

MURRUMBURRAH  
HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL:  
MR DALE RANDS

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8 November 2019

## Dates for Calendar

### Week 5

- P&C Meeting - Monday 11 November
- Remembrance Day - Monday 11 November @ Newson Park

### Week 6

- LEAP Graduation - Tuesday 19 November
- AIS Excursion @ Canberra - Wednesday 20 November
- STEM Visit to Goulburn - Thursday 21 November
- HSC Study Day @ MHS - Thursday 21 November
- Proud & Deadly Awards @ Young - Friday 22 November



## History Excursion

On Friday the 1st of November a select group of students accompanied by Principal Dale Rands and History teacher Anna Armstrong were formally invited by the Belgian Ambassador to attend a remembrance gathering at the Belgium Embassy in Canberra.

The students had been working on a task set by the Ambassador to create wooden remembrance crosses which would be sent to, Charleroi Cemetery in Belgium to be laid on the graves of fallen soldiers.

Stories and memories were shared at the Embassy by guest speakers and students paid their respects to those who had fought in Belgium by laying a poppy in front of a monument on the Embassy grounds.

The party then travelled to the War Memorial where we split into groups for a tour around the exhibits, with the grave of the unknown soldier being a place of reflection for the students.

To end the day our captains, Abbey Wade and Max Spackman honoured the sacrifice of the soldiers by joining others in placing a wreath during the Last Post Ceremony.

## Principal Report

Welcome to Week 4.

Since our last newsletter we have had a few activities which have again kept the school busy. I will outline the ones that I particularly was involved in so that I don't spoil the story for some of the other events.

Last week our school hosted 28 Year 6 students from around the area (Murrumburrah Public, Wombat Public, Binalong Public and Trinity School) that will form the Year 7 class of 2020 at Murrumburrah High School. The students undertook various classes and activities during the day and joined us for morning tea and lunch. The students came back for a second day on Thursday this week to extend their experiences at the High School. We really enjoyed everyone's company on both days and it was a pleasure to chat to some of our new students.

Last week I drove the community bus to Canberra with a group of students and Ms Anna Armstrong, that had been working on a joint project with 3 other local High Schools (Crookwell High School, Mulwaree High School and Cooma High School) and the Belgium Embassy. The project was initiated by the Embassy last year to recognise the 100 year anniversary of the loss of Australian lives in Belgium in World War 1 and continued this year with memorial crosses being worked on by the students and sent to the 102 war graves in Belgium to arrive by Remembrance Day. The Belgium Embassy is planning on a yearly project to commemorate the anniversary and will work with our school each year. Our students were then invited to the official ceremony at the Embassy and given a genuine Belgium lunch followed by a tour of the Australian War Memorial. The day concluded with our Captains Max and Abbey laying a wreath and being interviewed by WIN NEWS Canberra.

The photo below is of one the actual landing craft that was used at Gallipoli and still shows the bullet holes. The Belgium Ambassador speaking to the audience and the Captains and myself with the students at part of the ceremony.

On Monday I represented the school at the local showground for the official opening of the new facilities including the new amenities block. The Ceremony was conducted by Jim Ryan and Rob Scott with local member Steph Cooke and Hilltops Mayor Brian Ingram in attendance. Many local community members attended the morning and stayed for a light refreshment afterwards.

*Mr Dale Rands*  
*Principal*









## *Platinum Award Winners—2019 Term 4*



It is my great pleasure to announce that Tayla Merton, Bryden Cracknell, Deanna Minogue, Maria Raptis, Abbey Wade and Lily Shorrock have achieved Platinum level at Murrumburrah High School. Each of these students has made their own unique impact here.

**Tayla** consistently abides by school rules and always works constructively in class. She wears her school uniform with pride and behaves impeccably at all times. She is a keen dancer and has performed on stage a number of times with grace and skill. Her teachers compliment her on her politeness, her resourcefulness and her willingness to take opportunities offered to her. Tayla is a quiet and compliant student who has worked successfully to combat personal challenges in her schooling.

**Brydan** behaves responsibly and works constructively in class. He strives to wear his school uniform with pride and always abides by school rules. He seizes every opportunity to be involved in activities and always strives to 'have a go'. Brydan's teachers praise his consistent politeness, his enthusiasm and drive. His energy and positivity are infectious! Brydan has also strived to overcome personal challenges in his schooling and is to be commended for his never give up attitude!

**Deanna** always behaves exceptionally well, working constructively in class and completing homework promptly. She wears her school uniform with pride and is a student well known for her support of junior students in need. Deanna's strengths lie in the performing arts where she has participated in CAPA night as well as recently helping to organise the event. Her teachers praise her positivity and maturity and suggest that she is a natural role model for junior students at the school, in addition to being an advocate and support person. Her constructive approach to her education is seen in her hardworking attitude. Deanna has set herself big goals in her education as she embarks on her HSC year, but never loses sight of the big picture seeking to continue to spread positivity through the school.



**Maria** has been an exemplary student at Murrumburrah High School for the last 5 years. As she embarks on her HSC year it is true to say that these traits will continue. Maria abides by school rules and always behaves responsibly. She works constructively in class and at home, and is always willing to help other students in their understanding of course content. Maria wears her school uniform with pride. Maria has represented the school in debating, soccer, adjudicating public speaking and spelling events at MPS and is an enthusiastic CAPA student, performing in drama and dance activities. Her teachers acknowledge that she is a perfect platinum applicant with her constructive and diligent approach to her education. She is polite and mature and will be a perfect role model for all students at Murrumburrah High School.

**Abbey**, recently elected school captain of Murrumburrah High School is an exceptional student in every way. She always abides by school rules, behaving impeccably at all times and wearing her school uniform with pride. Abbey works constructively in class and at home and is always willing to aid other students in times of need. She has represented the school in sport, debating and at CAPA night and has been an active member, and now leader, of the SRC consistently. She has embraced her leadership role with enthusiasm and polish, already garnering compliments for her co-hosting of the year 12 graduation events. Her teachers universally praise her positivity and responsibility in all aspects of her education. She has a mature and respectful relationship with all members of staff, from the principal down as well as the whole student body. As a diligent student, and respectful leader, Abbey is a role model to all students at the school!

**Lily** has been a student at Murrumburrah High School for three years. She has an excellent work ethic, applying herself to all areas of her education with diligence and commitment. She behaves responsibly consistently, abides by all school rules and proudly wears her school uniform. She has represented the school in netball and entered, successfully, into the Operation Art state wide competition. Her teachers commend her for her commitment, identifying her willingness to go beyond expectations in her learning and assessment work. Her maturity is another element that is often noted. As a positive student who is hardworking and responsible, Lily is also a role model to her peers.

These young people are model students of Murrumburrah High School and we should be very proud of their achievements. Congratulations to you all!

*Ms Adrienne Beck*  
*Head Teacher English / H&SE*

## *Congratulations!!*

Congratulations to the below students who achieved their;

**Blue Level Certificates:** Georgie Ings

**Purple Level Certificates:** Mollie McKinley and Amelia Rowan

**Double Blue Certificates:** Brydan Cracknell and Abbey Wade

**Double Purple Certificates:** Jordan Phelan



## IVY 9 visits MPS

Murrumburrah High students from IVY9 visited Murrumburrah Public School last week to help the Year 6 students organise their network drive and maintain their email folders for high school.



## Validation of Assessment

Year 8 students participated in the Validation of Assessment for Learning and Individual Development (VALID) program which provides online end-of-stage assessments for the science key learning area.



## Stage 4 Food Technology





## The Book Nook

This website features some fantastic stories and articles on family life.

<https://happyyouhappyfamily.com/>

<https://happyyouhappyfamily.com/raising-smart-kids/>

The extract is just the start to discovering the benefits of reading to your children.

- The **best** thing about this particular "keystone habit" for raising smart, kind kids is that it's completely free, it takes just 10-15 minutes a day, and anyone can do it.
- To get smart, kind kids, you don't have to sign your kid up for expensive tutoring or have twice-daily screenings of the movie **Wonder**.
- All you have to do is **this**: Read to your child. Even if they already know how to read to themselves.
- Because research shows reading aloud is the powerful keystone habit that will raise smart, kind kids. (More on that in a minute.)



### Want to Raise Smart, Kind Kids? Science Says Do This Every Day

Inside: When it comes to raising smart kids who are kind, you need this powerful but simple habit. It's completely free, it takes just 10 or 15 minutes a day,...

[Read More](#)

## Albury Show

Congratulations to Olivia McGrath and Tara Parker who both qualified for the 2020 Sydney Royal Easter Show. Best of luck to Riley Arabin who is a reserve, hopefully he will get to represent at the show.



## Stage 4 Music



## Sport





## *Year 6 Transition Day*

Year 6 students from Murrumburrah Public, Binalong Public, Wombat Public and Trinity Catholic School participated in our Transition program last week and again this week.

Students had a great time exploring the school, meeting staff and students and experiencing high school lessons.

A successful day was had by all students and we look forward to welcoming them all back in 2019.





## Around the school





## Murrumburrah High School - Term 4, 2019

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
November	5	11 P&C meeting	12	13	14	15	16	17
	6	18	19 LEAP Graduation	20 AIS Canberra Excursion	21 Stage 4 STEM @ Goulburn HSC Study Day	22 Newsletter Available Proud & Deadly Awards	23	24
	7	25	26	27	28	29	30	1
December	8	2	3	4	5 Excursion Japa- nese Gardens	6 Newsletter available	7	8
	9	9	10	11	12	13 Presentation Day Reports Ready	14	15
	10	16	17	18 Students last day	19	20 Newsletter available	21	22

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

LEAP

# GRADUATION

**WHEN:** Tuesday 19.11.2019  
**WHERE:** Murrumburrah High School  
 Music Room  
**TIME:** 9.30am

Participants will showcase their multimedia presentations on their chosen career paths, then they will be awarded their Certificate of Completion.

RSVP to [courtney.okeeffe@compact.org.au](mailto:courtney.okeeffe@compact.org.au) or 0400422993  
 by 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2019

*We will have a light morning tea to follow  
 Please advise of any dietary requirements.*

**LEAP**  
 Learn • Engage • Aspire • Perform

**COMPACT**

## P&C News

Our next P&C meeting will be held Monday 11th November @ 6pm in the Staff Common Room.

We are also chasing some new and innovative fundraising ideas, so if any one has any suggestions, please call Sarah on 0487 255 083, send an email to [murrumburrahhigh-pandc@gmail.com](mailto:murrumburrahhigh-pandc@gmail.com) or message the Facebook page.

## Proud & Deadly Awards

Date: Friday 22 November 2019

Time: 10am

Location: Young Public School

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

## Metals, Common

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MERCURY

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

#### 1. Download SkoolBag

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Skooling: 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 Skooling to send you push notifications when prompted.

#### 5. Subscribe to Groups

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

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## SHOOSH FOR KIDS

**11 - 17 November 2019**  
[sport.nsw.gov.au/shooshforkids](http://sport.nsw.gov.au/shooshforkids)

Join the Office of Sport, Sport NSW, State Sporting Organisations and grassroots clubs across the state for Shoosh for Kids, the initiative promoting positive spectator behaviour at junior sport. Visit our website to sign up, gain access to posters, social media posts and more and let your members know where you stand on poor spectator behaviour.



**Let's keep  
kids coming  
back to junior sport!**

Shoosh for Kids is proudly supported by:



## Harden Soccer Club

Harden Soccer Club wishes to advise that it will be holding it's Annual General Meeting on Monday 2nd December at 7.30 pm at the Harden Country Club. The Committee hopes to see many current and new faces in attendance.

## MHS Uniform Stockist

**180**  
Clothing



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