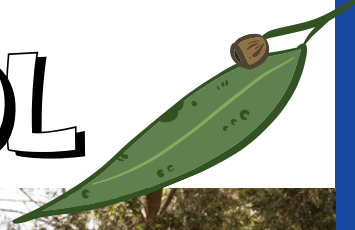




MURRABIT GROUP SCHOOL

30 January 2024



Our Values

RESPECT • HONESTY • TEAMWORK • LEARNING • PERSISTENCE

Dates to **REMEMBER**

- 5 – 8 FEB – Swimming Program(Kerang)
- 13 FEB – Zone Trials (Kerang)
- 23 FEB – Cluster Swimming (Koondrook)
- 4 – 8 MARCH – 5/6 Camp
- 11 MARCH – Labour day
- 13 – 15 MARCH – NAPLAN
- 19 MARCH – Zone Swimming (S. Hill)
- 21 MARCH – D.Centre Visit
- 22 MARCH – Summer Sports (Kerang)
- 28 MARCH – Last day of term
- 29 MARCH – Good Friday

Reminders

- Feb: School Swimming Program (Kerang)
- Market Morning Teas
- 3rd February: Hamilton-Lea, Morton, Gurnett, Pappin and Murray
- Grounds/Mowing
- February: 1st Half – Lavey
- 2nd Half – Keath

Principal's Updates: Ms Hogg ☀

Greetings, Murrabit Group School community!

Welcome to the start of a brand-new school year filled with excitement and possibilities. As we step into the familiar surroundings of our amazing little school, let's embark on a journey of discovery and growth. Our devoted teachers have been busy over the holidays preparing and are eager to inspire and guide each student on their unique path. Together, let's cultivate a warm and supportive atmosphere, fostering curiosity and lasting friendships. Can't wait for another successful and fulfilling year at Murrabit Group School!

Welcome and Information Evening

Monday 5th February, we invite all parents and carers to school for an information session and welcome BBQ. We'll provide the meat and ask all families to bring a salad to share. The information session commences at 6pm in the shared space followed by the BBQ. Come and tour the school and all the improvements and meet the staff. We will also discuss improved streamlined communications, school programs and partnerships with families. Please let us know if you can make it.

Lunch Time Trial

In line with many other schools, we are shifting lunchtime break from 1.30– 2.20pm. This will make a short last session, where students often have less focus but enjoy more hands-on tasks. We'll seek feedback after the first term. Please pack lunch which students can have at recess as they adapt and a filling healthy snack and water bottle.

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Staffing

Prep/One/Two - (in the old school building – lots of space and hands on learning centres) Miss Teaghen Taylor (and Stephanie Alexander Kitchen/Garden Program)

Grade 3/4 - (previously the Grade 5/6 room) – Miss Melissa Devereux (except Tuesday and PE/Sport) and Ms Angie Jones (Mon, Tues and Friday and Music/ LOTE)

Grade 5/6 - (previously P/1) – Miss Meganne Bath (and STEAM)

Mental Health in Schools - Ms Natalie Goudie-Troy (Mon/Tues)

ES - Jeanette Coulter – Grade 5/6 and library

ES - Darcy Martin – Grade P/1/2

MACC - Sally Bentley- Tuesday

MARC - Helen McLaren- Wednesday's

Business Manager - Judi Ficken

Principal and Tutoring - Gaby Hogg



Swimming 2024

Swimming commences on Monday 5th and continues to 8th February. There will be some water safety however this week will be to prepare students for our school swimming sports. The fun day at the Koondrook carnival which we will be coordinating this year, is on Friday Feb 23rd and Zone Trials for those capable and keen swimmers will be on Feb. 13th in Kerang. So, pack some swimmers, rashie, towel, underwear and goggles.

Mosquitos and Sun

In preparing for the onset of mosquitos with a wet summer once again, please apply mosquito repellent you approve of and send some to school too please. I will contact the shire for fogging support again. Also please apply and send sunscreen you approve of. Hats have been washed over the holidays by the staff and will need to be worn for first term in line with our SunSmart policy.

Snakes

Please have a chat about snake safety at home as some have been sighted again. We will be getting guest speakers in early this term to teach about snake safety and first aid. We will also make some areas around long grass/ bushes out of bounds during the warmer months.



WELCOME BACK FOR 2024

2023 AWARD WINNERS

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Prep

1

2



Lilly Monk

3



Skyra Lokeni

4



Huey Hein

5



Emily Murray

6



Pippy Morton

MACC



Casey Heffer

MARC



Clancy Pappin



Shanae West



Jorja Danson

CONTINUED..

Lions Club Citizenship Award



Oliver More

Dick Walters Swimming Improvement Award



Jade Lavey

Brendan Hope Memorial Award



Jobe Hein



Eve Murray



CLASSROOM TERM AWARDS



Prep/1

2/3/4

5/6



Dustin Pappin

for being a kind and considerate friend, and continually trying hard to do better in all his learning.



Keira McNeil

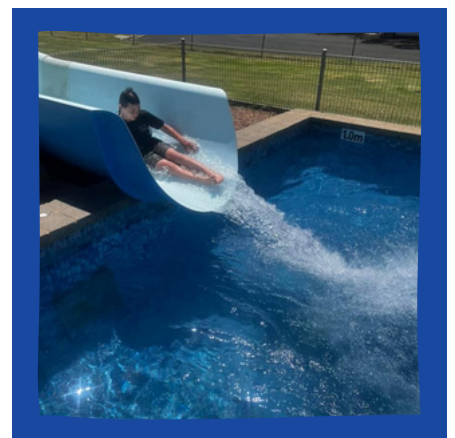
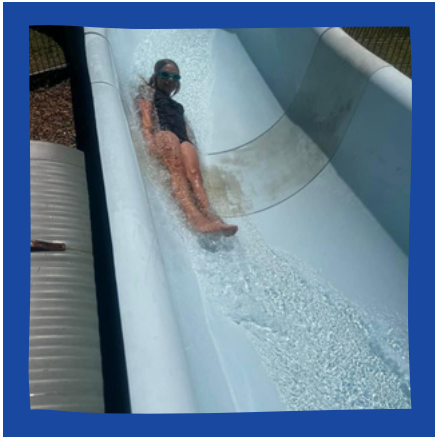
for her continued enthusiasm and positive attitudes to all her learning.



Shanae West

for making conscious efforts to step out of her comfort zone and try new things both in and out of the classroom.

2023 END OF YEAR RECAP



PREP/1/2 CLASSROOM NEWS

Welcome back to families, friends and the community! I hope everyone had a relaxing break and enjoyed their holidays. It has been amazing to see so many happy and smiling faces join us today and hear so many amazing stories from everyone's holidays! We have a huge first week planned; learning new routines, decorating and finding our way around our new classroom and reestablishing friendships. A huge welcome to Jackson Lavey who started prep today, welcome to the MGS family. We have a huge term ahead with lots of exciting things going on, in and out of the classroom. There will be some testing commencing in the first few weeks, so make sure students are getting plenty of rest and lots of good foods to keep their energy up. Stay tuned for more updates!

First Day
School

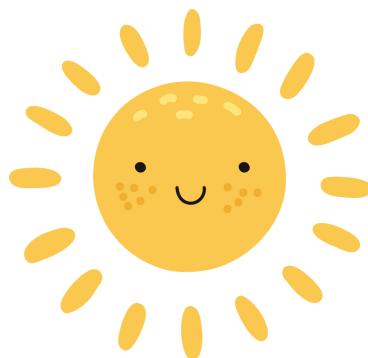
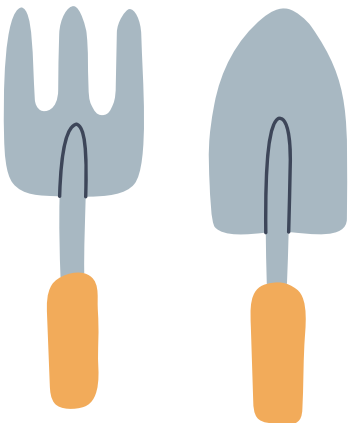


Miss Taylor



KITCHEN/GARDEN PROGRAM

We are so excited to have our kitchen/garden program for 2024 run by Miss Taylor. We will have a mixture of cooking, gardening, kitchen/garden safety and composting. Our veggie patch will be our first major project, with a special visitor coming to discuss all things gardens. This term our cooking will focus around Shrove Tuesday and Easter. We can't wait to share what we get up to with the community and we can't wait to revamp the garden.



3/4 CLASSROOM NEWS

Welcome back to 2024! We are eager to hear all about everyone's holiday adventures and all the fun antics the kids got up to.

I am thrilled to embark on a new term with my new students, alongside Mrs Jones.

I will be working in the classroom on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and Mrs Jones will be in the classroom Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Both Mrs Jones and I are lucky enough to teach in other domains of the curriculum this term with myself teaching PE and Sport and Mrs Jones teaching Music and Italian. Our classroom is buzzing with excitement as we have many exciting activities and learning experiences planned, we can't wait to share them all with you.

Miss Devereux



STEAM

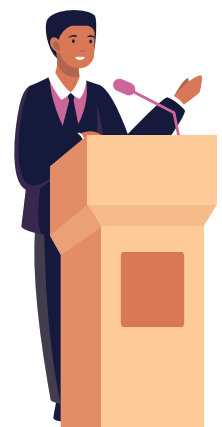
In 2024, we again have Miss Bath running STEAM lessons for all classes. This term we will be looking at making a community, but in a Minecraft Education world. It will be a great experience for students across the school to work collaboratively and use a range of skills to build a remake of Murrabit – it has been affectionately named “Murrabit but on Minecraft”. We will share some pictures to you when development has progressed.



5/6 CLASSROOM NEWS

Welcome back to 2024! We are super excited to have started off the year with such a bang getting to know our new classroom, building routines, friendships and class expectations. We will spend the back end of week one writing and practising our 2024 Captains Speeches – they will be presented at assembly on Monday 5th at 2:30pm with students voting after and positions will be announced on Monday the 12th at assembly (9am in the middle room).

We can't wait for what else this term has so come for us – school swimming, zone swimming cluster swimming, 5% camp and some special incursions also.



Miss Bath

P.E.

Miss Devereux will again be teaching PE and Sport during term one this year.

This term we will continue our intensive swimming program from 2023 starting week two, where we will continue to enhance and strengthen students skills in swimming and water safety.

Miss Devereux

MUSIC/LOTE

This Term in Music at MGS, Grade 5/6 learners will be looking at song parodies and working collaboratively to write one. Gr 3/4 will be studying songs that have a message, for example "I Have A Voice", an anti bullying song. Gr P/1/2's will be performing fun animal themed songs, such as "Gary Galah" and playing percussion instruments in new and interesting ways!



In Italian, Grade 5/6 will be revisiting their Language Mat and using it for games and interaction, revising Restaurant vocabulary. 3/4 learners will be revising fruit and vegetables vocabulary as a lead up to restaurant role play. P/1/2 will be reading, singing and playing games using the Italian vocabulary of greetings.



Mrs Jones

What's new in 2024?



Miss Melissa Devereux in 3/4



Mrs Angela Jones in 3/4



Darcy Martin - ES

PARENTS & FRIENDS

Welcome to the 2024 school year! Hopefully all families have had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday and the kids are excited to be back in the classroom. P&F are hoping to once again provide support and help enhance the learning educational experiences of our kids. To achieve this we need a group of people who are willing to help with fundraising and planned events at school. To kick start the group for 2024 we will have a meeting, Friday 9th February 11am at The Long Paddock Koondrook. This is a great chance to catch up, enjoy a coffee and gather ideas to determine how the group will look for 2024. Everyone welcome 😊😊



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MURRAIT GROUP SCHOOL

2024 PARENT WELCOME NIGHT

- Introduction to our 2024 School Year.
- Meet your child's new classroom teacher.
- Get support in setting up our new Parent Portal on your device.

BBQ Dinner supplied.

6:30PM - MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2024

2024 CAPTAINS SPEECHES

OUR 2024 YEAR 5/6 CLASS WILL PRESENT THEIR CAPTAINS SPEECHES TO THE SCHOOL/COMMUNITY

Presented at Assembly Week 2

Monday 5th February 2:30pm

Positions Announced Monday 12th at 9am Assembly.



We acknowledge and show respect to all Traditional Owners/Custodians of the land on which we learn, the Barapa Barapa people and pay our respects to their Elders, past and present and emerging'.

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5/6 Camp 2024



Dear Parents

Year 5/6 Cluster Camp to Cottage By the Sea in Queenscliff will be attended by students from Koondrook, Leitchville, Gunbower and Murrabit Primary Schools.

The camp will run from Monday 4th March– Friday 8th March.

This is a very heavily subsidised camp provided by the generosity of Cottage by the sea.

The cost of the camp will be \$190.00 per student.

Starting in 2024 the camp has moved to an online camp enrolment form to be filled out by the parents/guardians of the students, the online camp form will come directly to us at CBTS.

Please note the online form cannot be completed and sent to Cottage By the Sea if all of the required fields marked in a red star are not completed.

This is the link for parents / guardians to gain access our online form:

<https://cbtsonline.com.au/cottage-by-the-sea-enrolment-form>

Under school please put Murray Plains Cluster Camp.

If your child would like to attend camp you must complete the online application by Friday 2nd February. The application needs to be completed online. We need to provide the camp with names and numbers on Monday 5th February.

In addition to the online form we ask you also to complete the school permission and medical forms. These forms will be sent home with the children. You will need to pay a \$50 deposit to secure your place on camp. Final payment for camp will need to be paid by Thursday 22nd February. Lakes Buses will be transporting the children to camp.

A more detailed letter , permission and medical forms will be sent out the week.

Once you have completed the online application could you let me know as well.

Thanks Gaby

