



# Murrumburrah Public School

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**TERM 3 WEEK 9**

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear all

The rugby league team are off to Sydney, playing at Toyota Park, in the **Grand Final** of The Classic Shield. This is an excellent achievement but the semi-final game was a nail biter with the score 6-all at full-time. The teams played for an extra five minutes each way and our team scored another try which they converted. Congratulations to Dubbo South and our team as both played the game in a fair, sportsmanship like manner.

We have organised a supporter's bus to travel to Sydney on Tuesday. We have offered this excursion to Years 5 and 6 first and then to Year 4 if there is room. We thank The Kruger Trust and Rotary for their monetary support for the team and the bus.

Our Public Speaking Team presented their speeches this week to students and staff as a trial for their participation in the Wagga Wagga Eisteddfod today. The staff were very pleased with this extension of our Literacy/Talking and Listening curriculum. To be able to organise and present a speech to an audience is an invaluable skill and many of our students do it with confidence and skill in keeping their audience interested and entertained.

We are certainly ending the term with exciting events with the Walkathon this Friday, Classic Shield, Ashton Shield and Rock Climbing next week. The Year 5 Assembly is on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October (next week) at 12.30pm due to Rock Climbing on the Friday.

We have previously stressed the importance of returning notes by the due date. We often have to get information back to organisers and also put plans in place at school. The Rock Climbing money and note were due last Friday. We cannot accept any more notes and money as of yesterday. Students who have not brought in notes will be able to watch and encourage other students but will not be able to participate in the activity.

Our school day is 9.10am to 3.15pm. We do not let students leave the room until 3.15pm and occasionally there can be a hold-up with a student/group or teacher getting to where they are supposed to be. Teachers have to meet students and escort them to their exit points. This can mean students may get to lines/gates at 3.20/3.25pm. This supervision ensures that this time of day remains calm and safe for all students.

The Drop-Off/Pick-Up Zone is working well but some parents have been picking students up in the bus zone. This is not a safe practice and we ask strongly for your support in using the correct area to collect students.

Next term we begin our sunsafe policy of students wearing full brim hats to be able to leave the shaded lunch areas to play in the playground. Baseball style caps will not be acceptable and school hats are available from the office for \$10. If your child already has a suitable hat they can use it. We ask that all hats, jumpers etc be clearly marked with names.

Term Three ends next Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October and we return to school on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> October. Term Four is a nine week term with the last day for students being Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December with staff finishing on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> December. We will have a very busy term as usual with Transition Programs for Kindergarten, Year 2 to Year 3 and Year 6 to Year 7. Our Recognition Ceremonies will be on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> November, during the day, and Presentation Night on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Zita McLeod  
Principal

**NO CANTEN NEXT WEEK**

**SRC  
WALKATHON  
THIS FRIDAY  
11.45AM TO  
1.10PM**

**5T ASSEMBLY  
THURSDAY  
1 / 10 / 09  
12.30PM**

## Dates for the Calendar

### Week 9

#### Friday 25th September

- SRC Walkathon

### Week 10

#### Monday 28th September

- Year 5 and 6 Personal Development Day

#### Tuesday 29th September

- Classic Shield Final—Shark Park, Cronulla

#### Thursday 1st October

- Keith Ashton Shield Rugby League at Young
- 5T Assembly 12.30pm

#### Friday 2nd October

- Rock Climbing
- Last Day of Term 3

## TERM 4 WEEK 1

#### Monday 19th October

- Staff and students return to school

## CLASSIC SHIELD SUPPORTERS BUS

Parents and students are reminded that notes and money for the Classic Shield Supporters bus must be returned to school **tomorrow, Thursday 23 September**. As stated on the note, preference will be given to students in Years 5 and 6, then offered to Year 4 students. If seats are available on the bus they will be offered to parents and friends of the school at \$20 per seat. If you are interested please contact the school after 2pm tomorrow or Friday morning.



## 2009 WALKATHON


The annual SRC Walkathon is this Friday!!! Get your 'Weird and Wacky' outfit ready. On the day remember to bring:

- Your sponsorship form
- A hat
- Sunscreen
- A water bottle.



Funds raised will be used to purchase new cameras for each classroom.

## CHANGE OF ASSEMBLY DAY

 **Next week 5T will host their assembly on Thursday October 1**, commencing at 12.30pm. This change has been necessary due to the rock climbing Friday.

## PUBLIC SPEAKING

Our public speaking team are at the Wagga Eisteddfod this afternoon presenting their prepared speeches as well as an impromptu speech. We wish them all good luck!

## Murrumburrah Public School Community News

### HARDEN JUNIOR CRICKET ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Due to insufficient numbers, the Annual General Meeting of the Harden Junior Cricket Club was unable to be held. The meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday 30 September 2009 at the Harden Country Club commencing at 7.00pm. To ensure the future of the Junior Cricket Club and junior cricket in our town, your attendance is imperative.

### YOUNG AND DISTRICT LITTLE ATHLETICS

Young and District Little Athletics will be holding registration days on the following dates:  
Sept 23—McDonalds 5.30pm to 7pm  
Sept 26—IGA 10am to 2pm, with sausage sizzle



The season will commence on Wednesday October 21 from 5.30pm. For further enquiries please contact Di Tonpi.

### HARDEN SWIMMING CLUB

Harden Swimming Club will be holding their next meeting at 6.30pm on Monday 28th September at the Harden Bowling Club. All interested are urged to attend as your club needs you. Without your support we may not have a club for the 2009/2010 season. This would be a great loss to our community.



We are currently looking for people who have a coaching certificate or are interested in doing a two day coaching course. Any enquiries please contact Chris Ward on 6386 3282 or Jenny Daley on 6386 2310.

### HARDEN KITE FESTIVAL SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER HARDEN RACECOURSE 11AM TO 5PM

- Entry by donation
- Free face painting, helium balloons, train rides
- Kite flying for beginners and advanced flyers, BYO kite or purchase one on the day
- Musical entertainment by Bearfax
- Food and Market stalls
- Kite competitions—win great prizes

Further information contact Robyn Carol 6386 2341 or Jan Ryan 6386 4161.



# Stars of the Week



## *Citizenship Awards*

Oscar Killick—Always displaying 5 Star behaviour choices in the playground and classroom  
Sam Whitehead—The mature way he listens and responds to teacher requests and his helpful manner towards all school members

## *Friendship Awards*

Chloe Eldridge—Being thoughtful and caring for others  
Katelyn Newham-Crisp—Helping Louisa feel settled and informed in our class

## *Sportsmanship Awards*

Kulaia Hanson—Participating with confidence and having fun at sport time. Well done.  
Matthew Young—Always demonstrating good sportsmanship and thinking flexibly to help others to show good sportsmanship

## Mrs Heywood/Mrs Smith—KH

Darcy Fogg—Fantastic group work during Maths time and displaying 5 Star listening in class  
Peta Ryan—Striving for accuracy in her counting and her friendly manner in group time

## Miss Morris—1/2M

Madalyn Emms—Consistently completing all activities on time  
Max Spackman—Working with enthusiasm and persistence

## Mrs Stewart—1/2S

Emily Curtis—Striving for accuracy in her maths  
Kayla Worldon—Persistence in all her learning

## Mrs McFadyen—3/4M

Amelia Jones—Using the Habit of thinking flexibly to help you settle into class  
Thomas Leonow—Becoming confident in taking responsible risks in his learning

## Mr Dinnerville—3/4D

Clifford Fischer—A pleasing persistent effort with his spelling  
Caitlin Sheedy—A pleasing contribution to the script for the group play

## Mrs Tonpi—5T

Louisa Jones—Thinking flexibly whilst adapting to class routines

Jonathon Nicholls—Persisting throughout all lessons to complete work

## Miss O'Callaghan—6O

Justin Stewart—His responsible and pleasant manner and enthusiasm towards learning  
Tyler Allen—His assistance towards and support of younger students during our Canberra Zoo excursion



## Celebrate Attendance

Hints and Tips No. 4: Good Attendance



There are a number of sound reasons for you to ensure that your child attends school regularly.

Firstly, attending school every day makes learning easier. For younger students, missing the basic skills often leads to learning problems later on and for older student's absenteeism often interferes with academic progress. Friendships with other students are also easier if your child attends school regularly.

The law in NSW states that all children between the ages of 6 and 15 years are required to attend school. Sickness or injury, attendance at a special religious ceremony or a serious family situation are satisfactory reasons for non-attendance. Please let the school know why your child is not at school and provide an explanation on your child's return to school.

Birthdays, haircuts, pension days, Mondays etc are not satisfactory reasons for absence from school. Also try whenever possible to arrange your holidays in school vacation times.

Please contact your school principal if you need any help or have any questions.



Missing school leaves gaps in your education

## Celebrate Attendance

Hints and Tips No. 5: Tips for Parents



Going to school is important. It makes learning easier for your child and helps build and maintain friendships with other children.

- Keep your child home only when they are sick.
- Advise the school of any absence.

• See doctors and dentists after school times.

Friends are important.

- Show an interest in your child's friends
- Invite friends to come and play

- Encourage your child to play with other children.

Helping your child have a happy day at school is important for you and your child.

If you are having difficulties in getting your child to school you should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the problem and ask for help.

The principal may ask a Home School Liaison Officer to contact you for further assistance and advice.



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Hints and Tips No. 8: School Community



Everyone in the school community has a role to play in helping with school attendance.

Having students attend school is extremely beneficial to the future of local communities. However, many students do not attend school regularly or fail to attend at all.

Schools, parents and caregivers, local community members and businesses are all an essential part of providing and supporting education in our schools.

The NSW Department of Education and Training employs Home School Liaison Officers across the state. These officers are teachers who support schools and the school community to ensure that all students attend school regularly.

Parents having difficulty getting their child to school should not hesitate to contact either the school principal or the Home School Liaison Officer at your nearest Department of Education and Training office.

Call toll free 131 536 for your nearest regional office.



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## MURRUMBURRAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DEFEAT DUBBO SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL 12 TO 6 IN THE CLASSIC SHIELD SEMI FINAL

On Thursday 17/9/09 at McLean Oval, Harden, in a high standard game of junior rugby league, through a solid and effective defensive foundation, committed team work and confident ball skills, MPS achieved a well deserved win against a determined Dubbo South team. MPS now move through to the State Final of the PSSA Open Primary Rugby League Classic Shield at Toyota Park, Cronulla, Sydney on Tuesday 29/9/09 at 12 noon.

In the first half, Murrumburrah controlled position and possession well and had a number of clear opportunities to score tries and take a commanding lead. Due to the MPS boys continued effort and game pressure, they were able to score through hard, straight running by Jayden Nicholls. Tyler Allen, in his usual polished fashion, converted this try.

With only minutes remaining in the match, Dubbo South levelled the score with a 40 metre try down our left wing to level the score 6 all.

After a 5 minute break, two extra 5 minute halves were played. Jared Prosser showed his attacking class with a quick decisive line break try, through a tight Dubbo South defence. Again the MPS team lifted their game skills to control the ball and most of the play for the remainder of extra time and win this semi final. MPS will now play the winner of the game between Tamworth and Rutherford (Maitland). This game is to be played today.

Other game highlights:

- Dedicated, tough defence. The MPS boys cut off Dubbo South's attacking play with sound 2 and 3 tackle defence.
- Error free ball movement through excellent passing to a running backline.
- Sustained forward play ably led by Justin Stewart and Steven Cross who also led the tackle count.
- 'Man of the Match' was given to Colin Jennings at inside centre and Sam Whitehead at outside centre. Colin and Sam tackled effectively and tirelessly, stopping numerous threatening Dubbo South backline attacking movements.

Congratulations boys I am extremely proud of your commitment to training and our previous six decisive wins that have ensured MPS will now play off in the State final. A magnificent achievement from the team and a school of 160 children. To date in this statewide knockout MPs have scored 136 points and had 38 points scored against us—a tremendous effort.

Special thanks to:

- Wayne Prosser, referee
- Farah Atallah and Jacob Prosser, linesmen
- Liz Prosser for washing the jumpers
- Abe Atallah and Ashley Nicholls for cooking the sausage sizzle
- Ros Bradford and Karen Nicholls for their food organisation on the day
- Brad and Gerry Thorsby for again packing up the field equipment
- Craig and Karen Nicholls for their first aid duties
- The school children, teacher, staff, parents and community who through their cheering encouragement at McLean Oval, certainly helped the team lift their play when needed
- Harden Shire Council for field preparation
- Ros Bradford and Liz Prosser for scoring and time keeping
- Last but not least, Daryn Prosser for his assistance as manager, trainer and tremendous support on the day.

Wow, what a win and achievement!

Peter Dinnerville  
MPS Coach