

# Murrumburrah Public School

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**Term 1 Week 4**

**18 February 2009**

## Principals Report

I would like to applaud the generosity of the Murrumburrah Public School community, the Harden Show Society, Harden Shire Council and the Harden Chaff Mill. The community support in raising over \$1200 for the unfortunate victims of the Victorian bushfires, was an amazing effort that brought goose bumps to a lot of people.

Good luck to all of the students who will be travelling to Cootamundra on Friday for the District swimming carnival. It is a great experience to be able to represent your school in higher levels of sport. Enjoy the day and remember to represent your school to the best of your ability. It doesn't matter what place you come in your race as long as you know you have tried your best!

\*\*\* There has been a reported case of **whooping cough** at the school. Due to its infectious nature, parents are asked to take sick children to the doctors. An information page has been attached to the newsletter. Students who have been vaccinated for whooping cough are not necessarily immune to the disease! Please have a read of the information sheet.

Yesterday 3/4D and Mrs Moore joined with 7 school across Australia and 3 school from USA and Wales to begin our Dreamtime Storytelling Project. To begin our journey, MPS hosted the first dreamtime story telling told by Jacko (Roy Levett), a member of our local community. This storytelling was broadcast and recorded to all other schools via Video Conferencing. Once the students have listened to the Dreamtime story, they will begin to retell in their own words, using original artwork. The finished stories will be published on a wikispace.

Last week 3/4M and Mrs Moore were a part of a video conference involving the Director General, Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter, and two other schools in the state. Each school presented a picture show of a worker in our community. Other schools had to use 20 questions to determine the occupation of the person presented. Mr Coutts-Trotter was very impressed with the presentations and expressed his thanks to all involved for their hard work.

I will be away for the rest of the week at a Principals conference in Deniliquin.

Lorne Smith  
Principal

**NO  
ASSEMBLY  
THIS WEEK**

**Dates for the  
Calendar**

**Week 4**

**Friday 20th February**  
District Swimming carnival @  
Cootamundra

**Week 5**

**Wednesday 25th February**  
Years 3 to 6 Swimming for  
Sport—All children to pay  
bus fare of \$2.50 (prior to  
day) and pool entry of \$3 if  
no season ticket

**Week 6**

**Thursday 5th March**  
Riverina Swimming Carnival

## DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

We have 23 students participating in the District Swimming Carnival at Cootamundra on Friday. Good luck to all students involved. We hope you have an enjoyable day.

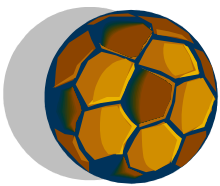


## YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE

On Sunday our 13 student leaders head to Sydney to attend the Young Leaders Conference being held at the Sydney Entertainment Centre on Monday. The students will be accompanied by Mrs McFadyen and parents. The conference is a wonderful experience for the students who will listen to a variety of well known people talk about their life and ambitions.

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#### HARDEN JUNIOR SOCCER REGISTRATIONS



Registrations for the Harden Junior soccer Club will be held on Tuesday 24 February from 4pm to 5.30pm and Thursday 26 February from 4pm to 5.30pm at Roberts Park, Murrumburrah. Cost is \$50 per child. Players registering for the first time with the Club must bring their Birth Certificate. All 2009 representative players for SWSSA must be in attendance when registering. If you cannot register on either of these days or for any enquiries please contact Allison Manwaring on 6386 8228.

football at Roberts Park. Birth certificates are required. If you are interested in coaching contact Phil McGeoch on 0427 432695.

#### ELVIS

#### 'ONE NIGHT WITH YOU'

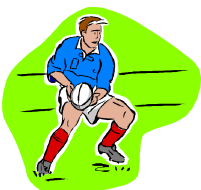
**When:** Saturday 28th March 2009

**Time:** 8.00pm—Doors open at 7.00pm

**Where:** Mechanics Institute, Harden

**Cost:** Tickets \$20. Available at West End Gift Shop or phone 63862555. Supper available at interval.

#### HARDEN JUNIOR RUGBY UNION REGISTRATIONS



Rugby Union registrations will be held today Wednesday 18th February from 3.30pm to 5.00pm and Thursday 26th February from 6.00pm to 7.30pm at touch

All proceeds to Harden Murrumburrah Hospital Auxiliary and Murrumburrah Museum.



# Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

## What is pertussis?

Pertussis (or whooping cough) is a disease caused by infection of the throat with the bacteria *Bordetella pertussis*.

## What are the symptoms?

- Pertussis usually begins just like a cold, with a runny nose, tiredness and sometimes a mild fever.
- Coughing then develops, usually in bouts, followed by a deep gasp (or "whoop"). Sometimes people vomit after coughing.
- Pertussis can be very serious in small children. They might go blue or stop breathing during coughing attacks and may need to go to the hospital.
- Older children and adults may have a less serious illness, with bouts of coughing that continue for many weeks regardless of treatment.

## How is it spread?

Pertussis is spread to other people by droplets from coughing or sneezing. Untreated, a person with pertussis can spread it to other people for up to three weeks after onset of cough.

The time between exposure and getting sick is usually seven to ten days, but can be up to three weeks.

## Who is at risk?

- Anyone can get pertussis.
- People living in the same household as someone with pertussis are more likely to catch it.
- Immunisation greatly reduces your risk of infection, but reinfection can occur.

## How is it prevented?

### Immunise your child on time

- The vaccine does not give lifelong protection against pertussis, and protection is sometimes incomplete.
- Children need to be immunised at two, four and six months.
- Boosters are needed at four years of age and again at 15 years of age.
- Immunisation is available through general practitioners and some local councils.

### Keep your baby away from people who cough

- Babies need two or three vaccinations before they are protected. For this reason, it is very important to keep people with coughing illnesses away from your baby so they don't pass on pertussis or other germs.

### Get immunised if you are an adult in close contact with small children

A vaccine for adults is available. It is recommended:

- For both parents when planning a pregnancy, or as soon as the baby is born
- For adults working with young children, especially health care and child care workers.

### If you are a close contact of someone with pertussis:

- Watch out for the symptoms. If symptoms develop, see your doctor, take this factsheet with you and mention your contact with pertussis.
- Some close contacts at high risk (e.g., children under one year, children not fully vaccinated, and women at the end of their pregnancy) and others who live or work with high-risk people may need to take antibiotics to prevent infection.

### If you have pertussis:

- Get treated early while infectious, avoid other people and stay away from young children, e.g., at child care centres, pre-school and school.

## How is it diagnosed?

If a doctor thinks someone has pertussis, a swab from the back of the nose, or a blood test may be done to help confirm the diagnosis.

## How is it treated?

A special antibiotic - usually either azithromycin, erythromycin or clarithromycin is used to treat pertussis. These antibiotics can prevent the spread of the germ to other people. Coughing often continues for many weeks despite treatment.

## What is the public health response?

Doctors and laboratories must confidentially notify cases of pertussis to the local Public Health Unit. Public Health Unit staff can advise on the best way to stop further spread.

Infectious children are restricted from going to pre-school and school. Unimmunised contacts may be excluded from child care unless they take the special antibiotics.

# Stars of the Week



## *Citizenship Awards*

Mitchell Brown—Being a 5 Star student and following school rules

Harry Hart—For calm, reliable and responsible operation of the class chance Card Pick-a-box Program

## *Friendship Awards*

Helena Morton-Manwaring—A kind, helpful student within the classroom and playground

Hayden Miller—For your thoughtful ways and kindness to all



## *Sportsmanship Awards*

Alanna Crisp—for using fair play and taking turns

Daniel Cowden—His enthusiastic participation in the swimming carnival



### Mrs Heywood—KH

Dana Alexander—5 Star storywriting and sound work

James Collins—5 Star listening and following directions

### Miss Morris—1/2M

Chloe Eldridge—5 Star listening and working hard

Lachlan Hill—Fantastic attitude in all areas of work

### Mrs Stewart—1/2S

Brad Williams—Great effort in the classroom

Sharna Allen—A quiet consistent worker

### Mrs McFadyen—3/4M

Blake Jakiwczyk—Great organisation and effort in all activities

Tyson McFarlane—Organising your time so well and 5 Star book work and effort

### Mr Dinnerville—3/4D

Samantha Cross—Neat, thorough application in class

Keelie Ford—A calm, responsible start in his new class

### Mrs Haskew—5S

Lane Gaudie—For his enthusiasm in starting the school year

Aritoula Raptis—For being organised and settled in the new year

### Miss O'Callaghan—6O

Maddison Ferguson—A settled and responsible start to the year

Ty Hodge—His focus on getting from one task to the next quickly and quietly

## P&C NEWS

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**—The P&C Annual General Meeting is on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2009. All positions are declared open: President, 2x Vice President, Secretary, Minutes secretary, Treasurer, Canteen Manager, Canteen Treasurer and General Committee and Canteen Committee. A nomination form is below. In order to nominate for a position or vote at the AGM you must be a financial member. All monies for membership are due no later than Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February. The membership fee is \$1.

If you are not already a P&C member, please consider it. It is a great way to get involved in the school community and have your say about school issues. The more support we have from parents, grandparents and friends etc, the more we are able to achieve for the school and the students.

### P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOMINATION FORM

I, ..... wish to nominate .....

for the position of ..... On the Murrumburrah Public School Parents and Citizens Association.

Signed by: ..... Name: .....  
(Nominator)

Seconded by: ..... Name: .....

I accept the nomination for the position as above.

Signed: ..... Name: .....