

MURRUMBURRAH  
HIGH SCHOOL

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# Mercury



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28 September 2018

## Dates for Calendar

### Term 4

- ◆ Monday 15 October—  
Students Return
- ◆ Thursday 18 October—  
Year 11 English Excur-  
sion
- ◆ Friday 19 October—  
Cootamundra Show
- ◆ Monday 22 October—  
HSC Begins
- ◆ Tuesday 23 October—  
Year 11 Study Day @ St  
Clements Galong
- ◆ Wednesday 24—Love  
Bites—Year 10
- ◆ Monday 29 and Tuesday  
30 October—Boys /  
Girls Excursion
- ◆ Tuesday 30 October—  
Year 6 Orientation Day
- ◆ Tuesday 30 October—  
Hilltops Student Leader  
Forum
- ◆ Friday 2 November—  
Albury Show



## 2019 School Leaders

Congratulations to our 2019 School Leaders, Tara  
McGrath-West and Hannah Phillis.  
We look forward to their input on behalf of the student  
body in the next edition of the Mercury.

*Wishing everyone a relaxing and  
safe break.*

*School resumes for all students and  
staff on Monday 15 October!*

## Principal Report

As Term 3 draws to a close, we must reflect on the many quality learning opportunities that have occurred over the last 10 weeks.

Many thanks to staff, students and parents for planning, participation, encouragement and feedback for these opportunities

Please note NAPLAN Individual Student Reports have been distributed to families, we have included in this edition a guide to reading the report.

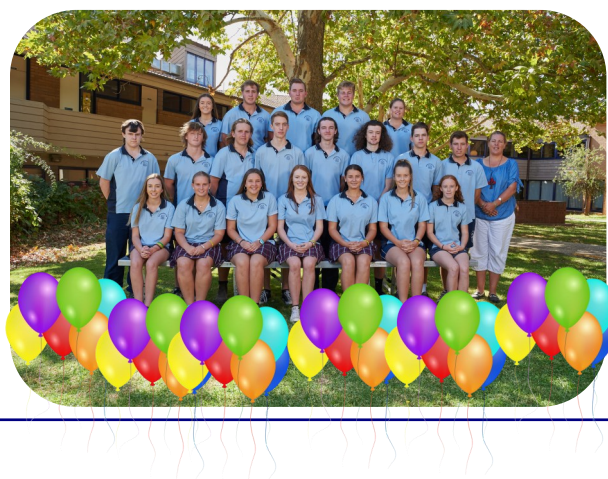
We now look forward to Term 4 and included in the back of this edition are important learning opportunity dates.

Wishing everyone a relaxing and safe break.

*Kym*

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## Congratulations to the Class of 2018



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## P&C News

It is hard to believe that another term has passed!

We would like to wish all of the Year 12 students all the best as they prepare for their exams next term and hope that all of the students and their families enjoy the two week break.

A big thank you to those that supported our Pie Drive Fundraiser, we raised \$369.

We will be looking to do some more fundraising next term, so if you have any ideas, please come along to our next P & C Meeting on Monday 22nd October @ 6pm in the Staff Common Room.

We have been given the opportunity to showcase the school at the Harden Kite Festival on Saturday 13th October from 10am-4pm. Jan Young with the help of some other staff and students will be running a farmyard nursery. We will also have on display and to purchase, items made by the students within their various classes as well as a raffle of a Fruit & Veg box kindly donated by Jenny & Gino Polimeni and a Potted Plant donated by Harden Nursery. If you or your child has an hour to spare on the day, please contact Jan Young, Vanessa Webster or myself.

Enjoy the holidays!

*Sarah Rowan*

## Australian Reading Hour at Murrumburrah High School

Did you drop everything and read for an hour on Thursday?

On Thursday, September 20, 2018, Australians were encouraged to stop what they were doing for one hour and pick up a book. The initiative sought to get Australians to either rediscover or introduce themselves to the benefits of reading. Take the time to learn, grow, escape and relax.

But why? In children, reading has been shown to help with identity formation, setting them up for success in the future.

In adults, reading has been shown to reduce stress by 68% more than listening to music, going for a walk, or having a cup of tea.

The more leisure books people read, the more literate they become and the more prosperous and equitable the society they inhabit

Reading a gripping novel causes positive biological changes in the brain that can last for days

When tested for empathy, readers of narrative fiction achieved significantly higher than other groups.



Ms Beck's Stage 4 English class dropped what they were doing on Thursday and read for the whole period in support of this wonderful initiative!

## Binit Binit Excursion

On Thursday the 20th of September, Murrumburrah High attended the 'Binit Binit' indigenous cultural day in Yass.

Students had the opportunity to participate in a traditional smoking ceremony, watch cultural dance and listen to the stories of indigenous students and their connection to culture. Students then got to participate in over 50 activities and stalls that were on offer, including: jewellery and headband making, indigenous painting, discussions around marine safety (many students wanting their boat licence), the defence force, slime making, face painting, balloon animals, tennis and rugby league. Students also had the opportunity to talk to some of our emergency services, where they learnt about equipment and operation.

All students had a fun and enjoyable day walking home with many bags of goodies.





## HSIE History Report

Stage 5 History has been looking at the movement of people, with the first depth study focusing on the experiences of slaves in the Atlantic Slave Trade and the British Convicts, revealing that not all people move by choice. We have just started our second depth study, looking at the history of Australia in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

Stage 4 History have been looking at the Medieval Period and examining how societies changed from the end of the ancient period to the beginning of the modern era. With Mr James, the students have been learning about everyday life of ordinary people of this time, covering clothing, religious beliefs and housing of the peasantry. With Mr McBride, students have been learning about the Medieval Military and are currently completing reconstructions of Medieval Castles and other military artefacts.

Stage 4 History and Geography have also been very fortunate to undertake a field study about the geographical features and history of the Gundagai area. While out, our students collected data, studied historical sites and investigated the impacts that floods had on the old township of Gundagai. Geography students will analyse the design of the bridges and History students will be evaluating the current state of historical buildings and Aboriginal Artefacts of the area. For this trip we were fortunate enough to have Uncle Roy accompany us. He spent the day discussing and showing our students the Aboriginal History of the area and giving insight into the contribution of two individuals, Yarri and Jacky Jacky and their efforts in saving so many lives during the floods. We would like to thank Uncle Roy for taking the time to spend the day with us and share his knowledge of the local area with our students.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the efforts of Ms Arthur and Ms Elliott for their assistance with student learning this term and we look forward to seeing them in our faculty in the near future.





## Maria Raptis enjoyed her Work Experience at MPS



## LEAP Excursion



## Virtual Reality

The latest in classroom technology hit Murrumburrah High when last Wednesday the 19th some Murrumburrah staff and students received a VR (virtual reality) demonstration using the "Class VR" headsets and software. VR headsets react with the positioning of your head, eyes and hand gestures made in front of the device to take participants on a unique first person experience. The demonstration started with a few select staff and students then flowed into lunch where we received many more visitors.

The demonstration was delivered by Brett and John from "Comp Now". They demonstrated the range of functionality and implementation of "Class VR" including; virtual excursions and augmented reality. Staff and students then had a go using the headsets, experiencing places such as; the great Pyramid of Giza, the Great Barrier Reef, the Eiffel Tower and even the moon.

Students and teachers then experienced augmented reality, this involved looking through the VR headsets and watching objects come to life on the paper in front of them, such as a human heart.

The demonstration was aimed at looking at the possible benefits that VR has to the learning experience of students and whether teachers could implement its use in the classroom to create more multimodal learning experiences.

The responses from students and staff were generally positive and with VR becoming more affordable to mainstream schools we may one day in the future see VR as part of the everyday classroom.



## CAPA 1—Music

Last Wednesday, CAPA I Music students performed in the music room.

Both the rock band and the concert band performed three songs each:

- Zombie, Lonely Boy and Sweet Home Alabama.

The concert band played:

- Lightly Row, London Bridge and Frere Jacques.

A top performance by all students involved, it was warmly received.

Thanks to Ms. Winterflood and Mr. Cotter for working with the students and encouraging them all to find their creative and musical skill.

Well done Stage 4 CAPA I.

*Mrs Kate Van Leeuwen*



## CIT Band visits MHS

Monday 24th September we had the pleasure of the CIT band visit MHS for a music workshop and lunchtime performance.

Music Performance students from Canberra Institute of Technology CIT, ran a workshop focusing on the structure of a rock/pop song. After introducing each element, they broke down the Justin Timberlake's song 'Can't stop that Feeling'. It was an engaging and informative workshop for Stage 4 CAPA students.

The lunchtime performance was held outside the hall, we were so lucky with the gorgeous spring day. With the sun shining, students were up dancing and enjoying the popular music. The CIT sound engineer students created an incredible live sound of professional quality.

For more information visit CIT Media and Music [cit.edu.au](http://cit.edu.au) or [cit.edu.au/facebook](https://www.facebook.com/cit.edu.au)



## Alice in Wonderland Production

On Wednesday some students from Murrumburrah High School were invited to attend a production of Alice In Wonderland by Trinity Primary School. The show was held in the Mechanics Hall in Harden and once we arrived we were surprised to see the hall completely decorated with crazy signs, hats, flowers, a tea party setting and even a 'tunnel' to Wonderland. The show kicked off with a bang and the students were mesmerised by the performances, props and set design. Trinity really put on a show spectacular and should be proud with their execution. The students raved about the show, congratulated Trinity students as we passed them and came back to MHS on a high with some fresh ideas for drama in 2019





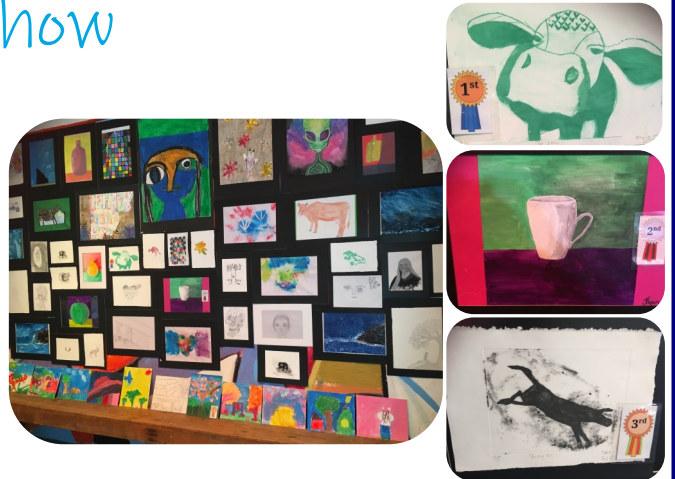
# Binalong Spring Art Show

Binalong Spring Art show was held on the 15th and 16th September. Murrumburrah High Students submitted over 50 pieces of art work.

Three students were awarded prizes.

- First Prize and \$50 for the print of a 'Green Cow' to Olivia McGarth
- Second Prize and \$30 for the painting of 'Tea Cup' to Jamie Ryan
- Third Prize and \$20 for the print 'Bucky Bull' to Tom Ings.

Well done to all students!



## Art

Paddock to Plate Art Work



Stage 5 Art Work



Stage 4 Portraits







# Term 3 Merit Assembly





## *Merit Assembly Speech - Ellie Barker*

My name is Ellie Barker and I was a student at Murrumburrah High from 2009-2014. I have many fond memories of this school and it brought a great wave of nostalgia walking into the hall.



I completed my HSC and graduated from MHS in 2014, I was fortunate enough to be accepted into a Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science at Charles Sturt University, in Wagga. I learnt all about how to take x-rays, the physics of CT, MRI and US. Uni has been the most amazing experience of my life and I will forever cherish the happy times that it brought me and I so heavily recommend giving it a go. After my 3 years of study on campus, my 4th year (currently) has been a whole year of placement where I scored a position with I-MED Radiology in Canberra. I have 2 weeks to go before I graduate which is veryyyy exciting.

I also speak lovingly of my 6 years at MHS. Unfortunately, there is prejudice that kids in rural schools are disadvantaged..... and I strongly disagree. Due to our small population, we are offered so many opportunities. At MHS with our numbers we're all able to do multiple things. The same people can play in all the sporting teams, all the debating or public speaking teams, attend Outward Bound whilst being a part of the Ag Team. Another strength to rave about is the relationship with the teachers, believe it or not they are here to help us, they have trained and basically sat the HSC for years and years. They really know what they're talking about and want so badly to help you and watch you succeed. Utilise their ability and thrive from it. Write your essays earlier and ask a teacher to read over it, and do it again and again and again. Do the extra Maths questions and get your answers checked. Do the past papers under timed conditions. Write your English papers with batteries sticky-taped to the pen to strengthen your hands... yes, I actually did that and can vouch that it helps! Particularly HSC and prelim students, this is your time to really prove what you can achieve. Its two years of your life to work super hard and see how well you can do. Yes, there may be times you'll miss an 18th party of your friends or can only attend for a few hours, but trust me there will be more parties and... 21st's are double the fun!

HSC students, you have only a few weeks before your first exam. You have nothing to lose, why not work hard before then and see how you feel? And then when it's all over and the 13th of December quickly approaches, and trust me it will, you can feel proud of your results.

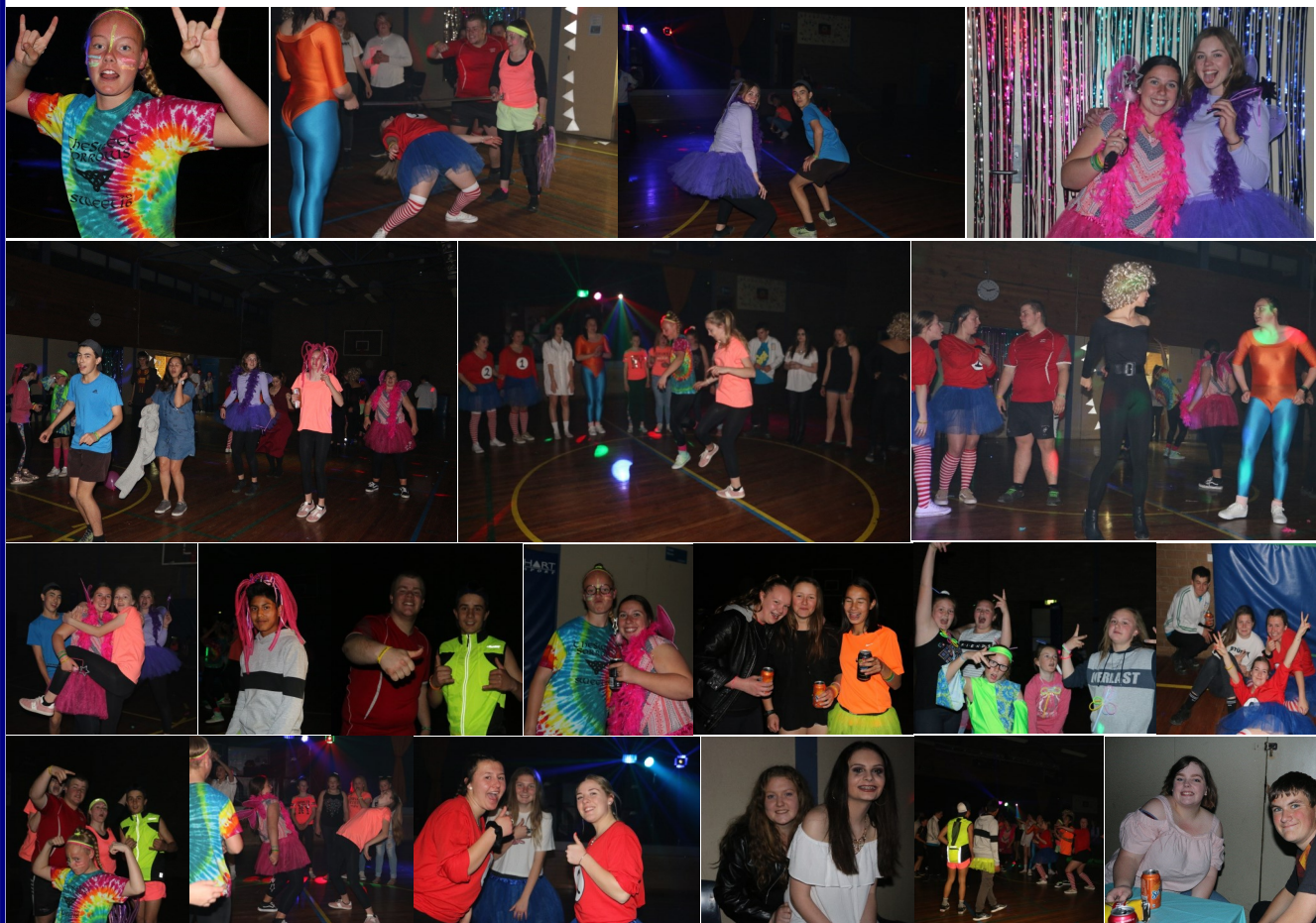
Being educated in a rural school is not a disadvantage, but thinking it is and performing accordingly will disadvantage you. Focus on the strengths of our rural community and the relationships within it. Work hard, utilise your assets and achieve greatness to consistently prove our rural advantage.

Thank you so much for having me, it was a pleasure to be back on the stage and see some familiar faces. I wish the HSC students all the best for your exams, make yourselves proud.

Love,  
Ellie xx

## SRC Disco

On Thursday the 13th of September the SRC put on a show hosting a school disco. It was a wonderful night had by all, with dance challenges, limbo competitions and fancy dress. Students strutted their stuff and showed off their moves. Well done SRC!



## Imaginarium Workshop—Saturday 29 September

Kites! Colour! Culture! Decorative Workshop

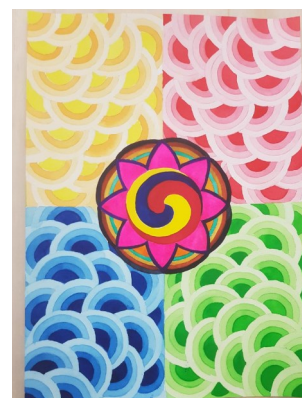
This workshop is designed for school aged children and will be held in two separate age groups.

- 10:00am to 12:00pm will be targeted at children aged 5-8 years. Younger children can also attend with a supervising adult.
- 1:00pm to 3:00pm will be targeted at children aged 9 years and older.

The workshops will be lead by Hilltops artist Young Till. Children will be able to choose a traditional Korean design and use paints to colour banner flags that can be used to decorate local residences as part of the Harden Kite Festival's upcoming competitions.

All equipment will be supplied. Please wear an old shirt or alternatively, bring a paint shirt to protect clothing. Cost of workshop is \$5.00 per children and bookings are essential.

To book, please contact Nicole Scott on (0427)864320.





# Year 12 Final Assembly & Breakfast





## Stage 4 Science

ANU Chemistry Unit have donated boxes of scientific glassware including measuring cylinders and volumetric flasks.

Happy Stage 4 students hold some of the new equipment.

Mrs Young thanks ANU and her little sister Tammy Gommersal for organising this great donation.



## Netball @ MHS



## Careers Advisory Service

Contact details

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**NSW Education**

**Help with career ideas after your HSC?**

- ☒ university
- ☒ TAFE
- ☒ college
- ☒ work
- ☒ traineeship/apprenticeship
- ☒ other ideas

**14 & 17-18 DEC 2018 | 9AM-5PM**

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# NAPLAN

## INDIVIDUAL STUDENT REPORTS

NAPLAN individual student reports will be provided to schools from August through September by your state or territory test administration authority.

NAPLAN assesses the key areas of literacy and numeracy. It provides parents and educators with a snapshot of how students are progressing – individually, as part of their school community, and against national standards that have been agreed upon by all state and territory governments.

If you are the parent of a student in Years 3, 5, 7 or 9, you will receive an individual report of your child's results for the NAPLAN tests they sat in May.

2018 is the first year some students took NAPLAN in an online format. The report will show whether your child completed the assessment online or on paper.

### How do I read the report?

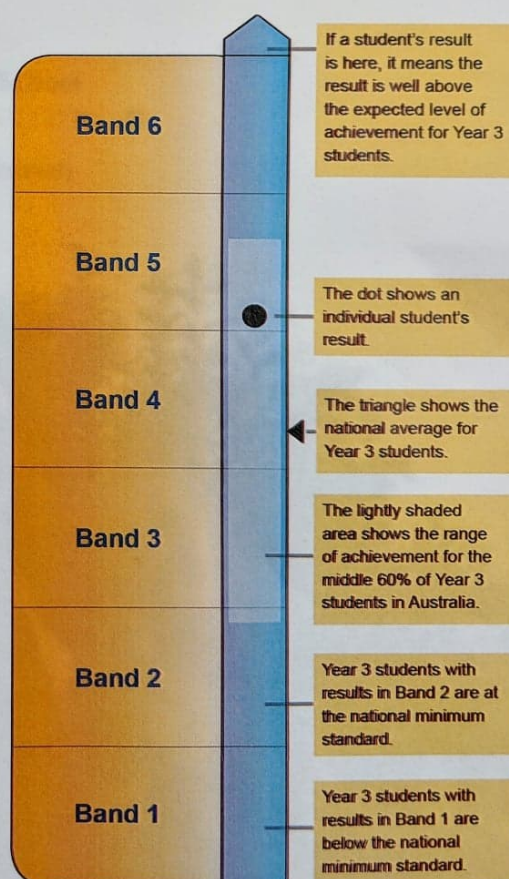
NAPLAN assesses numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation. You will see your child's results on an achievement scale for each of those assessments.

The Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 literacy and numeracy assessment results are reported on a scale from Band 1 to Band 10. This scale represents increasing levels of knowledge, understanding and skills demonstrated in the assessments. Whether your child completed NAPLAN online or on paper, the results are reported on the same scale.

Only the most relevant six bands for each year level are shown on the student report. For example, the results for Year 3 are reported across the range of Band 1 to Band 6, as illustrated in the diagram opposite. The Year 5 report shows bands 3 to 8, the Year 7 report shows bands 4 to 9, and the Year 9 report shows bands 5 to 10.

The diagrams in the student report also show the range for the middle 60 per cent of students, the national average result and the national minimum standard for each year level. Reports in some states and territories also show the school average.

The report also summarises the skills that students have typically demonstrated in the assessments at each band.



## Murrumburrah High School - Term 4, 2018

Month	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
Oct	1	15 Students Return	16 LEAP Whole Assembly Connect@Lunch	17	18 Year 11 English Excursion	19 Cootamundra Show	20	21
	2	22 P&C Meeting	23 LEAP Whole Assembly Connect@Lunch Year 11 Study Day @ St Clements	24 Love Bites – Year 10	25	26 Mercury Emailed	27	28
Oct / Nov	3	29 Boys/Girls Day	30 LEAP Whole Assembly Connect@Lunch Boys/ Girls Day Year 6 Orientation Hilltops Student Leader Forum	31	1 Stage 5 Trade Bunnings Excur- sion	2 Albury Show	3	4
Nov	4	5 Rotary Simulator Day – Year 10	6 LEAP Whole Assembly Connect@Lunch	7	8 Year 6 Orientation	9 Mercury Emailed Stage 5 – World's Largest Mental Health Lesson	10	11
	5	12 Stage 4 Exam Period	13 LEAP Whole Assembly Connect@Lunch Stage 4 Exam Period	14 Stage 4 Exam Period	15 Year 12 Gradua- tion @ Country Club Stage 4 Exam Period	16 Stage 4 Exam Period	17	18
	6	19 Stage 5 Exam Period	20 LEAP Whole Assembly Connect@Lunch Stage 5 Exam Period	21 Stage 5 Exam Period	22 Stage 5 Exam Period	23 Mercury Emailed Stage 5 Exam Period	24	25
	7	26	27 LEAP Graduation Whole Assembly Connect@Lunch	28	29 Stage 4 - STEM Activities @ Crookwell Stage 5 Sibelco Tour & Wellbeing Activities @ Bi- nalong Stage 6 – First Aid @ School	30	1	2
Dec	8	3	4 LEAP Whole Assembly Connect@Lunch	5	6	7 Mercury Emailed	8	9
	9	10	11 LEAP Whole Assembly Connect@Lunch	12	13	14 Presentation Day	15	16
	10	17	18 LEAP Connect@Lunch Merit Assembly	19 Students Last Day	20 Staff Development Day	21 Mercury Emailed Staff Develop- ment Day	22	23



## Cost of Living

Save money with NSW government rebates, refunds, incentives and programs.

The NSW Government is helping ease the cost of living with over 40 rebates and savings.

If you answer yes to any of the following questions, we can help you save money.

- Do you drive?
- Do you have dependent children?
- Do you have a concession or pension card?
- Are you interested in Medical or Disability related rebates?

Service NSW Young has a dedicated Cost of Living Specialist who can assist you with obtaining the rebates and savings you are entitled to.

Visit <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/cost-living>, call 137788 or drop in to make an appointment today.

Service NSW 24 Lynch Street YOUNG NSW

## CRICKET 2018/19 – Exciting News!!

This year we are joining the South West Slopes Junior Cricket Competition involving many of the surrounding towns. Most games however, will be played at Harden, Young or Boorowa. Games are played as usual, on Saturdays with one training during the week.

Cost \$20



Please register online by Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018 (2 weeks only)

<https://www.playcricket.com.au/club-finder>



The competition is scheduled to start on Saturday 20th October 2018.

Note- We are unable to take LATE REGISTRATIONS due to the involvement in this new competition.

There are 3 age groups (stages):

- Stage 1 - Under 11's (Years 2, 3 & 4)
- Stage 2 - Under 13's (Years 5 & 6)
- Stage 3 - Opens 14 - 17 (Year 7+)

There will be some flexibility in these age groups depending on ability and numbers. If your child does not fit into these age groups please contact me as there are options for younger players in Young.

More information will be placed on the Harden Junior Cricket Facebook Page.



## YOUNG SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

### BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

BOOK IN NOW TO RECEIVE THESE SPECIAL PRICES

Payment upon booking. Booking and paying on the day will incur a price increase. Call 02 63825392

Must be a PCYC Member \$10 for 12 months



### TUESDAY 2ND OCTOBER

League Tag 12-1:30pm \$10  
5 years and older



### WEDNESDAY 3RD OCTOBER

Laser Tag first session 12pm \$7  
half hour sessions 5+ years



### THURSDAY 4TH OCTOBER

Table Tennis 12pm-2pm \$10  
Gymnastics Aerobics Workshop \$25



### FRIDAY 5TH OCTOBER HARDEN

Boxing 4 Fitness 11-12pm 5+yrs \$10  
Archery 12-2pm 8+ years \$20



### MONDAY 8TH OCTOBER

futsal (Indoor soccer) 11-12:30pm 4+ years \$10



### TUESDAY 9TH OCTOBER

Little Ninja 5-8 yrs 12pm-1pm \$15  
Parkour 9+ yrs 1pm-2pm \$15  
Boxing 4 Fitness 5+ 2:30-3:30pm \$10



### WEDNESDAY 10TH OCTOBER

Laser Tag first session 12pm \$7  
half hour sessions 5 years and older



### THURSDAY 11TH OCTOBER

Gymnastics 4-7 years 3-4pm \$15  
Gymnastics 8+ years 4pm-5pm \$15



### FRIDAY 12TH OCTOBER BOOROWA

Boxing 4 Fitness 11-12pm 5+ \$10  
Archery 12-2pm 8+ years \$20

## Harden Murrumburrah Arts Council

### Imaginarium: Pebble Art @ the Old Murrumburrah Courthouse

Date: Saturday 7 October Time: 2pm to 4pm

This workshop is designed for school aged children. Children will be shown pebble art design templates including mandala and framed designs and choose the design they wish to create. Instruction will then be provided on each of the techniques required for them to complete a design which they can then take home.

All materials including pebbles, paint, brushes and glue will be provided to create the designs. Children choosing a frame design will need to purchase a frame to fit their design. Cost of the workshop is \$5.00 per child which is payable on arrival.

Booking are essential and can be made by contacting Nicole Scott on (0427) 864320.



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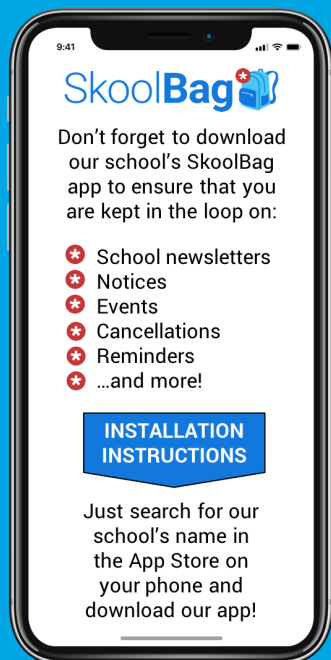
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*Preparing our students for tomorrow's challenges through learning*

**2018 Harden Kite Festival**  
**Kites Colour Culture**  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 10am – 4pm  
Harden Picnic Racecourse  
Burley Griffin Way, Harden NSW

**Featuring BIG KITES in the sky**  
*By kite flying enthusiasts from around Australia*

Entry by Donation - Alcohol Free Event  
Market Stalls & Food

**FREE Activities & Entertainment**

Exciting cultural performances  
Kids activity alley  
Petting zoo  
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*Keys2drive is an Australian Government-funded program providing learner drivers and their parents/supervisors a free driving lesson with a Keys2drive accredited professional driving instructor.*

Keys2drive is providing a free driving lesson to learner licence holders (**overseas licence holders are not eligible**), which brings the learner and their parent/supervisor together with a Keys2drive accredited professional driving instructor.

The Keys2drive free lesson aims to change the way learners drive by changing the way they learn, helping them to becoming a safer P Plate driver.

The free driving lesson introduces the Keys2drive practical learning approach to learner drivers and their parent/supervisors, and offers examples of how it can be used when learning to drive a car. Participants get lots of great advice and information about how to practice and what to aim for.

[Get your Keys2drive free driving lesson now!](#)

We're on the web <https://murrumburr-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>