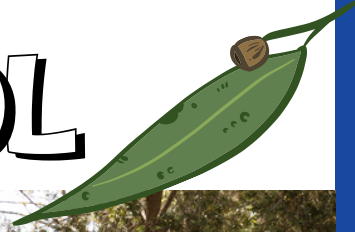




MURRABIT GROUP SCHOOL

11 DECEMBER 2023



Our Values

RESPECT • HONESTY • TEAMWORK • LEARNING • PERSISTENCE

Dates to REMEMBER

- 12 Dec – Swimming Program – Week 2
- 13 Dec – Bus Safety Session
- 14 Dec – School Concert/ Graduation @ 6.30 pm**
- 15 Dec – Reports go home
- 19 Dec – Pupil Free – Staff First Aid
- 20 Dec – Last Day 2 pm
- 29th Jan – Staff return
- 30th Jan – Students return
- 1st Feb – Swimming (5 days)
- 5th Feb – Parents Info night and welcome BBQ
- 20th Feb – School Council 4pm

Reminders
Thursday 14 December
 School Concert/ Graduation
 @ 6.30pm

Grounds Roster
 December – 1st Half – Hamilton/Lea
 – 2nd Half – Murray
 January – 1st Half – Maclean
 – 2nd Half – West
 February – 1st Half – Lavey

Market Morning Teas
 6th January – Hein B&N, Lokeni,
 Maclean, Thomas

Principal's Updates: Ms Hogg ☀

It's been a busy and long term, but it's nearly time for a break and a refresh for everyone. Please stay safe and have a wonderful holiday. The student's last official day is Wednesday, 20th December, with a 2 pm finish. There is a pupil-free day on Tuesday, 19th December, as staff update their First Aid. **The student return date is Tuesday 30th January.** Staff will return on Monday, 29th January 2024. School reports will be sent home on Friday.

School Concert, Graduation and Award Night Thursday 14th December 6.30 pm

Invites have gone out for our community concert and graduation night at the hall. Remember that students need to be there by 6:15 pm for a 6:30 pm start. We invite you to stay and bring some supper to share on the back lawn. Students come dressed in Christmas colours.

Student resource packs will remain at school this year and will be delivered in January from Kerang Computers.

Camps 2024

Grade 5/6 will have the opportunity to attend Cottage By The Sea, an excellent camp in Queenscliff, March 4–8 next year. The week-long camp is heavily subsidised, costing approximately \$50 a student and approximately \$200 for the bus return. The camp is a stone's throw from the beach, and the qualified staff aim to empower young people by providing them with inspiration, fun and opportunity through tailored programs. Grade 3/4 will go to Billabong this year.

Gaby Hogg

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State-Wide Transition Day and Staffing 2024

Students stepped up into their new year levels and met their new teachers on Tuesday. We have an excellent teaching team with great activities planned for 2024.

- Grade P/1/2 will move into the old building with lots of space for inquiry activities– with Miss Teaghen Taylor.
- Grade 3/4 will go into the 5/6 room with Ms Mel Devereux and Mrs Angie Jones
- Grade 5/6 will move into the Grade P/1 space with Miss Meganne Bath

- Mental Health In School coordinator will be Ms Natalie Goudie Troy on Mondays and Tuesdays.
- Ms Deveraux will be the PE specialist
- Mrs Jones will continue as LOTE and Music Specialist
- Miss Bath will continue teaching STEAM
- Miss Taylor will be in charge of the Steph Alexander garden program
- Mrs Hogg will continue as acting Principal until the end of term 3 and coordinate the tutoring role

- Our ES staff will be Mrs Jeanette Coulter and Mr Darcy Martin
- Mrs Judi Ficken will continue as the Business Manager
- Ngaire Molloy will continue as our cleaner
- Murray Rohde maintenance and bus

Arty Students

Last week, three of our talented students performed in the Kerang Ballet. Well done, Pippy, Jade, and Lilly, for your dedication and talent.

Featured are the amazing skateboards designed and decorated by the students in the MACC program with Ms Bentley.



State T-Ball

What a great effort by our seven Grade 5/6 students, Captain Jobe and huge thrower (future baseballer?), Captain in the regionals and great backstop, Oliver, Team enthusiast and very capable allrounder Evan, Bat Man– Huddy, Big Hitter Austin, Homerunner Hunter, All–rounder Casey, along with Kerang Sth and Cohuna CCS on getting to the state Tball finals in Wheelers Hill in Melbourne for the second attempt. They played well against tough competition, and it was a great experience. They supported each other and cheered each other on. We thank all the parents for their support and for taking the students everywhere. They have given so much to support the students and the school, and I thank you all. We are very proud of you all.

Photos on following pages

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep / 1

2 / 3 / 4

5 / 6



Nate West

For his developing confidence in the pool and reflecting on things that he couldn't do that he now can, such as floating and holding his breath under the water.



Brandon Thomas

For being a reflective swimmer who is working hard on his skills and technique to improve.



Clancy Pappin

For always trying to better himself through self-reflection.

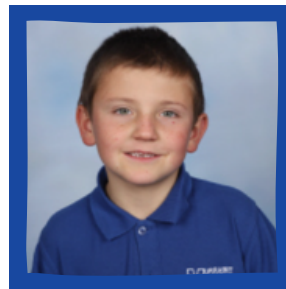
P.E.



Liliarna Holland-Hogan

For building her confidence in the water and trying new skills in the pool.

STEAM



Dillan Gurnett

Thank you for being reflective and thinking about all the different things we have done across the year in STEAM and providing me with feedback on the best and least favourite things we did.



PREP/1 CLASSROOM NEWS

Wowsers, what a massive week we have had: swimming lessons, Christmas activities, concert practice and our class dance practice too. Miss Bath is well and truly tired – I know we also had some sleepers on the bus back from swimming.

We have been practising our concert items this week and can't wait to share them with you on Thursday Night.

Our elf has also been up to some tricks, quarantining in a jar for a few days, being cross that we left him alone all weekend, ziplining across the classroom, building a snowman, and even playing 'The Floor is Lava'!

P.S. Don't forget that Kris Kringle's presents need to be returned by Wednesday this week so we can gift them.

Miss Bath



2/3/4 CLASSROOM NEWS



Can you believe there are only one and a half weeks left of school? What a huge week of swimming lessons, concert practice and some Christmas activities integrated into our learning. Tomorrow, we will find out who our new teacher and class are for 2024.

We have had 'Jeff' our elf, causing mayhem and bringing fun activities into our classroom. We have been practising sooo hard for our end-of-year concert. We hope our invitations reached you well, and we CAN'T wait to see you all there! Don't forget, 2/3/4 Kris Kringle presents are due by this Wednesday, 13th December; please place these under our classroom tree. Stay safe and enjoy the final week and a half of the school year.

Miss Taylor

STEAM

This week was our last of STEAM for 2023; it's been a great year working with all the classes to develop their skills and thinking in the education of what STEAM is and what fun things we can make, create and do.

We have finished off the year playing Minecraft, and it's been a great experience for them to use something they don't always get the chance to do and open the ideas to using technology to create something rather than always by hand.

5/6 CLASSROOM NEWS

In grades five and six this week, we have started swimming. It has been really fun, and we have been learning a lot! Thank you, all teachers and parent volunteers, for making our swimming program happen; we appreciate it. Thank you also to Murray and Gilbert for getting us to the Kerang Pool safely each day – Oliver.

This week, we have been working very hard to finalise our yearbook. We have really gone all out for our yearbook, and we can't wait to share it with you all – Hunter.

We have been rehearsing for our school concert coming up on the 14th of December. We have been singing our Christmas carols and practising our dances – Eve.

We created concert invitations using Canva that we passed on to our families and friends this week. Everyone is so excited for the concert. I think it is going to be a blast. The grade sixes are sadly leaving next year; they have been writing their speeches for their graduation, which we are all very excited to hear – Narky.

Edited by Clancy.

Well done, Grade five/ six students, on completing our yearbook this week. I know that everyone worked extremely hard to get these completed. These books will be going home with the eldest student on Friday with reports. I would like to thank and congratulate the grade five sixes for demonstrating excellent behaviour in the swimming program and being great leaders of the school by helping out wherever needed.

A reminder to bring your Kris Kringle presents by Wednesday this week; please put these ones under our classroom tree.

I am looking forward to seeing/ meeting everyone at our school concert on Thursday. Our students have been working very hard with Miss Jones, Mrs Hogg, Mrs GT, Dagogo Dance and myself to present you with some excellent speeches, songs, dances and presentations that they are eager to share. We hope to see you there!

Miss Devereux

P.E.

What a fantastic week of sport at Murrabit Group School. This week, we began our intensive swimming program, where we have greatly improved all students' water movement abilities. Each and every student should be so proud of themselves. It was also great to see all the students representing our school beautifully and showing true leadership skills while we were at the Kerang pool. Congratulations, and well done for getting through the first week of swimming. Some of the mornings were a little chilly, but everyone got in and had a go!

Next week, we will continue our intensive swimming program on Tuesday, so there is no need to come in your bathers on Monday. On Friday, we have a special surprise for students at the Kerang pool; stay tuned.

Again, a huge thank you to all of those who have put their hand up to volunteer and help us educate our students about water safety and swimming.



PHOTO WALL





Thank-you to the Long Family for supporting MGS by donating sourced parts and giving your time to fix the school ride-on mower.



SPECIAL STORY TIME WITH
AUTHOR SUSEA SPRAY



Join us for a special Story Time session featuring award-winning children's author Susea Spray, reading her book *A Big Blue Boat*.

Recommended for children 4-8 years of age
 Session includes an activity
 Book available for purchase

Wednesday 17 January

10.30am, Kerang Library

2.30pm, Cohuna Library

Bookings essential - call 5452 1546



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
 Adults to accompany children
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THE ACTIVITIES

Sand Art
 Kerang - 10.30am & 2.30pm, Tuesday 9 January

Dinosaur Fossils
 Cohuna - 10.30am, Thursday 11 January
 Kerang - 2.30pm, Thursday 18 January

Australia Day Animals
 Cohuna - 2.30pm, Tuesday 23 January
 Kerang - 10.30am, Wednesday 24 January

SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

Parents and Friends

Good Morning everyone. It is certainly a crazy season! Just a quick note for those who have ordered mangoes 🍌 Unfortunately, delivery has been delayed due to circumstances outside our control and will not be arriving until next week. We have been assured that the mangoes are still plentiful and delicious and will be a fresh addition to the festive season 🥰🍌 If anyone is available to help with sorting and coordinating pickup any help would be greatly appreciated.

We anticipate the delivery on Tuesday but will confirm details as soon as we know 😊

BUS TIMETABLE – TERM 1 2024

Bus Telephone Number – 0427 030 338

* A bus permit is required for all changes of bus routine.

Please contact the school (phone or a note) to have a permit issued.

* Parents need to be at their bus stop 5 minutes before advertised time in both the morning and afternoon.

* The bus cannot stop or make pick ups between bus stops. If you are late you will need to go to the next stop.

* Please let Murray know if you child will not be travelling on the bus (morning or night).

NAME	MORNING	AFTERNOON
Morton Dairy	7.43 am	3.33 pm
Cobramunga Road	7.45 am	3.35 pm
Dunbar Road	7.54 am	3.44 pm
Ashwin Road	7.56 am	3.46 pm
McNeil	8.00 am	3.50 pm
Watson Road	8.04 am	3.54 pm
Banool	8.12 am	4.04 pm
Hein – Matthews Rd	8.18 am	4.12 pm
Vistarini Road	8.29 am	4.20 pm
Thomas	8.36 am	4.24 pm
Maclean	8.38 am	4.27 pm
Henry Lane	8.44 am	4.32 pm
Bennett Lane	8.45 am	4.34 pm
Heffer	8.46 am	4.36 pm
Hannah Lane	8.47 am	4.39 pm
Punt Lane	8.48 am	4.40 pm
School	8.50 am	3.25 pm



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