

21 September 2022

Year 12 Class of 2022

Dates

- **Last day of Term 3**
Friday 23 September
- **Return to school
Term 4**
Monday 10 October
- **P&C Meeting**
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Front row: Maddison Teys, Hunter Ings, Beau Abnett, Chloe Wade, Coralie Vasquez and Samantha Emms.

Back row: Emily Schulz, Lily Shorrock, Tayla Merton, Brydan Cracknell, Evan Jakiwczyk, Braeden Gadd and Emily Willet (absent)

**Congratulations to our graduating class
of 2022.**

We wish you all the very best.

From the Principal

Graduation Speech

As we gather here today for our Year 12 graduation, I would also like to acknowledge that the land we meet on is traditionally owned by the Wiradjuri people and I pay my respects to the past and present local elders of this land and extend that acknowledgment to any Aboriginal people that join with us today, especially to all our young Aboriginal students who are with us today.

I would also like to welcome all our parents and carers to this graduation ceremony today, and also thank you for being here with family and friends to help celebrate the completion of your child's high school education.

Welcome also to the students, staff and teachers of Murrumburrah High School that join with us for this ceremony. Finally, a very warm welcome to our Graduating Class of 2022.

Year 12 - this day marks the official end of your 13 years of formal schooling, a huge milestone, with only your final exams left to sit. Firstly, could I thank you for the mature way you approached your last weeks of your school life and thank you for your efforts throughout this, your final year. It has also been a real pleasure working with the leaders of the student body, Chloe and Beau. It is an important role to be a School Captain and the school can be proud of the way that Chloe and Beau represented you this year. We are so lucky that Harden Murrumburrah really is a great community and a tremendous place to learn and work.

I would also like to thank Ms Masson for her efforts as your Stage 6 Advisor. Answering many questions and resolving day to day senior matters is busy work but has been undertaken with her full enthusiasm and effort over your two senior years. Your work is genuinely appreciated by all the students you have helped.

Back to Year 12 - Included in the portfolio that you will receive today is a letter of congratulations from our local Member of Parliament, Steph Cooke. Steph has also contacted me earlier this term and asked me to pass on her congratulations and the following message to you all today:

"Finishing school is one of those moments in life that is so exciting, and yet so daunting.

To have reached this important milestone is a wonderful achievement and you should be proud of yourselves as you head into your final exams and look to life beyond school.

Whatever your plans may be, go forward confidently knowing that your family, your school and your local community wish you every success."

Yours sincerely - Steph Cooke

School life is an important part of a person's development and leaves life-long memories with every individual. One of my own more common discussions that I have with people that I chat with, is that no matter what you experience at school, you will always remember what happens at school - the good and the not so good - and you will talk about it forever, perhaps even with your own children or grandchildren. All those memories that you have shared since you began school way back in kindergarten in 2010: The classes, the teachers, the excursions, sporting representation - the list for each of you is extensive and memorable in its own right.

From the Principal Cont...

Many of you have already decided on the next phase of your life journey. Jobs, university, further study or even some time overseas. For the rest of you, don't despair. There is nothing wrong in taking your time and making the right choice. Don't leave it too long though or you might find a very long list of jobs at home to earn your keep!

There are lots of quotes and popular sayings that are used at Year 12 graduations, but I found this selection to be very connected with this year's graduating class.

It reads:

Congratulations to you, chosen ones. And I am calling you the chosen ones, because you have been chosen in many ways. First by the temperament and discipline you've lived by. By the creative fires that are inside of you and the instinctive lunges of your desires.

There is something about you, all of you, in your upbringing and your background and your conscious memories and your ongoing mysteries, something that has driven you to complete your choice, your courses, and achieve your selected challenges and cross the Rubicon of your time there.

You succeeded because of the aid and the love of others, bettering your lives without a doubt, but you have succeeded mostly because you and you alone chose to do so. You are the chosen ones.

You are chosen in that way to enter into the competition of life, just when so many have had to recover and refresh and restart and reawaken and to retake up the hard work and the unshirkable responsibilities of making the world, not only our own, but of your own.

Every class of every year, moves up into the rotation and proves their value by living their values. But this class, your class, isn't just doing work that has to be done. You're joining in the work that has to be done. You chosen ones are going to form the new structures and define the new realities and make the new world. The world after all that we have been through. Written and presented to a 2020 graduating class by actor Tom Hanks.

Your families and your teachers are proud of you....and of what you have and are still yet to achieve. Continue to study wisely in preparation for the exams next term and continue to make the most of your life from that point on.

Be proud of yourselves and the fact that you made it this far in your schooling, future results aside; that is something you should be very happy with... and take what you have learnt in Year 12 - inside the classroom and outside of it - take any opportunities that come your way and make a difference.

As sporting great Michael Jordan once said, "Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out a way to climb it, go through it or work around it"

Finally, to Year 12, thank you from me and all the staff and students of Murrumburrah High School and all the best with your exams and your futures.

Mr Dale Rands
Principal

Last day for Year 12



Congratulations

Congratulations to Ruby Rawlinson, Saige Williams and Danika Mounsey for achieving Blue Level and to Katelyn McMillan, Antonia Raptis, Will James, Lowanna Potts and Shelby Wirth for achieving Purple Level.



Captains' Corner

Well Beau and I are here one last time.

SRC have some great fundraisers and events lined up for next term, starting with our school disco - unfortunately it was postponed back in Week 8 but it is now planned to be on either Week 1 or 2 of Term 4. So behave and enjoy!

There comes a time in life where you have to say goodbye and move forward, that time has come for Beau and me. As we graduate tomorrow, we are also handing our captaincy over to Ellie Ward. Beau and I are so honoured to have captained our school for 2022. We are so proud of our school and how each and everyone of you present yourselves. We wish Ellie the best of luck in her year of leadership. Ellie, believe in yourself; you'll lead this school to success.

Goodbye and goodluck for everyone's future studies!

Beau & Chloe
School Captains

P & C Update

We hope everyone has stayed warm and are all enjoying the slightly warmer weather!

Our next meeting will be held on Monday the 10th of October at 6pm, in the Common Room at the High School, which is also the first day back for Term 4.

Have a great holiday!

Katrina O'Connor- P&C President

Out and about



Students having fun exploring around town during the walking group for Wednesday sport. We visited the Murrumburrah Harden Rotary Community Garden, Newson Park and the Harden Library.

Mrs Krista Hooke - Teacher

Handlers' Camp



The Farm

2 gorgeous new additions to the farm making the most of the sunshine!

Mrs Jan Young
Head Teacher



AWI Merino Wether Challenge

Murrumburrah High School set off in late August with a team of six wether hoggets that we have been looking after since March to compete against over 50 schools (Government/Independent and Catholic) across the entire state.

Each participating school was given six balloted animals from Egelabra Merino Stud – Warren NSW. Senior Students completing Agriculture or Primary Industries were given the opportunity to break in these young wethers and ensure all the dietary and health needs were met by our Farm Assistant, teachers and students. In short, these wethers were pampered to perform to their optimum ability.

Being the first time MHS was able to venture up to Dubbo to compete in this challenge, we found we had lots to pick up as we went, as the process is quite different to showing cattle or prime lambs.

However, our small team of three students, Ellie Ward, April Drew and Bonnie Abnett, amazed the other schools and appeared as if they had been doing this type of showing all their life. The girls also had the extra challenge of showing Cootamundra High School's wethers as their teacher was on maternity leave.

At the end of the 3 days, we arrived back in Harden, and the results from the judging on the hoof and on the hook started to come through the Facebook site.

The girls and the wethers had just managed to take out first place in the Wool Value category in the Wheat districts, as well as first place in the whole state overall with a combined value of \$170.11 for six months wool growth.

In addition, we were amazed at taking out the Restocker Value category in the Wheat districts as well as first across the entire state with a value of \$580.00 - \$115 above our nearest competitor.

This continues to show that Murrumburrah High School can compete against all other schools in the state and still manage to win awards through their efforts and dedication to the competition. Well done Murrumburrah High School.

Mrs Jan Young - Head Teacher



Harden Show



Congratulations to Oscar Phillis who won the Bob Stewart Memorial Trophy



Young Show



TAFE Peer Reading



Gym news!

The MHS school gym has been fitted with a range of new additions to help the students get into shape this spring. The school has purchased new equipment and is now able to accommodate a larger number of students before school and during breaks on Thursdays and Fridays. If you are interested in using the gym space, please see Mr Priem for a permission note. Training will open from 8am Thursday and Friday mornings.

A big thanks to Ben Brown at Roar Health and Fitness in Cootamundra for the donations of fitness equipment for the space, and thanks to Mr Phillips' Stage 5 Metal work students who are fabricating a weights rack to store equipment safely in the gym.

Mr Adrian Priem - PDHPE Teacher



Rotary Community Garden

During the school year, Ivy 5, myself and Nic have been going to the Community Garden doing basically everything we need to do for the garden, from planting plants to mixing compost. The Community Garden is set next to the old Harden gas station on Albury Street. Anyone can come down to relax or to plant something. The garden contains many plants and a small garden library, Community Gardens are beneficial because it can provide knowledge on planting items to a nice place to relax.

A member of the community garden can contribute by planting plants, mixing compost or just helping anywhere they can. [Marko Djukic - Year 8](#)

The Harden Community Garden is next to the tennis courts and everyone has access. It contains a variety of plants and things that people can touch and smell. Community gardens are beneficial because they give the community in which they reside a nice safe place to relax or contribute to the garden. They can do this by weeding, turning over compost, or making up ideas for the future of the community garden. [Leo Auld - Year 9](#)

The Community Garden in Harden, next to the old tennis courts, is an area where people from the community can come, visit and play. There are sensory activities for young children and healthy plants for everyone to water and help grow. This Community Garden is very beneficial because it provides fresh and organic produce, and helps people mentally and physically. Anyone can come and contribute to the gardens by watering plants, picking weeds or just having fun. So come visit and have a great, enjoyable time at the Harden Community Gardens. [Nia Raptis - Year 7](#)

Welcome to the Community Garden. The Community Garden is next to the tennis courts, the gardens have veg and fruit. [Jade Schulz - Year 9](#)

Hilltops Council

Members of the Hilltops Council attended our school last week to sit down with students and go over some apprenticeship opportunities that are currently on offer within the Hilltops region.

This provided students with a chance to see what options are available and ask any questions.



Food Technology

Year 12 Hospitality students have been completing their coffee service periods for their Certificate II qualifications this fortnight and Year 11 have been working on their safety, hygiene and skills practical assessments.



Stage 5 have been working on their product portfolios and making ice cream and fettuccini boscaiola.



Mr Ben Phillips
Hospitality and Maths Teacher

Woodwork

Jade Schulz is very proud to show off the stool she made in her woodwork class with Mr Phillips as part of her assignment.

Mrs Aliesha Cotter - Student Support Officer (SSO)



Wheelchair Roadshow

On Monday 12th September, Brendon Talbott from NSW Wheelchair Basketball came to MHS to give students the opportunity to play wheelchair basketball.

Brendon spoke to the students about risk taking and the consequences that may occur from taking such risks. He spoke about living life in a wheelchair and got students to think about how it would impact their life and those around them if they were to end up in a wheelchair.

Brendon introduced the game of wheelchair basketball and went through the rules. Students were surprised that the basketball ring stayed at the same height as regular basketball.

It was great to see the students trying something new and going out of their comfort zone. Brendon was very impressed with their skills and their ability to adapt in the wheelchair. A few staff got to have a go as well.

A massive thanks to all students who participated and showed Brendon what MHS is all about.

Mrs Alison Spencer - Teacher



Stage 5 PASS

As part of the [Stage 5 PASS](#) Event Management Unit, Mrs Spencer's PASS class had to complete an assessment task where they organised and ran sport on Wednesday afternoon. The afternoon consisted of 4 different sports that Stage 4 and 5 students rotated around.

It was great to see the PASS students step up and show their leadership skills. They gave clear instructions, set expectations, and ensured their sport ran successfully for each group that came through. Special mention to John Drew who sent students for a run around the footy posts if they misbehaved.

Some students realised that a career in teaching is definitely not for them, and others found the task enjoyable and discovered skills they may not have realised they had.

MHS staff had nothing but positive feedback and look forward to the next time students run sport for the afternoon.

Well done to all students involved.

Mrs Alison Spencer – PASS Teacher



Patrick FitzGerald

Meg Couvee, Director of Educational Leadership, Yass Network attended our assembly this week to present Mr Patrick FitzGerald with a certificate for 40 years of service. Congratulations Patrick on a long and rewarding career.

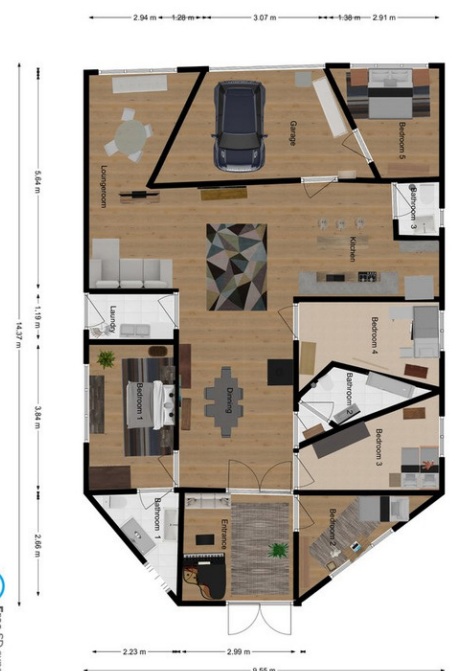
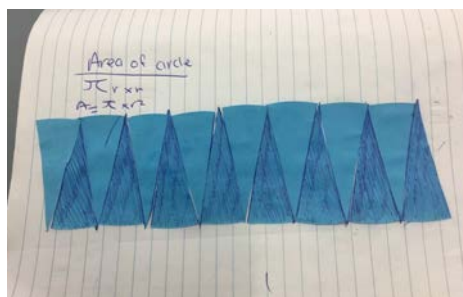


Stage 4 and 5 Maths

This semester, [Stage 4](#) Mathematics Omega have been studying perimeter and area, including deriving the formula for area of a circle.

Both [Stage 4](#) and [Stage 5](#) Mathematics Omega have been designing houses using online programs to fulfil criteria. They used their designs to solve problems with ratios, scale, area, financial mathematics and trigonometry.

Ms Bianca Swanson - Teacher



Stage 4 Maths

Stage 4 Maths have been exploring perimeter and area this term. This week, the students used their numeracy skills to measure, cut and sand some wooden blocks of varying sizes to make a class resource to practice their skills in calculating perimeter and area. Thank you to Mr Phillips (Snr) and Year 12 student Evan Jakiwczyk for their expertise.



Mr Ben Phillips
Hospitality and Maths Teacher

ATV Motorbike Course

Students from Murrumburrah High School Primary Industries class joined Barellan Central School students to participate in an ATV Safety and Training course to ensure our students are prepared for future employment when operating Motor bikes and Quad bikes.

This course will give the students a qualification that may place them in front of another candidate for a possible job in the future so we encourage our Primary Industries class to participate in this optional qualification that NSW TAFE provides in collaboration with the NSW Department of Education.

In addition, if Murrumburrah High School can assist in saving any one of our students from injury or death from farm machinery in future, then our efforts are rewarded.

This year, five students from Murrumburrah High School took on the challenge.



Mrs Jan Young - Teacher



We all know it's harder for students to succeed at school without reliable internet at home. Students need it to complete their homework and access resources critical to their development. Unfortunately, many families can't afford internet service. But there's good news—a new government benefit, the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), provides eligible households with a discount on internet services and devices.

Help spread the word with families in your classroom and community:

- Share www.GetMyInternet.org with families at your school. (Anyone who's eligible for free and reduced-price lunch qualifies.)
- Need a low-tech option? Print this ACP flier and distribute it in your community. It's available in English and Spanish.

As one of the nation's leading organizations helping teachers, students, and families thrive in the digital age, Common Sense Education is committed to supporting the ACP so that every child and family has access to vital internet services at home.

Thank you for all that you do, and here's to a great school year!

The team at Common Sense Education

Movie Night

The Hilltops Youth Action Group is very excited to bring our movie nights to our villages.

Jugiong, Murringo and Wombat, it's your time to shine!

Come along to our Village Movie Nights for the screening of The Bad Guys.

Kids eat FREE with Hilltops Mobile Cafe (purchases can be made for adults attending).



Teen Workshop

By popular request Binalong CWA will be running another School Holiday workshop for teens in Year 7-12. The workshop will be fun, educational and cover topics including:

- * Cyber safety
- * Navigating friendships
- * Building self esteem
- * Healthy relationships

Please contact us for bookings and enquiries via our email binalongcwa@outlook.com or speak with Liesh Cotter by contacting Murrumburrah High School on 02 63 862 755.

Mrs Aliesha Cotter | Student Support Officer



School holiday teen workshop

Friday 30th September
9am to 3pm
@ Binalong Community Club

\$70 per young person includes morning tea, lunch & resources



Cyber safety



Building self esteem



Navigating friendships



Respectful relationships

Bookings essential via
binalongcwa@outlook.com

2022 Kite Festival



2022 HARDEN KITE FESTIVAL

f SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER

10AM-4PM
Harden Picnic Racecourse
Burley Griffin Way, Harden

KITES-CARNIVAL-KRAFT

BIG KITES
By kite flying enthusiasts around Australia

FREE Activities & Entertainment

- Food & Market Stalls
- Kite Decorating Workshops
- Kite Flying
- Alcohol Free Event

TICKETED ENTRY
\$2 per person

ALL Day Ride Pass Available



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HARDEN KITE FESTIVAL

Wants to Meet You!

We are looking for keen & energetic
LOCALS FROM OUR COMMUNITY
to get involved in the kite festival.



Are you good at?

- Photography | Social Media | Administration | Sound & Audio
- Graphic Design | Working with Kids | Websites | Finance
- Promotions | Report Writing | Children's Activities | Entertainment

Our community is friendly and welcoming.
We know there are talented, kind and amazing locals who would make a great addition to our team.



"I love being part of the kite festival!
It's a great opportunity to learn and grow."

Please reach out to Lucy
0448 255 714
hardenkite@gmail.com

Important Dates for Term 3

Last day of Term 3 - Friday 23 September

Return to school - Term 4, Monday 10 October

P&C Meeting - Monday 10 October

Murrumburrah High School

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MHS Uniform
Stockist - 180
Embroidery

Website:

<https://180embroidery.com>

Contact: Beth Allen

Telephone: 0435 873 420

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embroidery180@yahoo.com

Location: 1 Derby Street,
Harden

Deliveries to the High School
available.



Preparing our students for tomorrow's challenges through learning

Word Search

Disney Animated Movies

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BROTHER BEAR
ROBIN HOOD
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BOLT
MULAN
MONSTERS INC
CINDERELLA
ALADDIN
HERCULES
DUMBO
FANTASIA
DINOSAUR

Unwell or have COVID?

Unwell / Testing

Staff and students cannot attend school if they are showing any symptoms of COVID-19. If symptoms occur at any time, your child should not attend school and should undertake a rapid antigen test (RAT).

For positive COVID-19 cases

Staff, students and visitors who have tested positive to COVID-19 must:

- complete 5 days of isolation from the date they tested positive
- be symptom-free before returning to school, if symptoms remain after Day 5 they must continue following NSW Health guidelines to self-isolate and undertake a rapid antigen test (RAT)
- complete a RAT and return a negative result before attending school on Days 6 and 7 after testing positive to COVID-19, and
- wear a mask on Days 6 and 7 when attending school.

Household/close contacts attending school

- They must notify the school.
- They should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 school days.
- They must wear a mask indoors except when eating or exercising.