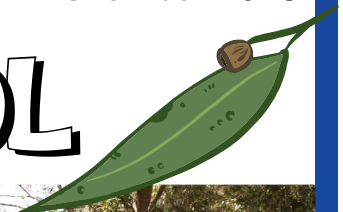




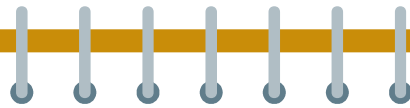
MURRABIT GROUP SCHOOL

27 November 2023



Our Values

RESPECT • HONESTY • TEAMWORK • LEARNING • PERSISTENCE



Dates to **REMEMBER**

- 28 NOV – Maths PD, Pupil Free Day– Michael Ymer
- 29 NOV – Dance Day with Dagogo
- 29 NOV – Bookclub order deadline
- 2 DEC – Murrabit Market
- 4 DEC – Swimming Program begins (2 weeks)
- 5 DEC – State T-Ball in Melbourne
- 12 DEC – State Transition Day
- 13 DEC – Bus Safety Session
- 14 DEC- School Concert/ Graduation @ 6.30pm**
- 15 DEC – Reports go home
- 19 Dec – Pupil Free – Staff First Aid
- 20 DEC – Last Day 2pm

Reminders

Market Morning Teas
2nd Dec. Keath, Long, Holland– Hogan, Lavey, West, N&E Hein

Grounds/Mowing
November – 2nd Half – Ellison

Principal's Updates: Ms Hogg ☀

REPORTS

We are very excited to welcome Michael Ymer and several other schools to Murrabit this week. We will learn from in-class demonstrations on Monday and then through an interactive conference on Tuesday. Michael is one of Australia's best-known maths consultants. I also had the pleasure of working with him at my school in Guangzhou, China. With the introduction of the new Vic Curriculum, Michael is working with our staff to create clear planners for 2024 and beyond, helping us incorporate the changes.

Michael's work in classrooms takes workshop ideas away from the conference room and into the classroom. He believes that the most powerful way to help teachers trial fresh ideas in teaching mathematics is to get into the classrooms with students and take the lesson whilst teachers have the opportunity to observe.

Each session is followed with a debrief to answer questions, clarify issues related to the task and discuss follow-up activities to trial. Issues such as managing maths materials, organising classroom layout, engaging reluctant students and offering success at different levels will be a part of each modelled session.

Thank you to everyone who has donated some morning tea. These two days are a great way to showcase our outstanding little school. As it is a hectic time of the year for parents/carers, we are now inviting them to come and watch or partake in either of our days from 9–3 pm. The parent session will hopefully take place next year.



Gaby Hogg

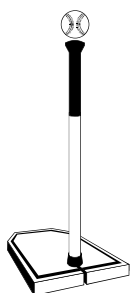


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Dagogo Dance

On Wednesday, students will work with Dagogo Obogo to learn a diverse range of dance styles and choreography in preparation for the school concert. He is one of Australia's best and most experienced dance coaches. He is known for bringing flavour and excitement to students' arts programs.



TBall

Training has commenced again for the TBall team on Thursdays from 4 to 5 pm. Next week, we will once again journey to Melbourne to compete at the State games on Tuesday. We wish Jobe, Evan, Ollie, Hudson, Hunter, Austin Casey, Emma and Kai from Kerang Sth, and Keiran, Milly and Sienna from Cohuna all the very best.

Swimming Safety

Swimming safety commences next week, so remember to return notes, bring bathers, change of underwear, towels, rashie, swim goggles and water-resistant sunscreen. If students have a pool pass, please let us know. Students will also swim for two weeks at the beginning of next year. We are asking for any parents who can help contact Mel Devereux, our sports coordinator and Austswim teacher.



16 Days of Activism

This Thursday, Northern District Community Healthy will conduct engaging lessons to raise awareness about the importance of the 16 Days of Activism campaign against family and gender-based violence.

GANNAWARRA GOES ORANGE

16 Days of Activism Campaign

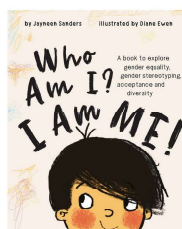
25 Nov-10 Dec

Each year Gannawarra Goes Orange for the 16 days of Activism campaign against family and gender-based violence to raise awareness and say 'NO' to family violence. The campaign runs from 25 Nov to 10 Dec.

Rigid beliefs and thinking about men and women's roles and stereotypes are a key contributor to violence. You can make a difference by having conversations with the children and people in your life - that it doesn't matter what gender they are, they can like, do or be whatever they want. Together we can create a community where everyone is safe, equal and respected.

Books that can help support these conversations:

- > **Giraffes Can't Dance** by Giles Andreae and Guy Parker-Rees
- > **No Difference Between Us** by Jayneen Saunders
- > **Who Am I? I Am Me!** by Jayneen Saunders
- > **Hunting for Dragons** by Bruce Whatley
- > **I am Enough** by Grace Byers
- > **I Could Be, You Could Be** by Karen Owen
- > **Jacob's New Dress** by Sarah and Ian Hoffman
- > **Made by Raffi** by Craig Pomranz
- > **Introducing Teddy** by Jessica Walton
- > **My Princess Boy** by Cheryl Kiladav
- > **Pearl Fairweather Pirate Captain** by Jayneen Saunders
- > **The Paper Bag Princess** by Robert Munsch



Visit the Gannawarra Library service to borrow books that promote boys and girls as equals.

Activities happening locally for Gannawarra Goes Orange

- Walk Against Family Violence. Saturday 25 November, starting at 10am. Meet at the Kerang Council Building, and walk to the Kerang Community Market.
- Story Time at the Kerang Library, Wednesday 29 November, 10.30am-11.00am.
- Empower Her event, Friday 8 December, starting at 10am at Jen's on George Cohuna. Bookings essential. Call NDCH 5451 0200 or visit our Facebook page.

SAFE + EQUAL



RESPECT WOMEN CALL IT OUT



GANNAWARRA



Murrabit Community Flood Recovery

One Year On

Woodfired Pizza Night

Friday 8 December 2023

Murrabit Hall From 6pm.

BYO Drinks. All Welcome

Come along for a catch-up prior to Christmas and order a delicious pizza cooked by Brad's Tiamo Twin Flame Woodfired Pizza, Gunbower

\$5 per pizza

Bookings essential by 6 December

phone Neil Hopkins 0490 830 641



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep / 1

2 / 3 / 4

5 / 6



Beau Murray

For being a reflective learner in his maths assessments, took the time to notice what he couldn't and now what he could easily do.



Mason More

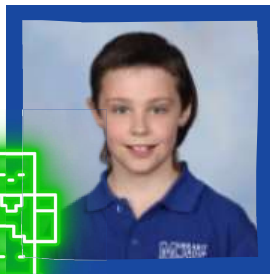
For being a reflective learner throughout his recent assessments.



Jorja Danson

For being a reflective writer when completing her recount about Canberra Camp.

STEAM



Zeik Maclean

For being a kind friend and helping others in his class to navigate Minecraft.

P.E.



Beau Murray

For being a great team member by helping and listening to his friends during team building activities.

School SWIMMING

EVERY DAY
10:30-11:30

4TH DECEMBER - 8TH DECEMBER
KERANG OUTDOOR POOL

Illustration of a child swimming in a pool.

MGS School Raffle

GET YOUR TICKETS TO GO IN THE DRAW TO WIN THIS 6 SEATER OUTDOOR TABLE.

THE MONEY RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS AND A 'GAGA BALL' PIT.

Tickets can be purchased from school families or from the school.

Illustration of an outdoor wooden table and benches.

Tickets \$1 each - Raffle drawn 14/12/2023

MGS End of year CONCERT

DECEMBER 14TH, 2023
6:30PM AT THE MURRABIT HALL

The students and teachers of Murrabit Group School invite the Murrabit community to attend their end of year concert to celebrate a wonderful year and to wish our year 6 students the best on their future ventures into high school.

Illustration of a saxophone, maracas, and musical notes.

Murrabit Group School logo

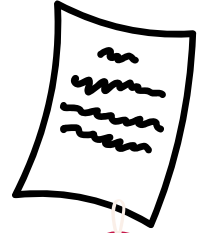
PREP/1 CLASSROOM NEWS

Another great week of learning is happening in our classroom – this week, we have been looking at poetry and letter writing for our literacy lessons. We used our names to write acrostic poems. I can't tell you too much about our letter writing, or I'll give it all away; I will tell you that parents and families of P/1 expect a letter to arrive very soon to you.

For our maths lessons, we have been consolidating our learning on measurement, using counts, blocks, pencils, etc, to measure parts of our body – students really enjoyed this.

A massive thank you to Ms Flood for having the P/1 class on Thursday and Friday while Miss Bath was out setting up our new Parent Communication Portal – from all reports, the students were great.

Next week, please keep a lookout for the annual Kris Kringle note with more information on it about how this works.



Miss Bath

2/3/4 CLASSROOM NEWS



Our 2/3/4 class have had a massive week of learning.

This week during literacy was our final week of poetry. We created a limerick and a shape poem, which have now been published as a book. To finish our unit, we watched Tim Burton's 'Nightmare Before Christmas,' which was originally created from a rhyming poem.

In maths, we have focused on mass and capacity. We used many different containers, made predictions on what might hold the most and least amount of capacity, and then tested it to see if we were right. There are lots of things to look forward to in the coming weeks for our students.

Miss Taylor

STEAM

For STEAM lessons this week and for the rest of the term (not that there are many left), we have been using technology and the game Minecraft to build something in a set block of land that students have been given.

The 5/6 class had Ms Flood, and they completed the Fizzy Colours Experiment that the P-4 classes did while they were on camp – it was great to hear about the in-depth conversations on chemical reactions & acids and bases the class had. For those wanting to try it at home – it's straightforward – sprinkle some bi-carb soda, add a few drops of food colouring over that, and then slowly drip on some vinegar with a spoon and watch the magic happen.

Miss Bath



5/6 CLASSROOM NEWS

Grade 5/6 recap – By Narky Lea

Grade 5/6 has been working hard on math and literacy tests this week. We have also been making booklets to show how great our school is and all the fun activities we do. In Music, we have been practising our singing for the concert with Miss Jones. During Art, we worked with Miss Bentley to create skateboards; we all tried our hardest. I think they look really good!

We are all very proud of Mrs GT for receiving her special award in Melbourne last week.

Canberra Camp Recap! – By Jorja Danson

Last week, Grades 5 and 6 went to Canberra with the cluster. The schools that went were Murrabit, Koondrook, Gunbower, Leitchville and Cohuna.

On the first day, we left school at 6:20 am; we stopped at Jerilderie at 9 o'clock for a snack. We had lunch at the botanical gardens at Wagga Wagga at 12 o'clock; then, we went to the Dinosaur Museum. We arrived at Camp Cottermouth at 5:30.

On Tuesday, we went to the Australian Mint and Old Parliament House, the War Memorial and the National Gallery of Australia. That night, we went to Zone 3 and played arcade games and laser tag.

On Wednesday, we went to the Australian Institute of Sport, the National Museum of Australia and New Parliament House, after dinner we went to Questacon.

On Thursday, we went to Old Parliament House for an electoral education session, the National Botanical Gardens, the National Archives and the National Capital Exhibition. At night, we played games back at camp.

On the last day of camp, we had to get up at 5:30 in the morning and have breakfast at 6:30! We departed from Camp Cottermouth at 7:30; we arrived back in Murrabit at 5:30 in the afternoon!

Everyone had a great time in Canberra and would want to return, but the drive to get there and back was too long; it took about 8 hours with all the stops!



PARENTS & FRIENDS

Thank you to those who supported the photography fundraiser. Hopefully, the photo sessions went well for those who had pictures taken, and the results are some extraordinary family memories. A very special thank you to Sarah from Precious Memory Photography, who gave up her time completing these sessions and generously donated to our school.

We have yet to confirm an exact delivery date for our mangoes. Still, we hope they arrive early in the second week of December. We hope to have an update soon and will keep everyone informed.



P.E.

For PE this week, all grades have been focusing on team-building activities. Students have done a fantastic job communicating, listening and helping each other during these activities. Well done to Eve, Hudson, Jorja and Evan for helping Ms Flood run Sport on Friday afternoon.



MACC

End of Year MACC News

It's that time of year, again, when we wish the Grade 6 students all the best for secondary school and send home the Art Books. This year's Grade 6 groups have been great to work with. I hope they all enjoy their skateboard decks (for display only). Grade P-2 students have painted on a canvas board, and the 3/4s have painted on mini-surfboards with stands. I've been very impressed with their creative ideas about food and their hard work. These final artworks are special to keep forever pieces.

The Art folios will go home during week 9. They have a pink slip attached, which must be signed by the parent/guardian and returned to the school.

- If your child is not returning to this school in 2024, please return the slip. Otherwise, return the empty folder with the slip still.
- Once your child has returned the empty plastic folio and/or pink slip, they can take home their paintings of boards or skateboard decks.

Art smocks will need a wash to ensure they still fit before next year. Children must bring their smocks back when they return to school in 2024.

I wish you all a happy and safe Christmas season and holiday period.

Ms Bentley



Maths At Home

As a parent or carer, you're sure to be interested in your child's mathematical learning. We hope you will enjoy working together at home on some of the activities and games.

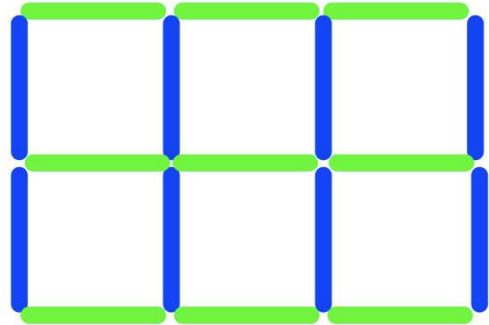
<https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/free-family-maths-toolkit>

Window Frames Challenge

The windows in my house have six panes of glass. They are three panes wide and two panes high.



Here is a simplified drawing of a window in my house. Can you see how many small pieces of edging it uses?



The pieces of frame go around the edge of the panes, so we call them 'edging pieces'. They are all the same length and there are 17 of them.

The picture above shows the edging pieces – there are 9 green pieces going across and 8 blue pieces going up.

Challenge 1

Explore other rectangular windows which are one window pane wider than they are high.

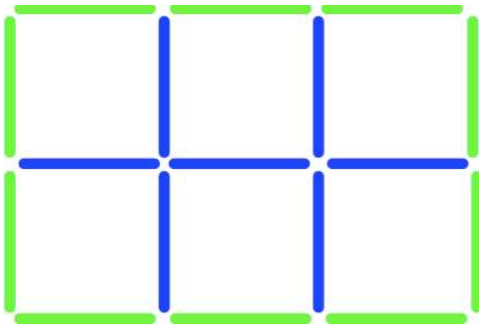
How many edging pieces do you need? (We need 17 in the example above.)

How many panes of glass are there altogether? (There are 6 in the example above.)

Explore the numbers you get as you make the windows bigger.

Challenge 2

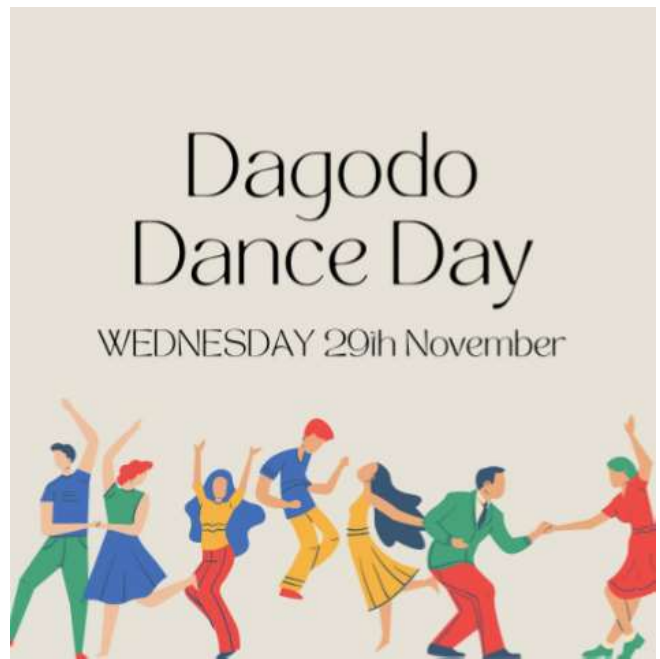
In this picture, we can see the inside edging pieces coloured blue and the ones surrounding the shape coloured green:



This gives us 7 inside blue pieces and 10 surrounding green pieces, making 17 altogether.

Have another look at the rectangular windows from Challenge 1, which are one window pane wider than they are high.

What numbers can you get for the inside and surrounding pieces?



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