

MURRUMBURRAH
HIGH SCHOOL

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23 November 2018

Dates for Calendar

Term 4

- ◆ Tuesday 27 November—
LEAP Graduation
- ◆ Thursday 29 November—
 - ◆ Stage 4—STEM
Activities @
Crookwell
 - ◆ Stage 5 Wellbeing
Activities @ Bi-
nalong/Galong
 - ◆ Stage 6 First Aid @
School
- ◆ Friday 14 December —
Presentation Day
- ◆ Wednesday 19 December—
Students Last Day
- ◆ Thursday 20 & Friday 21
December—Staff Development Days



Congratulations!

Last week we celebrated with family, friends, staff and students of our outgoing Year 12 students at the Harden Country Club to acknowledge the 'Class of 2018'.

The formal dinner was a great way to farewell our Year 12 students and the large crowd in attendance enjoyed a pleasant evening.

Thank you to all those responsible for making the evening the success it was.

We wish Year 12 all the best in their next adventure.

Boys Back Row L to R—Will Goode, Gabe Anthony, Ryan Daley, Keelie Ford, Blake Jakiwczuk, Rory Fogg, Jed Hodson, Oscar Forsyth, Dylan Killick, Josh Menz, Tyson Ings

Girls Middle Row L to R—Sharni Manton, Dariah Summerfield, Tayla Gaudie, Maddie Peisley, Breanna Dyball, Georgia Murray, Melinda Trethowan

Girls (kneeling) Front Row L to R—Haylee Allen and Lucy Chesworth

Year 12 Formal



Captain's Corner

Welcome back to Captains Corner!

Over the last two weeks, we have been proud to represent the school at different events, one of them being the Remembrance Day ceremony in the park. This year marked 100 years since the end of WW2. The ceremony was pleasant and we were glad to be able to represent our student body on that day.

Last Thursday we attended the Year 12 formal and finally said our last goodbyes to the class of 2018. We wish them the best of luck in their future endeavours.

On Wednesday we helped raise funds for Sam Emms to represent NSW in Fiji at a soccer tournament. She will be attending next month. What a success the day was and we wish Sam the best. We are also currently organising a Year 12 bake sale to be held on Monday 3rd December (Week 8).

Hannah & Tara



Never the last post: a ceremony to commemorate and to continue the commemoration of Armistice Day, 11th November 2018.



One hundred years ago on the 11th November 1918, the guns of World War One finally went quiet. The Great War was over. It was supposed to have been over in December 1914 a few scarce months after it began but it was four long years of millions of deaths and unaccountable suffering by soldiers and civilians across Europe where the main battles were fought to regions in Turkey and countries as far flung as Australia where families waited for news of loved ones and endured harsh wartime economies.

Armistice Day commemorates the cease-fire in numerous countries across the world and has been acknowledged as a day of remembrance for 100 years. The purpose of the ceremony Never the Last Post, hosted by the Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium in Canberra, is to ensure that Armistice Day continues to be acknowledged, as the sacrifice of those millions of people, forever into the future.



Murrumburrah High School was selected as one of only 4 high schools across the state to participate in the ceremony. The Yr12 Modern History class was chosen as our representatives due to their studies in World War One. Mr Richard Woods, World War I Adviser to the Embassy, and His Excellency, Mr Ambassador Marc Mullie made the conscious decision to focus on returned soldiers from rural Australia who fought in or around the battlefields in Belgium (Flanders) perhaps having seen action in the horror that was the 3rd Battle of Leper, Passchendaele, or Polygon Wood or Fromelles, Pozieres or Thiepval Ridge.

All schools had their students research a soldier who was a resident of the area and returned to the town or the area. An emphasis was placed on how those men managed to repatriate themselves in peace-time conditions and how the small rural communities treated and remembered these men. The presentations by Crookwell, Monaro and Mulwaree High Schools were outstanding featuring primary evidence and depth of detail. In the Harden-Murrumburrah district only one soldier who fought at the Battle of Polygon Wood returned. All his compatriots, including his younger brother, Albert, were killed outright.



Herbert John Sharman was born in Cootamundra in 1887. He grew up on the family property, Dilba, near Jugiong. Herbert enlisted in 1915 and was appointed to the 2nd Battalion with the rank of Private. He saw action at Pozieres and Mouquet Farm before being assigned to the Canadian Tunnelling Company. Herbert was severely wounded from a gas attack at Ypres. He was discharged from the army and returned home with a diagnosis of "confusional insanity". These days the medical term is kinder and acknowledges such suffering as post-traumatic stress disorder. He won the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. Herbert's application for a war pension was initially denied by the Government Department due to "the member's incapacity was not the result of warlike operations". They later recapitulated and he was granted the pension which assisted Herbert to repatriate back into society where he worked on his family's farm and lived with his brother. Herbert spent a great deal of his leisure time fishing and he participated in every Anzac Day march. Those who knew him prior to his service remarked that he was never the same man after his experiences in the war. He died on the 2nd of August 1968 in the hospital where he was born 82 years before.



In almost every small rural town across Australia there are cenotaphs acknowledging the service of local men and women during World War I. Their sacrifices are also remembered in Anzac Day marches Australia wide and on Remembrance Day with services held near the cenotaphs. Murrumburrah High School students have participated and continue to participate in both these ceremonies showing respect and gratitude to these past members of community. To further students understanding of The Great War, its causes, consequences and legacies continue to be part of the school curriculum.



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The commemoration at the Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium began with a welcome by His Excellency, Mr Ambassador Marc Mullie, Mrs Marjolin van de Geer and embassy staff followed by a laying of poppies at the memorial stone in the embassy grounds by all people present. The connection and friendship between Belgium and Australia was recognised by the playing of the anthems and continued to be recognised throughout the day with acknowledgement of the memorials across Belgium honouring Australians who fought in that country. Dr Brendan Nelson, the Director of the Australian War Memorial, captivated the audience with his broad knowledge of the war and the future plans for the Australian War Memorial signifying the importance of continuing to remember our servicemen and women. The embassy hosted lunch for the visiting schools on the patio of the embassy after which all parties travelled to the Australian War Memorial. Students were given the opportunity to view the Flanders Field poppy garden memorial and listened to a reading by Ms Sonia Holt representative of the Visit Flanders organisation. This was followed by a tour of the exhibitions relating to the theatres of war in Belgium featuring the Australian forces. Afternoon tea, again hosted by the embassy, was held at the café and then all students and staff joined members of the Australian community for the Last Post Ceremony held in the Commemorative Area. Emily Doohan represented MHS in laying the wreath.

On behalf of the students and staff, we would like to thank the His Excellency the Ambassador and the staff of the Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium, Mr Richard Woods, Dr Brendan Nelson, Ms Sonia Holt and the Australian War Memorial for providing students from small, rural communities with the opportunity to demonstrate how World War I will continue to be commemorated across such townships and for giving us the chance to see how countries like Belgium will also continue to commemorate the service of men and women across the world in the war to end all wars. We would also like to acknowledge the assistance of the dedicated community people who are members of the Harden-Murrumburrah Historical Society for their assistance in researching Herbert John Sharman.



History Extension

History Extension is an extra unit of history studied by students for their HSC. The course is broken up into three sections, a close examination of the construction of writing about history, a case study such as an exploration of the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, and a student selected and designed History research project.

This year marks the first year Murrumburrah High School has had a class of History Extension students. These students, Sarah Bonnette and Elizabeth Shorrock together with their teacher, Adrienne Beck, travelled to Orange to participate in a workshop on the History project. The workshop was designed and presented by staff from the State Library and the History Teachers Association of NSW.

Students watched a presentation about a project - the Spanish Flu Pandemic of 1919, were given a guided tour of the wealth of research materials available on the State Library Webpage and were taught key ideas about how to build their own research project. The girls shared their ideas with a group of expert teachers and were given constructive feedback on making these ideas feasible and interesting.

We wish them luck as they embark on this new and challenging course.

Art at MHS Term 4

Stage 4. Two CAPA classes have been art making and one CAPA class is studying music. Rehearsals are well under-way for the final performance at Presentation Day.

Art classes have been working on masks, portraits, lino cuts and printing with wonderful work being produced.

Stage 5 Visual Art has been working around the school, three murals completed in a group collaboration project. The students have also been working on their print making skills, using foam, lino and etching paper.

Art workshops have continued into Term 4 with *artist-in-residence* Stephanie Corkhill-Hyles. Students have been sculpting, printmaking, painting and drawing each Thursday. They have been exploring 2D and 3D forms, working in groups and individually.

The gallery foyer is a place to showcase art works that have been created by our students. Pieces will be changed regularly to highlight the creative work achieved by our students. Please check it out, next time you visit the school.



A Day for Sam

On the 21st of November, SRC raised money for Sam Emms, who has been selected to play soccer in Fiji. SRC put on a bake sale, lolly guessing competition, sporting colours day and had a soccer round robin in the afternoon.

The winner of the round robin was team 3 with Riley S, Emily D, Liam R, Brad W, Hannah P and Beau A.

Together they raised close to \$250! Congratulations to Sam and what a fantastic day had by all.



Sister school: Blakehurst High School

MHS has been offered a fabulous opportunity to expand our student's experiences of school and community life through becoming a sister-school with Blakehurst High School.



Blakehurst is a suburb of Sydney located on the Georges River next to Kogarah Bay. The high school is comprehensive, co-educational one with around 1200 students.

While at an English conference Ms Masson spoke with a friend of hers, Ms Wiryakusuma, who teaches at Blakehurst High and is the Coordinator of a school community based group called Interact. Along with the SRC members and the school Prefects, the Interact group have been asking questions about how rural students and their families are affected by the drought. The students at Blakehurst came to the conclusion all they really know about country life is what they see on television and felt concern that rural young people might experience difficulties. As compassionate community minded students they have reached out through Interact, their SRC and their school Prefects to Murrumburrah High School to accept a donation to our Farm Club and gifts to our students in the philosophy of giving as part of the Christmas spirit.

Here at MHS we are delighted to be able to host a visit from BHS in week 9. Twelve students will travel from Sydney and be welcomed to our school by the group of student volunteers. A big thank you to Deanna, Max, Xavier, Abbey, Hayley, Darcy, Jordan, Bethany, Beau, Olivia, Tara, Sam, Jade, Jarrod, Xaydia and Tom for being willing to make Blakehurst feel welcome at MHS. A brief assembly will take the place of SSS on Thursday 13th December when we welcome the BHS students who will then present their generous donation to Farm Club and their gifts to students. Student volunteers from MHS will have first break with our visitors who will then participate in a practical Ag lesson on the school farm thanks to Mrs Young. Blakehurst High School will leave MHS around 1.00pm

Ms Masson and Ms Wiryakusuma have a vision to extend the relationship between MHS and BHS beyond a mere one day visit in order that students from both schools can gain a broader experience of life in the country and life in the city. To this end we would like to develop a partnership as sister-schools. Students from Murrumburrah who buddied up with the Blakehurst students will have the chance to visit their school in 2019 and experience city living.



Farm News

New feeder bins purchased by the Farm





MURRUMBURAH HIGH SCHOOL 2019

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

LEAP to Learning (LEAP) is a student-led multimedia project showcasing each student's learning journey towards their desired career. LEAP is an interactive, fun, strength-based learning experience for Year 9 and 10 students using a variety of modern technologies. The program will be delivered in school, as a weekly workshop, with a focus on developing essential life and employability skills, enhancing student's attitude to formal learning and overall health and wellbeing.

Funded through NSW Dept. of Education Links to Learning Community Grants Program, the key objectives include:

CONNECT Participating schools identify appropriate students for the program

ENGAGE Students are actively engaged in meaningful activities delivered by the Links to Learning Provider.

LEARN Students are provided with learning opportunities aimed at improving education, future employment and life skills.

PLAN Individualised plans are developed collaboratively with students, to identify goals during their participation.

TRANSITION Students are supported in transitioning from the Project to re-engage with learning at their school.

WHAT'S DOES LEAP DELIVER?

- * Students identify their individual skill set, personality traits, life and career goals
- * Students increase their employability skills and understand employer expectations
- * Students will learn how to job search, apply for job and interview techniques
- * Students participate in work focused practical activities
- * Students learn valuable project and time management skills
- * Students gain understanding of the importance of education and lifelong learning to their desired career journey
- * Students increase their ITC skills through design and delivery of a multimedia presentation of choice (major project)
- * Students gain strong networks with business, education and community
- * Parents are welcome to engage in the program, gaining better understanding of their child's career goals and needs
- * Celebration of successful delivery of major project

WHEN?

One day per week for one semester (2 Terms)
Held twice a year – Group 1: Term 1 & 2 and Group 2: Term 3 & 4

WHERE?

Murrumburrah High School
Identified Excursions will be off-site

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Year 9 - 10 students

NEED FURTHER INFORMATION?

Contact: Courtney O'Keeffe – LEAP Facilitator
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Congratulations!

Congratulations to Hayley Brownlie who received her MHS Blue Level Certificate.

Congratulations to Jade Emms, who received her MHS Purple Level Certificate.

Murrumburrah High School - Term 4, 2018

Month	Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
Nov	7	26 Stage 4 CAPA Assessment Due	27 LEAP Graduation Whole Assembly Connect@Lunch	28	29 Stage 4 - STEM Activities @ Crookwell Stage 5 Sibelco Tour & Wellbeing Activities @ Binalong Stage 6 - First Aid @ School	30	1	2
	8	3	4 LEAP Whole Assembly Connect@Lunch	5 Stage 6 English Advanced and Standard Assessment Due	6 Stage 6 Legal Studies Assessment Due	7 Mercury Emailed		
Dec	9	10	11 LEAP Whole Assembly Connect@Lunch	12	13	14 Presentation Day Stage 6 Modern History	15	16
	10	17 Stage 6 Business Studies Assessment Due	18 LEAP Connect@Lunch Whole Assembly	19 Students Last Day	20 Staff Development Day	21 Mercury Emailed Staff Development Day	22	23

School Canteen ~ Menu

MHS School Canteen ~ Price List

Hot Food

Pies	\$4.50
Hash Browns	\$1.00
Large Sausage Roll	\$4.00
Snack Sausage Roll	\$3.50
Chicken Tender	\$3.00
Garlic Bread	\$2.50
Corn Cob	\$1.00
Dim Sims (2)	\$1.80
Pizza	\$2.50

Wraps

Chicken / Ham Salad	\$5.00
Sweet Chilli Wrap	\$5.00

Sandwiches

Assorted	\$3.50
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Salad Box

Asian Noodles	\$6.50
Thai Beef	\$6.50
Chicken Caesar	\$6.50
Quiche	\$6.50

Treats

Muffins	\$2.50
Yoghurt	\$1.00
Cheese and Bikkies	50c
Rice Wheels	80c
Fruit Salad Large	\$3.00
Fruit Salad Small	\$2.00
Watermelon Tubs Large	\$3.00
Watermelon Tubs Small	\$2.00

Weekly Specials

Gluten Free
Options Available

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Preparing our students for tomorrow's challenges through learning

**Please Join Us for the
LEAP Graduation**
Learn • Engage • Aspire • Perform

When: Tuesday 27th November 2018
Where: Murrumburrah Public School
Please sign in at front office
Time: 11.00 am

Participants will showcase their multimedia presentations on their chosen career paths, then will be awarded their Certificate of Completion followed with a light morning tea.

RSVP to katina.sloane@compact.org.au or
02 6931 9300 by 19th November 2018.

Please also let us know if you have any dietary requirements.

COMPACT

YOUNG THEATRE COMPANY
Presents **ALADDIN**
2018 PANTOMIME at
THE SOUTHERN CROSS CINEMA
36 Main Street, Young.
Sunday 9th DECEMBER
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

SHOW TIMES
10am - 12pm - 3pm - 5pm

TICKETS ONLY \$3 per person.
Includes popcorn, water & a glass of juice.
20% discount for all school groups.

SOUTHERN CROSS CINEMA

2019 Term Dates

Term 1

- Wednesday 30 January 2019 to Friday, 12 April 2019

School Holidays

- Monday, 15 April 2019 to Friday, 26 April 2019

Term 2

- Tuesday, 30 April 2019 to Friday, 5 July 2019

School Holidays

- Monday, 8 July 2019 to Friday, 19 July 2019

Term 3

- Tuesday, 23 July 2019 to Friday, 27 September 2019

School Holidays

- Monday, 30 September 2019 to Friday, 11 October 2019

Term 4

- Monday, 14 October 2019 to Wednesday, 18 December 2019

School Holidays

- Monday, 23 December 2019 to Monday, 27 January 2020

MHS School Driver Training Program

1 hour = 3 Log book hours

Contact the School to
find out more



Year 7, 2019

How to keep updated with MHS



School Website - <https://murrumburr-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/> - To view newsletter, photos, newsletter and events.



School Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/murrumburrahhigh/>



Skoolbag App - Please download the Skoolbag App, Create an account, add 'Murrumburrah High School', Allow notifications.



Newsletter - The school newsletter is uploaded to the School website, Skoolbag App and sent home to families by email.