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Dates for the Calendar

Monday 12th December

Tuesday 13th December

Year 8 Excursion to Canberra

Wednesday 14th December

Student Leader Activity Day

Years 7 to 10 reports distributed

Thursday 15th December

HSC results available

Friday 16th December

Last Day of Term 4

2017

Term 1

Friday 27th January

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Monday 30th January

ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL

Tuesday 31st January

Wednesday 1st February

Thursday 2nd February

Friday 3rd February

13 December 2016

Week 10 Term 4

Principal's Report

Early Success for Year 12 Leavers

For ten of our Year 12 students, Christmas arrived a little earlier this year with some special news. Jessie Abnett, Breanna Douglass, Teegan George, Emma James, Katia Manton, Will Manwaring, Keegan Morton, Rachael Pedley, Meg Perceval and Aritoula Raptis, have all been notified that their applications for early entry into University courses have been successful.

Students have been successful in gaining early entry to a number of Universities through the School's Recommendation Schemes. Congratulations to all.

Higher School Certificate Results

Year 12 students will be able to access their Higher School Certificate results from 6.00am Thursday (15 December) morning. I hope the results are what our Year 12 students require. I wish them well for the future.

Presentation Day

It was wonderful to see so many members of our community at the school last Friday to celebrate and recognise the academic, cultural, sporting and citizenship achievements of our students at the Annual Presentation Day.



Friday was a celebration of the work done at various levels throughout the year both at the individual and whole school level. The day is a culmination of sustained hard work and talent. All our students are to be congratulated on their efforts during the year.

To the staff and students responsible for the Presentation Day I thank you sincerely for your efforts in coordinating this celebration. Your efforts have been the epitome of "quality" and the result of those efforts is appreciated by all here.

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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.

Staff Changes

This Friday will mark the last day at Murrumburrah High School for Garry Franklin, Kate Marwood-Craig and Samara Callaghan. Garry will take up a position as Head Teacher at another school, whilst Kate and Samara have been successful in attaining permanent teaching positions in other schools. I'm sure you all join me in thanking these three for their efforts over the years and wishing them well in the future.

2017 Begins

Staff at Murrumburrah High School will commence duties on Friday 27 January. Year 7 through to Year 12 will commence school on Monday 30 January.

Some 2017 Dates

Mark these dates down on your calendar for next year;

- Swimming Carnival – Wednesday 8 February
- School Photos – Monday 3 April
- Athletics Carnival – Wednesday 5 April
- Cross Country Carnival – Wednesday 10 May

Term Dates for Students 2017

Term 1—Monday 30 January – Friday 6 April
Term 2—Wednesday 26 April – Friday 30 June
Term 3—Tuesday 18 July—Friday 22 September
Term 4—Monday 9 October—Friday 16 December

Staff Development Days

- Friday 27 January 2017
- Monday 24 April 2017
- Monday 17 July 2017
- Monday 18 & Tuesday 19 December 2017

School Over for the Year

Friday 16 December will be the last day of school for students.

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 2017.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy 2017.

Enjoy the holidays.
John McFadyen



Pictured top: Honourable Michael McCormack, Federal Member for Riverina, presenting Georgia Murray with an award.

Above: Jenny Polimeni with Will Manwaring who was presented with the Outstanding Sportsman of the Year award, with a special trophy sponsored by the Polimeni family.

Year 10 Science

Year 10 have been studying evolution and recreated apes and Neanderthals from their skulls.



League tag Gala Day

Boys and girls teams recently played in a league tag Gala Day with Boorowa Central School and Hennessy Catholic College. Students had a great day enjoying the opportunity to participate.



Year 9/10 Agriculture students are pictured building a fire pit in the Aboriginal garden.



Congratulations to Craig and Cindy West, the winners of the P&C Award for the payment of school voluntary contributions. They receive a voucher to be spent locally.

Pictured is the ram recently purchased from the Smith family Southern Cross Poll Dorsets. The aptly named 'Woodley' arrived at school ready to join the ewes for next years lambing.

Mitch has great time on soccer tour

After a 23 hour flight we arrived in Heathrow where we travelled across to Swindon to start our soccer journey. We had a training session then went and



watched a Premier League match between Southampton and Burnley. The next day we travelled to Bath and explored the ancient city including the Roman Baths which were breathtaking.

We started our journey north playing Notts County in Nottingham, this is a junior development squad with lots of talent. Our next stop was St Georges Park, the home of English football. We had a valuable training session on David Beckham pitch with world class coaches. After the field session we had a tour of the facilities followed by a hydrotherapy session and ice bath. We were also lucky enough to watch the under 17 English team train. Our next stop was a tour of Old Trafford, the home of Manchester United followed by a training session at Liverpool Football Academy.

We then travelled further north to play academy team - Sandbach United FC, these teams usually act as a feeder club. I was very excited that I had the opportunity to watch my favourite team Manchester City play Southampton (again) at Etihad Stadium (c'mon City). The next morning we attended a training session with Manchester United head of youth coaches followed by a seminar, this was very informative and rewarding. That afternoon we had a tour of Liverpool's home stadium, Anfield. We continued our journey to Wales where we played Buckley Town FC.

Our final destination on the tour was Newcastle. In Newcastle we watched a championship game between Newcastle and Preston. St James Park produced an electric atmosphere with 49,000 fans cheering their teams on. Whilst here we also completed a tour of St James Park, during the tours of all the stadiums we visited the dressing rooms and got to run through the tunnel to the pitch. We got to sit on the home and away teams benches. It was interesting to learn about the makeup of the pitch as they all contained 2-6% of artificial grass and had heat lamps going 24/7 to help the grass grow as there is not enough sunlight in the UK.

From the UK we travelled to Paris where we climbed the Eiffel Tower, visited the Louvre, Champs Elysees, Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame &

many other famous buildings. We also had a fun time at Disneyland and Disney Studios, we were lucky enough to be at Disneyland the night of Halloween, we witnessed some amazing costumes! After 4 exciting days in Paris we flew back to London where we visited Buckingham Palace, watched the changing of the guard, a very well executed change over. We also visited Westminster Abbey, Big Ben, and viewed the sights of the city from the London Eye. We strolled Oxford Street & had dinner on our final night in London at Jamie Oliver's famous restaurant.

We started our journey home with a stop-over in Dubai where we went to the Atlantis Water Park at the Palm and spent the evening 4 wheel driving over the sand dunes on a Safari into the desert. We watched the sunset, had a Camel ride, sand boarded down a huge sand dune followed by a traditional dinner at a camp in the desert.

It was an amazing experience, one I will remember for a life time!

By Mitchell Brown



MPS UNIFORM SHOP
(Entry via MPS car park)

OPEN FRIDAY 27 JANUARY 2017
9.00AM TO 3.00PM

Stockists of MHS school shirts and dresses.

The uniform shop is generally open every Thursday from 3.00pm to 5.00pm. Orders can be left at the MPS office.

FOR SALE

One size 10 girls uniform dress for \$65. For details contact MHS office.