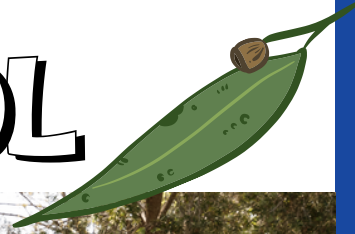




# MURRABIT GROUP SCHOOL

5 FEBRUARY 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:

2nd March: Danson, Heffer, McNeil and Ellison.

Grounds/Mowing

February: 1st Half – Lavey  
2nd Half – Keath

## Principal's Updates: Ms Hogg ☀

What an amazing start to 2024, with excited, happy and calm students, who have enjoyed being back together. I thank all the staff for creating such a welcoming environment and preparing excellent individualised learning opportunities. The toilets have had an upgrade and also look fantastic, thank you Ngaire.

This week we commence swimming in the mornings, with Ms Arnett taking charge with her lifesaving qualifications. Miss Devereux is ill and we wish her a speedy recovery. Please make sure students pack their bathers, towels, rashies, goggles and a change of clothes for Monday to Thursday.

Grade 5 set up for market duty on Friday and were able to check out the new artwork by Paul Oswin. This week we start further artworks around the school working with Tobie Cameron and our aboriginal families sharing their rich knowledge with the whole school. The Murrabit School Creative Native Garden project was funded by Gannawarra Flood support grant.

The Grade 6 T-shirts look fantastic and students are very proud of their collaborative design.

*Gaby Hogg*



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## Welcome BBQ and Information Session

This afternoon we have a parent information session at 3.30pm about our new Sentral Cloud parent app, for smooth communications. Meganne Bath is taking charge of this area. If you need support setting it up, please contact us. You will be able to book interviews, see newsletters, communicate with teachers, record absences and pay for events, on one platform. We will also be sharing the school annual report and classroom education plans.



Sentral Cloud APP  
available on Play  
store and App  
Store.



## Murrabit OSHC

After many months of hard work we have been approved to offer you a Murrabit School Council initiative, Before and After school hours care. Expressions of interest for days of potential use were sent home last week and we hope to commence the service once we have a coordinator in place. This is another exciting way to support our families at Murrabit.



Supported by Gannawarra Shire Flood Recovery Funding through the Gannawarra Community Resilience Committee



# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep/1/2

3 / 4

5 / 6



**Dillan Gurnett**

For showing persistence during a fine motor activity and not giving up.



**Huey Hein**

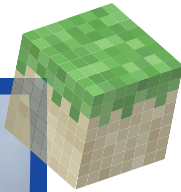
For writing a Procedure and Persuasive text with little adult help.



**Kobe Teasdale**

For showing persistence when writing and practising his speech for School Captain 2024.

## STEAM



**Keira McNeil**

For showing great teamwork in sharing ideas about things in Murrabit that we can build in Minecraft.

## ITALIAN



**Brandon Thomas**

For great singing and playing in time.

## MUSIC



**Eve Murray**

For quickly comprehending the task at hand and starting her project.

## Kitchen/Garden



**Evan McNeil**

For excellent participation and teamwork in our introduction session of our kitchen/garden program.

## Principal



**Darcy Ellison**

For show persistence and pushing through when faced with challenges.



# PREP/1/2 CLASSROOM NEWS

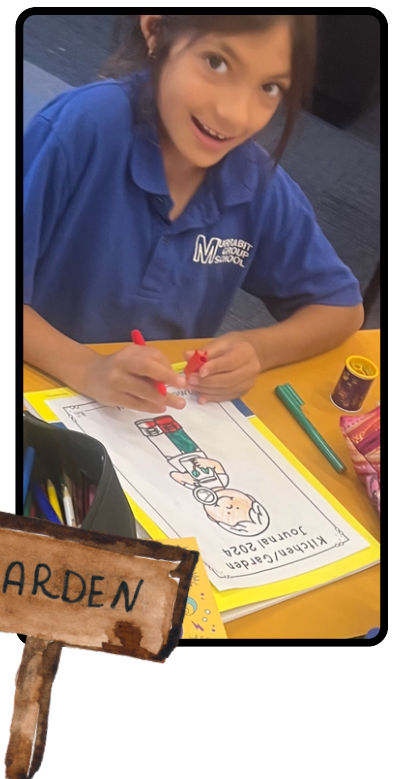
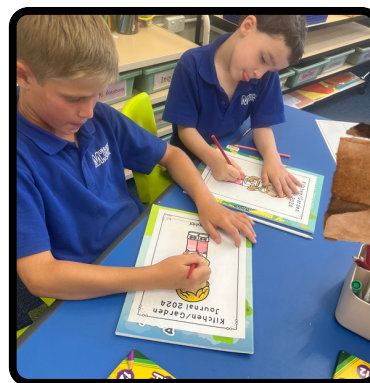
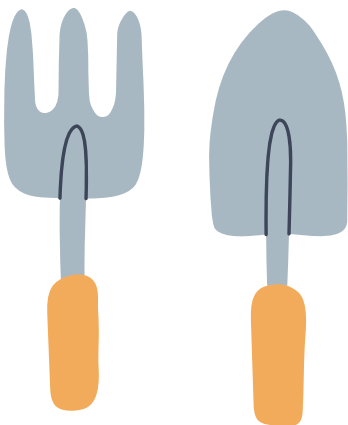
Wow!! What an amazing first week back at school. Our class has been busy relationship building, working as a team and having fun! We spent the week decorating our classroom, practising our handwriting, making patterns in maths and began STEAM, PE and our new kitchen/garden program. We have also started our home reading. Please ensure these are signed and are at school in their blue folders every day, so we can improve our reading skills. This week we have started our swimming program and we can not wait!

*Miss Taylor*



## KITCHEN/GARDEN PROGRAM

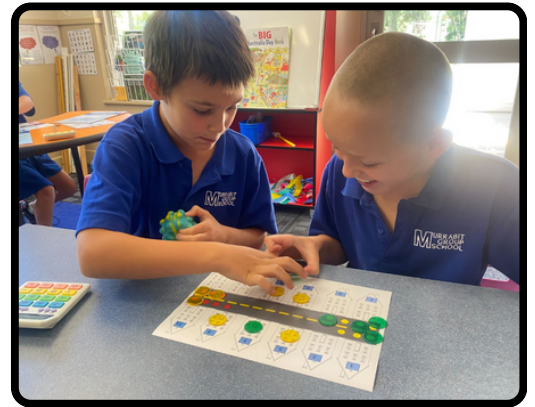
Our kitchen and garden program is up and running for 2024. Our P-6 met as a whole group last week and we discussed all things kitchen/garden and what we would like to do in the program. The most common response across the board was 'cooking' and 'planting'. We started our 'Kitchen Garden Journals' and met our program buddies. We will begin the first few weeks with familiarising around equipment and kitchen/garden safety.



# 3/4 CLASSROOM NEWS

How lucky are Miss Devereux and Mrs Jones to have this small and caring class. Learners are quick to take on changes to routines, and establish respectful relationships with peers and staff.  $\frac{3}{4}$  have written a procedural text about how to ride a bike and a persuasive text "Mrs Hogg, we really need a chocolate fountain in the school bubble taps". Maths has been Essential Assessment pre test, addition/subtraction facts, and multiplication games with playing cards.

*Mrs Jones and Miss Devereux*



## MUSIC/LOTE



Our  $\frac{3}{4}$  students completing some partner reading Italian.



Galileo Galilei – The great Italian Astronomer is one of the people  $\frac{5}{6}$  years are writing a short biography about

# 5/6 CLASSROOM NEWS

What a great first week back! We have had a great week building our class community – it's been a big change for us all moving rooms, getting to know new teachers and meeting any new classmates.

Our class has been busy writing our 2024 school captain speeches, don't forget to come and see the speeches be presented on Monday 5th Feb at 2:45pm. Roles will be announced on Friday 9th at a special assembly.

Don't forget, we have swimming Monday to Thursday next week; you will need: sunscreen, towel, swimmers, change of clothes.

*Miss Bath*

## **Student Reflection:**

This week started greatly in 5/6 we arrived and made our way to our class for the year.

We have made our class rules and started our speeches for school roles. We made lots of posters some 'about us' and our school values which are HONESTY, TEAMWORK, RESPECT and PERSISTENCE. We did spray painting on Friday and make sure to check out the year 6's t-shirts. They look awesome.

My favourite part of the week was spray painting the boxes for wellbeing.

By Myrtle Pappin

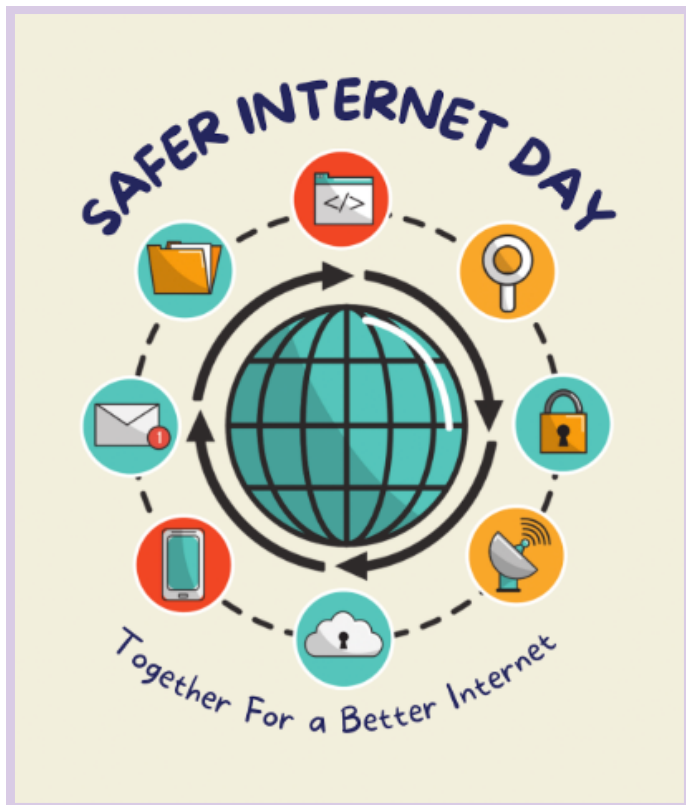


# STEAM

This week in our STEAM lessons we have been starting our designs on different parts of Murrabit – these designs will come to life through Minecraft across the term. We will be building our designs in the application to create what has been affectionately named “Minecraft Murrabit”. We will share some update photos for you as we start to build.



# Safer Internet Day



This Tuesday's a global initiative to raise awareness of online safety issues. The eSafety Commissioner leads the initiative in Australia. They educate people about online safety risks, like online abuse, how to be safe online and where to go for help.

This Safer Internet Day we're encouraging you to take three simple actions when approaching online safety: Connect. Reflect. Protect.

Connect safely by keeping apps and devices secure and reviewing your privacy settings regularly. Reflect on how your actions online may affect others or your safety.

Protect yourself and others by visiting [eSafety.gov.au](http://eSafety.gov.au) to find out how to stay safe online and report online abuse.

By doing these things and sharing the Connect. Reflect. Protect message, we can work towards making every day a Safer Internet Day. We use the internet in almost every aspect of our lives, so it's important for everyone to know about online safety. We are also reviewing our school computer rules and expectations.



## Why it's important to **Connect. Reflect. Protect.** this Safer Internet Day

**Almost half**

of children aged 8-17 were treated in a **hurtful or nasty way online**<sup>1</sup>

Of these children

**55%**

said they had **felt sadness**, 43% had **felt anger**, and 17% said their **mental health** had been affected<sup>1</sup>

**62%**

of children were **exposed to potentially harmful online content** (graphic violence, hate messages and ways to self-harm)<sup>1</sup>

**75%**

of teens aged 16-18 had **encountered online porn**, with 13 being the average age of their first encounter<sup>2</sup>

**68%**

of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children have been treated in a **hurtful or nasty way online**<sup>3</sup>

**29%**

of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children **experienced online hate speech** – almost triple the national average<sup>3</sup>



# What's going on this week?

## 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 2:45pm



Yet to be  
confirmed when  
the positions will  
be announced.

## School SWIMMING

5TH - 8TH FEBURARY  
9:30-10:30

KERANG OUTDOOR POOL



**What's on in Term One**

- Whole School**
  - School Swimming
  - Safer Internet Day
  - Cluster Swimming
  - Clean-Up Australia Day
  - Bunnings Visit
  - Discovery Centre Visit
  - Harmony Day
- Parents/Guardians**
  - Parent Information Night (Monday 5th @ 6pm).
  - Murrabit Market
  - OSCH Program
- 4-6 Students**
  - Zone Swimming
- 5/6 Students**
  - Camp (4th-8th March)
  - Summer Sports
- Year 3 & 5 Student**
  - NAPLAN (13th-15th March)
- Specialist Programs**
  - Stephanie
  - Alexander Garden
  - Buddy Reading
  - STEAM Music
  - P.E. Italian
  - Library Art



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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