

MURRUMBURRAH
HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL:
MR DALE RANDS

Mercury



Dates for Calendar

Week 3

- Transition Day 1 -
Tuesday 29 October
- Albury Show - Friday
1 November
- Belgium Embassy
Excursion @ Canberra
- Friday 1 November
- National Art Gallery
Excursion @ Canberra
- Friday 1 November

Week 4

- Transition Day 2 -
Thursday 7 November

Mercury

25 October 2019



Term 4, 2019

Today staff celebrated World Teacher's Day with a special morning tea. The day is a great opportunity for everyone to recognise and appreciate teachers and the important role they play in shaping the next generation.



Principal Report

Welcome back everyone and a warm start to Term 4.

The roofers have been busy over the break and have finished replacing the old with the new and are now concentrating their efforts on the verandahs and downpipes. All being checked out as completed, the works should now be completely over a couple of days into next week. It has made the school a very busy place, with lots of classroom and playground changes and restrictions over the term, but it certainly has made the school look very fresh and inviting. A big thank you to Joss Group - the contracting company for coordinating the works, we look forward to continue to work with you on other funded projects over the coming months.

On Friday night last week, the students attended the Cootamundra Show with some of our cattle for showing. Results were tremendous with our school winning many ribbons and taking out first place overall for all the schools that entered, all of them being bigger than us. In fact, Murrumburrah High School outscored Yanco Agricultural High School in the final tally. A very big thank you again to Mrs Jan Young for your continued professional efforts with our students, we all appreciate the huge amount of time you give up to provide this access for our students.

Whilst the students were at the show Elden Rowen, Jordan Phelan and myself drove over to Illabo for the annual Lamb Dinner and presentation night. The dinner is held following the Annual Illabo Show which is supported by the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW. MHS again took out many awards and ribbons for our lamb entries. It was a wonderful lamb dinner and a great relaxed atmosphere. Thank you to the boys for looking the part and accepting the awards on behalf of the school. I hope you shared that caramel cake Jordan and did not eat it all yourself!

This week the school celebrated NAIDOC week. Not the usual timing but we had a conflict with other events and so now was a good time. A few different events during the week which will be outlined in a full report later, but thank you to Luke Cotter, Lee Hyland and the students at the school for coordinating these activities for all to share. I think the barbeque taste testing of crocodile, emu, kangaroo etc. was a real treat for many students who had not tried them before. Thanks to Craig and Luke for cooking a new type of meat - something they had not cooked before.

Finally, Year 12 have now completed the first few exams, with mixed feelings after each one. I continue to wish them success in their remaining exams. Many of the students continue to come into the school daily for final study advice or revision with their teachers. I would like to thank the staff that came into the school over many days of the last holidays to provide study sessions for the students. This revision/study time has been yet another feature of our school and has now been going for 20 years.

Mr Dale Rands
Principal



Congratulations



Congratulations to these students who achieved their;

Blue Level Certificates
Harry Beeson and
Chelsea Halls

Purple Level Certificates
Bella Paulissen and
Heidi O'Connor

The Book Nook

Stories have the power to change lives. The whole history of the human race has been steeped in the tradition of story telling. Before we wrote anything at all, traditions and life skills were passed down from generation to generation using the oral story telling method. Many culture groups, including the oldest living cultural in the world today, indigenous Aboriginal Australians, have behavioural systems embedded in their oral stories.

Today, in the our world of newspapers, songs, paintings, sculpture and of course, books, stories are told thousands of times daily. There is no end to the difference reading a story to or with your child can make to enrich everyone's lives.



THE POWER OF STORIES & READING TO SPARK CHILDREN'S POTENTIAL

We are all born to tell stories, memorise and make sense of life in story form. Nat'lBali uses the power of stories - oral and written, and in many languages - to inspire children to want to read and write.

- 75%** OF WHAT CHILDREN WILL LEARN IN THEIR LIFETIME IS LEARNT BY THE AGE OF TWO. -LARRY BROWN
- 15** MINUTES OF READING WITH YOUR CHILDREN EACH DAY CAN EXPOSE THEM TO 1 MILLION WRITTEN WORDS IN A YEAR. -ROBERTA ALLEN, A CHILDREN'S BOOK TRUST
- 6-8** YEAR OLDS' COMPREHENSION HAS BEEN SHOWN TO SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE WHEN ASKED TO RETELL A STORY THAT HAS BEEN TOLD TO THEM. -LARRY BROWN

BOOKS CONTAIN MANY WORDS THAT CHILDREN ARE UNLIKELY TO ENCOUNTER FREQUENTLY IN SPOKEN LANGUAGE. CHILDREN'S BOOKS ACTUALLY CONTAIN 50% MORE RARE WORDS THAN PRIME TIME TELEVISION. -LARRY BROWN

"Storytelling and reading expose children to a special form of language which is holistic, rich and complex. This allows them to tune into the rhythms and structures of language and broadens their conceptual worlds and their vocabulary to express themselves." -LARRY BROWN

- CHILDREN WHO ARE TOLD STORIES ARE THE ONES WHO FIRST FORM ABSTRACT CONCEPTS ACROSS THE CURRICULUM - IN OTHER WORDS, BEING READ TO MAKES YOU BRAINY. PER CORREY OF THE BUSHWALKER, 10 APRIL 2014
- PARENTS WHO BELIEVE THAT READING IS A SOURCE OF ENTERTAINMENT HAVE CHILDREN WITH MORE POSITIVE VIEWS ABOUT READING THAN PARENTS WHO ONLY EMPHASISE THE SKILLS ASPECT OF READING. AMBERWORTH @ N. 2009
- READING ALOUD WITH CHILDREN IS KNOWN TO BE THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT ACTIVITY FOR BUILDING THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS THEY WILL EVENTUALLY REQUIRE FOR LEARNING TO READ. MARK W. JACOBZ, 2009
- READING IS SUPPOSED TO FEEL GOOD TO THE CHILD. WHEN IT DOES, THEY'LL BECOME READERS. WE ALL WANT THINGS THAT ARE FEASIBLE. JOHN DEWEY, 1902

Nat'lBali
It starts with a story...

Nat'lBali (a)Bali is a national reading-for- enjoyment initiative to get children and adults passionate about telling and reading stories.
For more info visit www.natlibali.org or email info@natlibali.org. Find us on www.facebook.com/natlibali or on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/natlibali) @natlibali

Infographic by Terry Adams (terry@pixel-ninja.co.za)

<http://thedinformatics.com/2015/08/24/power-stories-important-read-little-ones/the-power-of-stories-infographic/>

LEAP

In LEAP we have been talking about having a positive impact on people in our school and workplaces.

We undertook an activity to compliment each other on what we thought their good points were.

Seeing the strengths in each other is important as we go forward into studying and working towards our careers, as this will enable us to work well with others.

We are working on our Career Projects and can't wait to show the finished product.

Look out in the next mercury for our graduation invitation.



LOTE

In Japanese, students have been practising their vocabulary and writing while exploring the topic of sport.

We have been watching highlights of the Rugby World Cup, hosted in Japan and designing logos for the 2020 Olympics held in Tokyo next year.

This term, students have the opportunity to go on an excursion to the Cowra Japanese Gardens and Information Centre. There they will learn about the history of Japanese in the area, sample sushi, feed Japanese Koi fish and explore the gardens.

Spots are limited so make sure to get your note in ASAP!



NAIDOC WEEK



COOTAMUNDRA SHOW



Around the school



Science



Stage 4 student Jomar making transitional indigenous paint from rocks.

Chemistry



Xavier exploring reversible and non-reversible reactions.

Murrumburrah High School - Term 4, 2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
October	28	29 Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Day	30	31	1 Albury Show Belgium Embassy Excursion Senior Art Excur- sion	2	3
	3	4	5	6	7 Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Day	8 Newsletter available	9 10
November	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19 LEAP Graduation	20 AIS Canberra Excursion	21 Stage 4 STEM @ Goulburn	22 Newsletter Available Proud & Deadly Awards	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	1
December	2	3	4	5 Excursion Japa- nese Gardens	6 Newsletter available	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13 Presentation Day Reports Ready	14	15
	16	17	18 Students last day	19	20 Newsletter available	21	22
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Transition Day—Dates 2019

Day 1 - Tuesday 29 October 2019

Day 2 - Thursday 7 November 2019

Proud & Deadly Awards

Date: Friday 22 November 2019

Time: 10am

Location: Young Public School

Reminder

Aerosol cans are banned at school.

We have members of our school community who have severe allergies to aerosols as well as some with bad asthma.

Please support the school by not sending your child to school with them.

They will be confiscated if found.

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Muppets

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M	G	O	N	Z	O	C	R	E	K	A	E	B	Z
O	P	A	T	F	I	T	A	T	S	E	H	B	Y
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JANICE
RIZZO
FOZZIE
GONZO
BEAKER
SAM EAGLE
MAHNA MAHNA
MISS PIGGY
WALTER
DR TEETH
ANIMAL
CONSTANTINE
FLOYD
CRAZY HARRY
KERMIT
NEWSMAN
PEPE
CAMILA
ROWLF
ZOOT

5 Easy Steps to Staying Informed

SkoolBag

SkoolBag is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, see notices, newsletters and all your school's communications.

1. Download SkoolBag

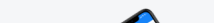
Search SkoolBag in the Apple App or Google Play Store, download the FREE app.

SkoolBag: School Communication



2. Create an Account

Follow the prompts to create your account in seconds.



3. Add your School

Type your school's name and press enter. Tap the plus icon to add.



4. Allow Notifications

Ensure you Allow SkoolBag to send you push notifications when prompted.



5. Subscribe to Groups

Select Your Groups / Sports Teams to appear in your feed.



SkoolBag

Parent Portal

Please use the below web address to access the Parent Portal, the old web address is no longer in use.

murrumburrahhs.sentrall.com.au

Tell Them From Me (Parent Survey)

MHS is participating in a survey that allows our current parents to express their views about perceptions of their children's experiences at home and school.

We would greatly appreciate current parents to participate in this survey.

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/surv.../splash/parentsurvey2019>



<https://murrumburr-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>