

# MURRABIT GROUP SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - 16th OCTOBER 2023



*Our Values*

**RESPECT. HONESTY. TEAMWORK. LEARNING. PERSISTENCE.**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- 19 OCT - KTHS Transition Day
- 20 OCT - Mallee Div T20
- 23 OCT - Prep Transition 9-1
- 25 OCT - Cluster Day Leitchville
- 27 OCT - Basketball Clinic
- 4 NOV - Murrabit Market
- 7 NOV - Melbourne Cup Holiday
- 9 NOV - Christian School Transition
- 10 NOV - Regional T-20
- 11 NOV - Remembrance Day
- 13-17 NOV - Canberra 5 & 6
- 20 NOV-Report Writing Day, Pupil Free
- 21 NOV - School Council 3.30pm
- 28 NOV - Maths PD No Students
- 2 DEC - Murrabit Market
- 4 DEC- Swimming Program begins
- 12 DEC - State Transition Day
- 14 DEC-School Concert/Graduation
- 15 DEC - Reports go home
- 20 DEC - Last Day



## 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.



## Principal's Updates: Ms Hogg ☀

Thank you to the Monk family for mowing the lawns before the weekend Referendum held at the school. We have beautiful grounds and any help to keep them looking wonderful is welcome. If any families and friends would assist in setting up the vegetable garden for the term, we would appreciate your time. We received funding from Gannawarra Shire to upgrade the dripper system with seedlings and tools and paint some murals. We really enjoyed growing, picking, selling and cooking with the harvest this year.

Thank you to **Ngairé, Murray, Stephen and Scott** for all their work around the school, keeping this neat, tidy, and functioning.

**Trial Lunch Menu** - Kath Maclean and Vicki will be trialling an optional healthy, home-cooked lunch menu on Fridays. A menu and more information will come home soon. 10% of the profits will go to the school.

**T-20 Cricket** - This Friday, a team of boys have been selected to participate in the T-20 modified cricket in Swan Hill at 9.45 am start. We wish Kobe, Jobe, Hunter, Oliver, Austin, Evan, Hudson, Darcy and Xavier all the best.

**Transition** - KTHS Grade 6 Transition Day will be this Thursday. Please organise bus transportation.

**Staff PD** - On Monday, staff will participate in a Literacy planning session with Lee Forster. Ms Flood and Miss Huland will be taking the classes as normal.

**Murrabit Market** - Thank you to all our volunteers for the Market on the weekend. It was a very successful market, and we thank volunteers for labelling the food with ingredients used as a part of their contribution as well.

**Newsletter Advertising** - A letter of invitation will go home this week for anyone who would like to advertise in the school newsletter and school socials.

**Reading Parents** - It was great to see reading parents at the school once again, supporting our students to become excellent readers. Keep up the nightly reading at home, practising spelling and learning new words every day too.

*Gaby Hogg*

# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep/1:



**Tyler Long**

For being an independent and considerate learner in our maths lessons on fractions and decimals.

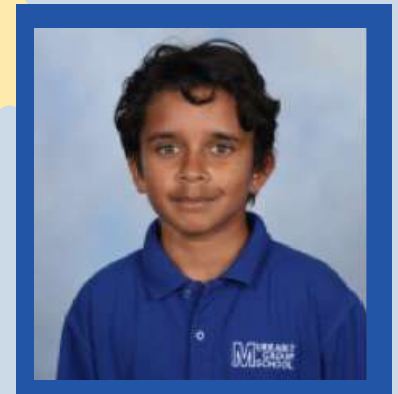
2/3/4:



**Zeik Maclean**

For being an independent learner who co-operates beautifully with others in all aspects of the curriculum.

5/6:



**Narky Lea**

For meaningfully contributing to classroom discussions and independently following the new classroom routines.

Music:



**Darcy Ellison**

for great singing of "Sunroof" and "Shivers"



**Jorja Danson**

for completing the difficult GarageBand Task.



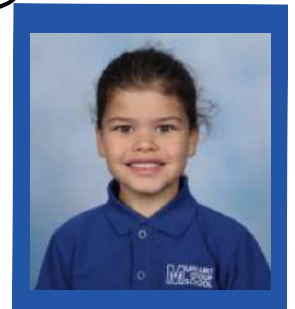
**Moppy Pappin**

for great effort making the film clip to 10:35



**Brandon Thomas**

for great effort making the film clip to 10:35



**Aaliyah Lokeni**

for doing great singing & actions to 'Kookaburra Sits' & 'Baa Baa Blue Sheep'

Italian:



**Eden Hamilton**

for helping to set up our quiz race track



**Shanae West**

for writing a long Italian conversation



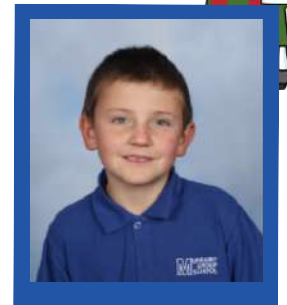
**Zeik Maclean**

for great partner work using Microsoft Word



**Myrtle Pappin**

for great partner work using Microsoft Word



**Dillan Gurnett**

for great job listening to and responding to our Italian Story



# PARENTS AND FRIENDS

🍒 A friendly reminder to get your orders in for our Tutti Fruity Fundraiser. Delicious fresh seasonal fruit available with Lake Boga Farm Cherries and Queensland Bowen Mangoes. Be sure to share with family and friends so everyone can enjoy some fresh fruit goodness. All orders online at Try Booking with orders **closing Tuesday 24th October**. 🍒

As we move towards the end of the year it would be great to have a get together and discuss all things P&F. We can debrief on how things have worked and make plans for moving forward into 2024. Everyone welcomes to attend next Friday 20th November, 11am at The Long Paddock Koondrook.

*Michelle*

## WELLBEING



The current skill we are focusing on is being an **independent learner**. Independent Learners are responsible for their own learning and actions. They practice resilience, show initiative and persistence. By building these skills we work together to become responsible and caring members of the Murrabit Group School community.

## P/1 CLASSROOM NEWS

This week in the classroom we have been working on our procedural and opinion writing. We have some very avid writers in our class and from next week we look forward to sharing a few pieces. In maths; we have been looking at division and fractions - pizza is a great analogy for fractions, not that the students enjoy that (it apparently makes them hungry!!)

Please remember to keep up the home reading - I have just added some new books to our special book packs which students were super excited about. Enjoy your week.

*Miss Bath*



## 2/3/4 CLASSROOM NEWS

What a fantastic week of rich learning opportunities our students have been involved in. Throughout literacy, our grade 2 students have been specifically focusing on word work (pictured), and our grade 3/4's have been working on their editing skills. In writing, we will start a new unit on procedural writing and have started all things fractions in numeracy.

On Wednesday, our reading challenge winners loved a hot chip lunch.

Our reading challenge will continue this term.



*Miss Taylor*

# GRADE 5/6 News



I am a 4th year university student at Swinburne University of Technology and a registered teacher with the Victorian Institute of Teaching. I am excited to work alongside Mrs GT in the Grade 5/6 this term. I come from Swan Hill, where I have worked at the Swan Hill Specialist School for the past 5 years. I enjoy teaching mathematics and am passionate about creating an inclusive and supportive environment where all students can reach their full potential and develop their unique strengths and skills.

This term, I will also be teaching PE and sports. I come from a sporting background where I ran the Sport and Recreation Centre on Elcho Island in the Northern Territory. I am also a teacher of swimming and water safety. I love playing netball and play for Tyntynder Football Netball Club in the Central Murray Football and Netball League. I enjoy all things outdoors, including camping, fishing and being on the farm with my partner Brad, my 2 Labradors and my Jack Russell.

I look forward to a great term with all the students & staff at Murrabit Group School!

Mel Devereux



Did you know right on Somers's camp border is a creek where eels live? They get food from that specific creek, and when they get bigger, they go right up to the Coral Sea and have millions of babies. Most babies return to that creek, but the Mum dies when she has them, and the cycle continues. I had the best time at camp, the best camp ever! **-Evan.**

Being at Somers was an awesome time, but the best part was disco night. On disco night, everybody at the camp gathers at the end of the day to dance their hearts out in the cinema with flashing rainbow lights. My favourite part was when I got selected by the judges twice for using great moves. **-Clancy.**

Today, I will tell you about the flying fox and my experience. First, in one session, we broke the Somers camp record for the most times on the flying fox. We went on the Flying Fox 8 times, so I am a record-breaker! I was partnered with Hayden; we both loved it, and I learnt how to be safe on the flying fox.

I love it all together, and that's all I can tell you. **-Kobe.**

At Somers Camp, we went surfing. I was the first one to stand up because I knew I would be a pro at it. When it was my first go, I leaned too much at the nose of the board, and then I nosedived into the salty water and swallowed a whole heap of salty water! On my second try, I stood up for three or four seconds and fell off the board. (Not to brag, but I was my group's best surfer). **-Charlotte.**

Somers was very fun, but my favourite is the challenge swing. The challenge swing is an eighteen-meter swing, which was very fun. I went to the top, did a Superman, and didn't hold on! There was also a flying fox, which was very fast and fun. I purposely fell off on one of my goes and pretended I was dead.

It was a great experience. **-Hudson.**

The bus ride to Somers was fun and also annoying at the same time because I had to sit next to an old friend, but all the activities were fun, especially the flying fox, challenge swing, surfing, and many more! But the funniest thing were the songs and the song movements, especially the Ghost Chickens, Wombat on a Surfboard, The Big Black Hat, and I am Australian. **-Shanae.**

# STEAM NEWS

This week in STEAM we tested our boat's ability to float in water - we added a challenge to this by seeing whose boat in each class could hold the most water before it sank...

**Congratulations** to all the winners:

Prep/1:



Skyra

2/3/4:



Myrtle

5/6:



Cooper



After we completed the texting and challenge, we then went back and evaluated our boats - it was great to see the different improvements that each student would make on their boat if they had their time again.

## ART



Responses to Kenny Pittock's 100 Ice-creams which were exhibited at the **Bendigo Art Gallery** earlier this year.

**P/1** Ice-creams foldout book/menu. **Grades 2-6** Ice-cream sculptures.





# ADVERTISE HERE

A letter of invitation will go home this week for anyone who would like to advertise in the school newsletter and school socials.

**KOONDRUCK DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO**  
**PS Alexander Arbuthnot's 100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY**  
  
**27 OCTOBER 2023**  
**4PM TO 8PM**  
**APEX PARK & WHARF KOONDRUCK**  
**FREE COMMUNITY EVENT**  
**ART SHOW, FACE PAINTING, KIDS ACTIVITIES, ENTERTAINMENT, BIRTHDAY CAKE**  
 **FRRR**   
**FOUNDATION FOR RURAL REGIONAL REGENERATION** **BYO PICNIC** **GANNAWARRA SHIRE COUNCIL**  
**FOOD AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE**

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**Uniforms – Lost Property** - We have 15 unnamed items of clothing in lost property. Please make sure all clothing is named so that it can be returned to its owner.

**Market Morning Teas** - Those families on duty for the Market to be held on Saturday 4th November are: McNeil, More, Simmonds, Monk and Teasdale.

**Grounds** - Families on duty on the grounds roster:  
**October** – 2nd Half - Long  
**November** – 1st Half – Thomas / 2nd Half - Ellison

**School Fees** - Just a reminder we have a few families with school fees, that weren't paid along with class book orders, still outstanding. We try and keep our fees of \$80 to a minimum - fees cover classroom resources, computer subscriptions, bussing to sport/events and Marc and MACC fees. You can ask Judi for an invoice.