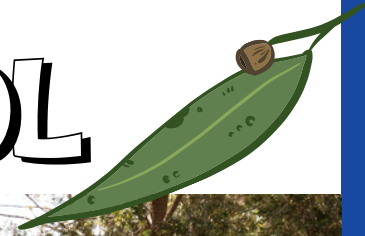




MURRABIT GROUP SCHOOL

17 APRIL 2024



Our Values

RESPECT • HONESTY • TEAMWORK • LEARNING • PERSISTENCE

Dates to **REMEMBER**

- 25 APRIL – ANZAC Day
- 30 APRIL – GRIP Conference
- 3 MAY – School Cross Country
- 6 MAY K.T.H.S Year 7 Trans
- 7 MAY – B.H.S year 7 Trans
- 8 MAY – Mackillop year 7 Trans
- 14 MAY – Mallee Cross COUNTRY (S.HILL)
- 28 MAY – Regional Cross Country
- 29 MAY K.C.C Year 7 Trans
- 10 JUNE – Kings Birthday
- 14 JUNE – Winter Sport
- 28 JUNE – Last day of term

Reminders

Market Morning Teas:

4th May –

Maclean/Thomas/Morton/Hamilton-Lea

Grounds/Mowing:

1st Half – Heffer

2nd Half – Hein (B&N)

Principal's Updates: Ms Hogg

Welcome back! We hope you all had an amazing break and didn't eat too many chocolates.

I'd like to welcome Ms Helen Digby who will be replacing me for three weeks as I have some health leave. Helen was the Principal at Nullawil Primary and has many years of experience. We also welcome Ms Makayla Green who will be in Gr 3/4 on Monday and Tuesday, along with Mrs Jones who will now work on Wednesday – Friday. The wonderful Grade 3/4 will also be supported by the experienced Kath Maclean as Education Support. What amazing class ratios we have to support all students with an ES staff member in each class.

Some more staff birthdays over the holidays, happy birthday to Ms Ficken, Murray and a special birthday for Ms Goudie –Troy.

It's back to cross country training this term, so update the sneakers and start practising at home with our school cross country on May 3rd and the Mallee Cross Country on May 14th. We will also commence Jump Rope For Heart in week two. Students will bring home sponsorship forms for our final jump off day fundraiser for the Heart Foundation.

Gaby Hogg

Acting Principal

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Murrabit OSHC

Murrabit Out of School Hours program is commencing this term. Each week prior we will put out an expression of interest/booking via the Sentral App. The sessions will run based on bookings from 7.30–8.30am and/or 3.30pm–6pm. We will subsidise the program, which will cost \$5 daily and cover snacks and activities. OSHC Link <https://tinyurl.com/MGSOSHC>

Playgroup Visits- Introducing 'MGS Little Explorers'

We will commence activities/inquiry where children of any age can come and join in with Grade P/1/2 fortnightly. This commences in week two from 9.30–11am.

ANZAC DAY - 25TH April

Every year Murrabit School is extremely well represented at the ANZAC Day service at Murrabit to show their respect to those that served in the forces. This year we encourage all students to come in uniform once again and lay a poppy on Thursday 25th April. Commemorations will begin at 10.30am with a service at the Murrabit Hall, before proceedings move to the town's cenotaph.

A community lunch will be held from 11.30am at the back of the Murrabit Hall, provided by the Murrabit and District Lions Club.

Improvements

With much anticipation from the students the GAGA pit funded by the Active School Grants will be installed by Chris Grant and the VM students from Swan Hill Hill early in Term 2.

We will be coordinating a working bee shortly to pull down the bike shed in readiness for a new one. We need your help. A coordinator needed to improve the run/ bike track and install a pump track.

Our new cupboards are nearly complete with Blair coming this week to finish off the doors.

ART

P-2 Self-portraits using warm and cool colours and some completed 3/4 Gustav Klimt inspired self-portraits. Tobie Cameron will continue to work with the students on the friendship seats this term. Come and see our amazing Cultural Cow.

Book Club

Bookclub orders have been sent home and need to be returned before Monday 6th May.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Melissa Devereux and Brad Pearce on the arrival of Savannah Jade on Monday.

We wish them all the best.

Thank-you

Thank you to the Long family and Kerang Mechanical Repairs for repairing the ride on mower and whipper snipper, and replacing parts free of charge.

We very much appreciate your contribution to our school.

**WELCOME TO
OUR NEW
STAFF**



Helen Digby



Makayla Green



Kathleen Maclean

STUDENTS OF THE

TERM

P/1/2



Tyler Long

For his positive attitude and willingness to learn. He has demonstrated great progress facing challenges and improving his emotional regulation, in the classroom and yard. Tyler has also made a huge improvement in his writing, taking the time to structure his letters correctly to form words. Well done on a great term Tyler!

3/4



Moppy Pappin

Has shown a positive attitude from the second she steps through the door to the classroom in the morning until she happily wishes the teacher good afternoon. Moppy has tried to be the best person she can be on the yard, playing happily with any MGS student. Moppy has made a solid improvement with her reading by reading at home, before school and during allocated class time. During well-being lessons, Moppy has listened carefully to instruction to learn many mindfulness techniques. Looking forward to future successes this year across all subjects! Well done on a great term Moppy!

5/6



Jasmine Maclean

For her persistence in her learning. Jasmine has been working on developing her reading and maths skills through practice – ensuring that she is asking questions, contributing to discussions and exhibiting problem solving skills needed to gain understanding. She has been spending time consolidating her skill and understanding.

PREP/1/2 CLASSROOM NEWS

Welcome back to everyone. I hope you have all enjoyed your holidays and ate your body weight in chocolate. This term, in reading we will be focusing on decoding, summarising and synthesising alongside our writing focus; descriptive reports and procedures. In Maths we will start the term with number, addition and subtraction.

Over some of the holidays, I have been extremely busy setting up ready for our new term 2 Inquiry spaces, which will focus on living and non living things. There are sooooo many hands-on stations and investigations for our students to participate in. These will include zoo/farm/wild animal hunts, ocean cleanup, animal classifications/identifications, vet clinics and heaps more. I'm sure our students will love this experience.

Miss Taylor was fortunate enough to visit QLD over the holidays and got to meet koalas, crocodiles, wombats AND even meet Dolphins.. Perfect timing to fit in with our inquiry unit and share some photos with our students.

Looking forward to a huge but fun term coming up.



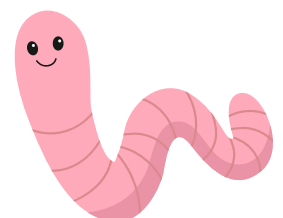
Miss Taylor



KITCHEN/GARDEN



This term in our Kitchen Garden Program, we will focus on planting and filling our garden so that we can harvest and use the fresh produce in our kitchen. At some stage this term, we have Bunnings visiting and we will look into composting and building our worm garden.



3/4 CLASSROOM NEWS



A warm welcome to Term 2! I hope your BCF holiday and Easter celebrations were wonderful. Coming up soon is **ANZAC Day, Cross Country, footy** and plenty more!

For **Literacy** we will be preparing our **Lions Club Speeches**. The topic this year is “My Favourite Fairytale or Book Character”, who they would be, why are they your favourite character and what would you ask them? **Maths** will be Fractions, Decimals, times tables and 3D Shapes. In **Inquiry** our Biology unit will include looking at bugs and insects and all things creepy crawly!

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a big thank you to the staff for their support while teaching in Year 3 and 4 throughout term one. It has been a wonderful experience and I have thoroughly enjoyed the time ‘value adding’ to the students and being part of their learning journey, as well those students in P-2 and 3-6 PE and Sport. (Mrs Arnett)

Angie Jones and Makayla Green



MUSIC/LOTE

This term, **Prep /1/2** will be studying the history and culture of Italy, animal vocabulary and how to describe them, with games, songs, media clips, and lots of verbal interaction.

3/4 will ask others how they are feeling, talk about their family members and learn ordinal numbers.

5/6 will continue their individual program, Duolingo. They will focus on speaking and listening using their Language Mats and they will learn about the history and culture of Sicily.



Term 2 will see everyone singing Anzac songs ready for our community service. P/1/2 will be drumming, singing, and acting up a storm! 3/4 will continue playing boom sticks, African drums, keyboard and guitar, and check out songs about spiders and bugs. 5/6 will continue with their songs by Vance Joy, Lorde, Peter Gabriel.

5/6 CLASSROOM NEWS

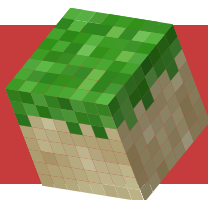
Welcome Back to Term 2! I hope everyone had a safe and restful holiday/Easter break. We are excited to return to term 2 with a lot of great things already planned. We have ANZAC Day, Year 6 to 7 High School Transitions, Cross Country, winter sports and so much more this term.

In class this term for literacy we will be looking at informative texts, speeches, and biographies. Maths will be a combination of Algebra and Measurement. Inquiry our big ideas topic is 'Biology'.

At the end of last term we had 11 of our students participate in the Mallee Winter Sports Carnival in Swan Hill. The basketball girls were in a team with other students from the Kerang District; they were up against tough opposition all day but really enjoyed themselves. The boys in the cricket team won all of their 3 round robin games, but unfortunately were defeated in their final – coming runners up in the Division 1 competition. Huge thanks to the parents who transported students to and from the event.



Miss Bath



STEAM



The long awaited reveal; please enjoy photos of the 'Minecraft Murrabit' world that P-6 students have created over the past term. Students were using technology tools to develop our community and its features. Incorporating the use of technology, we were looking at location, mapping, size and collaboration between one another.

In **Term 2** we will be looking at sciences – particularly biological sciences. We will be investigating human biology, animal biology, materials and matter in our world. Lots of fun experiments to come....



End of Term 1 Celebrations



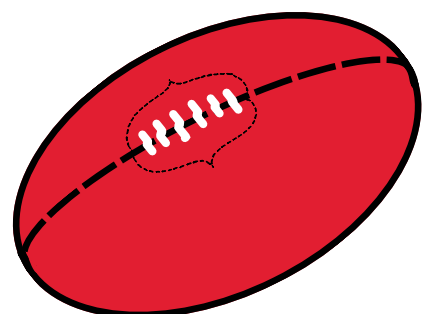
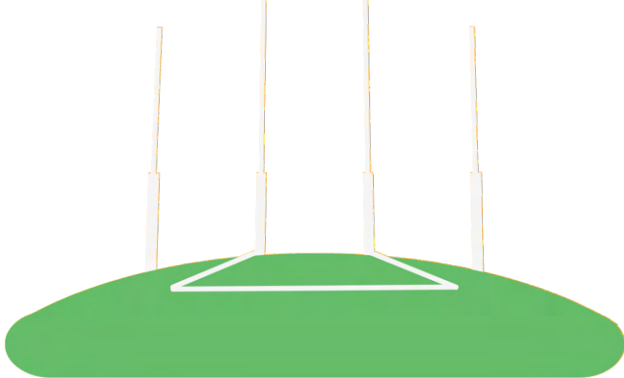
FOOTY TIPPING

Round 3 most correct tips – Beau (8/8)

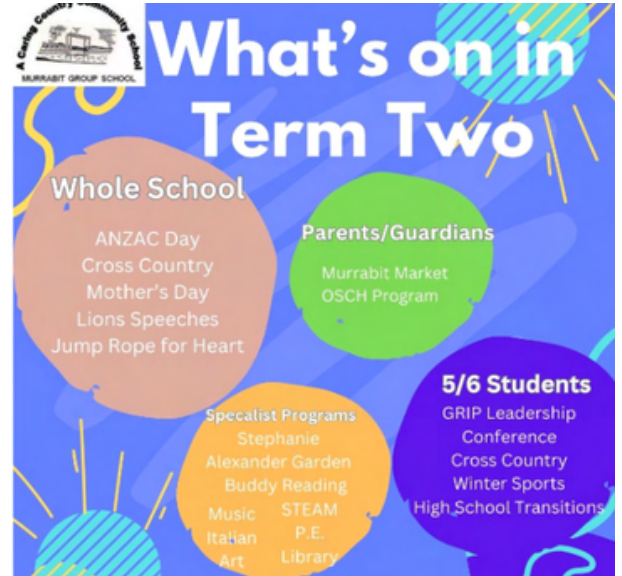
Round 4 most correct tips – Miss Bath (9/9)

Round 5 most correct tips – Mrs Ficken, Eve, Austin, Darcy, (6/8)

Overall leader after 5 rounds – Eve Murray (31/42)



COMING UP



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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