From the Principal’s desk …

District Cross Country
Congratulations to all the students who participated in the District Cross Country event today in Murchison. They all represented themselves and our school beautifully and should be proud of their efforts. Thank you to Michelle Donders, Jodie Robinson, Kelly Bedwell, Shannyn Bathman and Michelle Brown for organising the food today for all the competitors at the event. Congratulations to Mark & James who have qualified to participate in the Ranges Division Cross Country event to be held next Tuesday May 31, (10:00am) at Yea Golf Course.

Uniform
With the weather becoming cooler, please make sure children are dressed appropriately for the cold. If you need jumpers, we have a large number of second hand ones available. Please see Shelly! Please make sure jumpers are named clearly in case they are misplaced. We have had a lot of jumpers left at school without names on them. Thank you!

Head lice
We have had a case of head lice reported to the school. Please check your child/ren’s hair regularly and treat if necessary. Please let the school know if you have treated for head lice. Thank you for your ongoing assistance.

School Essential Items
Families will soon be receiving invoices for your child/ren’s School Essential Items (fees). The cost per student for the year is $220. It is NOT a voluntary contribution. This money goes towards paying for your child/ren’s essential items such as books, pencils, folders etc. all the items your child uses on a daily basis.

Camps
This week our Grades 3 – 6 children received information regarding their camp program which will be held during Term 4 of this year.

Our Grade 3/4’s will be going to Camp Jungai at Rubicon and our Grade 5/6’s to Canberra. At this stage it is important for families to fill in the expression of interest form attached to the camp notes and return these with your deposit. In the information sent home about each camp a payment schedule was included; please use this as a guide to helping you pay off the camp during the next two terms. If you need any further assistance with making payments for your child’s camp, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Special Religious Instruction
Special Religious Instruction (SRI) is currently being held on Thursdays at lunchtime, 1:30 – 2:00 for children in Grades 1 – 6. If you would like your child to participate, please see Shelly for a consent form.

JSC Footy Colours Day
On Friday, June 17 the JSC are organising a footy colours day. Children are encouraged to dress up in their favourite footy colours – footy, rugby or soccer and bring a gold coin donation. A highlight of the day will be our parents/teachers v students’ footy match at lunchtime.

Website
Have you been on to to look at our new school website? www.murchps.vic.edu.au

Melissa Houlihan
Principal
AROUND THE SCHOOL:
Keys to Success - Getting Along, Confidence, Organisation, Persistence & Resilience

“YOU CAN DO IT”

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Left to Right

Back: Alex, Mitchell & Maeve
Front: Frankie & Daija

Gr F-1WW – Frankie Ewart – For her great attitude towards learning and always presenting her best work. Well done Frankie!

Gr 1-2F – Daija Lavea – Daija has used the Persistence, Confidence and Organisation keys to write great sentences in her writing. Great work Daija!

Gr 2-3V – Maeve Dalgliesh – For working really hard in reading groups to develop her reading comprehension. She is also a kind, happy & helpful member of the class. Thankyou Maeve!

Gr 4-5C – Alex McLarty – Alex is a caring, thoughtful and compassionate member of 4/5C. He works hard and gets along with all his peers.

Gr 5-6B – Mitchell Roberts – For working really hard in science and helping other students complete their experiments. Keep up the good work!

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MURCHISON SUPA VALU CENTRE – proud sponsor of the School Newsletter
CELEBRATING 25 YEAR’S SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY
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Shop Hours: Mon – Thurs- 5:00am - 6:30pm,
Fri- 5:00am – 7:00pm, Sat- 6:00am – 6:30pm,
Sun- 7:00am – 6:30pm.

BATTERY RECYCLE DEPOT
SHOP LOCALLY FOR CONVENIENCE & SERVICE CITYLINK Passes available
“Being a Good Sport”

Footy, Netball and Soccer have started! Sports can be a rewarding experience for children as it can help build confidence. However, for many children sports can bring performance anxiety, competitive behaviour and sometimes disappointment.

Here are some tips for Parents and Care Givers on how we can be a good role model ourselves and help our children with important skills.

1. Ensure sport doesn’t dominate your family-life or your child’s life. Insist on a balance between different areas (family – friends – hobbies – leisure) and encourage your child to vary his or her interests.

2. Make sure you are a neutral observer at games and events involving your children. Take an interest and be encouraging - avoid adding pressure by having too much stake in the end result or your child’s performance. Encourage enjoyment and fun!

3. Focus on effort, improvement, enjoyment and participation rather than on the results. Your child is learning, so winning should not be the only aim of the game at this stage. Yes, they do keep a score but you don’t have to focus on that.

4. Be positive with all your comments about performance. Encourage your children to be good sports and display sportsmanship.

5. Remember that sport teaches children many life lessons, such as how to work together, solve problems and also how to accept the disappointment of defeat.

6. Encourage children to talk about sport, but don’t force them to communicate if they don’t want to.

7. Get to know your child’s coach and understand that his or her job is to teach skills, develop positive attitudes and promote personal development. Winning should be further down on their list of priorities as a coach.

8. Take an interest in other participants, not just your child. By removing the focus from your child you are more likely to keep a balanced view of sport.

9. Model good sportsmanship and other desirable attitudes for your children and insist that he or she acts in a sportsmanlike manner at all times, both on and off the field.

10. Emphasise fun rather than winning, learning rather than perfection and teamwork rather than individual performance. If you want your child to excel in a particular sport he or she must enjoy their participation. Many children need to get more from their sport than just trophies and ribbons to keep them participating over the long-term.

This ten-point plan is easy to read, but hard to put into practice, particularly when your child is about to make the winning score. You may say that you’re not fussed, but deep inside, you are cheering for your children to do well. Most Parents are proud of their children, win or lose. It’s a matter of keeping your perspective, and remembering that participating in sport is to benefit your children.

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**Murchison Primary School**

**Student Absence Form**

Name: ____________________________

Class: ___________ Date: ________________

Reason: _______________________________________

Parent’s Signature: ____________________________

Please hand to your class teacher.
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB - Issue 4 is due back: Thursday May 26

Thanks once again to the families that have supported MPS by making a purchase from Book Club. Issue 4 has been handed out. This is the final issue for Term 2. On each edition you will find a selection of books available for $1 or $2 each as Scholastic are aiming to make book affordable to everyone.

If you would like to place an order please return the completed paperwork with correct payment (in an envelope labelled Book Club) or alternatively go online and place your own order. Just follow the L.O.O.P. directions on the bottom of the brochure. If paying by cheque make it out to Scholastic Australia. Thanks!

RESOURCESMART: Murchison Primary School is working towards becoming a Resource Smart School in the four areas of waste and litter management, energy use, water use and biodiversity. Each week there will be a change we can make to the way we live to reduce our impact on the environment.


Tip 15: TURN APPLIANCES OFF AT THE POWER POINT! (do not leave them on standby).

CFA – VOLUNTEERS: Are You Interested In Becoming A Volunteer Firefighter With The Country Fire Authority? Then Murchison Fire Brigade Needs You! We are now actively recruiting people interested in joining this community based service. Firefighting and non-fire fighting rolls are available. Full training with nationally accredited courses and protective equipment provided. Join the local team! Call for a no obligation chat.

MURCHISON FIRE STATION, ROBINSON STREET, MURCHISON

Every Sunday 10 am to 12 noon!

MASK: We have been having some cold and wet weather the last few weeks, so in MASK this means a lot more inside time! We have been doing lots of construction activities, making forts, playing with the race car mats, loom bands and a favourite the last week has been Hama beading! I have seen some amazing and creative designs so far! The next few weeks we are hoping for some nicer weather to be outside playing games, making paper planes and flying kites.

We have been having large groups so please remember to let the office know if your children are attending MASK. Also a friendly reminder that MASK runs Monday-Friday 3.20pm-6pm. Please keep your accounts up to date and make sure enrolment forms are handed in. Thankyou Jenna.

Responsible Serving of Alcohol Course

This course will provide knowledge of laws and regulations and the correct service of alcohol.

Date: Wednesday June 8, 2016
Time: 6.00pm - 10.00pm
Cost: $50
Venue: Murchison Bowls Club

Please note: Payment is required before the beginning of the class

Library and payments can be made to Murchison Neighbourhood House, 21 Lipsey Street (next to the doctor). Please note – no ETPOS facilities

Office hours: 9.30-2.30 weekdays

On successful completion of the Responsible Service of Alcohol course a certificate from the Liquor Licensing Commission Victoria will be issued.

RSA registration needs to be updated annually with the Liquor Licensing Commission. This can be done free of charge online to www.justice.vic.gov.au/alcohol. Updated registration ensures continuity of your original certificate.

For more information, call Jenny 5826 2373.