



17 November 2022

Amazing effort!

Dates

- **Year 7 Orientation**
Friday 18 November
Tuesday 29 November
- **Christmas Mufti Day**
Thursday 15 December
- **Presentation Day**
Friday 16 December
- **Stage 4 and 5 Reports**
Friday 16 December
- **Last day of Term**
Friday 16 December



Well done, John!

Friday 28th October was Bandanna Day, the annual fundraiser for Canteen, the charity that helps kids and teens with cancer. John Drew, in Year 10, decided to ditch his mullet, which was cut off by Mel Ings, local hairdresser and herself a former MHS student. John was able to donate his mullet for cancer wigs as it measured over 20 cm. Thanks to Mel for donating her time to cut John's hair and thank you so much to all members of the community who donated! It was a combined community effort, of which everybody can be proud. Special congratulations to John for raising \$3,336 for Canteen!

From the Principal

Welcome to the end of Week 6.

It has been a busy couple of weeks for students with their end of year exams being held. Stage 5 students undertook their exams in the hall this year for the first time as a group. This is to allow students to gain practice at sitting and applying themselves to longer exams than in previous years. The hope is that this will assist them in Year 11 when their exams are longer again and contribute more towards overall assessment. Stage 4 sit their exams in normal class time and are currently almost finished. Teachers are in the process of marking all the papers and calculating yearly assessments to complete school reports.

The school's annual Presentation assembly will be held on Friday 16th of December, which is the last day of school for all students, as the following week is staff training days only. Staff will undertake all their annual safety, child protection, anaphylaxis training, along with all the new updates, planning and preparation for Term 1, 2023.

This week the Boys to the Bush program is to be started by several of our boys. This program is a great initiative and I thank Liesh Cotter for getting this 5-week program approved and funded to enable our boys to take part. If you do a google search for the program, you can read all about them. The following is from their website:

OUR MISSION

to provide an environment free from the distractions in their lives, allowing boys the opportunity to be surrounded by positive influences and giving them opportunities to succeed. Encouraging mate ship, resilience and a sense of belonging.

Year 6 students from our local public schools at Murrumburrah, Wombat, Binalong, Jugiong and Trinity have undertaken their third day at the high school as part of their transition program to get ready for Year 7, 2023. This time it was for a full day and the students undertook a range of subject taster lessons to give them a real world feel of a high school style lesson. Next year we expect 30 students into Year 7 and look forward to them joining us full time.

Unfortunately, the weather has been rather cold and wet lately and our kids have had to suffer a little more than usual. The new air conditioner system is almost fully installed, but unfortunately the old gas heaters had to be removed a couple of weeks ago, just before the cold snap. Most untimely but could not be helped. Work had to proceed when the plumber was available to disconnect all the gas lines and make them safe. The system should be finished very soon and tested for the last couple of weeks of school to iron out any bugs before the tradesmen leave town. These tradesman from JR Electrical have been living in the local community for over 10 months now and have really loved the country lifestyle. Some are not that keen to return to city life and hope the next big project takes them back into the rural areas again. The company has been fantastic to work with, but we won't miss getting our school back to tradesman free for a while. Staff and students would love to be able to stick to a rooming timetable for a term at least with no changes... let's hope we can make this happen.

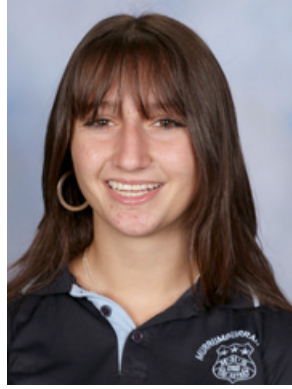
Mr Dale Rands
Principal

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ethan Teys, Reiken New and Brooklyn Gadd for achieving Blue Level, and to Daniel Britt, Shari Arabin, Evan James and Landen Vasquez for achieving Purple Level.



Congratulations to Bonnie Abnett and Jayda Kelly for achieving Double Purple Level.



Captain's Corner

In Week 3, John Drew chopped off his mullet in front of the school to raise money for CANTEEN; he raised a whopping \$3336!

Last Friday was Remembrance day, where the whole school attended the ceremony at Newson Park to show our respects.

The SRC is planning to have a Christmas themed mufti day to get into the Christmas spirit, this will be held on the second last day of school.

Ellie Ward - School Captain

P&C Update

A reminder from the P&C about the clothing pool at the school! Please donate all your outgrown items still in good condition by dropping them in to the lovely front office ladies at the school.

Our next meeting will be the last for the year and will be held on the 12th of December in the staff common room at 6pm. We would love to see you there.

Katrina O'Connor - President



Stage 4 TAS

Stage 4 students in Technological and Applied Studies (TAS) have been learning about the growing conditions required for various vegetables and have been propagating and harvesting vegetables in the Ag plot. We've also been cooking up a storm in the kitchen, this week we made fairy cakes.



Stage 6 Hospitality

Stage 6 Hospitality have been working towards the completion of their coffee cluster. Students have been practising the texturing of milk and coffee extractions this term. In the coming weeks they will be completing their first work placements and service periods in class time.



Road Safety

On Friday November 4th, students in Years 9 to 11 participated in a road safety presentation. We were joined by Sergeant Carroll and his colleagues from the Hume Highway Patrol, as well as Captain Wal Leonow and his team from the Harden Fire and Rescue Service. Students heard a presentation from the police about road safety, statistics on road collisions, and different factors that may be a factor in a car collision.

We were also lucky enough to be joined by Sam Longmore (a former student at MHS) to share her story and what led to her now being in a wheelchair as a result of her motor vehicle accidents 9 years ago. We were also able to witness first-hand how emergency services respond to car collisions and witnessed the Harden Fire and Rescue team demonstrate an extraction of people from a car that had been crashed.

Thank you to all involved.

Liesh Cotter | Student Support Officer



Omnia

Kayla and Jade Schulz travelled to Young to visit Omnia Inclusive Employment Solutions, which has attached a mini-Woolworths supermarket. This supermarket is designed for a special purpose; to provide opportunities for training and education. Students gain valuable and highly transferable workforce skills in a safe and realistic retail setting. The photos show Kayla and Jade learning both check out skills and shopping skills.

Mrs Charlotte Middleton
Learning and Support teacher



Year 6 Transition

This term we have had the opportunity to have our upcoming Year 6 students for two transition sessions. Year 6 students along with Murrumburrah High Stage 5 peer support leaders have participated in peer support activities, tours of the school, checked out the Ag plot, and have had the chance to learn about timetables, classes, teachers and the canteen. Students have had the opportunity to explore the differences between primary school and high school. Students are yet to enjoy two full day sessions, where students will have a taste of a full high school day.

Liesh Cotter | Student Support Officer



Gaming in the Library

The Library has long promoted the playing of board, word, memory, strategy, and card games, including Chess, 5 Second Rule and Mastermind. Games like these promote well-being, social skills, and friendships. They encourage players to take turns, wait for a turn, develop a sense of fair play, and foster critical thinking abilities.

This term we have a new set of games – The Train Game. The Train Game® is a fast paced 'take that!' style card game, originally based on the Melbourne train network. The goal is to collect a full hand of train stations from the same line and the correct train card to go with them.

Along the journey, expect to run into ticket inspectors and undercover ticket inspectors, forcing you to produce a ticket or pay the fine. Players may even be forced to change train lines before it's too late.

The Train Game® only has a handful of rules but is train loads of fun for all ages, combining elements of strategy, speed, observance, deduction, and a little bit of luck!

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Ms Lauren Masson - Librarian

Wet Weather Sport

Students enjoyed playing Werewolves during sport on Wednesday afternoon last week when it was cold and wet outside.

Mrs Krista Hooke - Teacher



Albury Show

A team of 13 students and 6 adults travelled down to the Albury Show to compete in parader and junior judging competitions. The school also took down six animals to lead and compete with.

In the parader competition, the group was divided into qualifying (those trying for a position at Sydney Royal State paraders) and non-qualifying paraders.

In the qualifying paraders - Shelby Wirth, April Drew and Bonnie Abnett made the final heat with Bonnie being selected to attend Sydney Royal as a state parader.

In the Non Qualifying section, Oscar Phillis placed 2nd as well as Ethan Teys placing 2nd in his age division.

The junior judging was held in trying conditions as it had started to rain. All students spoke to the judge either on the microphone or without, on a selection of trade steers. Bonnie Abnett placed 3rd and Hannah Guy placed 3rd.

After a BBQ sausage sizzle provided by National Australia Bank, the group booked into their accommodation at the Siesta Resort and had a great time in the heated spa, sauna and pool. Pizza was munched on for dinner. A buffet breakfast was held the following morning. This is the one and only time the Farm Club gets to experience great accommodation for the year and it is a reward for the hard work that is put in for the entire year.

Two steers, Hank and Junior, were presented for the Hoof and Hook competition, which ended up placing 13th and 16th in the strong class.

The team would like to thank the parents, Mrs Coulton, Mr and Mrs James, Mrs Phillis and Mrs Taylor for the trip, as well as our supporters with transport of cattle, Jayden Nicholls and Emily Polsen.

Mrs Jan Young - Head Teacher



Albury Show



New Ewes

Six new Hampshire ewes have been purchased by the school. We also have the loan of a Hampshire ram to join these young ladies so we have lambs next year. Hampshires are the Wagyu of the sheep industry and a less common heritage breed in Australia. The school intends to see how the lambs will compete in the carcass competition as well as see what possibilities lie ahead for breeding a stud line in the future. Students are coming up with names for the ewes at present. The sheep were purchased from Mrs Taylor at Woongarra Livestock.



Mrs Jan Young - Head Teacher

Work Experience

Week 6 has seen two of Year 10 students participate in work experience.

Tayla Gallo is currently placed at Bunyip Preschool and Daycare in Harden.

Ty Leitner is working with Tapped Out Brick and Block Laying which is based in Yass.

From reports, both students are thoroughly enjoying their time and are making the most of their workplace experience



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Mrs Alison Spencer
Careers Adviser

Lawn Bowls

Throughout this term Mrs Spencer and a group of students from years 7 – 10 have been participating in Lawn Bowls for sport. Students have been able to learn the skills associated with lawn bowling along with scoring and captaining a team.

Thank you so much to the members of the Harden Bowling Club who came along to show our students what lawn bowls is all about. Your patience and guidance really helped the students to build their skills.

We hope to get the opportunity to continue bowling for sport in the years to come.

Mrs Alison Spencer
PDHPE Teacher



Stage 4 Visual Arts

Stage 4 this term has been creating wire sculptures based on the natural environment. Student have taken inspiration from insects, animals, and plants. Students have challenged themselves this term with using art materials that are not traditional mediums.



Stage 5 Visual Arts

Stage 5 students have worked collaboratively in creating mural boards this term. Students have based their artworks on Art Movements and focused on key techniques from each movement. The students have worked well together in producing these works that will be displayed around the school.



Ms Amy Kirkpatrick
Visual Arts Teacher

Rotary Community Garden

Ms Masson's IVY group travelled down to the Rotary Community Garden on Tuesday so they could make some succulents pots. The students had a wonderful time designing their creations, the finished products were amazing. A big thank you to De Farrell and Marilyn Wales for being there to help the students.

Ms Lauren Masson - Teacher



Women's Self Defence

Kumiai Ryu Martial Arts System Harden are excited to bring this seminar to the Hilltops and surrounding Districts to empower women with self protection strategies and raise awareness of domestic abuse and the help and support available in our local area.

This 3 hour seminar will include interactive personal protection strategies with Sensei Steve Rowan and presentations from guest speakers.

Sensei Steve is a current Black Belt and accredited Instructor with Kumiai Ryu Martial Arts System. He has a strong passion for sharing his self defence knowledge.

Our guest speakers are two amazing local women, who have extensive knowledge and understanding of domestic abuse and the support networks available.

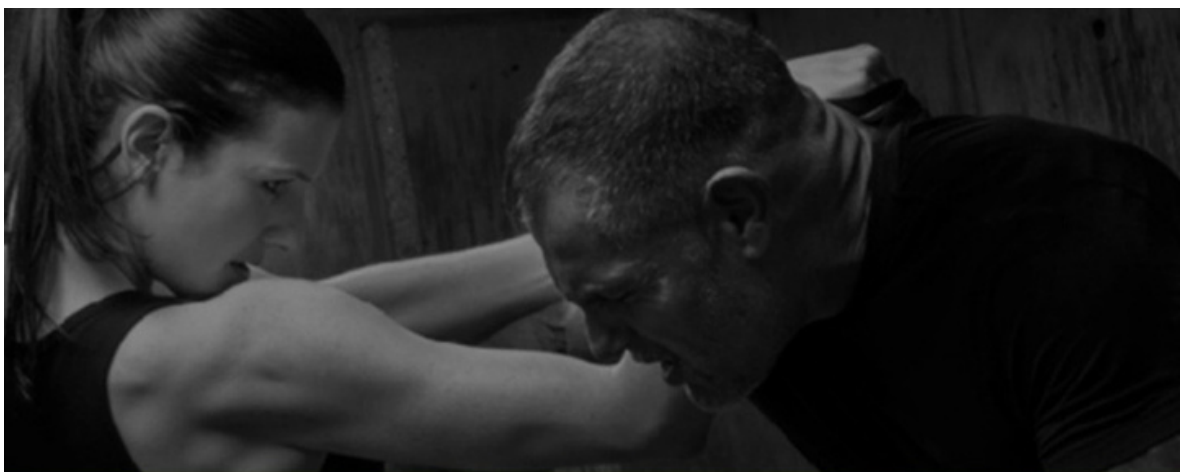
Brigid Holder is the International best selling Publisher of "Hear Her Roar- Successful Women who experienced Domestic Abuse" and Ros Stewart is the co-founder of Zac's Place Harden, a not for profit organisation that supports people with crisis accommodation and many other wonderful programs.

Morning tea and light lunch are included in the cost of the seminar, so please advise of any dietary requirements when booking so that we can cater accordingly.

All profits from the day will be donated to Zac's Place.

Facebook event link- <https://fb.me/e/1SfqTjEAF>

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Unwell / Testing

Students and staff should continue to stay home when sick.

Students, staff and visitors should only attend school when they are symptom free. We strongly encourage all students, staff and visitors to follow the guidance issued by NSW Health. We will continue to send home students or staff displaying symptoms.

For positive COVID-19 cases

Reporting requirements from 14 October

Please continue to notify the school if your child tests positive to COVID-19 as we will continue to notify the school community of any known positive cases to prioritise student and staff safety and wellbeing.

RAT Kits

Please contact the school if you require any RAT kits.