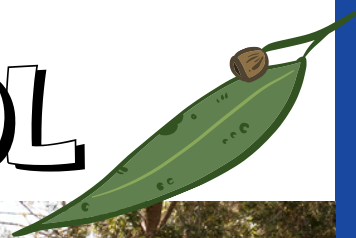




MURRABIT GROUP SCHOOL

25 MARCH 2024



Our Values

RESPECT • HONESTY • TEAMWORK • LEARNING • PERSISTENCE

Dates to **REMEMBER**

- 26 MARCH – Summer Sports (Swan Hill)
- 26 MARCH – School Council (4.00pm)
- 28 MARCH – Last day of Term (DRESS UP AS COMMUNITY HELPER) 2pm Finish
- 29 MARCH – Good Friday
- 15 APRIL – TERM 2 STARTS
- 25 APRIL – ANZAC Day

Reminders

- Market Morning Teas:
- 30th March (Easter):** Monk, Teasdale, Keath and Long
- 6th April:** Holland-Hogan, Lavey, Hein (B&N, N&E),
- Grounds/Mowing:
- 2nd Half March – Morton

Principal's Updates: Ms Hogg

This week's highlights were certainly the kitchen/garden, making pumpkin scones that smelled divine, and the Discovery Centre visit on Thursday. We receive these visits for free each term as part of the small school incentive.

We wish our cricketers and basketballers all the best tomorrow and hope they have a great day.

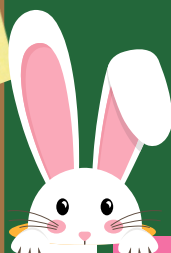
We welcome Kath Maclean back to MGS as an Education Support in the Grade 3/4 classroom. Her experience will certainly be an asset to the school.

OSHC

Our before- and after-school program starts next term from 7.30-8.30 am and/or 3.30-6 pm. Please book week by week via the Sentral app and this link. We will subsidise the program, which will cost \$5 daily and cover snacks and activities. Please add your name. OCHS Link: <https://tinyurl.com/MGSOSHC>

Playgroup Visits- Introducing 'MGS Little Explorers'

Next term, we will commence activities/inquiry where children of any age can come and join in with Grade P/1/2 fortnightly. This starts in week two.



Gaby Hogg

Acting Principal

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Indigenous Artworks

Tobie Cameron returned our colourful indigenous-designed cow to the school to stand proudly amongst our gardens. The next project will be the friendship seats.

Good Friday and School Holidays

Remember to come dressed up on Thursday as a community helper to be in the running for a prize. We will also have an Easter Egg hunt. We finish at 2 p.m. on Thursday, the start of the school holidays and a chance to rest and refresh. The students have done an amazing term of learning, and the teachers have planned for terrific learning opportunities. Keep reading over the holidays. We return on Monday, 15th April.

School Council

The next School Council meeting is on Tuesday March 26th, at 4 pm including an AGM and a general meeting.

School Council Elections

It is once again the time of year when School Council Elections occur. Nomination forms are available at the office if you would like to nominate for School Council. Being on the School Council is a great way to have input into our fantastic school's direction and obtain an in-depth understanding of our school's operations.

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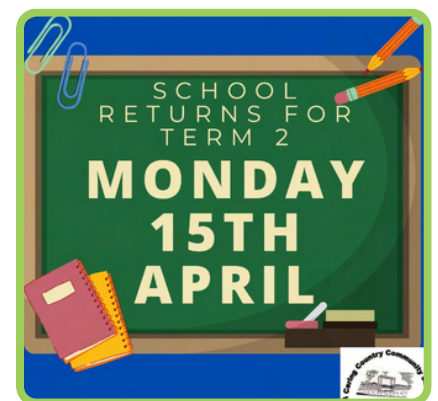
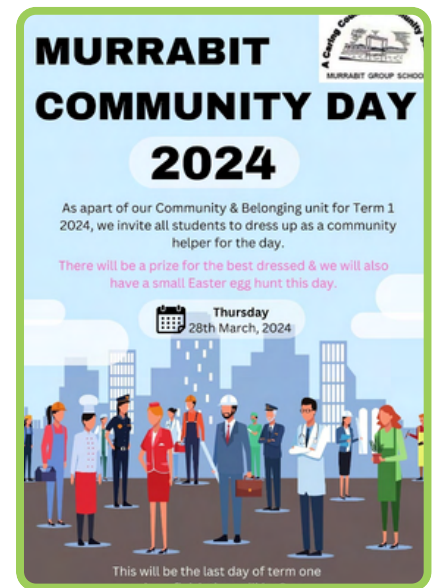
Ms GT and Mrs Hogg attended the Mental Health in Schools training last week to help develop a further understanding of mental health and plan for our whole school's wellbeing.

Darcy Martin attended River Detectives Training today in Swan Hill and will coordinate an environmental explorers club.

Mrs Jones, Miss Taylor, and Darcy Martin have also completed Sounds Write (literacy program) training.

Tutoring

The Gr 3 and 6 students have had a great term of literacy tutoring and have made excellent progress. We are very fortunate to be a part of the Virtual Schools Program.



What have the students planned for this space?

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

P/1/2



Lenny Hein

For becoming more actively involved in class activities and discussions.

3/4



Riley Danson

For his persistence demonstrated to develop as a reader.

5/6



Eve Murray

For her fabulous persuasive writing piece on "Dogs are better than cats".

MUSIC



Evan McNeil

The usual: singing, playing the electric guitar, setting up, being respectful, having fun, trying his best!

ITALIAN



Lily Monk

For successfully using the correct greeting and responding to the question "How are you?" in Italian.

STEAM



Casey Heffer

For his support and guidance to his peers when using Minecraft.

KITCHEN/GARDEN



Keira McNeil

For her excellent participation and teamwork making scones.

PE



Rumi Hein

For displaying incredible leadership and problem-solving skills. Wow!

PRINCIPAL



Myrtle Pappin

For helping build the school cupboards.

PREP/1/2 CLASSROOM NEWS

WOW! Is it the last week of term one already? I have been so fortunate to have such a lovely bunch of P/1/2 students who have been working so hard and growing in height and knowledge daily. In the last week, we have focused on retelling stories and looking at the big/main ideas from picture storybooks written by Nick Bland. In Maths, we have been focusing on mass, finding heavier, lighter, and the same things. In Inquiry, we have created a community help tool belt and thoroughly discussed all the types of helpers we have in our community and how they regularly help us. All of our reading has come along in leaps and bounds. Thank you for reading every night. I have loved hearing you read each morning and seeing the improvements in accuracy, fluency, and confidence. Don't forget, over the holidays, to keep up with your daily reading. I will send a few books home with each student, or you can access books from your local Kerang/Barham Library by reading eggs, local newspapers, or even books you might have at home.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone dressed up as a community helper on Thursday to celebrate our inquiry unit. There is a prize for the best dressed. Have a safe and restful holiday. I can't wait to see you all on Monday, April 15th, and hear about your holidays.

Miss Taylor



KITCHEN/GARDEN



This week, in our kitchen/garden program, we made pumpkin scones using pumpkins from our garden. All students worked hard to follow the recipe and ensure everyone had a turn.



3/4 CLASSROOM NEWS

Reading – Congratulations to Riley, Emily and Jade for receiving the 50 Nights Reading award – Well done!

This week for Reading, we have focussed on the comprehension strategy of 'Making Connections (Text-to-self/Text-to-text/Text-to-world)

For writing, we practised our persuasive text types.

Here is Huey's first draft: **MOTORBIKES ARE THE BEST FUN!** Do you have a motorbike? Motorbikes are the best form of fun because you can go jumping fast and ride to many places on the farm. Motorbikes are zoomy. You can put on the brakes, go through the paddocks, and feel the wind. It is exciting. It is fun to learn to ride. In conclusion, motorbikes are the best fun because you can ride them anywhere.

In Maths, we measured the Stephanie Alexander Garden beds and drew one bed on grid paper at a ratio of 1 cm = 60 cm. We decided what plants we could grow in Autumn, with a bit of assistance from Mrs Jones/Arnett and worked out plant spacing in cm. We drew up a key for our garden bed so someone looking at the design could easily tell the names of our suggested plants. 3/4's are hoping to impress the representative from Bunnings with our designs!



Mrs Jones and Mrs Arnett



MUSIC/LOTE

This week, our P – 2 greeted and inquired how our friends were feeling. Grade 5–6 were studying Italian prepositions. These words are used before a noun or pronoun to show direction, time, place or location; such as under and over.

This week, the 3/4s were asked to compare two different countries.

Moppy: The Leaning Tower of Pisa was begun in 1174 and completed in the 14th century.

Riley: Australia is 7 688 million square kilometres in area. Italy is 302 073 square kilometres in area.

Brandon: Italy and Portugal both use the euro. Italy won the World Cup (soccer) 4 times.

Brax/Huey: Both Italy and Australia have pizza, pasta, bread, cakes, soccer, gelato, chocolate, and motorbikes. Australia has: Tim Tams, footy, hotdogs. Italy has risotto, seafood, different lollies, drinks and a different language!

Keira/ Jade: Facts about Italy: Italy is shaped like a boot. The flag is green, white and red. Almost 60 million people are living there. 27,085,000 people are living in Australia.

5–6 have evaluated the music of a young Russian singer, (Диана Анкудинова) continued with songwriting, began learning to play “Sledgehammer” by Peter Gabriel on guitars, electric guitar,



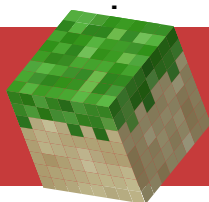
5/6 CLASSROOM NEWS

Last week in 5/6, we had a quiet week, getting our persuasive texts typed and published and planning a trip from our homes to somewhere in Australia we'd like to go, taking note of the time and distance we are travelling in Maths. Our inquiry work has been taking shape all term; we have been discussing the ways in which we contribute to our society, how others contribute and how we all individually have opinions, beliefs, attitudes and perspectives on situations, but these change with time. We will complete the 'community and belonging unit' with a dress-up on Thursday as a 'community helper' – there will be a prize for the best dressed!! Wellbeing this term, we have been focussing on our emotional literacy (discussing and using words to describe our feelings in situations) and our personal strengths (making sure that we know what we are good at and how we can improve or build on these to improve our Character as a person in society).

We have summer sports this week on Tuesday (only some students are attending). We look forward to playing basketball or cricket against teams from our Swan Hill region.

Have a safe, happy and restful holiday – school returns on the 15th of April at 9:00 am. We look forward to seeing you then.

Miss Bath



STEAM



We only have one more session for the 3/4 and 5/6 classes of STEAM for the term. Boy, is our Murrabit Minecraft world taking some serious shape – it's been great to see students' collaboration, support and adaptability during this term to create this piece.

On Thursday, Bendigo's Discovery Science Centre visited our school. The students participated in a workshop on artificial intelligence (AI), and we all learned a great deal from the specialist, Harry.



P.E.

P-2

This week, for PMP, the trampoline made a comeback! Their trampoline skills were amazing.

3-6

Thanks to Pippy, Eve, Charlotte and Kobe for their outstanding leadership skills in leading the skills, drills and a basketball game for our Friday Sport.



MACC - ART

Brazilian artist Lobo inspired some of the Grade 5/6 Reverse Acetate Self-Portraits. Our work has five layers in the process and includes warm and cool colours, patterns, and overlapping.



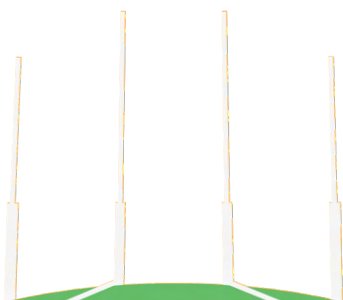
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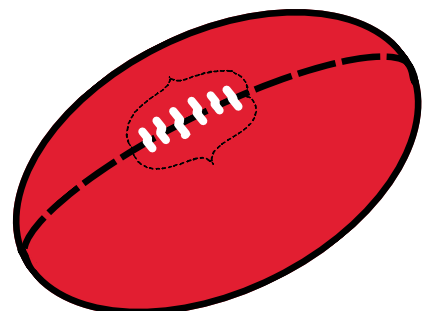
Buddy reading



FOOTY TIPPING



Most Correct Tips: Kobe, Emily & Eve (7/8)
Overall Leaders: Pippy, Eve & Rumi (13/17)



PARENTS AND FRIENDS



It's hard to believe that it is Easter and the end of Term 1 already! P&F are very pleased to be able to support the end-of-term activities and hope the kids enjoy some special chocolate treats on Thursday. Planning for our MGS Cookbook and first fundraiser is underway. This is a great opportunity to share special recipes and will make a great keepsake or special gift. We are now collecting recipes and encourage everyone to contribute anything that they like to cook. Family favourites, soups, entrees, main meals, desserts, slices, biscuits, jams or sauces are all welcome. The upcoming holidays provide the perfect opportunity to dig out your favourite recipes, try them out, and share them with us. Recipes can be sent via email to jodano21@hotmail.com or send them into school, and our superstar helper, Riley, will ensure they get to us.

Michelle

Happy Easter Everyone!

COMING UP

Murrabit Lawn Tennis Club
77th Annual
Easter Tournament
2024

Events:

Good Friday 29-3-2024	Mixed
Easter Saturday 30-3-2024	Doubles

Each day - Mens & Ladies, A, Int, B
Boy & Girls, U/16, U/13

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...and while in Murrabit
Explore the HUGE Easter market on Saturday.
Or experience camping, fishing, or relaxing by the Murray River

MGS
LITTLE EXPLORERS
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Tuesday (Fornightly)
Starting 23rd April 2024
9.15am-11am

Come and try our inquiry based activities in our school setting.

All ages welcome.

Please book in via email
teaghen.taylor@education.vic.gov.au or call our office on
5457 2284 for more details.

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