

Murrumburrah High School

Preparing our students for tomorrow's challenges through learning



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Dates for the Calendar

Monday 26th October

Tuesday 27th October

Year 6 Orientation Day

HDEF Meeting 6.00pm

Wednesday 28th October

Davidson Shield Cricket @
Temora

HSC Business Studies exam

Thursday 29th October

Friday 30th October

Farm Club at Albury Show

Monday 2nd November

Tuesday 3rd November

HSC Drama Exam

Wednesday 4th November

HSC Food Technology Exam

HSC Visual Arts Exam

Paddock2Plate Showcase

Thursday 5th November

Friday 6th November

27 October 2015

Week 4 Term 4

Principal's Report

Transition Program gets underway

Today, Tuesday 27 October and on Thursday 12 November we are holding Orientation days for students from Murrumburrah Public School, Jugiong Public School and Trinity Primary School entering Year 7 at Murrumburrah High School in 2016. These two days will allow Year 6 to develop some familiarity with Murrumburrah High School, its procedures and the programs offered.

At the same time we will use the two days to continue our planning to ensure we are well prepared for the start of next year and have procedures in place to accommodate the individual needs of each child.

Higher School Certificate Exams

For our Year 12 students the exams conclude with the final HSC exam being held on Wednesday 4 November. On Friday 13 November the school will formally farewell the class of 2015 in a function to be held at the Harden Country Club.

Paddock2Plate – A Showcase

The NSW Department of Education has identified 11 schools across the state as being lighthouse schools. Murrumburrah High School is one of these schools. The schools agriculture department supports good practice in curriculum delivery, student engagement and career promotion in Agriculture and Primary Industries.

Consequently, Murrumburrah High School would like to showcase its Agricultural Department to our School Community, next Wednesday 4 November – thus beginning the task of educating our "Future Farmers" about the journey our food and fibre takes to become end products for consumers.

Students from Murrumburrah Public, Binalong Public and Jugiong Public and parents will be able to experience for themselves the production of food and fibre. Come along next Wednesday and see what Murrumburrah High School offers.

Enjoy

John McFadyen
Principal

What's Happening

Event	Years/Classes	Activity Date	Cost	Notes/ Money Due
Davidson Shield Cricket	Cricket team	Wednesday 28 October	\$12	
Year 12 Formal	Invited guests	Friday 13 November	\$40	Payment Due Monday 2 November
Visit to Men's Shed Harden	Year 9/10 Metals	Wednesday 18 November	Free	11 November
Excursion to Belconnen	Years 7 and 8	Monday 14 December	\$30	20 November

Contacting students at school

Parents and guardians who need to contact a student during the day are encouraged to make contact with their son/daughter through the front office. Mobile phone calls to students during the school day can disrupt the learning environment in the classroom.

Year 12 Formal

A reminder to Year 12 students and their invited guests that tickets for the formal evening need to be paid for and collected by Monday 2 November, from the school office.

Positive Postcards

Colourful new postcards which showcase different student Visual Art's projects could be arriving in your letterbox shortly!

These postcards are part of a new positive reinforcement program which aims to acknowledge the great work your son/daughter is doing at Murrumburrah High School. They will be awarded to students who have continually demonstrated a positive attitude to school work and life.

Some other than a bill to look forward to in your letterbox!

Year 6 Orientation Day

Today we held the first of our Orientation Days for students who will be entering Year 7 at MHS next. They enjoyed a day of familiarising themselves with the school and high school routines, as well as taking part in 'normal' lessons.



NATIONAL GONSKI WEEK

Murrumburrah High School students have greatly benefitted from the Gonski funding supplied to give every child a quality education.

As MHS is in an area with a low socio-economic status, the extra funding has provided much needed resources that normally would not be available to support quality teaching and learning.

So far, the Gonski funding has allowed the school to split Years 7 & 8 into smaller classes, based on the students' stage of development. This means that the core subjects of English, Maths and Science are being delivered to students at an appropriate level.

Teachers have received extensive training and development in Literacy and Numeracy to ensure that Quality Teaching & Learning is happening in all classrooms.

Gonski funds were used to help fund the Boys and Girls Day program that is designed to foster self-development, enhance bonding and allow the students to challenge themselves, building resilience. This year the girls and female teachers visited to Cataract Gorge for two days of challenging activities such as high ropes, mud run, caving, giant swing and personal development sessions. The Gonski funding helped to sponsor each student for a percentage of the cost and assist all female students to participate.



Our indigenous students have also benefitted through the employment of tutors to help them with assisted study periods, completing assessment tasks on time, making a timetable planner for school life and encouraging them to stay at school through the senior years.

The funding has also paid for the employment of additional teacher's aides to work in the classroom providing assistance and support all students with a disability or behavioural problems. This has lessened the amount of disruption in the classroom and allowed the teacher to focus on QT&L.

To celebrate the Gonski Week, there will be a "green" day this Friday 30 October. All staff and students are encouraged to wear green and donate a gold coin towards Stewart House.

Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for [information for childcare and schools about whooping cough](#).

HOSPITALITY TRADE CENTRE

Work on the Hospitality Trade Centre is progressing well. We hope all work will be completed by the end of the year, allowing us to take advantage of this great new facility in the new year.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Harden Pool Opening

The Harden Pool is opening on Saturday 31 October, entry on the day is free. Pool hours will be 5.30am to 7.30am for morning swimmers and 11.00am to 7.00pm every day. Don't forget warm showers are available.

Season ticket are available at the Harden Shire Council. These will also cover your entry for school sport and swimming carnivals, so they are well worth the purchase. Make sure you support this great local facility during the summer months.

Hard Rock Gym Youth Memberships

Youth Memberships are now available at the Hard Rock Gym for students aged 12 to 15 year. \$50 for Term 4 gives you access to the gym with a paying member plus supervised circuit use on Mondays 3.30pm to 5.00pm. Forms and enquiries at the gym or call 0409 384 444.

Open Garden at Bundarbo Station

An Open Garden Day will be held at Bundarbo Station on Sunday 15 November from 8.00am to 5.00pm. Entry is \$10 per person (children free) with all proceeds supporting Jugiong Public School. For more details contact Jugiong Public School on 6945 4210.

Gold Trails Interactive Media Museum

The Gold Trails Experience Interactive Media Museum in Murrumburrah Takes you through the rich gold rush history of the local area via interactive touchscreen's full of informative multi

media. The museum is open 7 days from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Cost of entry is adults—\$10, Concession - \$8, Children under 16—\$5, Family—\$25. For enquiries contact 6386 3316.

Young Cherry Chase

The Young Cherry Chase Fun Run is a community event with categories to suit everyone—5km run, 10km run and team challenge. The event will be held on Sunday 15 November at Chinamans Dam, Pitstone Road Young. For further details and registration visit www.cherrychase.com.au. Prizes will be awarded for the largest participating school team in the team challenge, so get some friends together and support the Cherry Chase.

MPS UNIFORM SHOP

The MPS Uniform Shop has our school polo shirts, (junior, senior and sport) in stock. The shop, located on Albury St Murrumburrah, is generally open each Thursday from 3.00pm to 5.00pm during school terms. MPS P&C have advised the additional opening times:

- **Wednesday 11 November** 9am to 10am
- **Wednesday 11 November** 3pm to 4pm
- **Thursday 21 January 2016** 3pm to 5pm
- **Wednesday 27 January 2016** 10am to 4pm
- **Thursday 28 January 2016** 3pm to 5pm