

MURRUMBURRAH
HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL:
MR DALE RANDS

Mercury



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7 February 2020

Dates for Calendar

Week 3

- P&C Meeting—
Monday 10th
February
- NRL Assembly &
Player Visit —
Wednesday 12
February
- Swimming Carnival—
Thursday 13 February

Week 4

- Zone Swimming Car-
nival - Thursday 20
February



MHS 2020

Welcome back to Murrumburrah High
School for 2020.

We extend a very warm welcome to all
students, and in particular to Year 7 who
begin their High School education.

Principal Report

A very big welcome back to our school community.

Well I am sure that we all agree that it is great to get the kids back to school and back being busy again. I have heard many stories from the students over the first few days of school and what they got up to over the holidays varies immensely: from watching TV all day and doing nothing, to being outdoors helping out on the farm and visiting family etc. Lots of interesting stories.

A very big welcome back to all our staff at the school. A very special welcome to our new staff. Ms Naomi Elliott is on contract in the English faculty for the year, Mr Travis Pigrim is also on contract in the PE area whilst Mrs Spencer continues her maternity leave and all that motherhood brings with it. I also would like to welcome our two new permanent staff members to their first teaching position since graduating university. Ms Bianca Swanson joins us in the English area but is very skilled in Mathematics as well, plus Mr Michael Clancy joins our Science faculty with his science and physics skills. All our new staff have settled in to Murrumburrah life and the students are very glad to have these staff with us.

Over the break a few upgrades have taken place – the filtered water cooler has been installed and is getting a real work out, especially last week. The new shade sails have been erected, the collapsed underground storm water drain is now replaced (not that it got used much last year during a drought). The school has also had new flooring in many rooms which has made a new year all that more exciting for the students and some of the staff. We have plenty more upgrades occurring over the next few months and I will keep everyone up to date. If you have never been to the school and had a good look around please make an appointment. I am always very proud to show people our great school. As a visitor said to me only this week, "wow everyone is in uniform and also in class working, what a great school it is".

The holidays has brought with it some terrible events that have impacted many families across the state and when I met with students on the first day I reminded them all that if they need help just ask. In times like this we all need to support and look out for each other.

This is something that our school does so well.

Finally, have a great term and bring on the rain.

Mr Dale Rands
Principal



P&C News

Welcome to the new school year for 2020, especially to any new students and their families.

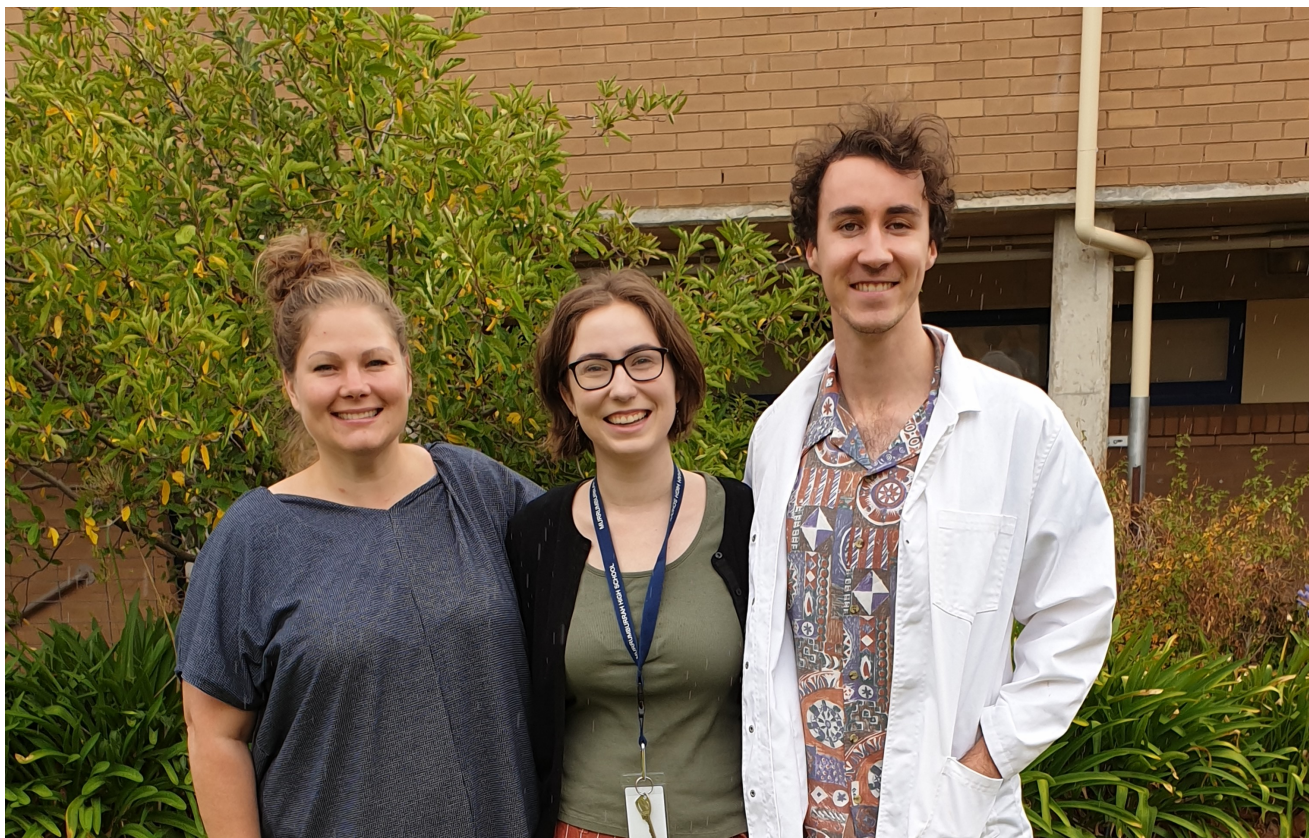
We would like to extend an invitation to all families to attend our first P&C meeting for the year on Monday 10th February @ 6pm in the Teacher's Common Room. At this meeting you will have the opportunity to meet the new teacher's that have started at MHS this year and find out what is planned for the students for this term.

The P&C meets on a monthly basis on the 2nd Monday of each month @ 6pm. If you are unable to make it to any of the meetings but have any ideas, questions or concerns, the P&C can be contacted via our Facebook page, via email: murrumburrahhighpandc@gmail.com or give me a call on 0487 255 083.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday night!

Sarah Rowan
President

New Staff 2020



Stage 4—First Day



HSIE

Stage 4 students in Mrs Elliott's HSIE class enjoyed exploring Medieval Europe through Virtual Reality (VR) software, an online Webquest and a mapping activity during their lesson on the 4th of February 2020.



The Bibliotheca Blurb

MHS Library encourages all students and staff to be independent in their research so to encourage and develop this skill a workstation desktop dedicated to Oliver is being installed in the fiction area.

- Wondering how to locate a funny novel?
- Need specific information for an assessment task?
- Require digital sources for research?

Oliver is the online database providing access to the library's collections including digital platforms, such as Encyclopaedia Britannica, ebooks, a vast amount of websites relating directly to subject topics, novels, films, documentaries and graphic novels.

Oliver can be accessed 24/7 via the student or staff portal. All 'Oli' needs is for you to type in a search term and the rest is done for you.

QUIZ QUESTION:

What is a bibliotheca?



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Browse Search other sources Advanced search

Word Genre Subject Title Author Series List

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Five on Breatht Island

Recognising and Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Women's Movements

Recognising and Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Language Toolkit

Silver Bird

Authoritarian States

Hitler and the Nazi state

Collier, Martin

BECAUSE YOU BORROWED 'THE TATTOOIST OF AUSCHWITZ'

Within These Walls

Barkis Zusk

People of the book

Brooke, Geraldine

The Seeker

Holocaust education

Voorhees Middle School

Hefty

Myers, Britzman

Myers, Britzman

Cattle SELX Sale @ Yass

Students from Stage 6 Agriculture travelled to Yass SELX to view the steers from MHS sold and to learn how the beef cattle auction system works. Students were able to view the whole process from yarding, weighing and sale to loading. It was a very informative day with some record prices achieved on pens of store steers. The students also were able to see the effect of the bushfires and ongoing drought in some cattle which was a reality check for some the areas these animals were coming from. It also made the students appreciate the condition they were able to present their own animals in. The students steers averaged \$1,250. At the end of the sale the students were able to purchase a 2 week old calf for \$80 as a new project and something that the students can give back to the ongoing drought affected animals. The calf has been christened Brax and will arrive at school after a couple of weeks TLC. The students will then have a task of feeding Brax by bottle until he is ready to move onto solid feed. The team at SELX were very impressed with MHS students behaviour and interest in the whole process.

Thanks goes to Marg Campbell for accompanying the class to the sale.



LEAP

We are looking to kick off LEAP for 2020 soon.

We are waiting on notes to be returned prior to the program commencing.

If you are in Year 9 or 10 and were given a note, please return to the front office as soon as possible.

If you would like a note or more information please speak to Courtney or phone 0428 639 879

MHS Dance Group

MHS dance group is up and running.

If you are interested in joining see Ruby Woodhead, Maci Wilkinson or Hayley Carnell, seen featured with the other dancers Melanie O'Farrell, Jayda Kelly and Mollie McKinley.



'Connect' Group

Connect is a lunchtime Christian group* for students involving snacks, a game or a chat, and a relaxed conversation about faith, God and much more! It is a chance for students to come and ask any questions about the Bible, or just have a chat. There is no sign-up or on-going commitment required, drop in whenever you like.

When? EVERY TUESDAY LUNCHTIME (from 11.30am)

Where? ROOM 1 (unless otherwise specified)

Who? STUDENTS OF ALL YEARS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US
(you can bring your lunch with you)

*Please note that this is a voluntary group, not a class and does not involve SRE/Scripture curriculum.

Please contact David Rajasekaram on 6386 2679 for more info.

Reminders / Notices

- **Enrolment / Student Forms**—Thank you to those parents who have already returned their forms, if you have not can you please return these by Monday 10th February.
- **School starts at 9am.** It is expected students are at school by then. School concludes at 3.25pm.
- **Should a student need to leave school** during the day it should be for a valid reason. They need to bring a note from home and present it to the Deputy Principal before school. Phone calls to the office should only be used in emergency situations. Phone calls and texts on a student phone will never be accepted.
- **Phones** - The school has a very strict policy on phone use in the school. Phones are never to be used in class unless under the direct supervision of the teacher and then only for educational purposes. If a student is using their phone in class they will be given a direction to turn it off and put it away. If the student doesn't put their phone away they will be directed to take their phone to be locked up at the front office for the remainder of the day. Continual offenders may have to have their phone collected by parents.
- **Basic everyday uniform** is a school shirt and navy shorts (not black). Jeans, jean shorts, and leggings are not uniform and are not to be worn to school. Inappropriate clothing, including revealing items or those with inappropriate logos and slogans are not acceptable. Parents will be called to bring up appropriate alternate clothing or take students home.
- **Absences** - Parents are required to explain students absences on the day of their return. This could be by directly replying to the SMS from the school, phoning the school or sending a note with an explanation.
- **Returning Permission Notes** - Parents and students are reminded that notes and money must be returned on or before the date specified, or your child will not be allowed to attend the excursion. Payment plans may be put in place in special circumstances, but must be organised ahead of time.
- If you have any concerns about your child please don't hesitate to contact the school.

P&C Meeting

Monday 10th February 2020
6pm in the Common Room

MHS Swimming Carnival

Thursday 13th February 2020
Harden Swimming Pool


Canteen Menu

If you have any suggestions / fresh ideas / recipes, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact our Canteen Manager Kirsty Summerfield.

Hot Food		Treats	
Pizza Varieties	\$3.00	Yoghurt Tubs	\$1.00
Garlic Bread	\$2.50	Yoghurt w Fruit	\$1.00
S/Chilli Tenders (2pk)	\$3.50	Yoghurt w Granola	\$1.00
Chicken Goujons	\$2.50	Soya Crisps	\$1.00
Chicken Tenders (2pk)	\$3.00	Red Rock Deli Chips	\$1.50
Meat Pie	\$4.50	Grain Waves	\$1.50
Snack Lite Sausage Roll	\$3.00	Chocolate Mousse	\$1.00
Dim Sims (2pk)	\$2.20	Dried Fruit	50c
		Cheese & Crackers	\$1.00
		Hommus & Crackers	\$1.50
		Sara Lee Muffins	\$3.00
		Assorted Muffins / Slice	\$1.00
		Popcorn	\$1.00
		Seasonal Fruit	\$1.00
Burgers		Frozen	
Flamed Grilled Chicken w Salad	\$5.50	Quelch	50c
Beef Patty w Salad	\$5.50	Weis Bars	\$2.50
S/Chilli Chicken w Salad	\$5.50	Frozen Yoghurt	\$2.20
		Vanilla Ice Cream Tubs	\$1.50
		Paddle Pop (Choc, Caramel)	\$1.50
Hot Wraps		Drinks	
Classic Chicken	\$5.50	Flavoured Milk 300ml	\$3.00
Mexican Wrap	\$5.50	Flavoured Milk 500ml	\$4.00
Caesar Wrap	\$5.50	Dare Varieties 500ml	\$4.50
		600ml Water	\$2.50
		No Sugar Coke 250ml	\$3.00
		No Sugar Coke 390ml	\$3.50
		No Sugar Kirks Lemonade 375ml	\$3.50
Wraps		Juice Bombs 250mls	\$2.50
Chicken / Roast Beef Classic	\$6.00	250ml GLEE Varieties	\$2.50
Caesar Chicken	\$6.00	Slushy	\$2.50
S/Chilli Chicken / Beef	\$6.00	Up & Go 500mls	\$5.00
Ham Mayo/Relish/Mustard	\$6.00	Hot Chocolate	\$2.50
Sandwiches			
Assorted Sandwiches	\$3.50		
Assorted Toasties	\$3.50		
Fruit			
Fruit Salad Tubs Large	\$3.00		
Fruit Salad Tubs Small	\$2.00		
Watermelon Tubs Large	\$3.00		
Watermelon Tubs Small	\$2.00		

Weekly / Daily Specials - Check Board

Murrumburrah High School - Term 1, 2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun	
February	3	10 Best Start Year 7	11 Best Start Year 7	12 NRL Assembly & Player Visit	13 MHS Swimming Carnival	14	15	16
	4	17	18	19	20 Zone Swimming @ Cootamundra	21 Newsletter	22	23
	5	24	25 School Police Liaison Visit	26	27 Year 7 & 10 Needles	28	29	1
March	6	2 Regional Swimming @ Leeton	3	4	5	6 Newsletter	7	8
	7	9 School Photos 	10	11	12	13	14	15
	8	16	17 Stage 3 Extravaganza Day	18	19	20 Newsletter National Day against Bullying	21	22
	9	23	24 Parent Meeting Year 6 to Year 7	25	26	27	28	29
April	10	30	31	1 State Swimming @ Homebush	2 State Swimming @ Homebush	3 Newsletter State Swimming @ Homebush	4	5
	11	6	7 Parent Teacher Interviews	8	9	10 LAST DAY OF TERM	11	12



MHS School Driver Training Program

1 hour = 3 Log book hours

Contact the School to find out more information.

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ART WORK BY NATALIE WILLIAMS

COMMISSIONED FOR THE MLHD WOMEN'S NURSES

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CONTRACEPTIVE ADVICE, MENOPAUSE,
WOMEN'S ISSUES

**FOR AN APPOINTMENT PHONE 1800654324 FOLLOW THE PROMPTS
ENQUIRES PHONE CATHY ON 6382 8781**

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Parent Portal murrumburrahhs.sentral.com.au



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