

MURRUMBURRAH
HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL:
MR DALE RANDS

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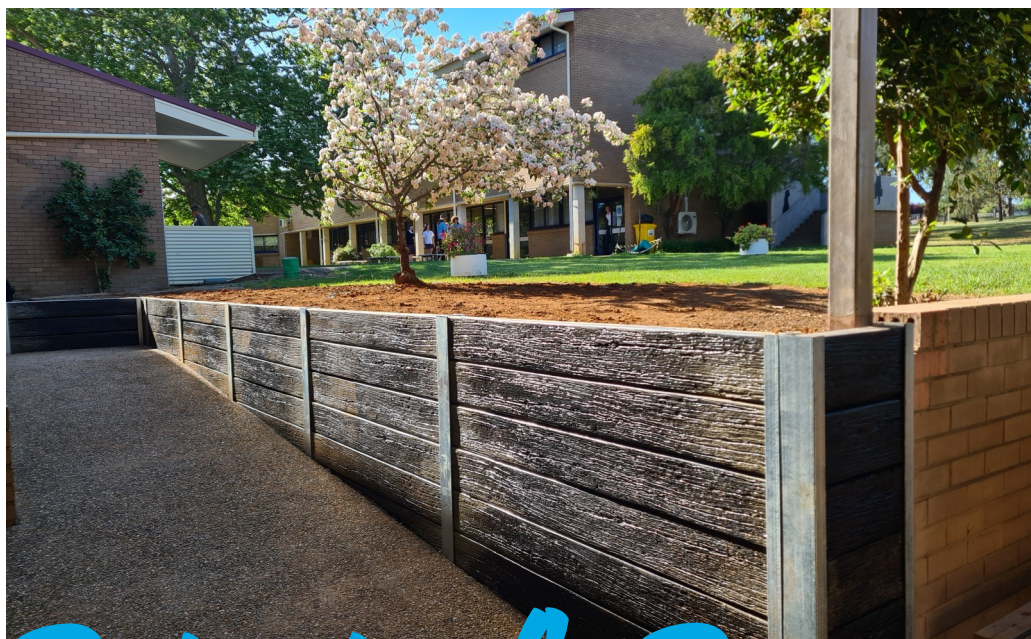


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30 October 2020

Term 4

- **HSC Last Exam**
Wednesday 11
November
- **Cross Country**
Wednesday 18
November
- **Athletics Carnival**
Wednesday 25
November
- **Orientation Day**
Tuesday 1
December
- **Last Day of Term**
Wednesday 16
December



Principal's Report

A big welcome back to everyone for the start of a new school term. I hope all our families managed to have some sort of a break over the recent school holidays. In line with my end of term newsletter I can officially confirm that I caught no fish at Wyangala Dam.....

This term started without the usual staff development day that begins each school term and the students just went straight into class and started a fresh term.

It has been now made official that the NSW Department of Education will be having Staff Development Days as follows in 2021:

First 2 days of Term 1, first day of Term 2, first day of Term 3 and the last day of Term 4. This is a change from how it has been before and will see all students start the school year on Friday 29th January 2021 and finish on Thursday 16th December 2021.

The first week of this term was a little different for our Year 12 students this year. Normally Year 12 would have finished up last term and would be studying for exams during the first week. Given the lock down time lost earlier in the year the NSW Department of Education allowed schools to continue classes for year 12 during this first week and delayed the start of the HSC exams by a few days. Quite a number of Year 12 continued to attend school and take advantage of the last minute revision and help from their class teachers.

Principal's Report

Thursday 15th October all Year 12 attended a special breakfast that was held for them at the Barnes Store. The Café opened up as a special event for the students and minimal staff to give them a nice gathering that adhered to all the education and health guidelines and also the retail guidelines. Students had a lovely time together and watched pre-recorded farewell speeches from other students. The school had prepared special personalised gifts for the graduating students to help make the occasion as special as we could. Once breakfast was over we all came back to school for a modified farewell graduation assembly, also under current guidelines. The event was also recorded and all recordings made available to the community to watch as we could not have any family at the assembly this year. The day was as special as we could make it but we are all hoping for a return to normal events in 2021.

Year 12 began their HSC examinations on Tuesday 20th October and have settled in very well into the routine expected of them. We all wish them the best for all their exams and hope that upon completion that they can all enter their chosen career path.

A number of weeks ago the main garden in the centre of the school was removed as it had become very overgrown and unfriendly to passers-by (I think the vine would reach out and grab you at times). A number of staff and students joined together for a whole day of digging and laying new concrete garden sleepers and many wheel-barrow loads of bright red wood chip. Some roses have been planted around the school and we are expecting a delivery of other plants soon to finish off the new garden beds. The maths class learnt practical use of their geometry and levelling skills. The day ended with many weary bodies, I think my back will never forgive me. More work will be done in coming weeks to finish the gardens ready for summer.

More outdoor lighting is being upgraded to finish off the works started a while ago, COVID-19 has certainly slowed down our ability to order in specialised parts.....

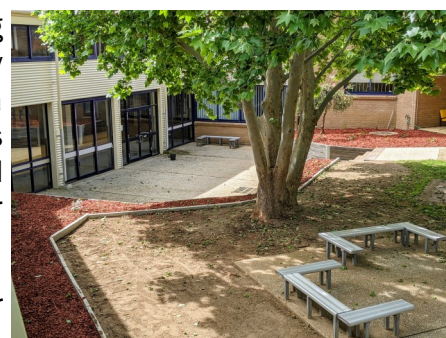
The school is currently planning the Year 6 into 7 Orientation day which will be held on December 1st this year. Once again, we will have modified arrangements but will make the day very interesting for our new 2021 Year 7 cohort.

This term staff will be having a couple of late evening planning sessions to work on our new School Improvement Plan. Every public school completes this work every 4 years based on data collected from many sources, with the aim to make things better for students in terms of educational outcomes and experiences. Evening sessions will run from 4pm to 7 pm over 2 nights this term.

Can I finally offer my thanks to all the patience that our community has given to the school over this year. We have certainly had a number of changes that are outside normal organisation and I personally appreciate that the community works with us for the good of all the students under our care.

We all hope for a return to normal in 2021 but that will depend on many factors.....fingers crossed.

Mr Dale Rands
Principal



Captains Corner

On Thursday 15th of October we attended our first formal event, this was a breakfast for Year 12 that was hosted by the school at the Barnes Store. We were pleased to have been invited to such an important event and would like to thank the school and Year 12 for inviting us and would like to wish them all the best in their future careers and aspirations.



In addition, we were invited to host the Year 12 Graduation assembly our first formal assembly as the 2021 School Leaders. We were presented with our blazers from our former School Captains Abbey and Max, we would like to thank everybody for participating in this assembly and for supporting us as we hosted our first assembly.

In other news, SRC and Ms Hyland have been working on ideas for the Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals that were both unfortunately postponed due to COVID-19. We are also looking at ways we can host events to increase student motivation and fundraising with COVID safe participation.

Thank you
Amity & Jordan

P&C News

Congratulations to all of the Year 12 students who have now all completed the formal part of their schooling with just the exams to go. We wish you all the best of luck during your exams and onto the next chapter of your life's adventures. Be passionate about your dreams, stay true to yourselves, never let fear hold you back but above all embrace the ups and downs of life and find joy in the small things, for it is within yourself that true happiness lies.

Our Canteen Manager Rosie, never ceases to amaze us with her love of all things food and providing delicious, healthy options for our students. The students are obviously enjoying the food so much that Rosie is run off her feet so we are on the look out for someone to help her!!!! The position will initially be a volunteer position, but for the right person, may lead into regular paid work. So if you have a passion for food, working with others to create nutritious, delicious food for the students and staff, have a current Working with Children's Check and have some spare time during school hours, then we want you!!!!

For more information please give me a call on 0487 255 083.

Sarah Rowan
P&C President

English

Stage 4 English (Green) have been exploring sustainability and persuasive writing techniques in class time. The study of sustainability empowers students to make decisions that may contribute to creating a sustainable society and ecosystem. Stage 4 English are enjoying exploring this topic, proposing actions that may improve the environment and using persuasive techniques to convince a wider audience of their goals. In addition to this, students have been spending some time writing creative compositions, using stimulus pictures relating to the environment.



Mrs Elliott

Looking through my eyes - a hybrid poem and creative writing piece by Jeanie- Marie Drew

Looking through my eyes. What I see in the sky are dark moving clouds and all around me is dirt. I wonder where I am or what I was and how the sky is so dark. I lay on my back, watching far away to see if anything changes. I am all alone, in my empty house. I can hear the birds chirping in the trees. I can taste the dirt, blown in on the backs of the winds. I hear water flowing slowly, then quickly. Come, look quickly so you can see.

Save the Turtles - A sample of persuasive language (call to action) by Lachlan Campbell

We need to learn the turtles are not going to survive with us interfering with their natural environment. We must act now!

Our House - A poem by Joseph Cracknell

*The Ocean's dead. We are destroying the earth.
Birds trying to survive, migrate
But there is nowhere to fly to.
The air is too polluted.
The water is depleted.
Our ocean. Our future... if we continue on this path.
A house from the olden days.
The old man trying to breathe the air,
But
There is not much left.
Sad, depressed, meaningless
With little hope.
It is too polluted- Our house. Our Planet. Our Home.*

Living on a Shell - A creative writing piece by Izzy Hardy

Walking aimlessly, attempting to find my way home, but you see, there is something about my house that is unlike most. For starters it moves, so that is why it takes me so long to find my way back home. His name is Chandler, my mum named him that because it is her favourite character on the show friends, even though we have no T.V or anything like that, because you see, you simply can't get electricity on a shell. It doesn't help that my little sister is a VSCO girl. All she can say when she sees Chandler is "Save the Turtles." I always reply with... "Then why are you living on one?"

English

Stage 4 English (Red & Blue)

A selection of Stage 4 English Poems from Term 3.

Locomotion of the Ocean

The sun sparkles down on the Ocean
The dolphins swim through the ocean *nicely*
The waves flow and curl in lovely motion
The fish like to swim very *precisely*
The great white shark is trying to find food
The baby penguins are starting to *hatch*
The hump back whale is in a good mood
The baby penguins have patterns that *match*
The night falls and the waves start to crash lots
The dolphins and fish suddenly *stop*
The big fish hide among the seaweed pots
The waves wash back and forth over the *top*
The waves start to roll like a loaded gun
The fishes scales sparkled in the sun

Chloe Layton

You don't see her beauty!

Though her kindness constantly fills the room
Her body does nothing but let him down
Though her smile can make most others assume
Her hips cause him to do nothing but frown
Though her eyes shine in the eyes of others
Her legs are always too big or too small
Though imperfections lie on his mother
Her skin will always make him sad overall
Though all she does is make others happy
Her lips are not big enough to please him
Though she tries to stop him being snappy
Her shape makes him want to go to the gym
Though she is beautiful on the inside
Her boyfriend puts the inside to the side

The Truth

Floating through the thoughtless desert
Wondering in the interesting forest
Never ever to know all.
No Matter how strong, we all fall.
Spend your time doing what you Love.
which first you must do what you hate.

Maths

Stage 5 Trade Maths

During this year Stage 5 Trade Maths has been looking at skills involved with employment and living.

Last term they did a site plan and then a scale plan for the construction of a handball court for the playground. This involved looking at where would be the most suitable location for the court, what would be the best size to maximise usage and whether it was possible to have multiple usages for the handball court and the best size for each handball space. (International adult size is 2m).

Students also discussed the amount of dirt that would need to be removed to level the surface for the court as well as the amount of concrete required for the court.

Students were then required to draw a scale diagram of the court depicting its relative position to the surrounding area.

This term they have assisted in transforming the school gardens. This included helping put in edging strips and making sure they were level. Some practised their estimation skills with volume looking at the amount of bark chip required to fill an area at a set depth.

In class work we have been looking at money, in particular interest. We have been looking at where we earn it and where we get charged it.



Maths

Year 12 Standard Maths

This class had their exam last Monday 26th October. We are confident that they all performed well.



Debating

Debating has concluded at Murrumburrah High School for 2020. The team of Samantha Emms, Brooke Emms, Emily Schulz and Brydan Cracknell had a wonderful debate against Engadine High School in Sydney, debating the topic "That we should ban all political advertising". Being on the affirmative side they set the model and the definition and then argued in favour of the topic. Each speaker put forward some very convincing arguments around the ideas of false empowerment and questionable truthfulness that, taken together, made for an enjoyable debate! Unfortunately we lost in what the adjudicator called a "very close run"!

The team have worked together so well and have all developed both their skills and their passion for debating! For the first time in my experience of debating a team from a small rural high school has gone up against (and won) debates against teams from Sydney schools very early in a knock-out competition. So while COVID-19 has had many detrimental impacts on education this year, one positive has been for this team to test their skills against larger schools, and more experienced teams, and had success. Talk has already turned to planning for 2021!

I would like to thank the team, and the other members of the teams for their contributions this year. Hopefully we will be at it again next year!

Ms Beck

Head Teacher English/HSIE/CAPA

MHS School Driver Training Program

If your student is 16 years old they are eligible to enrol in the school's driver training program.

All students must be financial and sign an additional COVID consent form.

1 hour = 3 Log book hours

Contact the School to find out more information or your student can pick up a form.

Congratulations Year 12



Farm News



- The school's new adjustable sheep loading ramp.
- Freshly crutched school sheep.
- What will the lambs sell for next week at Cootamundra's sale?



Art

Year 11 student Peta with her two art projects.



Long Track Pantry - Careers

The Long Track Pantry, Jugiong has an exciting opportunity for you to join their team.

We have multiple apprenticeship/traineeships/Cert. 2 & 3 positions available as well as casual positions.

Please contact Katrina Brooker for more information. careers@longtrackpantry.com.au



Positive Level Awards

Congratulations to the students listed below for receiving their Positive Level awards at this week's assembly.

Blue Level Award

Jack Trethowan

B-Jay Skinner

Maddison Foley

Double Blue Level

Coralie Vasquez

Elden Rowan

Emily Schulz

Emily Willett

Double Purple Award

Elden Rowan

Emily Schulz

Grace Shorrocks

Jasmin Chesworth

Lily McKinley

Maddison Teys

Riley Arabin

Samantha Emms



New Council Signs

Be aware, new council signs have been installed on Smith Street in front of the school.



Term 4 Dates

Cross Country	Wednesday 18 November
Athletics Carnival	Wednesday 25 November
Year 6 to 7 Orientation Day	Tuesday 1 December

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Preparing our students for tomorrow's challenges through learning

WORD SEARCH

Maths

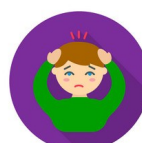
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VOLUME
PARALLEL
ESTIMATE
GRAPH
SURFACE
DISTANCE
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UNITS
ALGORITHM
PERIMETER
TIME
ORIENTATION
LENGTH
WHOLE
DECIMAL
RADIUS
NUMBERS
ALGEBRA
HEIGHT
AVERAGE

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Reminder

Students are reminded
to please bring their
pencil cases with pens,
pencils and calculator to
school.



STUDENTS ABSENT OR SENT HOME DUE TO DISPLAYING ANY FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS MUST BE TESTED

The Australian Government, Department of Health defines flu like symptoms as: runny nose or sneezing, cough or sore throat, fever and chills, headache, body aches, vomiting, and diarrhoea (more common in children).

- Students must not return to school until they return a negative COVID-19 result and are symptom free.
- Schools must sight the negative COVID-19 test result prior to allowing students and staff to return to school.
- A screen shot of results should be emailed to;
murrumburr-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
- Please contact school administration staff on 6386 2755 if you need support emailing results.