

Murrumburrah Mercury

Dates for the Calendar

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Monday 27th October

Tuesday 28th October

- Year 7 2015 Orientation Day

Wednesday 29th October

Thursday 30th October

- P&C Halloween Day fundraiser

Friday 31st October

- Albury Show

Monday 3rd November

Tuesday 4th November

Wednesday 5th November

Thursday 6th November

Friday 7th November

- Year 11 Drama Excursion to Wagga 'Away'

Week 4 Term 4

28 October 2014

2015 School Captains



Congratulations to our 2015 School Captains and Vice Captains who have been announced. Our student leaders for 2015 are:
School Captains – Jared Prosser and Winona Gray
Vice Captains – Taylah Phillis and Zac Pirie.

The student leaders will be formally inducted early next year.



Year 7 2015 students enjoyed their first orientation day today

Principal's Report

Today's newsletter report will be my last as Principal of Murrumburrah High School. I retire next week after thirty nine years employment with the NSW Department of Education and Communities. It has certainly been a rewarding career; with the last ten years being spent as a school Principal. There have been many changes in education over those years with none more dramatic or rapid than those of the last five to ten years. Our young people today have more knowledge and skills than any generation before them. If we just think of their use of mobile phones, ipads, computers and other technology that just didn't exist when I was a teenager; it is astounding. They certainly also have more challenges to deal with. Schools have become not only academic centres but now play vital roles in the social development and welfare of our students.

My key message for our students is to take up any opportunity that the school offers you. The long term rewards are really worth it.

I have also been fortunate throughout my career in being able to work in good schools; with professional staff; positive students, and supportive parents.

My wife, Barbara and I are looking forward to a new life as part-time grey nomads exploring this wonderful country.

I have certainly enjoyed my time at the school and as a member of the Harden-Murrumburrah community over the past two years. I would like to wish students, staff and parents all the very best for the future.

New Principal Appointed

Through the merit selection process Mr John McFadyen, the current Principal of Colleambally Central School, has been appointed Principal of Murrumburrah High School. John will take up the position at the beginning of the 2015 school year.

Ms Safija Bristina, Deputy Principal of Queanbeyan High School will take up the position of Relieving Principal for the remainder of this year with Mr Mark Jankovics continuing in the role of Relieving Deputy Principal.

Year 6 Orientation

Our first Year 6 Orientation Day for our 2015 Year 7 students took place today. We are expecting to enrol around 26 students into Year 7.

The students and parents had a tour of the school, were given relevant information; and following the departure of the parents after morning tea; the students took part in some sport and drama activities as a "get to know each other" session.

A second orientation day later in the term will see the students attend classes in the subjects they will undertake next year.

School Website

Mr Jankovics is in the process of placing all important school information booklets on our school website. The 2015 Year 12 Assessment booklet is now available. This is now an extra resource for parents and students. Save the website as a favourite for easy reference.

Farm Club Competitions

Our Farm Club students performed extremely well at the Cootamundra Show (see article further on). On Friday and Saturday they are competing at the Albury Show. We wish them all the best in this competition too.

Neil Solomon
Principal

What's Happening

Event	Years/Classes	Activity Date	Cost	Notes/ Money Due
Albury Show	Farm Club	Friday 31 October	\$100	21 October
Year 12 Formal	Invited Guests	Friday 21 November	\$35pp	3 November
Drama Performance 'Away'	Year 11 Drama	Friday 7 November	\$35	31 October



P&C FUNDRAISER HALLOWEEN DAY



Attention all ghosts, ghouls, goblins, gothics,
witches, wizards, warlocks, zombies,
vampires, mummies, cats, bats and spiders!



GOLD COIN DAY IS BACK THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER



Halloween Costume And Cake Stall Day



Cootamundra Show

On the 17 and 18 October the Farm Club show team attended the Cootamundra Show to take part in a range of activities including judging of wool, meat sheep, merino sheep, fruit and vegetables, grains, wool as well as beef cattle. The students were also involved in cattle parading competitions and stud cattle showing. Many outstanding successes were achieved with Taylah Phillis, Patrick Gaudie and Josh Manwaring all making it away for State Parading in Sydney next year. In the judging section Jared Prosser also made it to state judging in Sydney for Merino Sheep, Meat Sheep and Fruit & Veg.



In the junior sections our students again performed well against the other schools that included Yanco Agricultural High School and Hurlstone. Our students came away with many ribbons including Jesse Manwaring with ribbons in meat sheep, merino and grain. Johnathon Davis was awarded ribbons in Merinos and Meat Sheep.

The cattle performed well in the steer section with “Bluey” taking out 1st in the led steers and Gus Shea’s steer taking out reserve champion steer on the hoof and 2nd on the hook. The supreme Champion was awarded to ‘Samantha’ the Texas Longhorn in the Any Other Breed section.

Thanks must go to David Young for taking over the truck driving duties for the show this year.

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.



COMMUNITY NEWS

AQUA FITNESS CLASSES

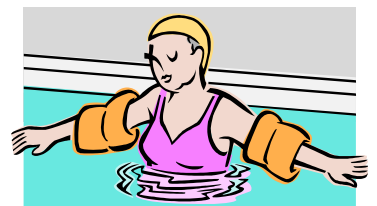
Want a high calorie burning workout without the impact? Want to exercise where you can keep cool? Want to be pushed that bit harder? Just want to have fun getting fit?

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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