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Term 1 Week 7

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Principals Report

Congratulations to our swimming team for their fantastic efforts at last Thursday's Riverina Swimming Carnival in Albury. There were a lot of personal best times achieved. Good luck to Kai and Jayden who will be swimming at the State Carnival on the 8th and 9th of April.

Good luck to our tennis players, Nikki, Jayden and Justin, who are trying out at Riverina selections in Wagga today.

This Thursday and Friday Mrs Heywood and Miss Morris will be away receiving training in Accelerated Literacy. This program has been highly successful in improving literacy standards in schools which have traditionally struggled with literacy. Our school, though not in this category, will look to implement the Accelerated Literacy program across the school over the next few years.

The P&C AGM was held last night. Congratulations to Sam Flanery (President), Anita West (Vice President & School Council rep), Natalie George (Vice President), Vicki Mangan (Treasurer), Gerry Thorsby (Secretary), Natalie Heywood (Minutes Secretary) and Rebecca Johnstone (Canteen Manager).

I will be away at a compulsory training session in Wagga this Thursday. The changes to Occupational Health and Safety will be one of the items on the agenda.

The Staff Development Days that are held on the first day of terms two and three will be moved to Monday and Tuesday 18th and 19th May so staff can take part in a special two day workshop with Ian Harris. The school will be closed on these two days. Ian Harris is a highly acclaimed world educationalist, from England, who specialises in Mind Mapping. Mind Mapping is the process of ordering your thoughts and arranging them so they are ordered and easily recalled. Ian will create a strong link to literacy throughout the workshops.

Just a reminder that the staff car park **is not to be used as a pick up and set down of students.**

School Photos will be taken on Thursday 26th March.

Lorne Smith
Principal

**SRC
ASSEMBLY
THIS WEEK
Friday
13/3/09
12.30pm**

Dates for the Calendar

Week 7

Wednesday 11th March
Riverina Tennis Trials

Week 8

Friday 20th March
P&C Street stall

Week 9

Thursday 26th March
School Photos

Friday 27th March
Athletics Carnival

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Thursday 26th March. All students have received an envelope with details of packages available. Please ensure a **separate** envelope is used for each child. Family photos are available, envelopes are available at the school office. If you wish to purchase photos please ensure envelope and payment is returned to school **NO LATER THAN MONDAY 23 MARCH**.

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE

All families will today receive a Stewart House envelope. For the chance to win a \$4000 family holiday, insert a donation of at least a gold coin in to the envelope, complete details on the envelope and return it to school. Please return envelopes to school by Thursday 9th April. Donations help fund the Stewart House program which supports 1,800 public school children across NSW with a healthy and much-needed break.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR YEAR 7 2010

Year 6 students have received an Expression of Interest for Year 7 students entering High School in 2010. Please ensure this form is completed and returned to school by Friday 27th March 2009.

CANTEEN LUNCH SPECIALS

The canteen will be offering the following lunch special over the next week:

Friday 13th March—Monster Munchies

10 Chicken chippees, bottle of water and an apple—\$4

Monday 16th March—Farmers Feast

1 chicken and corn roll, a milk and an orange—\$4

Wednesday 18th March—Going Bananas

1 Chicken burger, 1 fruit box and a banana—\$4.

Please indicate on order if your child would like their fruit cut up.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

All students have received the latest issue of Scholastic Book Club. If you would like to make a purchase from this issue please ensure orders are returned to school by Wednesday 18th March. With each purchase the school receives points which are redeemed to purchase resources for the school library.

☆☆ Murrumburrah Public School ☆☆☆
Community News

SOUTHERN SPORTS ACADEMY HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMPS

Southern Sports Academy will hold the following camps in the holidays:

Netball—at Wagga Netball Courts

9—11 Years on 21st and 22nd April

12—15 Years—23rd and 24th April

Basketball—Temora Basketball Stadium

8—11 Years—23rd April

12—16 Years—24th April

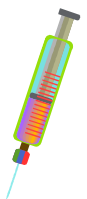
Hockey—Jubilee Park Hockey Fields

9—15 Years—23rd and 24th April

All abilities welcome. Download an application form from www.ssa-nsw.org.au or for further information contact the Academy on 6931 6500.

FREE VACCINATION CLINIC

The next free vaccination clinic will be held on Monday 16th March from 10am to 12 midday at the Harden Community Health Centre. Clinics are held the 3rd Monday of each month and are open to children aged 2 months to 17 years. Please bring your child's Blue Book and their Medicare Card. For all enquiries please contact Vicki Fairfield-Smith on 63862200.



Stars of the Week



Citizenship Awards

Jack Kennett—Always demonstrating wonderful 5 Star behaviour choices
Hayley Smith—For helping her teacher unravel the mysteries of computer technology!



Friendship Awards

Oscar Killick—For being a quiet, sensible friend to all students
Claire Goodlock—For her quiet and friendly attitude as the class Friendship Officer



Sportsmanship Awards

Brooke Ward—For happily persisting at all activities
Jayden Nicholls—His outstanding efforts at the Regional Swimming Carnival, coming first in his event and making State



Mrs Heywood—KH

Leilani Mangan—Striving for accuracy in storywriting and sound work
Scott Watmore—Working hard to learn his sounds and sight words

Miss Morris—1/2M

Sebastian Cooke—Working well with his reading
Dylan James—Working happily in a small group

Mrs Stewart—1/2S

Grace Kemp—5 Star effort with reading and spelling
Kasey Jones—5 Star listening and 5 Star effort with her work

Mrs McFadyen—3/4M

Liam Smith—Using his habit to imagine and innovate in his drawings and presentations
Elizabeth Cowden—Always striving for accuracy and thinking about her thinking in all that she does

Mr Dinnerville—3/4D

Holland Taylor-Garbett—Keen contributions to class and group discussions
Caitlin Sheedy—Enthusiastic completion of all class work

Mrs Haskew—5H

Mark Thorsby—For his quiet and calm manner when working
Keegan Morton-Manwaring—For always trying her best

Miss O'Callaghan—6O

Ali Hart—For her persistence in all tasks during maths rotations
Tyler Allen—For his enthusiastic and responsible attitude towards all aspects of school life

Mrs Tonpi—Library Awards

Damian Huntly—Infants Library Award
Mark Thorsby—Primary Library Award

P&C NEWS

Last night P&C held their Annual General Meeting and a new executive committee was elected. Congratulations to the following who are the P&C Executive:

President – Sam Flanery (Phone 6386 7306)

Vice Presidents – Anita West, Natalie George

Secretary – Gerry Thorsby (Geraldine.Thorsby@immi.gov.au.)

Treasurer – Vicki Mangan

Canteen Manager- Rebecca Johnstone

Should you, as a parent, have any concerns or ideas these are the parent representatives that you should contact. If you would like to become a P&C member you are always welcome. Membership fees are \$1.

P&C Minutes—P&C minutes are available to parents upon request by email to Secretary, Gerry Thorsby on Geraldine.Thorsby@immi.gov.au.

Mother's Day Raffle—P&C will be holding a Mother's Day raffle and tickets will be sent home next week. Tickets will cost \$1 with a fantastic "Super Mum Pamper Pack" as the prize. Tickets will need to be returned to the school by Wednesday 8th April.

Parent morning tea—Morning tea will be held for all parents on the last day of term, Thursday 9th April @ 11.30am before school Easter festivities begin. It is a great opportunity to welcome all of the new families to our school. So please come along and have a cuppa, mark it on your calendar.

Street stall—All proceeds will go towards the purchase of school readers for the infants department. We are hoping to raise about \$1500 for this so we need your support— let's *get cooking*. Our first street stall is to be held on **Friday 20th March** from 8am to 1pm. If you are able to assist for an hour or so on the day or just have some queries please phone Belinda Miller on 6386 2408 so a roster can be organised. If you are cooking for the big event please drop cakes, slices, biscuits, etc. to the school office on Thursday 19th or drop them to the street stall (near the Post Office) on Friday morning. Thanks heaps.

Home readers—At our meeting last night we decided to give all money raised from next week's street stall to the school for the purpose of buying infants readers, as the number of readers has been dwindling over the years. We also wish to ask all parents to have a look at home for any home readers that may have been lurking in cupboards for some time and send them into the school. Thank you for your effort.

AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS

Educational Assessment Australia is a not-for-profit organisation of the University of NSW, and has been conducting the Australasian Schools Competitions for over 20 years.

Students in Year 3 to 6 are able to participate in the competitions which are run in the following areas:

Subject	Cost	Exam Date
Computer Skills	\$6	27th May
Science	\$6	10th June
Spelling	\$8	23rd June
Writing	\$11	23rd June
English	\$6	4th August
Mathematics	\$6	19th August

These tests are a valuable learning experience. External testing is part of our School Gifted and Talented Program. It provides students with the opportunity to extend their thinking and powers of logic, employing their knowledge gained at school.

Structured testing also gives students the opportunity to experience exam conditions, which are important for high school and further education.

Please complete the permission note below if you wish your child to participate in all or any of the tests. Please indicate test/s your child is entering and enclose the money required.

All entries and money must be received by the school by Friday 3rd April 2009.

AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

I give permission for my child of Year
to participate in the following competitions:

- Computer Skills \$6
- Science \$6
- Spelling \$8
- Writing \$11
- English \$6
- Mathematics \$6

Payment of \$ enclosed.

Signed:
Parent/Caregiver

Date:

The Parents, Children & Staff of Murrumburreh PS are invited to attend the

Kruger Medical Centre Community Open Day

Why? To celebrate the opening of the Kruger Medical Centre

When? 10am, Monday 23rd March 2009

Where? 10 East Street, Harden

What will be happening? Welcome to Country, Official opening and tours of the Medical Centre, local school performances, meet the staff and morning tea

RSVP by 18 March would be appreciated so we know how many people to cater for, but even if you don't, please come along



Community Open Day

RSVP to Tel 02 6386 0200 Web www.krugermidicalcentre.com.au