



Dates for the Calendar

Thursday 10th December

Friday 11th December

Presentation Day
commencing at 10.00am

Monday 14th December

Years 7 & 8 excursion to
Canberra

Tuesday 15th December

Wednesday 16th December

LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS

Thursday 17th December

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday 18th December

All students return to school

Thursday 28 January 2016

10 December 2015

Week 10 Term 4

Principal's Report

School Over for the Year

Wednesday 16 December will be the last day of school for students. Staff at Murrumburrah High School will spend the final few days of the term engaged in professional learning opportunities. The office will be open Thursday and Friday, before closing for the Christmas vacation.

Higher School Certificate Results

Year 12 students will be able to access their Higher School Certificate results from 6.00am Wednesday (16 December) morning. I hope the results are what our Year 12 students require. I wish them well for the future.

Presentation Day

Don't forget our Annual Presentation 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 on Friday 11 December. For those students who are absent on the day, reports will be available from the Front Office up until Tuesday (15 December) morning, after which they will be mailed home.

Staff Changes

Next week will mark the last day at Murrumburrah High School for Nigel Karu. I'm sure you all join me in thanking Nigel for his efforts this year and wish him well in the future.

In 2016 Josh Wakem will be joining us from Coleambally Central School. Josh will take over the role as a PDHPE teacher (replacing Chris Smith). Ali Spencer will continue working at Murrumburrah High School in 2016. Ali will take on the Careers Advisor role (along with some PDHPE classes) in place of Jean Chapman who is taking leave in 2016.

In late news, Tahnae Luke has accepted a position at the Newtown School of Performing Arts. We wish Tahnae well in her future position.

2016 Begins

Staff at Murrumburrah High School will commence duties on Wednesday 27 January 2016. Year 7 through to Year 12 will commence school on Thursday 28 January.

Some 2016 Dates

Mark these dates down on your calendar for next year;
Swimming Carnival – Wednesday 3 February
School Photos – Thursday 3 March
Athletics Carnival – Wednesday 6 April
Cross Country Carnival – Wednesday 18 May

Term Dates for Students 2016

Term 1	Thursday 28 January – Friday 8 April
Term 2	Wednesday 27 April – Friday 1 July
Term 3	Tuesday 19 July – Friday 23 September
Term 4	Monday 10 October – Friday 16 December

Staff Development Days

Wednesday 27 January 2016
Tuesday 26 April 2016
Monday 18 July 2016
Monday 19 & Tuesday 20 December 2016

A Final Thanks

This will be my final report for the year, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who have supported the school over the last twelve months. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and are much appreciated.

Thank you again for your valued and continued support throughout the year and I look forward to working with you for the benefit of your children in 2016.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy 2016.

Enjoy the holidays

John McFadyen
Principal

Young Leaders Day

On Thursday 26 November, three of the five members of the leadership team, Katia Manton, Emma James and Teegan George, embarked on a one night excursion with Ms Lee Hyland to attend the National Young Leaders Day in Sydney. The conference that we attended consisted of five inspirational speeches about leading, setting an example and becoming a role model for not only your peers at school but for people all around.



We arrived in Parramatta Thursday afternoon at a small apartment. By staying in Sydney we were able to experience cultural diversity in our food choices but we were also able to experience a team bond within the leadership team, this was practiced by having to simply work as a team to choose meals, prepare breakfasts and lunches and also holding the toll tag up as we entered a toll gate for Ms Hyland. The next morning we attended The National Young Leaders Day at Olympic Park. When we arrived we were able to view the different schools and particularly their size compared to ours. The five speakers that we were fortunate to listen to were: Avril Henry, Jess Fox, Jack Manning Bancroft, Dr. Amantha Imber and The Hon. Mike Baird. We learnt some amazing and inspirational things that have helped us all come out with many ideas for our school to grow and for our school to “master the little,” we would like to think of the small things that matter to our school community and master them. In the coming year of 2016 our leadership team are going to grasp the opportunities and information we absorbed and use them to become beneficial for our school.

“Everyone is a leader, it’s how you use it that counts” – The Hon. Mike Baird.

By Katia Manton

Libby enjoys State debating experience

On 30 November I travelled to the Women's College, Sydney for the Junior State Debating Competition to represent the Riverina team. In each team there were four members who all had to be from different schools in the area, and I was lucky enough to have been chosen.

In the three days we had 4 debates, of which we won 2. There was a three way tie in the placings and we didn't quite make it to the finals. We felt a sense of achievement in accomplishing the two wins, considering we had just met before the first debate. All up it was a great experience and I would recommend for anyone to go if the opportunity arises.

By Libby Foster



Libby is pictured with other members of the Riverina team

Aboriginal Dance Workshop

Last Thursday and Friday all MHS were fortunate to work with a highly acclaimed Australian actor by the name of Matt Coleman. In the Thursday workshops, each year group participated in an Aboriginal Dance Workshop where they performed, laughed and learnt about the Aboriginal culture. On Friday, selected students participated in Drama workshops where students developed skills in sound, voice and characterisation. All students left the workshop energised and excited about what they had learnt. Huge thanks goes to Matt who travelled from Melbourne to run these workshops and truly inspired and motivated students and staff. We hope to have Matt back next year for further workshops.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Christmas Party Extravaganza



All community are invited to Newson Park on Friday 18 December from 5.00pm to 9.00pm for the Christmas extravaganza. The evening features entertainment, photos with Santa, market stalls, Rotary BBQ, displays and lots more. There will be a family movie commencing at 9.00pm.

Proudly supported by Harden Shire Council, Chamber of Commerce, M-H Rotary Club, H-M Community Bank and businesses of Harden Murrumburrah.

MPS Uniform Shop opening times

The MPS uniform shop stocks our school polo shirts and girls uniform dresses. We advise they will be open the following times:

Thursday 21 January 2016—3.00pm to 5.00pm
Wednesday 27 January 2016—10.00am to 4.00pm
Thursday 28 January 2016—3.00pm to 5.00pm

The shop is open each Thursday from 3.00pm to 5.00pm during school terms.



Staff and students at Murrumburrah High School wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Enjoy your holidays!