



15 October 2021

## Term 4 Dates

- **Check In Assessments**  
Year 7 to 9  
Week 3
- **Minimum Standards**  
Year 10  
Week 3
- **Needles (Year 7 & selected Year 10)**  
Friday 22 October  
2021
- **Year 9 and 10 Exams**  
Week 5
- **Year 7 2022**  
**Orientation Day**  
Tuesday 23 October



## Diamond Level

In 2020 due to the success of our positive level reward system, additional levels had to be introduced for us to continue to reward our most consistent and committed students. Today it is my absolute pleasure to announce that our school captain, Amity Sheargold, has received enough merits in order to be awarded the highest level of our system, the Diamond Award. Amity has worked consistently and shown determination to achieve her best since she started at Murrumburrah High School. Indeed, her commitment to being the inaugural Diamond Award recipient is a reflection of her motivation and commitment as a learner and student of the school. She has made her own unique impact on the life of the school and is to be congratulated for her steady persistence.

Amity has been a student at Murrumburrah High School for five years. In this time, she has impressed all of those who have encountered her as a mature and conscientious student, completing all class and homework with diligence. She is always impeccably behaved, abiding by all school rules at all times. Amity wears her uniform everyday with pride and has worn her captain's dress uniform with distinction. In her time at Murrumburrah High School Amity has performed at CAPA night and was a team member for debating. She was an active SRC representative from 2019 and enjoyed the role of working towards the continued improvement of the school. According to her teachers Amity is always respectful to her peers and teachers and is a highly recommended recipient of this award.

# Principal's Report

Hello again and welcome back to our regular newsletter routine.

It is great to be back at work and some relatively normal operations. After speaking to many of our staff and students..... and many parents, I think it is safe to say that everyone is happy for school to be back and operational and that home learning has come to another end. For the last time we all hope.

After having the last week of Term 3 back in class we all had a bit of a scare with a local lock-down over the holiday break but thanks to the community testing and doing the correct thing we came out of that lock-down just before school returned. It really was good to be able to restart Term 4. My own opinion at this stage is that we will probably remain at Level 3 school restrictions for a while, if not the rest of the year. We are all very much hoping that next year starts at Level 2 and that excursions, sporting teams, trips away etc. can all resume.

This term we have three pre-service teachers starting at the school and working with us for 8 weeks. The three staff are from the University of Sydney and after adhering closely to all testing and restrictions have settled in to delivering lessons and getting the feel of how a rural high school operates. The three staff are in their final year and will be looking for full time work next year once their qualifications are finalised. Welcome to Mr Kabbout, Ms Waniya and Mr Collins.



As many of our community may be aware Mr Michael Clancy (our science and physics teacher) took up work in Sydney to be with family. We all wish him the best in his change of location in the current climate but know that he is happy and still working full time. Department of Education has been unable to secure a replacement yet, but we have some plans in place for 2022. Mr Clancy's classes are being covered by a range of teachers currently working at the school who have kindly offered to do additional lessons to make sure that our students have a teacher in front of them. It is a true sign of our community that people just step up when needed and offer their assistance.

# Principal's Report Continued

Whilst I am talking about staff, many people might already be aware that we had a new position allocated to the school during the last lock-down. A Student Support Officer (SSO) has been created as a full time permanent position. The position was advertised state wide and our own local Sarah Jones was successful at being offered the position. Sarah started at the school and has been getting her new role established and getting to know the students. Sarah's role will be totally connected to supporting students and looking after wellbeing and welfare needs.



Our School Captains for 2022 have been elected. Nominations and online speeches were delivered to students and staff so that voting could take place earlier this week. I met with our new Captains today and delivered the good news to them. I thank everyone that nominated and know that they understand that not everyone gets to be Captain. Our new Captains will do a superb job and I look forward to working more closely with them over the coming year and hope that with restrictions probably easing next year that they can contribute to the many Captains opportunities they will have to represent the school.

Congratulations to Beau Abnett and Chloe Wade.

**Mr Dale Rands**  
Principal

## 2022 School Leaders





# Congratulations

## Positive Level Reward System

Congratulations to students listed;

**Blue Level** - Lilly Dare, Molly Manwaring and Jayden Steele

**Purple Level** - Mia Hocking

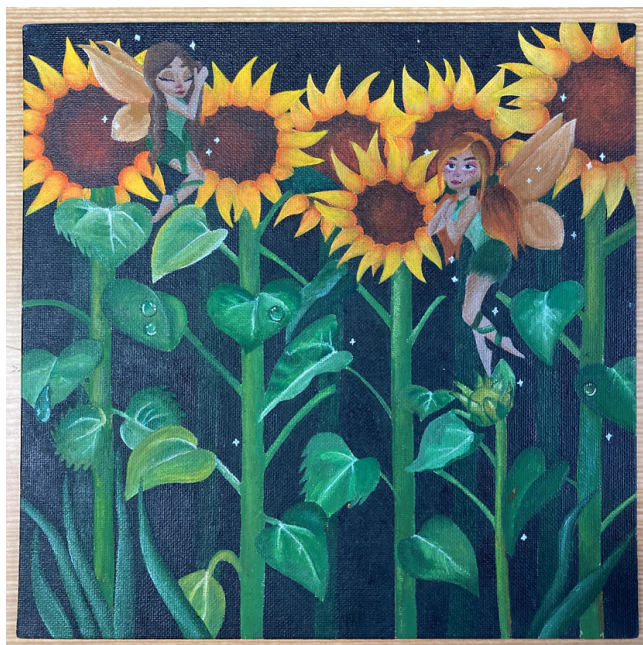


# Operation Art - Rhana Awik

This week, the school was informed that Year 10 student, Rhana Awik's Operation Art artwork has been selected as one of only 12 artworks to be reproduced and presented as a gift to winners of the 2021 Secretary's Awards.

This is an excellent recognition of Rhana's creative talents and we are so honoured and proud of her achievement.

This means that a print of Rhana's artwork will be made, framed and presented as a gift to one of the Department employees being given a Secretary's Award. There will be a plaque attached to the frame which credits Rhana for her excellent work! Congratulations Rhana.





# Check-in Assessment for Years 7 to 9

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 7 to 9 students will participate in a reading and numeracy Check-in assessment.

The check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor students learning.

The assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

- The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 7 to 9 students during Term 4 Week 3.

Students with disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment that they would normally receive in the classroom.

Optional advice:

Student will be asked to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a computer to enable them to hear audio during the assessment. Earbuds used for mobile phones or other portable devices may be suitable for use during the assessment. The type of computer connection needed is a jack or USB.

Students are also able to use a calculator.

If you have any concerns, please contact the School on 02 6386 2755.

## Work Placement

Year 11 student Maci Wilkinson enjoyed her work placement at The Sir George in Jugiong in Term 3.



## Year 12

Our Year 12 students have been working hard preparing for their HSC Exams.



## How To Soil Your Undies - UNE and Cotton Australia

Students at Murrumburrah High School during the COVID lockdown had an experiment "UNDERWAY" to establish the biodegradability of pure cotton in various soils around Australia.

Students had to bury the undies for 8 weeks and see just how much the natural fibre is recycled into the soil via bacteria and micro/macro organisms.

From the photos you can see that cotton is much friendlier to our environment and we should encourage the wearing of not only cotton undies but cotton, wool, flax, hemp and linen natural fibre clothing to do our part in helping the environment.

The undies are now fast tracked via Australia Post to tornado affected Armidale's UNE campus for scientific processing. It will be very interesting to see how our undies stacked up against the other undies buried all around Australia.

Check it out on Youtube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3mbDxH7Miws>



## Important Reminder

**CONTACT DETAILS** Just a friendly reminder that if any of your contact details change eg. your mobile number, your home address, email address etc. Please contact the office to update your details as soon as possible so we can update our records.

**NEEDLES - YEAR 7 AND SELECTED YEAR 10 STUDENTS** - Friendly reminder that needles for Year 7 and some Year 10 students will be getting their needles on Friday 22 October.



# Canteen News

The Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD) held a 'Click a Pic' photo competition in Term 3, for school canteens in the district to submit photos for a chance to win a \$1000 Good Guys voucher or a \$250 Good Guys voucher as a runner up.

Murrumburrah High School were lucky enough to win first place in Category 2 with our Hunger Buster ad for our Chicken Tikka Masala, we had just before we were put into lock down.

MLHD also loved the entry that was sent in for Category 1, but we can't be greedy and take out both first prizes.

Needless to say both myself and Nicole are really looking forward to all the goodies this voucher will allow us to get to keep bringing amazing healthy options to all the student at MHS.

**Rosie Hetherington**  
Canteen Manager

**Live Life Well @ School**



## 'Click a Pic' of your healthy school canteen

**Category 1**  
Submit a photo of how your canteen counter food & drinks are presented.

**Category 2**  
Submit a copy of your 'Everyday' or healthy food and drink promotions. i.e poster, menu, social media & school newsletter.

**Prizes**  
Winners- \$1,000 for canteen equipment & appliances.  
Runners up- \$250 in vouchers.

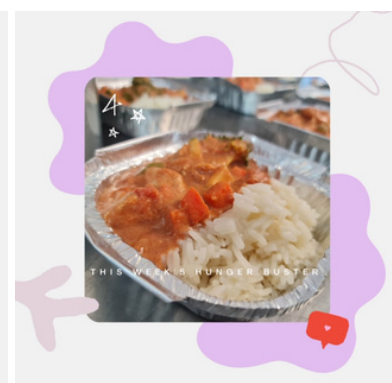
**Follow us**  
on Facebook to see how to successfully promote your canteen items by using the 4 P's or visit HKA website.

Submit your entry to  
[mlhd-competitionentries@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mlhd-competitionentries@health.nsw.gov.au)  
Entries close Friday 13 August at 5pm

Click for T&Cs



HEALTHY EATING  
ACTIVE LIVING



# Creative and Performing Arts

As Shakespeare once famously wrote: "All the world's a stage, And all the men and women merely players; They have their exits and their entrances; And one man in his time plays many parts." Stage 5 Drama and Stage 6 Drama student's have been working hard playing many roles and parts to bring CAPA to us in a digital form. Students in drama spent 2 days filming and learnt about the nuances between live performances and filmed productions. Their performances are in the editing phase and will be available to watch in the MHS digital CAPA gallery. The hard work and dedication shown by each and every student is evident in their performances, which they mastered in a few short weeks of rehearsals. Congratulations Stage 5 and Stage 6 Drama.

**Mrs Naomi Elliott**

Drama / English Teacher





# Visual Art

Term 3, Year 11 Visual Art students each created an independent art project. Students used a material of their choice and each discussed their own concept.

**Miss Georgina Vickery**  
Art Teacher

## Year 11 Artwork

### **'Throwaway' by Maddy Teys.**

*'Throwaway' is a three-dimensional portrait that depicts famous singer, Melanie Martinez. 'Throwaway' discusses the way artists are used within the music industry. The artwork is made from pieces of rubbish to convey the idea of disposability and the way many artists play a role in society as being a disposable product, for others to use and then to just 'throwaway'.*



### **'Working Dog' by Maci Wilkinson**

*Created with corrugated iron, spray paint, acrylic paint and charcoal, 'Working Dog' discusses "the connection with the farm I live and work on, having kelpie working dogs. Besides working, kelpies are a man's best friend. They are reliable, protective and loyal pets even after a long hard day of consistent work."*



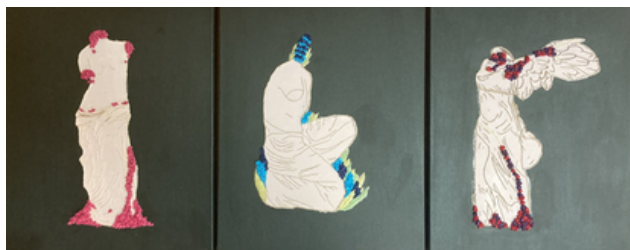
### **'Aura' by Olivia McGrath**

*'Aura' was made with acrylic, spray paint, gesso and glitter on canvas. "The mystic nature and the concept relates to the idea of a mystical balance with feminine energy. I wanted to show fairies in different cultures because I wanted to create diversity and stray away from traditional depictions of fairies."*



# Year 11 Artwork

## **'The Garden of the Gods' by Lily Shorrocks**



'The Garden of the Gods' discusses the nature of love and war. It discusses the fragility of both, the sweetness of life and morbid beauty of death, the wild nature of each and the way these events affect people. Flowers are given at key moments in the lives of a human being; birth, love and death. The flowers within 'The Garden of the Gods' represent beauty throughout life and after it. Each statue is separated from their heads because love and war drive people crazy, making them "lose their heads."



## **'Dreams' by Emily Willett**

"Dreams' is a watercolour artwork that depicts a fantasy landscape, consisting of two massive trees in the background and a bridge in the foreground, to emphasize the large scale of the mountains and trees. The idea behind Dreams was indeed, dreams themselves. How dreams can be so unique to the brain and hold different meanings and different perspectives."



## **'Fee of Fame' by Coralie Vasquez**

"Fee of Fame' displays the negative effect of fame through the change of Matthew Perry's appearance over the years. The artwork assists the audience to create a sense of sympathy and compassion for those who are placed in the spotlight. 'Fee of Fame' showcases what people perceived Matthew Perry as whilst he was in the spotlight, little did anyone know the personal struggles he was experiencing at the cost of fame. This later affected both his mental and physical appearance throughout his life."



# History

## Stage 4 History – Ancient China

Our Year 7 and 8 History students are currently studying ancient China with a view to understanding one of the most ancient cultures in the world. The ancient Chinese invented many of the products we still use today – paper money, tea, seismic earthquake detectors, the compass, the umbrella, fireworks, gun powder, porcelain and the toothbrush among other products. They were also highly skilled in creating figurines out of bronze and jade and discovered how to produce silk. The 1st Emperor of China, Qin Shi Huangdi (220-206 BCE) was responsible for joining stretches of the Great Wall and his tomb, discovered in 1974 by farmers digging a well, revealed the Terracotta Warriors.

Our class examined objects bought home from staff visits to China. While these objects were created with modern technologies, they are all modelled on ancient traditional objects, except the terracotta and resin object showing one of the excavated pits of the Terracotta Warriors.

**Ms Adrienne Beck**

Head Teacher - English/HSIE/CAPA



# Maths

Recently the Stage 5 Trade Maths class entered their class work data activity on 'Flipping Bottles' into the statewide Mathematical Association of NSW Investigating with Mathematics competition and won the NSW Year 10 class division. Their investigation went on to compete at the national competition, where the investigation was highly commended.

**Investigating with Mathematics**, aims to promote interest in mathematics and foster positive attitudes amongst students, teachers and parents.

The purpose of the investigation is to explore 'real-life' situations and problems that engage students and teachers in mathematics. It involves students formulating their own questions from a given situation.

Investigating with Mathematics tasks meet Working Mathematically syllabus outcomes as well as outcomes in the strands in which the investigation takes place.

All students from Kindergarten to Year 10 in NSW are eligible to enter.

Mitch Summerfield accepted the award on behalf of the class In week 10 last term via an on line award ceremony. Students will be presented with their awards once we are able to hold formal assemblies.

**Ms Lee Hyland**  
Deputy Principal





# Science - Bubble Blowing Madness

Stage 5 were investigating how carbon dioxide in your exhaled breath can contribute to acidification of water using a simply bubble blowing experiment. To fun things up we then added some detergent to get the bubble going everywhere. Science can be fun.



## Farm News

Thank you to Zoe and Will McCarthy who donated chooks to the school last last term.

The veggie patches are looking fabulous on the farm, last term the students also planted a strawberry patch in the school grounds.

Also the lambs that MHS sold this week came back at \$201 per head and the two broken-mouth ewes came back at \$284 each.

Students are now working out what to purchase to make management of livestock on the farm that much easier.

MHS is also looking for a few extra 1st cross ewes to purchase to add to the flock. Well done kids and Wal for all your hard work presenting these lambs for sale.

A big thanks to Charlie Butt, sheep livestock agent from Elders Cootamundra for managing the sale for us at Wagga Wagga saleyards.

**Mrs Jan Young**

Head Teacher - Maths/Science/TAS

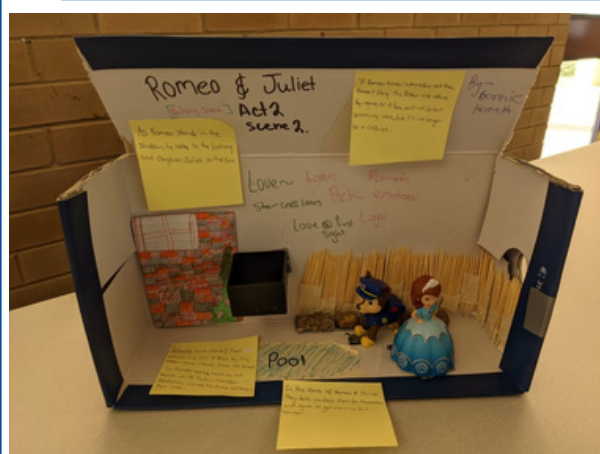




# Food Technology

Stage 5 Food Technology students had fun in the kitchen last term, practising icing cupcakes.

**Miss Nicole Irons**  
Hospitality Teacher



# English / Drama

During home learning last term, Stage 4 student Bonnie Abnett did this excellent diorama on Romeo and Juliet.

# Calculators for Sale

The school has a limited supply of brand new calculators for students to purchase - Price \$30 each. Students can purchase at the Front Office by cash or card.



# School Laptops for Sale

Out-of-warranty school laptops for sale. These 2016 HP G2 ProBook laptops have been a staple school device for many students across NSW over the last few years. The time has now come for them to move on and find new loving owners.

The laptop will come with a un activated version of Windows 10 Home. This version of Windows will still work as normal, however there will a small watermark on the desktop screen, and you will be unable to change elements such as the taskbar color or the desktop background. If these features matter to you, a license can easily be purchased on the Microsoft store once you get through the start up on the device.

Included with the device will be a charger and a quick user guide showing students how to install Office 365 products such as word using their existing student license.

## Device Features

- Front facing Webcam and Microphone
- HDMI and VGA Output
- 3 USB inputs
- Headphone Jack
- i3 Intel CPU
- 4 GB of RAM
- 120 GB of Storage

Devices are limited, as such it will be first in best dressed scenario.

Please inquire at the front office.

**Price \$100**





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# Word Search

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## MHS Uniform Stockist - 180 Embroidery

**Website:** <https://180embroidery.com>

**Contact:** Beth Allen

**Telephone:** 0435 873 420

**Email:** [embroidery180@yahoo.com](mailto:embroidery180@yahoo.com)

**Location:** 1 Derby Street, Harden  
Deliveries to the High School available.



### Students absent or sent home due to displaying any flu like symptoms must be tested.

- Students must not return to school until they return a negative COVID-19 result and are symptom free
- Schools must sign the negative COVID-19 test result prior to allowing student and staff to return to school.
- A screenshot of results should be emailed to : [murrumburr-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:murrumburr-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)
- Please contact school administration staff on 6386 2755 if you need support emailing results.