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## Dates for the Calendar

Monday 21st November

Tuesday 22nd November  
School Liaison Police visit

Wednesday 23rd November

Thursday 24th November  
League Tag at Young

Friday 25th November

Monday 28th November

Tuesday 29th November

Wednesday 30th November  
Southern Cross Xmas Party excursion

Thursday 1st December

Friday 2nd December

**PRESENTATION DAY  
FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER  
10.30AM**

**22 November 2016**

**Week 7 Term 4**

## Principal's Report

### Year 12 Farewell



*Photo courtesy of Forever Rose Photography*

Recently we celebrated with family, friends, staff and students of our outgoing Year 12 students at the local Country Club to acknowledge the 'Class of 2016'. The formal dinner was a great way to farewell our Year 12 students and the large crowd in attendance enjoyed a pleasant evening. Thanks to all those responsible for making the evening the success it was. Some exceptional pictures of this group can be found on the Facebook page of Forever Rose Photography.

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

### Prestigious Science Award to Jane Fitzgerald

Aspiring local science whiz's have been told they could be the key to solving some of the world's future problems.

Thirty-one Riverina Year 11 students were recently awarded Victor Chang School Science Awards for their excellent achievement and passion for science.

Local science whiz Jane Fitzgerald of Murrumburrah High was presented with her award by Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute research scientist Dr Christopher Stanley at a Riverina presentation ceremony hosted by Junee High School.

Dr Stanley shared his journey in science from an inquisitive youngster tinkering with a chemistry set to his current role making discoveries "that nobody else in the world knows about yet".

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He urged students to follow their passions and dreams of pursuing a career in science.

Dr Stanley revealed that he had discovered chemicals that impact on blood pressure in certain people.

“The best part of science is that it allows you to contribute newly discovered knowledge to the world,” Dr Stanley said.

“It can make a difference in people’s lives.”

#### **Jane’s citation read:**

Jane is a mature young lady who is growing in confidence. She has chosen a Science—Agriculture focussed academic load of Biology, Agriculture, Maths and Primary Industries. In Biology, Agriculture and Primary Industries Jane is placing first in the class and is consistently achieving in the top 4 of the cohort through her diligence and excellent time management skills in other subjects.

Jane participates in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities including the Show team, and has exhibited at the Royal Sydney Show for the past 4 years, exhibiting the Victor Chang Charity Steer with the team. Having just been announced as School Captain for 2017, Jane demonstrates a passion for Science/Agriculture.



**SCIENCE HONOUR:** Murrumburrah High School Year 11 student, Jane Fitzgerald was congratulated by scientist Dr Christopher Stanley at the Riverina Victor Chang School Science Awards.

#### **Presentation Day**

Don’t forget our Annual Presentation which will be held on Friday 9 December, in the school hall. Proceedings will get underway at 10.30am and all are welcome to attend.

#### **Reports**

Yearly reports for students from Year 7 to Year 10 will be distributed on Wednesday, 14 December. For those students who are absent on the day, reports will be available from the Front Office up until Friday (16 December) morning, after which they 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 students absenteeism will interfere with academic progress. Do yourself a favour – be at school.

Enjoy,  
John McFadyen

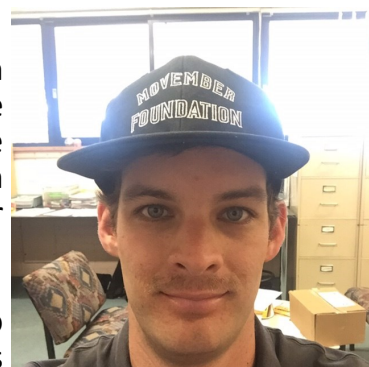
#### **Supporting Movember**

MHS PD/H/PE teacher Josh Wakem has gone clean shaven so he can grow a stylish “Mo” for Movember.

If you would like to support Josh in this cause, please follow the link below:

<http://mobro.co/joshwakem>

Josh’s motivation is to help raise awareness about men’s health situations and the impact negative health implications on men have on their families as well as themselves.



# What's Happening

Event	Years/Classes	Activity Date	Cost	Notes/ Money Due
Mixed League Tag Competition	Selected teams	Thursday 24 November	\$12	<b>Thursday 17 November</b>
Southern Cross Christmas Party	Selected students	Wednesday 30 November	n/a	<b>Monday 21 November</b>
Construction Project	Year 11 Construction	Wednesday 7 December	n/a	<b>Wednesday 30 November</b>
Retail Excursion	Year 11 Retail	Thursday 8 December	n/a	<b>Wednesday 30 November</b>
Wee Jasper Science Field Trip	Year 10	Thursday 8 December	\$25	<b>Wednesday 30 November</b>
Big Splash Canberra Excursion	Year 8	Tuesday 13 December		



## Bronze Medallion

Congratulations to Year 9 students Zac Pedley, Jakob Halls and Will Ryan and Year 10 students Ryan Daley, Will Goode, Blake Jakiwczyk, Tyson Ings and Jack Robertson who recently completed their Bronze Medallion. Great work boys!



## MHS supports Stewart House

Stewart House representative, Christine Hawkins, recently visited Murrumburrah High School to present Principal John McFadyen with a Gold Support award. The award acknowledges the contributions MHS staff have made to Stewart House, an organisations which assists NSW public education students. Well done.



## Year 12 Raffle winners

The Year 12 raffle has been drawn and the winners are...

1st prize—Load of wood won by Lindy Abnett

2nd prize—Whole dressed lamb won by Cindy James

3rd prize—1/2 dressed lamb won by Amy Pellow

Thanks to everyone who supported this fundraiser.



## WHAT'S NEW AND WHAT'S DUE

Year and Subject	Task / Project / Homework	Due
Year 10 Science	Skills and knowledge exam	Tuesday 23 November
Year 11 VET Construction	Cluster 4	Week 10
Year 11 VET Metals & Engineering	Cluster 4	Week 10

### Canberra University Visit

On Wednesday 16 November four students from the Engineering faculty of the Australian National University in Canberra made an incursion into the Science labs of Murrumburrah High. The purpose of the visit was to engage the students of MHS in two workshops designed to stimulate the students' interest in STEM concepts.

The focus of one workshop was on the use of robotics – the students were taught how to program a robotic vehicle to negotiate a simple maze and perform autonomous tasks.

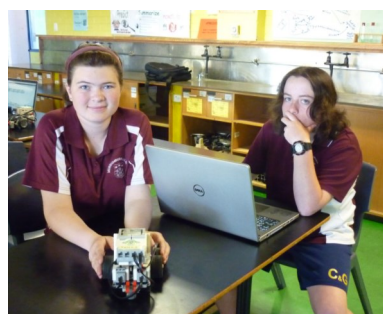
The second workshop focused on the work of *Engineers Without Borders* (an NGO that works in war-torn countries to clear explosives and help the local populations cope with the lasting legacy of war). In this workshop the students worked in small

teams to design and build a prosthetic leg using simple everyday items – simulating those available in developing countries.

Incursions of this nature are extremely welcome by the Science faculty at Murrumburrah High as we seek to lift the students' interest and experience level in Science subjects.

The ANU students expressed their joy at the positive responses they received from the participating students. They also stated a willingness to make these incursions a regular event at Murrumburrah High.

Overall the feedback from MHS students was that these workshops are both educational and fun. Congratulations to all students involved.



### Proud and Deadly Awards

The annual Proud and Deadly Awards were held last Friday at Young High School. Pictured are recipients of awards from MHS: Hayley Price, Loren Daley, Ryan Daley, James Daley, Clinton Jones and Kasey Jones. Congratulations on your awards!



Following the presentations students enjoyed a visit to the Chinese Garden at Young.

