

9 December 2021

Dates

- **Last Day of Term** -
Thursday 16
December
- **First day 2022** -
Tuesday 1 February
- **P&C Meeting** -
Monday 14 February
2022



New Handball Court



Students from **Stage 5** Trade Maths and **Year 11** Construction helped Jason Baldock and his team with the formwork and laying of the concrete for the students new handball court in the playground.

Principal's Report

Hello and welcome to our final newsletter for 2021.

What a year it has been again. We started 2021 with a few health-related restrictions but as MHS staff and students have always shown, we just get in and get the job done, support each other and move forward. I am always very proud of the way our school community always pulls together when they need to. It has been a tough couple of years, but we are all out the other side (well almost) and planning for much more normality into 2022.

Firstly, I would like to thank all the teaching and non-teaching staff at Murrumburrah High School for the very professional and supportive role they have performed all this year. In trying and constantly changing circumstances, the staff have maintained their enthusiasm, professionalism, and supportive actions. The adaptability of the staff is admirable, and it shows great respect for our community with the work they do daily. We have a bit of staff change when we come back next year and I will talk about that next year, but currently we have a few staff moving on from MHS for varying reasons.

Mr Rob McBride has been with us for several years and has been successful in gaining a transfer to another regional school, something a bit bigger with more woodwork teachers.

Ms Georgina Vickery has only been with us for this year on contract but has been permanently appointed to a school in Sydney.

Ms Naomi Elliott has been also on contract for two years now and has also been permanently appointed to Cootamundra High School.

Ms Nicole Irons has accepted a move for 12 months to a new position at Narrandera High School, a temporary move.

We wish these staff all the best at their new schools and hope they all stay in touch as they have developed strong bonds with the local community.

Secondly, I would like to pass on my congratulations to the graduating class of 2021. Our current year 12 class have had a very rough 2 years of senior life and we have seen many students take up work opportunities in a very uncertain world. I congratulate them for gaining employment in their fields of choice but also for the final Year 12 students that made it to their recent examinations. A trying time, but all Year 12 students have now been placed at university, work, or further education. An excellent result. Murrumburrah High has a very high success rate of transitioning leavers to their chosen areas after school life and this is due to the efforts of ALL staff at the school, teaching and non-teaching, along with the tireless efforts of family to help get them through.

Principal's Report Continued

Thirdly, thank you and congratulations to all our other students. You have all succeeded to gain another year's education in the toughest of times. Well done to you all for your persistence and patience, and I look forward to an even better year in 2022. Keep up your enthusiasm and your work ethic and it will see you through the hard days.

I would also like to personally thank the executive team of the school. Lee Hyland, Jan Young, Adrienne Beck and Beverley Stevenson. I am very lucky to have such a strong and committed group as the leaders of our great school. It is essential that an executive team is strong and work together, we are lucky that this has always been the case since I started at the school 3 years ago. The team has worked their magic in another hard year, and I cannot thank them enough for what they do each day. They have all gone well above what the Department of Education expects of their roles and I personally appreciate their work. I look forward to welcoming our new School Administrative Manager to the team – Mrs Karen Jenkins, from 2022.

I would now like to take this opportunity to bid a fond farewell to a very well-respected member of our staff who is retiring from education after many years of dedicated service. Mrs Beverley Stevenson started her career in education back in 1988 and was appointed to Murrumburrah High School in October 1989 and has worked here ever since, 34 years of dedicated service to the students and families of our local community. Bev has more than performed her role at the school, in fact she has performed many roles, plumber, general assistance, painter, gardener, locksmith, labourer, computer technician, cleaner, caterer and BBQ master. Bev has tirelessly got in and got the job done whenever it needed. In fact, what many people probably don't know is the work Bev puts in outside of work hours. She starts at 8 am and works though to 5 each day, but she spends many hours on most weekends following up on matters at school, cleaning, sorting, filing, meeting tradesmen on site at all hours, spending time during the school holidays to make sure that everything is ship shape for her staff, the teachers, and students on day one of each term. I truly admire the work that Bev has performed, and I believe she has been an absolute asset for the school and our local community. The school and I will miss Bev and her leadership in the office, but we all wish her well in her retirement and hope that her future is much more relaxing than work ever was. Well done Bev and all the best from MHS.

Mr Dale Rands
Principal



Presentation Day

Congratulations to all students who received an award at today's presentation assembly.



Captains Corner

On Monday the 6th, SRC held a Christmas fundraising day to raise money to support Miss Irons' Ivy initiative, which is raising money to support the disadvantaged and homeless people in our community. It was a successful day with many student getting into the Christmas spirit and getting involved in all the activities, such as; arts and crafts, face paints and a school scavenger hunt. Our school raised \$74.90

SRC are planning for many more fun upcoming fundraising events to happen in the new year and hope to continue to support the students with all there initiatives and ideas at the school.

We wish all the staff and students a very merry Christmas and happy new year.

Chloe & Beau
School Captains

Congratulations

Congratulations to Lily Dare who achieved purple level in the wellbeing system this week.



P&C Raffle Winner

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Djukic for winning the P&C Raffle at Presentation Day. Marko happily accepted the \$100 voucher that can be used at local business in Harden.

All families that pay their fees during the year are entered into the end of year raffle.



New Grandstands

Year 11 Construction students helped Jason Baldock and his team with laying foundations and installing and erecting the two new grand stands in the middle of the ovals for students use.



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Outward Bound Experience

Year 9 and 10 students may have the opportunity to attend the Outward Bound adventure and learning experience at Tharwa (ACT) in 2022 depending on restrictions.

This program is a once in a lifetime chance for students to attend a course that expands their leadership skills and physical abilities.

The school is fortunate to have the support of the Harden District Education Foundation (HDEF) as the major sponsor using the targeted funding from the Paul Newman Foundation.

The 18 students who are fortunate enough to undertake this awesome experience in 2022, will join many groups of previous students who have attended Outward Bound. Due to a previous experience being cancelled due to Covid 19 the cost will be reduced, the full cost to parents will be \$100 to pay the cost of the bus trip. There is a clothing pool which will reduce some of the clothing/equipment costs. Please note OWB supplies all sleeping bags, camping gear and backpacks.

Once the Department of Education gives approval for overnight excursions students and parents will be invited to a meeting early in Term 1 to discuss the Outward bound experience in May 2022.

Dates: Monday 9th May - Sunday 15 May 2022.-7 days

Location: Namadgi National Park, Tharwa ACT - Ngunnawal Country



White Card Course

Selected **Stage 5** Trade Maths students and **2022 Year 11** VET students successfully completed the WHS General Induction Course (White Card) on site last week with Precision Training. Students can use this card on all construction sites in the future, and is not just restricted for use during work experience and work placement.

The school were successful to secure a one-off grant due to 'Smart and Skilled' funding from the NSW government to pay for this training.



Ancient History

Stage 4 History have been studying a unit on Ancient Greece. Alongside learning about the beginnings of democracy, social life and customs, myths, legends, gods and goddesses, we also investigated the agricultural products and foods of Ancient Greece. Discovering in the process that many of these foods are still with us today in the Mediterranean diet – lots of oil, olives, fresh Greek salad, pita bread, and more. A Greek banquet was held during one of classes where students had their first taste of tzatziki, olives and stuffed peppers. We thank our local IGA supermarket for stocking an amazing array of products, made popular by the cultural diffusion from immigration into Australia. Yum 😊

Ms Lauren Masson
Librarian



Hospitality Service Period

Year 11 students practiced their barista skills last week, serving students and staff with delicious coffee and homemade brownies.



Food Technology

Stage 5 Food Technology students have been busy in the kitchen this week making pizzas and mini cheese and bacon cobloaf.

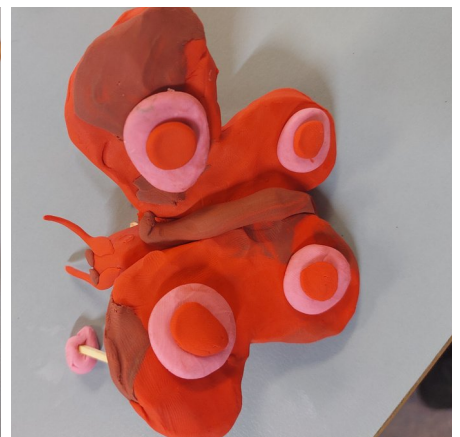
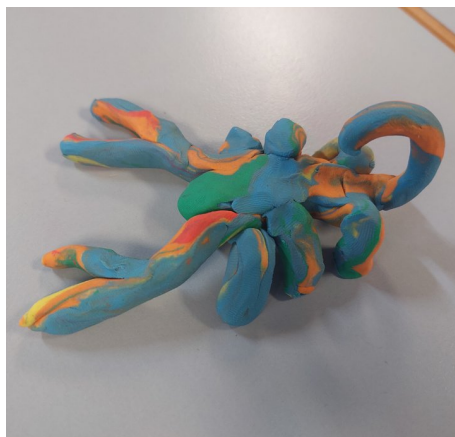


Science

Students in **Stage 4** science have been investigating the organelles in cells. Students choose to make an animal cell or a plant cell and create a model using lollies and jelly crystals to depict the various components of the cells. Students had to construct a key to depict the various components. At the end if the students were able to explain their cell they were able to eat their creation.



Students have had a range of in class competitions. This one making an insect model in 10 minutes from a lump of plasticine.



Mrs Jan Young
Head Teacher - Science/Maths

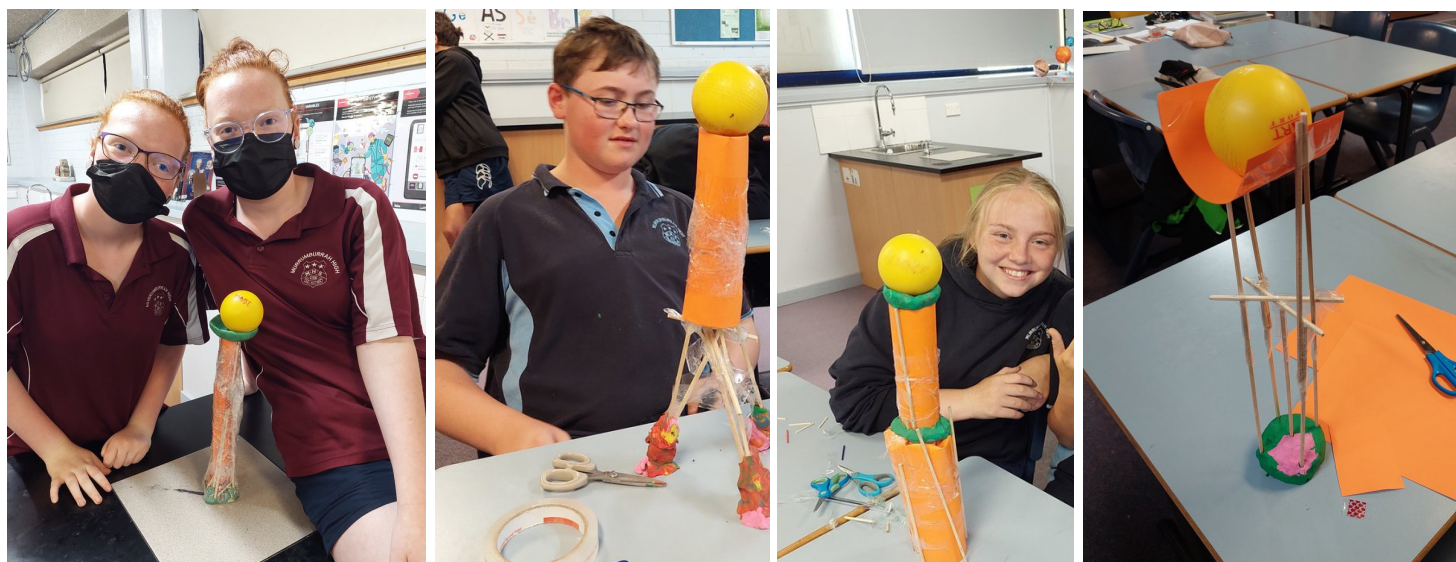
Science Continued

Stage 4 Science have been participating in mini challenges to construct towers with specific dimensions able to hold a weight at the top.

Students competed well in the challenge and all teams were able to exact the specifications of the plan.

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Head Teacher - Science/ Maths



Physics

The Physics class Vertical Drop experiment.

Coralie and Emily have been putting their assessment task to large scale and constructed a vertical drop of 8 metres with a circular loop and end ramp making a total of a 16 metre track. Utilising our tech expert Mr Cotter, the girls installed a motion gate with the new data logging equipment and the experimental trial was conducted.

To improve accuracy a total of 3 trials were logged and outliers removed before a valid average was calculated. Students now have a report and several calculations to work out for final submission of the assessment task.

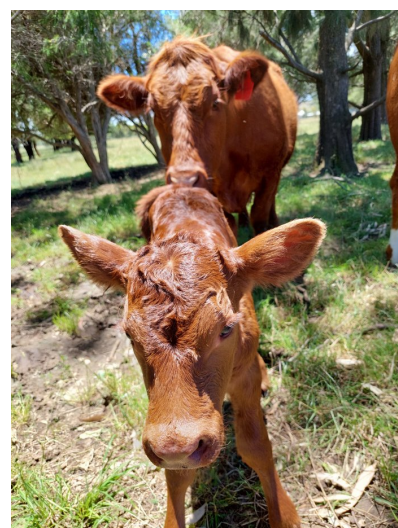
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Ag Department

A new addition to the Murrumburrah High School family was born Monday right at the end of Spring. Being a year of the prefix S for stud cattle the students have named the calf Scarlet. Scarlet is a heifer who is from Major Q - a Salers X Limousin heifer who was joined by our own Shorthorn Bull Qudo.

The farm is waiting for 3 more heifers to calve this year all sired by Qudo. Qudo has been sold on to his new home at Glenrock Bookham and has a lovely herd of Shorthorn heifers that he is currently joining for late winter calving. A happy life for Qudo.



Apprenticeship

Congratulations to Olivia McGrath, who last week completed her work placement at Redline Trailers in Young. Olivia was successful in gaining an apprenticeship in 2022, the employers quote 'She was too good to let go'. Good luck and we wish Olivia all the best.



Donations-IVY

In IVY Miss Irons class is collecting items to go into hampers. The hampers will be donated to people in the area who have really struggled this year. We have all had a rough year but hopefully these hampers will help people who have been hit hard and are struggling to cope.

We are donating the hampers just before Christmas. If you would like to donate items, please send them in with a student or drop them off at the office. We are collecting items until Wednesday 15/12/21.

Items could include: toothpaste, tissues, canned food, soap, deodorant or shampoo and conditioner.

Miss Irons IVY group

School Information Packs

School information packs will be mailed home in the school holidays. These packs include: school information booklet, permissions booklet, student timetables and book lists. Please keep an eye on your mailbox in January.

Connellys Office National, Young are also selling our book packs, to save you the hassles of finding these items.

Back to School Uniform

All school uniforms are available to be purchased through 180 Embroidery.

Address: 1 Derby Street, Harden | **Telephone number:** 0435 873 420 |

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

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.



Laptops for Sale

Out-of-warranty school laptops for sale.

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

There are 13 devices available, please enquire at the front office.

Price \$100

School Term Dates 2022

Term 1

Friday 28 January to Friday 8 April 2022

School Development Dates - Friday 28 and Monday 31 January 2022

Autumn Holidays

Monday 11 April to Friday 22 April 2022

Term 2

Tuesday 26 April to Friday 1 July 2022

School Development Date - Tuesday 26 April 2022

Winter Holidays

Monday 4 July to Friday 15 July 2022

Term 3

Monday 18 July to Friday 23 September 2022

School Development Date - Monday 18 July 2022

Spring Holidays

Monday 26 September to Friday 7 October 2022

Term 4

Monday 10 October to Tuesday 20 December 2022

School Development Date - Tuesday 20 December 2022

Summer Holidays

Wednesday 21 December 2022 to Thursday 26 January 2023

Students do not attend on School Development Days.

*Students return
Tuesday 1 February 2022*

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Preparing our students for tomorrow's challenges through learning

CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN DAY

SATURDAY 18 DECEMBER 2021

5PM-9PM HARDEN SHOWGROUND

FAMILY PASS \$15, SINGLE ENTRY \$5

UNLIMITED RIDES

MARKET STALLS, FIREWORKS, FOODIES NIGHT MARKETS, RIDES

VISIT FROM SANTA, EMERGENCY SERVICES DISPLAY, SHOWBAGS



The Staff at Murrumburrah High School
would like to wish you all a very

*Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year*

We look forward to seeing our new and
current students in 2022.