

# Murrumburrah Mercury

## Dates for the Calendar

### TERM 4

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November

- Year 9, 10 & 11 Sydney Uni Science Program @ MHS

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

- School Presentation Day 10.00am

## Week 8 Term 4

## 25 November 2014

## Engineers Without Borders



University of Sydney students

Today selected students in Year 9 to 11 participated in the Engineers without Borders Outreach program. The program has been developed to connect with the NSW curriculum, providing students with a great tool to reinforce the practical application of Science.

The modules were:

**Prosthetic Leg** – a biomedical engineering activity where students made a ‘prosthetic leg’ out of simple, everyday materials such as cardboard rolls, plastic tubing and duct tape.

**Floating Houses** – a civil engineering based activity where students use the concepts of buoyancy to create a structure that floats and holds weight while using minimal materials.

The students enjoyed the ‘hands on’ activities and the opportunity to see which students had the best solution.

Thank you to the University of Sydney for allowing our students to be a part of program.



# New Look Uniform

The new school uniform is slowly being rolled out. It will be available in stages over the next 2 years and will eventually be stocked in the shelves at the new Uniform Shop that is operating at Murrumburrah Public School.

The process for updating the school uniform has been a lengthy process. It has involved some initial meetings with the SRC and Parent representatives overseen by the Principal and signed off by the P&C body.

At various stages in this process parents have had opportunities to voice their opinions at P&C meetings and this has been a highly successful venture. At the present moment the P&C at Murrumburrah Public School are going to run the uniform shop and have agreed to service the needs of High School students and introduce the new school uniform as it progressively becomes available.

The sale of the first three items of uniform will be available soon. This will include the school polo tops for senior and junior boys and girls plus the school sports top. Details on the cost and product are below.

As you can well guess introducing new items of uniform is a costly venture and while it is intended to eventually stock all items of uniform we will need to 'pre-order' the first few runs of any new items. It is intended to introduce the new school rugby top to start the new school year off in 2015.

This being said; in the coming days a pre-order form and payment envelope will go home with students the prices for this garment are yet to be confirmed.

Parents are reminded that while the new uniform is being phased in all current items of school uniform are still good to be worn by students. The phasing in period for the new items of school uniform is expected to take two years.

Your patience has been appreciated,  
Adam Bernthaler,  
MHS P&C President



## **Years 11 and 12 Polo**

Light blue polo with navy panels, collar and embroidered logo

Cost: Approximately \$25

To be worn with navy blue shorts or skirt



Navy / White

## **Years 7 to 10 Polo**

Navy blue polo with light blue panels, collar and embroidered logo

Cost: Approximately \$25

To be worn with navy blue shorts or skirt



Maroon / White

## **Years 7 to 12 Sports Polo**

Maroon polo with white panels, collar and embroidered logo

Cost: Approximately \$25

To be worn with navy blue shorts or skirt

These new polo shirts will be available mid December and January 2015. More details will be advised as they become available.

The Year 7 to 10 rugby jumper is coming soon. This will replace the current navy polar fleece jumper. More details soon.

## Principal's Report



Last Friday we celebrated with family, friends, staff and students of our outgoing Year 12 students at the local Country Club in Harden to acknowledge the 'Class of 2014' completion of HSC examinations and indeed the completion of thirteen years of education. We celebrated with speeches and toasts that articulated an amazing journey experienced by both staff and students with this respectful and dignified year group. The school captains Ellie and Caitlin were outstanding ambassadors for the school and cohort. They acknowledged staff, parents and their peers for all of the positive contributions they had made along the way. Our incoming student leaders for 2015 Jared, Winona, Zac and Taylah did an outstanding job in their first official duty as leaders hosting the evening. It was a real privilege to witness great young people take responsibility seriously and with enormous respect. We wish Year 12 all the best in their next adventure as they choose further studies or paid work in the future.

Ms Luke, Year 7 student Adviser 2015, organised a second transition day for our Year 6 students who came from at least five different primary schools for the day. The purpose was to engage in a normal school day, just like their high school peers. They followed timetables cued by bells and completed five classes that included Agriculture, English History, Science and Visual Arts. The overall feedback indicated students were happy and felt safe. They expressed directly to me on a few occasions that they had a great time. We look forward to their return in 2015. Again, I thank the student leaders who facilitated this day.

Currently the staff are reviewing the mobile phone and E-device policy. As a school we want to reduce disruptions and distractions in class. We are keen for students to have these devices but we want them to be responsible citizens who understand the correct etiquette for using phones, iPod's and the like. Students need to be reminded that phones and other devices need to be switched off and out of sight when in any class lesson. Stay tuned, we will share our updated policy with you soon.

Today, we had four Engineering students from the University of Sydney deliver their program 'Engineers without Borders' to a select group of Year 9, 10 and 11 students. The students engaged in group work to build a prosthetic leg and the strongest floating house. They used various materials that replicated authentic building materials but were suitable for models. It was a tremendous display of team work, creativity and problem solving that allowed all teams to benefit from the experience.

Finally, staff are busy collating reports and summarising student progress for this semester. We look forward to acknowledging our students on 5 December at 10.00am with special certificates and prizes for all their hard work.

Relieving Principal  
Ms Safija Bristina

## Traffic in Smith Street

We recently made parents/carers aware of traffic concerns when parking and dropping off students in Smith St. We remind parents/carers of the following:

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

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Year 6 – 7 Transition



This past term Year 6 students from Murrumburrah Public School, Binalong Public School, Jugiong Public School and Trinity Catholic School have experienced what it is like at high school. On their first day they were welcomed to school by staff and went on a school tour with their parents. They also experienced PE and Drama lessons where they played get to know you games while having a bit of fun.

On the second day of orientation students experienced a typical high school day where they transitioned between classes. Students participated in PE, History, English, Science and Art classes and created many great works.

Special thanks to the Year 11 Sport and Rec students, Year 10 school representatives, Year 10/11 Drama students and teachers who volunteered to make these two days interesting and engaging.

Enrol now - parents of Year 6 students are asked to please ensure enrolment forms are returned to school as soon as possible.

## WHAT'S NEW AND WHAT'S DUE .....

Year and Subject	Task / Project / Homework	Due
Year 9/10 Visual Arts	Self Guided project	28 November
Year 10 History	Essay	26 November
Year 12 Visual Arts	Assessment Task 1 – Artist Bank	Friday 5 December
Year 12 Gen Maths 1	Assessment Task 1 – Data FM	Week 9
Year 12 English – Std/Adv	Assessment Task	Week 10

## Engineering without Borders - 'Prosthetic Legs'



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