

MURRUMBURRAH
HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL:
MR DALE RANDS

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27 September 2019

Dates for Calendar

Week 1

- Monday 14 October - Students return to School
- Friday 18 October - Coota Show



Congratulations

Last night the family, friends, students and staff celebrated what is one of the most highly anticipated events on the school social calendar – the Year 12 Graduation Formal Dinner.

The venue was the Harden District Bowling Club whose staff were instrumental in assisting with the success of the night. Also an integral part of the event was the fabulous catering by Anna and the staff of the Jack-Hi Chinese Restaurant.

Year 12 all looked glamorous in their stunning formal dresses and suits. The atmosphere buzzing with a sense of achievement and impending freedom. The MHS community wishes our wonderful Year 12 students all the best with their HSC exams and future aspirations.

L-R: Tom Richards, Emily Stanfield, Zac Pedley, Elizabeth Shorrock, Sarah Bonnette, Riley Southwell, Tara McGrath-West, Emily Doohan, William Cracknell, Hannah Phillis and Brad Wyatt-Williams.

Principal Report



Welcome to the end of Term 3 Newsletter.

The last fortnight has been full of activities to keep everyone busy and helping each other out. The major events that have taken place are as follows.

Firstly to Year 12. This week ends the formal lessons of our graduating class for 2019. The Year 12 students only now have their formal examinations to complete next term and then the long wait for results in the last week of the school year. The big change is that this year for the first time the ATAR ranks will also be released the same day after lunch, normally this does not occur until the new year. Year 12 decided as part of their end of term celebrations to undertake some dress up themes this week and staff and students alike were very impressed with the efforts of the outfits that were worn on each day this week. Yesterday was the official end of events for Year 12. In the morning the day started with a BBQ breakfast for staff, Year 12 and family. This was a great way to start the day and a bit of a tradition at the school....a tradition very well organised and ran by our SASS staff at the school. Wal, Craig and Nic cook a very tasty bacon and egg sandwich. This was followed by our formal graduation assembly attended by the family and friends of year 12 as well as the entire staff and student body. A lovely assembly and lots of emotions to show the feelings of Year 12 as the situation becomes a reality that school is over.....after 13 years. Last night was the Formal dinner held this year at the Harden Bowling Club. What a lovely night this was with over 80 people in attendance for the speeches, presentations and dinner. The new 2020 School Captains ran their first official functions yesterday and Abbey and Max did the school and themselves proud.

On a sadder note, yesterday was the official last day of work for Janice Walsh from our office staff. Janice has been working at the school for 34 years and has seen all the changes in education since gestetners and foolscap typing paper, with carbon backing. Janice has been an absolute rock at the school and I personally have very much appreciated Janice's professional approach to all she does and keeping my life in order as Janice was responsible for my daily schedule and keeping me on task with deadlines. Janice will be very missed by all of the Murrumburrah High School community and we all wish her the very best as she settles into retirement. Janice and her husband plan to do lots of trips to see family and maybe sleep in a little longer in the mornings. Janice is not leaving town so if you see her out and about catch up and say g'day.

On one final note. It is no secret at the school that I am an avid Sydney Roosters fan and have been since 1976. So to sign off my report for this term.....Go the mighty Roosters.

Mr Dale Rands
Principal



P&C News

So much has happened around the school over this last term, these holidays will definitely be a well earned break for staff and students.

We would like to congratulate the Year 12 students on the finalisation of 13 years of primary and secondary schooling and wish them all the best for their HSC exams next term and their future adventures.

As a committee, we are currently looking into implementing an online ordering and payment system for the Canteen. There is currently a poll on our Facebook page to gauge the popularity of a system such as this, so please take the time to jump on the page and have your say.

After the success of the fundraising stall we had at the Harden Kite Festival last year, we have decided to do it again!

The Kite Festival is to be held on Saturday 12th October from 10am-5pm. We will be selling home-made cakes, jams, pickles, produce and the like, so if you are able to help with baking or can spare an hour of your time to man the stall, please contact me on 0487 255 083.

Enjoy the slightly relaxed pace of the holidays!

Cheers

Sarah Rowan

The Book Nook

On Thursday the entire school participated in Reading Hour
<https://readinghour.org.au/>



This initiative grew out of the 2012 National Year of Reading and strives to encourage all Australians to discover or refresh the joys of reading. The Australian Government supports the program acknowledging the lifelong benefits of not only reading but reading for pleasure.

MHS students participated in reading for an hour and the atmosphere across the school was one of tranquillity with students and staff absorbed in their reading.

<https://www.alia.org.au/ideas-campaigns-and-events-your-library/australian-reading-hour>



Class of 2019 Farwell



Make Bullying History Foundation



Brett Murray from Make Bullying History Foundation (MBHF) inspired Year 7 to 10 students with his educational speech last week.

MBHF are dedicated to eradicating bullying in schools across Australia. Our nation has one of the highest teen suicide rates in the world. Suicide is the #1 killer of teenagers in Australia, the #1 killer of males aged 15 – 25. 80% of all suicides are a direct result of bullying.

Quotes from Students;

Elden and Brad- 'He was so inspirational, opened my eyes to a lot of things, made me see a different way of life, your past does not need to dictate your future!'

Jordan - 'Amazing and inspirational!!'

Harrison - 'Not many people can stand there and tell those truths with so much confidence'.

Skye - 'It made us realise that there is more to bullying than meets the eye'.

Chloe - 'It was so powerful, his passion was the key, he clearly wants to have an impact on our lives and stop bullying'.

For more information please visit MBHF's website <https://www.makebullyinghistory.org/public/> or find them on Facebook!



Thursday 26 September 2019 – Janice's Retirement

Just recently Janice and I were discussing of all things, the cutting of A4 cardboard when she mentioned, "that was before my time". I jokingly replied "that couldn't be right, she'd been here for 100 years!"

But her statement got me to thinking that there hasn't been a time that existed for any of us, that was before Janice. She is the very fabric that is Murrumburrah High and everything that is good about our school.

Janice first started at MHS way back in the mid 1980's as a part-time clerical assistant and then in the early 90's was appointed full time.

She has given much of herself to public education, even including her family. Her three boys all attended MHS and were elected as School Captain, (although two left during Year 11 to pursue their careers).

She has seen much change in education as well as work practices. She started when pen, paper, typewriters, carbon paper and gestetners were in vogue. She now has her technology licence and what a whiz! Along the way there has been lots of fun and laughter, but this has always included a high output of work. Janice has been a vital cog in the smooth running of the MHS Admin team.

On a personal note I can't thank Janice enough for her guidance, friendship, expertise and loyalty. Above all else her willingness to get the job done, get the job done well and get the job done on time.

I can't or don't want to imagine the school without Janice but as she moves into the next stage of her life, it is our responsibility to carry on all her wonderful work. Have faith in us Janice, as you have taught us well.

On behalf of everyone, congratulations Janice on your retirement, it's been a pleasure working with you. Relax, have fun and avoid anything that resembles work. Thanks for being such a wonderful and supportive member of our MHS team.

Bev Stevenson



Janice receiving her Department of Education retirement medal.

Mr Nicholas Nadycz OAM

MEDAL (OAM) OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

For service to the community of Harden-Murrumburrah.

Fire and Rescue NSW

- Volunteer Firefighter, Harden Fire Station, since 1979.
- Awarded Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, New South Wales Fire Brigade, 2008.
- National Medal, 1994.

Community

- Past Manager and Life Guard, Harden Swimming Pool, for 20 years.
- Volunteer Technical Judge Assistant, , World Masters Games, Sydney, 2009.
- Volunteer Driver, Australian Youth Olympic Festival, 2009.
- Volunteer, Crowd Marshall, World Youth Day and visit by the Pope, 2008.
- Volunteer Bus Driver, Sydney Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, 2000.
- Committee Member, Bicentenary Celebrations, Harden-Murrumburrah, 1988.

Apex Clubs of Australia (1966-1984)

- President, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Officer.
- District 5 Governor.
- Life Member, 1984.
- Apexian of the Year, 1974.

Employment

- Gardener, Murrumburrah High School, since 1999.

Awards and recognition includes:

- Australia Day Citizenship of the Year Award, Advance Harden-Murrumburrah, 1997.
- Finalist, New South Wales Volunteer of the Year Award, 2009. •
- Winner, South Coast/Capital, Volunteer of the Year, 2009.
- Olympic Torch Bearer, Wallendbeen, 2000.



Nic received his medal at an official ceremony from the Governor General on Friday 13th September.

HSJE at MHS - with a focus on History

This year in Ancient History Year 11 were required to undertake an historical investigation on an ancient society of their choice. Their task required them to create a museum display with an artefact to go on display with an explanatory brochure to aid in understanding.

Students researched:

Max – the Viking ship burials – he created a modern interpretive model of a Viking ship

Abbey – Angkor Wat – a Cambodian city of temples – she created a poster with a pullout map of the city

Thomas - Temple of Ramses II at Luxor – he made a model statue of Rameses II

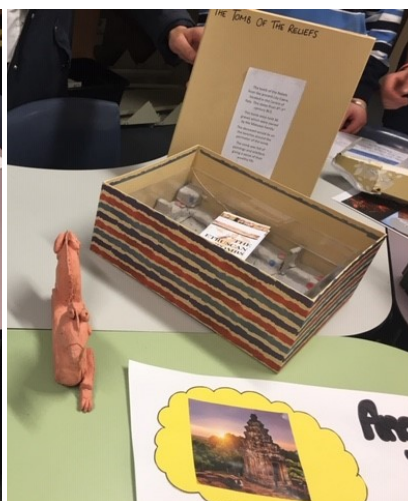
Sharna – Persepolis, ancient capital of the Persian Empire – she made a model of a double griffin and figure with one body and two heads

Maria – Etruscan tombs – she created a replica tomb called the Tomb of the reliefs

Natalya – Terracotta Warriors of Xian – created a museum display and a short video showing the warriors

The photos show the display as it was in the library in Term 2.

Meanwhile Stage 5 Crimes and Catastrophes have been researching a biography of a figure from the past and selecting artefacts to form a museum display proposal. Part of their analysis of the sources they have used include the acronym **NACHOS** which stands for:
Nature, **A**uthor, **C**ontent, **H**appening, **O**mitted and **S**pecial reason. To help embed these ideas Ms Beck treated the class to **NACHOS**!



Science

Stage 4 Science students investigating separating mixtures, exploding volcanoes and constructing rockets!



Art

Stage 4 have been creating artistic ceramic forms this term. Students have learnt various techniques hand building and applying various glazes to create textured pieces. Students have learnt about the kiln, bisque firing, inlay and relief designs. Some students have experienced the heart breaking properties of using clay. Cracking, bubbles and exploding forms have been part of the process. However, with perseverance students have discovered the rewarding results of creating with clay. Along our journey this term, students have developed a new appreciation for this delicate and detailed art form.

Ms. Winterflood and Ms van Leeuwen



GENETICS IN STAGE 5

Students have been learning all about dominant, recessive and co-dominant genes.

Luckily for Murrumburrah High School we have a real live case of genetics occurring down at the Ag plot. Our shorthorn stud has been busy calving and as a coincidence they have produced a textbook case of genetics for the students to learn about.

Shorty Cow – Murrimboola Frizzle the Dam of the crew is a roan coloured cow which is a codominant trait of Rr.

Her partner was a roan coloured bull by the name of Rockstar hence the genes Rr.

When we cross these genes we get the following possibly outcomes;

	R	r
R	RR	Rr
r	Rr	rr

So there is a $\frac{1}{4}$ chance of RR = Red, $\frac{2}{4}$ chance or $\frac{1}{2}$ of being Roan Rr and $\frac{1}{4}$ chance of being rr which is white.

This year Shorty Cow had a pure white heifer calf.

Shorty's daughter Murrumburrah Nancy is a red heifer cow RR.

Nancy was mated to Yamburgan Zeus who is a roan bull Rr.

When we cross these two the possible outcomes are as follows;

	R	r
R	RR	Rr
r	Rr	rr

So there is a $\frac{1}{2}$ chance of a roan calf and $\frac{1}{2}$ chance of a red calf.

This year Nancy had her first calf and he is a red bull calf with the genotype for colour of RR.

Left to Right in Photo

Shorty Cow, White heifer calf, Nancy, Red bull calf.



Murrumburrah High School - Term 4, 2019

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
October	1	14 Students return to school	15	16	17	18 Coota Show	19	20
	2	21	22 IVY Excursions	23	24	25 Newsletter available	26	27
	3	28	29 Year 6 to Year 7 Orientation	30	31	1 Albury Show	2	3
	4	4	5	6	7 Year 6 to Year 7 Orientation	8 Newsletter available	9	10
November	5	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	6	18	19	20	21 Stage 4 STEM @ Goulburn	22 Newsletter available	23	24
	7	25	26	27	28	29	30	1
December	8	2	3	4	5	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

YEAR 12 DRESS UP WEEK



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Preparing our students for tomorrow's challenges through learning

2019 Harden Kite Festival
Kites - Canola - Country

Saturday 12th October, 10am – 5pm

Harden Picnic Racecourse

Burley Griffin Way, Harden NSW

BIG KITES

By kite flying enthusiasts from around Australia

Entry by donation \$2 per person

Alcohol Free Event

FREE Activities & Entertainment

Live music & performances

Kids activities

International food

Market stalls

Kite decorating workshops

Kite flying

All Day Ride Pass Available

Unlimited Rides from 10am to 4pm

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

murrumburrahhs.sentrail.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>

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