clothes and different cultures.

I think this book is about hope and determination because the girl learns how to speak English. At first the girl wasn't sure about the new country. After a while the girl has hope about her new country. I think the girl in the park was very kind and patient with Cartwheel.

I recommend this book from year four and up. I rate this book four stars out of five.



PK CLASSROOM NEWS

FROM THE CLASSROOM



This week in our classroom we have spent our literacy lessons looking at the ways in which we can connect to the books we read, we have also recently been looking more at rhyming words and patterns as well as how syllables work.

In maths we have been looking at graphing and data, we surveyed our whole school with a range of different questions that had two options to choose from last week, we then this week have used this data to draw graphs and make conclusions about the information that we collected.

We have also just finished up our unit on Australia and Australian cultures, it was great to see the students engage so well in learning about our country and its great attributes.

ECHUCA EXCURSION

We also really enjoyed our trip to Echuca. It was a lot of fun to see students engage in the STEAM lesson and other science-based activities at TwistedED – and as expected Gravity Shack was a hit, it was a great day out and everyone really enjoyed themselves.



Miss Bath

LAST DAY OF TERM

Don't forget that this week on Friday we have a Footy Colours Dress Day for a gold coin donation. We have also three amazing activities planned for students to spend the day doing. Please bring your own packed lunch, if the weather is good, we will be having a picnic lunch.

2/3/4 NEWS

ECHUCA TRIP

As a school we went to Gravity Shack and to TwistED science. We had a fantastic time looking at the cool science equipment, eating lunch in the park and bouncing around on trampolines.

READING CHALLENGE

We currently have Emily, Xavier, Myrtle, Brax and Zeik in the lead and Pippy, Riley, Keira and Jade are not too far behind. We are so proud of the improvement our students are making with their reading. We continue to encourage students to read at home daily and sign their diary.

REMINDER

Don't forget to wear your **Footy colours** dress up day on Friday for the last day of term celebrations and bring a **gold coin donation**.

Miss Taylor

INQUIRY

2/3/4 finished up their Australia unit, we were able to make a wordsearch, puzzle or a brochure with our newly acquired knowledge and present these to class.

GRADE 5/6 News

Students have been learning about summaries and analysis, including how to follow a structure when writing a detailed book review. The students selected their own picture books to read and analyse, based upon their own personal interests.

This week the students have been practising reading aloud to an audience, using expression and demonstrating reading fluency of their chosen picture books and sharing their book review. Students have developed important skills in voice projection and understanding audience needs by remembering to involve them in discussions and to share the illustrations. This has been a few weeks in preparation but a valuable learning experience for them.

A big congratulations to the students who participated in the Athletics in Kerang last Friday. I know it was an enjoyable experience for them and they were very enthusiastic in their retelling of their day when they returned to school. I hope all of the dad's/ grandfather's and influential men in the students' lives had a fabulous Father's Day last Sunday.

Have a great week,

Anita



Parents & Friends - News

Hard to believe we are at the end of Term 3 already – time is certainly disappearing quickly! A big thank-you to Nicole for organising and coordinating the Fathers Day Stall. There was lots of excitement as the kids chose gifts and hopefully they all enjoyed sharing them with their special male person. 🎁

We have started plans on our Term 4 fundraising activities with 2 planned activities for next term. Precious Memories photography is booked for Sunday 29th October. Please make sure you have returned the expression of interest form by Wednesday 13th September to ensure you can secure a booking time.

We are also excited to be able to once again have delicious QLD Mangoes and local Lake Boga Farm Cherries available for our Tutti Frutti Fundraising Drive. More details on ordering and delivery will be shared after the holidays. 🍷🍒

Sadly we farewell Anita at the end of this week. We have been so lucky to have Anita with us at MGS and we will all certainly miss her positivity and enthusiasm for teaching. Thank-you for all you have done for the kids inside the classroom and for empowering them to become the best that they can be. You will always be a part of the Murrabit Group School Community and we wish you well.



Michelle

STEAM

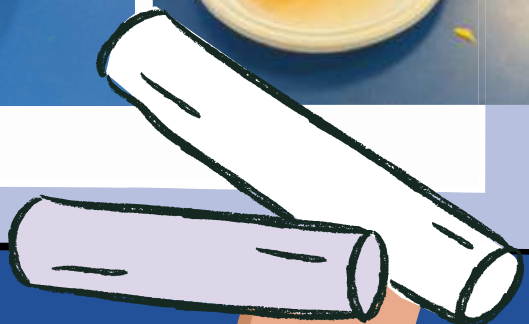
This week in STEAM we have been looking at dissolving - we used smarties and water to look at how the water can dissolve off the colour.

The students loved the colourful patterns it made, but weren't so excited about not getting to eat the smarties!

Unfortunately the 2/3/4 & 5/6 classes miss out on their STEAM sessions due to Miss Bath being absent on Wednesday and our Echuca Trip on Friday.

Echuca Trip

Our trip to Echuca was a great way to cap off a wonderful term of looking at physical sciences (e.g. experiments, motion, floating & sinking). All of the students had a great day out, and it was something new for many of them to experience going to TwistED.





OUR ECHUCA TRIP



A DAY TO REMEMBER





KERANG LITTLE ATHLETICS 23/24 SEASON

Ages 5 -16 year olds

SATURDAY MORNINGS
OCT 7TH, 2023 - MAR 2ND, 2024
9 AM - 11 AM
KTHS MCLEOD OVAL, KERANG



We are looking forward to an exciting new Little Athletics season!
New and returning members all welcome! Come along and have a try the first week if you haven't been before and would like to have a go.
Registration info available on the day, registrations online.
Any enquires please contact kerang@lavic.com.au
Keep up to date on our Facebook page!



Join in the fun on:

**Friday 15 September
3pm - 6pm**

FREE ACTIVITIES:

- ★ Rock Climbing Wall
- ★ Giant Outdoor Games
- ★ Small Age Rampage Disco
- ★ Face Painting
- ★ And lots more!
- ★ FREE BBQ - provided by Rotary

For more information ph: 5452 1546



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SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS



UTILITY BOXES 6+

Kerang - (x2)

10.30am, Tuesday 19 September

10.30am, Tuesday 26 September



FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS 6+

Leitchville -

2.30pm, Tuesday 19 September

Kerang -

10.30am, Wednesday 27 September

Cohuna -

2.00pm, Thursday 28 September



POPCORN BLOSSOM TREES

Cohuna -

2.00pm, Wednesday 20 September

Kerang -

10.30am, Thursday 21 September



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