## Murrumburrah High School

Preparing our students for tomorrow's challenges through learning



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# Dates for the Calendar

**Monday 23rd November** 

**Tuesday 24th November** 

**Wednesday 25th November** 

**Thursday 26th November** 

National Young Leaders Day in Sydney

#### **Friday 27th November**

National Young Leaders Day in Sydney

**Monday 30th November** 

Junior State Debating Championships in Sydney

**Tuesday 1st December** 

Wednesday 2nd December

#### **Thursday 3rd December**

Construction Formwork Excursion

**School Disco** 

#### Friday 4th December

Aboriginal Drama Workshop

The School Presentation Day will be held on Friday 11 December at 10.00am

## **24 November 2015**

### Week 8 Term 4

### **Principal's Report**

#### **Early Success for Year 12 Leavers**

For two of our Year 12 students, Christmas arrived a little earlier this year with some special news arriving via email. Molly Spackman and Jared Prosser have been notified that their applications for early entry into University courses have been successful.

The two have been successful in gaining early entry to the Charles Sturt University through the School's Recommendation Schemes. Molly will complete a Bachelor of Animal Science degree at Wagga Wagga, whilst Jared has a couple of options, a Bachelor of Agricultural Business Management at Wagga or a Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science degree at Bathurst. Well done.

#### **Year 12 Farewell**

A few Friday's ago we celebrated with family, friends, staff and students of our outgoing Year 12 students at the local Country Club to acknowledge the 'Class of 2015'. The formal dinner was a great way to farewell our Year 12 students and the large crowd in attendance enjoyed a pleasant evening.

I'm sure you all join me in wishing Year 12 all the best in their next adventure.

#### **Presentation Day**

Don't forget our Annual Presentation Day which will be held on Friday 11 December, in the school hall. Proceedings will get underway at 10.00am and all are welcome to attend.

#### **Reports**

Yearly reports for students from Year 7 to Year 10 will be distributed after the Presentation Day assembly on Friday 11 December. For those students who are absent on the day, reports will be mailed home.

#### It's important to be at school

I know the end of the year is near and lots of things are happening. But – regular attendance at school is important for students to reach their true potential. Attending school every day makes learning easier. For younger students, missing the basic skills often leads to learning problems later on and for older student's absenteeism will interfere with academic progress. Do yourself a favour – be at school.

Enjoy

John McFadyen Principal

## What's Happening

| Event                              | Years/Classes           | Activity Date                           | Cost | Notes/<br>Money Due |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---|------|---------------------|
| Young Leaders<br>Conference        | 2016 student<br>leaders | Thursday 26 and Friday<br>27 November   | n/a  | 23 November         |
| Construction<br>Formwork Excursion | Year 11<br>Construction | Thursday 3 December & Monday 7 December | n/a  | 27 November         |
| Aboriginal Drama<br>Workshop       | Selected students       | Friday 4 December                       | n/a  | 30 November         |
| Excursion to<br>Belconnen          | Years 7 and 8           | Monday 14 December                      | \$30 | 20 November         |

## **Keegan receives Victor Chang Award**

has established an award to recognise the efforts and achievements of Australian school students. To be eligible, students must be the highest achieving Year 11 student in an area of science.

Keegan Morton-Manwaring is the recipient of the prestigious Victor Chang Institute Award for Murrumburrah High School in 2015. Keegan has chosen a Science/Agriculture-focussed load, studying Biology, Agriculture, Maths and Primary Industries, as well as completing a school-based-traineeship in Agriculture. Keegan manages to perform at an extremely high level in her chosen subjects, whilst also participating in a variety of extra-curricular activities.

Keegan and 34 other recipients from various high schools in the Riverina travelled to a ceremony at Junee High School to presented with their award by Dr Romaric Bouveret. Dr Bouveret is a French Biologist who worked extensively in research around the world before joining the Institute. In his address, Dr Bouveret described how one of the most significant discoveries made by scientists at the Institute is in the storage of fresh hearts for transplant. Thanks to the Victor Chang Institute, a heart can now be kept fresh for 14 hours, rather than just 4 and can then be transported to anywhere in the world.

The Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute All recipients of the award have been invited to Sydney to tour the Institute, meet the research scientists and observe them at work. Keegan has accepted the offer and will travel with her grandfather to learn first-hand about the Institute's important research, as well as discuss how to build a career in science.

> Well done, Keegan, from all at Murrumburrah High School. We are very proud of your achievement.



Keegan and Doctor Romaric Bouveret

## Student's visit Men's Shed

On Wednesday the 18 November, the Year 9 and 10 Metalwork class had an excursion to the Harden-Murrumburrah Men's Shed.

As part of the ongoing partnership between the school and the Men's Shed, the students used the cold bending equipment and manufactured a basic candle holder and fire poker.

On behalf of the students, I would like to extend a big thank you to the volunteers at the Shed for spending time to work with our youth.





**Cold Metal Bender** 



Jared Innes, Dylan Killick, Tyson Ings and Rob McBride Metalwork teacher



Les Cameron and Jared Innes

## Libby off to State Debating

Year 9 student Libby Foster has been selected to represent the Riverina Region at the State Debating Championships in Sydney next week.

Libby will join three other students from the region and spend three days debating and participating in workshops. The championships will culminate in the State Grand Final where one region will take out the trophy.

We wish Libby and the Riverina team all the best in all their debates.





Year 6 students had the opportunity to take part in an Art lesson during their recent Orientation Day.

We look forward to welcoming them to Murrumburrah High School in 2016.

## **MHS Supports Cherry Chase**

Last weekend 13 students and 3 teachers represented Murrumburrah High School at the Cherry Chase Fun Run in Young. Students ran 5km or 10km around the Chinese Gardens on an extremely hilly track. All students performed amazingly and enjoyed their runs. Special mention goes to Jesse Manwaring who placed 1st in the under 18's 5km run in a time of 20:12. All students should be proud of their efforts and behaviour as they represented MHS in a excellent manner. The students are now looking forward to participating in more events and in 2016 will look at going to mud and colour runs as well as other fun runs.



Back row: Tiffany Foster, Tahnae Luke, Libby Foster, Kate Marwood-Craig, Jared Prosser, Tyler Allen, Will Manwarring, Ben Dyball, Sam Whitehead, Jesse Manwarring, Alison Spencer.

Front row: Tara McGrath-West, Maria Raptis, Teegan George, Aritoula Raptis, Emma James.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

## **Centenary Concert**

Uniting Church in Australia, Parish of Harden, Galong and Binalong, present a Centenary Concert to celebrate 100 years of the Ross Memorial Church, Murrumburrah.

The concert will be held on Saturday 12 December at 7.30pm at the Ross Memorial Church, Derby St, Murrumburrah, and will feature choirs, ensembles and soloists (vocal and instrumental). Entry is by gold coin donation. There will be a free supper in the church all at the end of the concert. All welcome!

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