

MURRUMBURRAH  
HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL: JOHN  
MCFADYEN



# Mercury

Week 2 —Term 4

20 OCTOBER 2017

## Dates for Calendar

- Friday 27 October—  
Aust. National Field  
Days @ Orange
- Tuesday 31 Octo-  
ber—P & C Meeting
- Friday 3 & Saturday 4  
November— Albury  
Show
- Wednesday 25 Octo-  
ber—Riverina Netball  
@ Wagga
- Thursday 2 Novem-  
ber—Year 6 Orienta-  
tion Day

## Principals Report

Welcome back to all parent's staff and students to Term 4. It has been an excellent start to the term for our students who have settled back into the school routine extremely well. With end of year reports coming all students have the opportunity to put in a final big effort for the year to maximise their results for the year.

### Year 12 Farewelled

At the end of last term, we farewelled our Year 12 students as they came to the end of their formal schooling. At a special Farewell Assembly year representatives and staff spoke about the students with Year 12 representatives responding. The Year 12 Farewell Evening will be held at the Harden Country Club on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November.



### Higher School Certificate Exams

The HSC Exams began last Monday with the first English exam. We wish all our students well in the various subjects they have undertaken. I have been very impressed with the application to study that many of the students have displayed over recent months.

A big thank you must also go to the many teachers who have given up time over the holidays, and at the end of last term, to run study sessions and assist students with their exam preparations. I know the students appreciate it as well.

### Harden Kite Festival

Congratulations to the organisers of the Harden Kite Festival which was held last Saturday. A fantastic day. I must thank and commend Lachlan Hill, Gus Shea, Max Spackman and Xavier Vasquez who assisted the Festival Committee last Friday in getting things organised. Much appreciated and well done.

### School Leaders 2018

For those who missed it at the end of last term, I would like to take the opportunity to publicly acknowledge the School Captains for 2018. Jed Hodson and Sharni Manton have been elected as Captains of the School, whilst Haylee Allen and Rory Fogg take on the Vice Captains role. Congratulations to these four young people. I look forward to the opportunity to work with them over the next twelve months for the benefit of the school community.



### Transition Program gets underway

Year 6 students from Murrumburrah Public School, Binalong Public School, Jugiong Public School and Trinity participated in our Transition program last Tuesday (with another to be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November) to experience secondary schooling. A successful day was had by all.

### Farm Club

Our Farm Club students are competing in competitions at the Cootamundra and Albury Shows in coming weeks. We wish them all the best in the parading and judging competitions.

### P & C Meeting

I would like to extend an invitation to all parents and community members, that the Murrumburrah High School P & C will meet in the staff common room at the school on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. The meeting is set to get under way at 6p.m. All members of the school community are welcome and certainly encouraged to attend.

*Enjoy.*  
*John McFadyen*

## MHS School Driver Training Program

1 hour = 3 Log  
book hours

Price = \$10 per  
1 hour lesson

## Year 6 Orientation Day

This week, student's from Murrumburrah Public, Jugiong Public and Trinity Catholic School spent the day at MHS to aid in their transition to high school. Student's had a great time exploring the school, meeting staff and students and experiencing high school lessons.

The next orientation day will be Thursday 2 November.

*Bronwyn Ashton*



## STEAM Excursion

This week stage 4 students went out to investigate the new site for the Fire Control Centre at the Harden Racecourse. For the next 7 weeks student's will combine Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Maths (STEAM) to design projects that may be useful at the site. STEAM is an integrated approach to learning that encourages students to think more broadly about real-world problems.



## Stage 5 Science

This week, Stage 5 Science students have been studying human evolution. Students had a great time using forensic techniques to reconstruct facial features of Neanderthals and gorillas from their skulls. Some took a little creative license during the reconstruction.

*Bronwyn Ashton*



## Year 9/10 2018 Outward Bound Experience



A small group of 18 Year 9/10 students will be offered the opportunity to attend the Outward Bound adventure and learning experience at Tharwa (ACT). This is a once in a lifetime chance for students to attend a course that expands their leadership skills and physical abilities. For more information come along to the next meeting on Monday 23rd October at 5.30pm in the MHS Library to organise fundraising.



## What's Happening

Event	Year/Classes	Activity Date	Money / Note Due
Outward Bound Parent Meeting	Parents	Monday 23 October 5.30pm	N/A
Aust. National Field Days @ Orange	Selected Students	Friday 27 October	Friday 20 October \$35
P & C Meeting	Parents & Community members	Tuesday 31 October	N/A
Albury Show	Selected Students	Friday 3 & Saturday 4 November	Friday 20 October \$110
Riverina Netball @ Wagga	Selected Students	Wednesday 25 October	Wednesday 18 October
Year 6 Orientation Day—Day 2	Year 7—2018	Thursday 2 November	N/A

## MHS Blue Level Certificates

MHS blue level recipients were presented with their certificates at this week's assembly. Congratulations to Riley Southwell, Madeline Hartwig, Thomas Stone and Rory Fogg.



## Senior Science Lifestyle Chemistry

Making suspensions (salad dressing) colloids (whipped cream and pavlova) and emulsions (mayonnaise) in Senior Science Lifestyle Chemistry.





# HARDEN

## — SWIMMING CLUB —

Registration & Information Day  
Tuesday 24th October  
4.30pm at Newson Park  
*(outside the pool)*

*Registration fee - \$75 per child*

*Open to all ages—must be able to swim 25m*

Includes training sessions up to 3 times per week, stroke correction, time trials once a week & insurance.

*New member will receive swimming cap, bag & drink bottle.*

***First Training Day - Tuesday 7th Nov***

*For more information please contact*

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**School Jersey**

A variety of sizes are  
available at the front office  
for \$65.00



**Preparing our students for tomorrow's challenges through learning**

NSW Department of Education presents an evening with

**Andrew Fuller**

**Building Resilience**

Andrew Fuller is the Director of Resilient Youth that has developed the resilience of over 190 000 young people and works in over 600 communities nationally.

Andrew is the author of "Unlocking your Child's Genius", "Tricky Teens", "Life: A Guide", "Tricky People", "Raising Real People", "From Surviving to Thriving", "Work Smarter Not Harder" and "Beating Bullies".

Resilience and emotional intelligence are essential life skills that set kids up for happy great lives. Developing resilience is the most powerful way to protect kids from drugs, violence and misery.

Topics covered will include:

- The active ingredients of resilience and how parents, grandparents and carers can develop it in young people
- How parents can develop these in their children
- Friendship skills
- Parenting tricky kids
- Creating happy, confident and empowered young people
- Building self-esteem and dealing with set backs
- The essential conversations to have with your boy or girl

Where: Yass High School (School Hall)  
When: Tuesday 24 October 2017  
7 pm - 8:30 pm  
Light Refreshments will be provided  
Bring a friend, or your child and come and enjoy a great evening!  
**ALL WELCOME**

**PLEASE JOIN  
COOTAMUNDRA HIGH SCHOOL  
IN THE GARDENS OF  
'LINDEN' AND 'FERNDALE'  
NOVEMBER 12, 2017  
10AM - 5PM**

Share a beautiful day with family and friends in these two prominent Cootamundra District gardens enjoying refreshments, stalls, raffles and activities.

**ADULTS - \$15  
SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN - FREE  
BUSES AVAILABLE & RUNNING HOURLY  
ADULT-\$5 / CHILDREN-GOLD COIN  
LAST BUS LEAVING 'FERNDALE' @ 4PM.**

**TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR THE GARDENS ON THE DAY.  
FOR MAPS & FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL  
cootahighpandc@gmail.com OR REQUEST A PRINTED VERSION FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE.**

**PROCEEDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS A COVERED MULTI-COURT TO REPLACE OUR DATED BASKETBALL COURTS.**

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**MULTIMEDIA COMPETITION**  
Let your creative juices flow and share with us your feedback on what you would like to see for the future of the Hilltops Region through a drawing, photo or video. Great prizes up for grabs!

Visit [www.hilltops.nsw.gov.au](http://www.hilltops.nsw.gov.au) for Terms and Conditions and Entry Forms  
Competition Closes 15th November 2017 at 12 NOON

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**Harden Community Workshops**

**Harden Country Club- Wednesday 25th October 10am-12.30pm**  
**Harden Country Club- Wednesday 25th October 6.30pm-9pm**  
**Harden Mechanics Institute- Monday 30th October 6.30pm-9pm**

You are invited to take part in helping create a blueprint for the future of the Hilltops Region.  
Join Hilltops Council at one of the workshops below to have a direct say in shaping the future of your Hilltops.

**HARDEN COUNTRY CLUB**  
25th October: 10am-12.30pm  
25th October: 6.30pm-9pm

**HARDEN MECHANICS INSTITUTE**  
30th October: 6.30pm-9pm

More info: [www.hilltops.nsw.gov.au](http://www.hilltops.nsw.gov.au)

Multi-media competition  
We want to see the Hilltops Region through your eyes! Head to the website for all the details on the photo and drawing comp for your chance to win!

We're on the web <http://www.murrumburr-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>