

5 May 2022

Anzac Day

Dates

- **P&C Meeting**
Monday 9 May
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Friday 13 May 2022
- **NAPLAN**
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Friday 3 June
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Thursday 26 May



ANZAC DAY

It was wonderful to see so many students represent our school at the Anzac Ceremony.

Principal's Report

Hello again and welcome to the end of week 2 Term 2.

Only a short report this newsletter.

Firstly, facilities upgrades – Rooms 4/5 and 6/7 have had their old 1970's concertina folding walls removed ready for the installation of brand-new ones. The new walls will be much more soundproof and provide a much better environment for both the teachers and students using these rooms. In the meantime half the rooms will be out of action for a few weeks whilst works are undertaken. The cost of these works is about \$45,000 and is being funded by the Department of Education.

We have been on the waiting list for a year or so but later this term we will have 16 brand new 80-inch smart panels installed on trolleys in almost all classrooms with full wi-fi minicomputers attached. These devices will replace the aged white boards and projectors in all classrooms and can be centrally repaired and updated from the TSO (Technical Support Officer) office. It will also enable school wide messages to be sent out to all or just selected classrooms for improved communication, especially in the event of an emergency. The new panels are very intelligent and will make a teacher's life so much easier with their improved functions. Approximately \$125,000 in value. This is being funded by the NSW Education Minister as part of a state-wide rollout of upgraded technology equipment for rural areas. The school has already received 12 new student laptops to supplement this program as well as upgrade internet speed and backup services.

Staffing - Luke Cotter is on leave for a few weeks and Mitch Summerfield is relieving TSO (computer guy). Mitch has been studying under Luke's training for a while now so that the school has continuity of support in this critical area. This means that Ann Wirth is filling in for Mitch as SLSO (School Learning Support Officer) in class support full time for 4 weeks. Mr Cotter is studying to become a teacher.

Student activities – ANZAC day was well supported this year after a couple of quieter marches due to restrictions. Both School Captains, Chloe Wade and Beau Abnett, spoke at the day along with Hayley Hambrook at short notice. All represented the school with pride. Beau Ferry and Bianca Burns paraded the flags at the start of the march procession with Jade Emms also assisting with flag duties at the cenotaph. B-Jay Skinner and Mike Lincolne carried the school banner for the march. Regan Manton also carried the flag at the Jugiong ANZAC day march. A big thank you to all these students for their help on the day.

Monday 9th May is our first P & C meeting with our new executive team. I hope to see as many parents there as possible to support the new team. Starts at 6pm in the staff room just up from the lower carpark.

Stay warm as the weather now cools down. 180 embroidery has lots of warm winter uniforms for sale.

Late news! The school has been approved for a 24kw solar system to be installed this year, funded by the State Government.

Mr Dale Rands
Principal

Anzac Day



Captain's Corner

Welcome back to Term 2, we hope everyone had a safe, happy and healthy break and Easter!

Before returning to school, Chloe and I attended the local ANZAC day march alongside many peers and staff. We thank everyone who could make it and represented our school. Chloe and I had the great privilege of leading our school, speaking and laying a wreath in honour of our school.

We know winter is coming and it's time to rug up in our comfortable school uniform.

This term SRC are continuing to organise upcoming events/fundraisers and will be getting in touch with our peers for your opinions, so be vocal, we'd love to hear all of your ideas.

Hope everyone has a great Term 2, stay focused, stay positive. Chloe and I are always here as well as other senior students and staff.

Beau & Chloe
School Captains

P & C Update

A friendly reminder that our P&C meeting will be held on Monday 9th May in the staff common room at 6pm. All welcome!

NAPLAN Testing

NAPLAN testing will take place in week 3 with catch up testing in week 4. Tests will be in reading, writing, conventions of language and numeracy.

Students in Years 7 and 9 were given the opportunity last term to do a practice test so they are familiar with the structure of the online tests.

Results from the NAPLAN testing will be sent to parents in Term 3 when they become available.

Ms Lee Hyland
Deputy Principal

Cyber Security

Visit by Senior Constable Shanelle Lockett

Last week Senior Constable Shanelle Lockett visited Murrumburrah High School to talk to students from Year 7- 10 about Cyber Security and Cyber safety called 'Think you know'.

ThinkUKnow Australia is an evidence-based education program led by the [Australian Federal Police](#) (AFP), delivered nationally in partnership with police and industry partners to prevent online child sexual exploitation.

We incorporate up-to-date research, real case studies and examples from reports made to the AFP-led [Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation](#).

The program is pro-technology and addresses topics including self-generated online child sexual exploitation material, online grooming, image-based abuse, sexual extortion, and importantly encourages help seeking behaviour.

Parent resources are available at <https://thinkuknow.org.au> as well as the e-safety commissioner. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

Ms Lee Hyland
Deputy Principal



Work Placement



During week 2 Evan completed his work placement for Hospitality at the [Long Track Pantry](#).

Evan was given a great rotation of the whole business from Front of house to working in the Jam Factory.



Courtney Johnson
Work pathways Coordinator

Year 11 Standard Maths

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Year 11 have just finished their first major mathematics assessment for senior studies. This assessment required them to look at financial case studies and budgeting for a young person just out of school and home with their first permanent job. They need to consider purchasing a vehicle as well as the running costs, maintenance, insurance, and finance. They also needed to consider costs of living out of home.

After they complete their half yearly exams (coming up in week 5), Year 11 will continue the measurement topic they have recently begun and look at a practical assessment on solar energy usage and power consumption.

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Deputy Principal

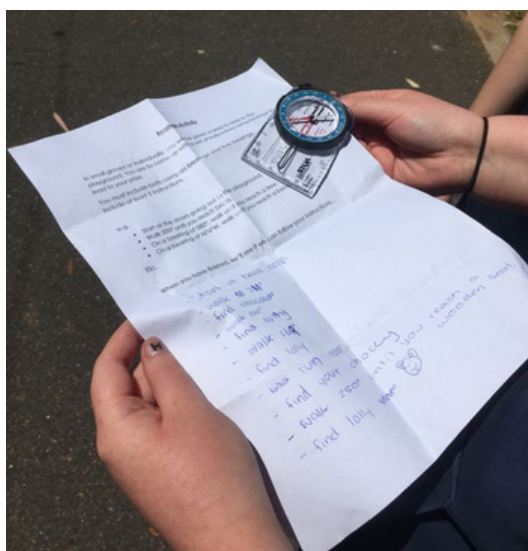
Year 12 Standard Maths

This semester, **Year 12** Standard Maths have been investigating applications of measurement and trigonometry.

In Term 1 students conducted a bearings treasure hunt, hiding lollies in teams around the school grounds with their own designed treasure map.

Each team was then given a map and a compass and sent out to find their treasure! Students are currently working on designing a paddock in the school grounds, involving conducting a radial survey of their proposed area.

Ms Bianca Swanson
Maths Teacher



Congratulations

Success for the Open Girls Soccer Team

On Monday 2nd May Murrumburrah High School's Open Girls Soccer team hosted James Fallon High School in the 3rd Round of the CHS Knockout. James Fallon came out firing, which put the MHS girls on the backfoot. After re-gathering themselves MHS worked hard through the midfield and managed to end the first half 2-1. Goals were scored by Brooke Emms and Jade Emms. After a good half time pep talk, the girls got back out on the field and worked on attacking the ball with Jade Emms scoring an early goal. The second half was a physical half with a few penalties going against the MHS team. There were quite a few missed opportunities in attack, but the MHS girls ended up winning the match 4-1, with a final goal from Brooke Emms.

Well done to all members of the team! Every player had an amazing game and did themselves and their school proud!

Congratulations to the girls for making it into the semi-finals where they will be up against either Narrandera High School or Murrumbidgee Regional High School, who beat us in the semi-finals in 2021. Thank you to David Carter who refereed the match for us and Mr Dean Kabbout and ex-student Riley Arabin for running the lines. Thanks to the Harden Soccer Club for providing nets and flags. Thanks also to Mr Rands who drove the bus and ferried spectators to and from the match. Thank you to the students, staff and parents who came to watch the game and supported and encouraged the girls.

The biggest thank you goes to Craig Gray who came down and helped us mark the lines of the field. We appreciate you so much!!

Stay tuned for an update on who, where and when the girls play their semi-final match.

Mrs Alison Spencer
Careers Adviser/PDHPE Teacher



Easter Royal Show 2022

During the last week of term and during the holidays, Murrumburrah High School's Senior Farm Club members travelled to Sydney to compete in state competitions. Ellie Ward competed in State Cattle Paraders and successfully paraded a Speckle Park heifer borrowed for the morning. With an unknown animal, Ellie kept her composure and managed to avoid as much mud as she possibly could given the extremely wet conditions that were faced during the competition.

April Drew was next to compete during the first week of the holidays in the State Fruit and Vegetable Judging competition. Although April commented that she is not a keen eater of all things fruit and vegetable, her ability to grade and rank fruit and vegetables found her with 27 other students in the judging ring. With nerves on high, April managed to grade and place tomatoes, apples and plums/peaches. Although not placing in the top 8 which had to speak to the large audience, April may have found a new career as a greengrocer.

While at Sydney Royal Show the girls were able to manage viewing the woodchop event and the horse arena as well as sampling some fine show food.

Mrs Jan Young
Head Teacher - Science/Maths



Babies Everywhere



Wal has been busy tending to a few new cute arrivals at the AG Plot

Royal Military College

Exercise First Glance – Indigenous Youth Work Experience Program

Royal Military College – Duntroon

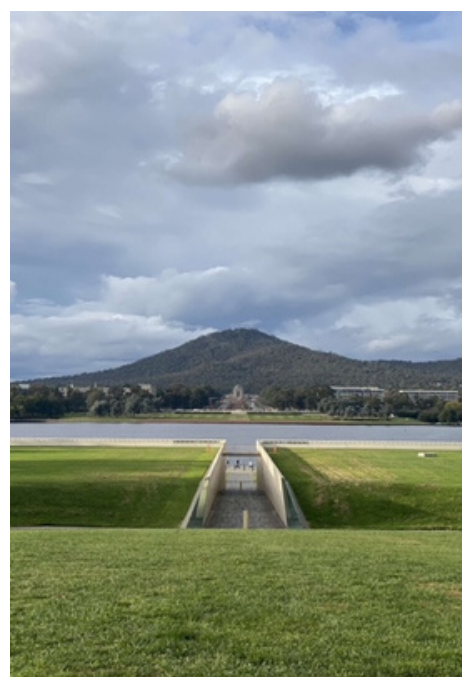
From 25th – 29th April, John Drew had the opportunity to attend the Exercise First Glance Work Experience Program at Duntroon in the ACT. John had to go through an application process where only 20 students are selected. John had the most wonderful week and has provided us with an overview of his time in the work experience program.

DAY 1

On Monday 25th April, I was collected from my house by car and driven to Duntroon in the ACT where I met 6 other students who were part of the program. We headed to Camp Blake and then walked up Mt Ainslie where we looked out at Canberra from above. We then went for a drive up to Mt Pleasant. We then got organised and settled for the evening. Our accommodation was shared accommodation where all we had was a mattress and sleeping bag. Lights out was 10pm.

DAY 2

We were woken at 5:30am, our new wake up time for the week. Today we did a mini drill lesson. We then checked out the Royal Military College and did a tour around the outside. We then visited Duntroon House which is also known as the Cadet Mess and looked through the different rooms. We played a bit of pool and heard about Clancy the ghost. We had lunch at the Royal Military College and then visited Reconciliation Park where we had a talk about recruitment and found out all about the application process and when we can get started on it.



Royal Military College

DAY 3

Today we went to ADFA where we went through a quick history on the different battles and then headed to the obstacle course. We split up into groups and went through two activities. The first one involved tunnels connected to shipping containers. Each shipping container had a different obstacle inside like mazes, balancing planks, minefields and lasers. The second activity was a team building activity where we needed to use planks and a ladder to get through an obstacle course. It was like "the floor is lava". After the obstacle courses we had lunch at ADFA. We then went to Mt Pleasant where we participated in another obstacle course activity. We stepped through the obstacles one at a time at first and then split up into two teams and ran through the whole thing.

DAY 4

Today we completed a Leadership Development Course at the range. We went through various obstacles and challenges that we needed to complete as a team where a different person was assigned "leader" each time. After this we went back to camp, showered, and then had afternoon tea at the Australian War Memorial. We learnt a heap about Aboriginal history and culture and spoke about the significance of learning our history and the importance of sharing our stories. Back at camp that night we had a small fire and established a yarning circle. We had an indigenous 3rd Year ADFA Cadet come out and answer our questions and talked to us for the night.

DAY 5

After our 5:30am wake up call we packed all our bags. We then went back to the Royal Military College where we got to see a weapons demonstration. We got to check out the new weapons, old weapons from the museum, pistols, and drones. We then had the opportunity to watch the Royal Military College band play and they were incredible. We then got to have a look at the Officers' Mess and then had a BBQ lunch before heading back home.

Overall, I had the most amazing experience. The obstacle courses were such great fun and challenged me to develop my leadership skills. I was also really impressed with how good the food was. I have made some great new mates and look forward to continuing my journey in becoming part of the Australian Defence Force.

John Drew - Year 10



Winter Uniforms



Winter is fast approaching so contact Beth at 180 Clothing for our warm winter uniform. You can order these via Facebook, email - embroidery180@yahoo.com or phone - 0435 873 420.

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Preparing our students for tomorrow's challenges through learning

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Unwell or have COVID?

Close Contacts

Close contacts are now permitted to attend school under the following conditions as per NSW Health guidelines;

- You must notify the school if you are a close contact.
- You must conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 days.
- You must wear a face mask indoors except when eating or exercising.

Remember: Students cannot attend school if they are showing any symptoms of COVID-19 or have tested positive for COVID-19.

Close contacts will be provided with RAT kits to take home or can be picked up from the school.