

Murrumburrah Mercury

Dates for the Calendar

TERM 4

Monday 13th October

- HSC Examinations begin

Tuesday 14th October

Wednesday 15th October

Thursday 16th October

Friday 17th October

- Farm Club to
Cootamundra Show

Monday 20th October

Tuesday 21st October

Wednesday 22nd October

Thursday 23rd October

Friday 24th October

Week 2 Term 4

14 October 2014

YEAR 12 FAREWELLED

At the end of last term we farewelled our Year 12 students as they came to end of their formal schooling. At a special Farewell Assembly year representatives and staff spoke about the students with Year 12 representatives responding.

Year 12 commenced their HSC examinations yesterday, with the first of their English exams. We wish them all the best in their exams as well as success and happiness in their future careers and lives.

The Year 12 Farewell Evening will be held at the Harden Country Club on Friday 21 November.



Absent from Photo: Ellie Anderson and Danielle Worldon

TEXAS LONGHORN HEIFER

Year 9 and 10 Agriculture students have started their unit of work on Alternative Agriculture. As part of the outcomes students learn about rare and heritage breed of livestock both in Australia and throughout the world. The students have been fortunate to have firsthand exposure to the rare Texas Longhorn breed.

The ancestral cattle were first brought over by Christopher Columbus in 1493 to the Caribbean island of Hispaniola. The uses of Texas longhorns are beef and dairy.

The horns measure a whopping 7 feet (2.1 m) tip to tip for steers and exceptional cows, and 36 to 80 inches (0.91 to 2.0 m) tip to tip for bulls. The most common colour of a Texas Longhorn is brown and white or white with brown spots. The world record for the highest auction for a Texas longhorn is \$170,000 for a cow and calf.



The heifer Samantha comes from Ashgrove Baileys Lane Gunning. She was born on 4 September 2013. The mother's name is CCC ELIZABETH and the father's name is BH BUBBA. The heifer is white red roan in colour. She is registered with the Texas Longhorns Australia.

When showing has finished at school she will go back with a Texas Longhorn bull and produce her own calf.

It is our opinion that this breed is very unique breed and not many are seen around NSW. We are very lucky to have one at our school and we will show the breed and the owner's stud for future buyers and potential longhorn stud owners.

By Johnno Davis and Jono Nicholls

Principal's Report

Welcome back to all parents staff and students to Term 4. It has been an excellent start to the term from our students who have settled back into the school routine extremely well. With end of year reports coming all students have the opportunity to put in a final big effort for the year to maximise their results for the year.

Higher School Certificate Exams

The HSC Exams began yesterday with the first English exam. We wish all our students well in the various subjects they have undertaken. I have been very impressed with the application to study that many of the students have displayed over recent months.

A big thank you must also go to the many teachers who have given up time over the holidays, and at the end of last term, to run study sessions and assist students with their exam preparations. I know the students appreciate it as well.

Farm Club Competitions

Our Farm Club students are competing in competitions at the Cootamundra and Albury Shows in coming weeks. We wish them all the best in the parading and judging competitions. The Illabo Show was held last weekend – see the story in the newsletter.

School Planning Sessions

Last term I reported that the staff was working on the 2015–2017 School Plan for two afternoons in lieu of the Staff Development Day on the last day of term. This will allow us to better prepare for 2015. The first of these afternoons is today with the second afternoon being held on 28 October. The sessions will go from 3.30pm to 6.00pm each afternoon. Any parents who would like to come along and sit in on the sessions are more than welcome

Traffic Concerns: (A Repeat Notice)

There have been some concerns expressed by community members in regards to parking arrangements in Smith Street relating to the “rise” directly in front of the Administration building and car park, at the eastern end of the school. While our traffic congestion in relation to other schools is small, we still wish to have the safest parking arrangements as is possible. Consequently, I would make the three following requests:

- If you are visiting the school and there is a vacant parking space in the eastern car park please drive into the school and use the available space.
- If you are parked in Smith Street facing east, and need to turn around please proceed to Killick Street to do so rather than doing a turn on the crest.
- Please avoid parking directly opposite another vehicle in Smith Street, to allow an easier traffic flow.

Neil Solomon
Principal

What's Happening

| Event | Years/Classes | Activity Date | Cost | Notes/ Money Due |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Temora Aviation Museum Excursion | Year 9 & 10 | Monday 27 October | \$30 | 20 October |
| Cootamundra Show | Farm Club | Friday 17 and Saturday 18 October | \$36 | 8 October |
| Albury Show | Farm Club | 29 October to 1 November | \$100 | 21 October |

Do you have any unwanted school uniform items?

Our clothing pool is in need of uniform items. Any unwanted MHS uniform items that you have at home would be of great assistance. Year 10 students going into Year 11 with no young siblings, your uniform would be most appreciated. All donations of clothing pool items may be left at the school office.



Illabo Show



On Saturday 11 October, Murrumburrah High School once again attended Illabo show with 30 sucker lambs for the RAS Prime Lamb Competition. This year the school was lucky enough to have a pen of ten lambs eligible for each of the weight

categories. Students at Murrumburrah High School are involved in all stages of the prime lamb enterprise even down to selecting the joining date of the ewes, to produce a lamb between 16 – 18 weeks in time for the Illabo Show.

Murrumburrah High Schools Middle weight lambs received 2nd on the hoof.

With over 55 pens of lambs entered, the competition was tough but MHS managed to achieve a second place in the middle weight section on the hoof with 43.5 points out of a possible 50 points.

The light lambs missed out on a third place by 0.5 points and the heavy weights received 44/50 with the winner receiving 48/50. The students now wait for the Hook results which will be announced on Saturday at the annual lamb dinner held at the famous Illabo Hotel.



| ILLABO SHOW SOCIETY | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| PRIME LAMBS | |
| 13 Exhibitor | Murrumburrah H.S. |
| Section | 2 |
| Pen No. | 19 |
| Average Weight | 46.3 |
| Breed | Sire |
| | Dam |
| JUDGING POINTS | |
| Presentation / 10 | 8.5 |
| Conformation / 10 | 9 |
| Fat Cover / 10 | 9 |
| Evenness / 10 | 8 |
| Skin value / 10 | 9 |
| TOTAL / 50 | 43.5 |
| PLACE | 2nd |

COMMUNITY NEWS

AQUA FITNESS CLASSES

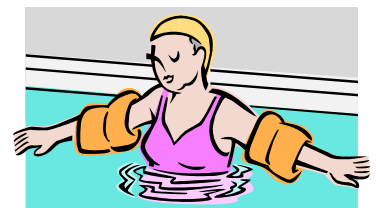
Want a high calorie burning workout without the impact? Want to exercise where you can keep cool? Want to be pushed that bit harder? Just want to have fun getting fit?

AQUA FITNESS CLASSES are here in Harden.

Starting Monday 10 November, 6pm Mondays and 6am Fridays.

\$12 for 1 session per week or \$20 for 2 sessions per week plus pool entry.

For more information contact Fit'n Well, Mel Brownhill 0410 418 662.



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