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# The Lizard Link

Murtoa College Newsletter

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**MURTOA COLLEGE IS A CHILD SAFE SCHOOL.**

We acknowledge the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jardwadjali and Judpagulk peoples of the Wimmera region as the traditional custodians of the lands upon which Murtoa College is situated. We pay our respects to their elders – past, present, and emerging - celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and acknowledge their deep care and ongoing connection to land, water and community. We extend this respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples joining us today.

**PLEASE SEE MORE COMING DATES AT END OF NEWSLETTER**

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| **TERM 4** | 28-30th October | Year 5/6 Camp |
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## From The Principal Team – *Dr Bec Carter*

Dear Families, Students and Community Members,

Welcome back to Term 4, the final term of our 2026 academic year!

### Farewell, Class of 2026

Last week we closed the chapter on another year at Murtoa College for our senior students. Once again, we were proud to see our Year 12 students celebrate the wonderful relationships they have formed with each other, with staff and with their younger peers.

The day began with the whole secondary school gathering in the stadium for a video presentation celebrating each Year 12 student's time at the College. Our graduates then walked through an avenue of honour formed by secondary students, primary students and staff. Along the way, they were serenaded by *Whimsical Tricycle* and applauded by staff, parents and students lining their path as they left the College in their school uniforms one last time. The morning ended with a final photo together at the front of the school, along with proud parents who we sincerely thank for supporting each and every Year 12 student's journey throughout the year.

For staff, it was a day of mixed emotions: a little nostalgic, and incredibly proud.

The VCE written examinations begin next week, starting with English on Tuesday 27 October. We have encouraged our students to keep revising, write practice responses, seek feedback from their teachers and look after themselves along the way. For those not sitting exams, we wish them well as they move into work, apprenticeships, traineeships, further study or whatever comes next.

Congratulations Year 12 Class of 2026!

## Murtoa Stick Shed models on display

Following their trigonometry investigations at the Murtoa Stick Shed last term, our Year 9 and 10 students have built their own scaled models back at school. Working in small groups, they used the measurements and calculations collected on site to design and construct miniature versions of this remarkable building.

We are thrilled that the Year 10 models are now on display at the Stick Shed itself, and they were also showcased during Murtoa's Big Weekend for visitors from near and far.

Congratulations to everyone involved, and a big thank you to our dedicated Maths Teacher Belinda Carlyon, and the Murtoa Stick Shed team for giving our students the chance to share their work with the wider community.

## World Teachers' Day: Friday 30 October

Next Friday, 30 October, we celebrate World Teachers' Day in Victoria, a day to honour the passion and hard work of teachers who make a real difference in students' lives every day.

At Murtoa College, we are fortunate to have a dedicated team of teachers who know our students well, care deeply about their learning and wellbeing, and give so much of themselves to our school and community. The Year 12 farewell was a timely reminder of just how much those relationships mean.

We warmly encourage students, families and carers to take a moment to thank a teacher. A kind word, a handwritten note or a short message can mean a great deal. If you'd like to share how you're celebrating, you can use the hashtag **#WorldTeachersDay2026**.

**Thinking about teaching?** If you, or someone you know, is considering a career in teaching, you can explore study options, find out what teaching is really like and learn about opportunities for current teachers through Teach the Future. For those interested in early childhood education, information on getting started, scholarships, financial support and jobs is available at Become an early childhood teacher or educator.

## 2027 New Victorian Government Restrictions on Personal Electronic Devices

On 4 August 2026, the Victorian Government amended the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*, requiring all Victorian schools to restrict student use of personal electronic devices during school hours. On Tuesday 20 October 2026, further detail was published in *Ministerial Order 1515 – Personal Electronic Devices in Victorian Schools*.

To meet these requirements, Murtoa College will introduce a new **Mobile Phones and Personal Electronic Devices Policy** which will commence on Day 1 of Term 1 2027. The policy will be available on our website before the end of Term 4.

### Which devices are covered?

- mobile phones
- smart glasses
- wearable devices, such as smartwatches
- personal audio devices, such as headphones and earbuds

### Why?

Restricting these devices supports:

- a learning environment free from unnecessary distractions and disruptions
- a safe environment for students, staff and visitors
- more opportunities for social connection and physical activity at recess and lunch, without the distraction or social pressures that devices can bring

### From Term 1 2027, if these devices are brought to school:

- mobile phones must be switched off and securely stored during school hours
- wearable devices must have notifications, cellular connection and recording functions turned off during school hours
- personal audio devices must not be used during school hours

*Exemptions can only be granted to support student learning, health or wellbeing, or the management of risks when students are offsite.*

**Smart glasses** are **prohibited on all government school premises and at school-organised events and activities, including those held offsite or outside school hours.**

**This applies to everyone**: students, staff, parents, carers, contractors, volunteers and visitors. The Principal may grant an exemption only as a reasonable adjustment for disability, where the adjustment can't reasonably be provided by another device or approach.

We will share more information before the start of Term 1 2027. If you have any questions, please contact our friendly Front Office team on **(03) 5385 2381.**

### Term 4 2026 - Headphones and earphones: our current expectations

Until the new policy begins, we ask families to remind their children of our existing expectations, which help keep our classrooms focused and respectful:

- Mobile phones and headphones are kept in lockers and used only when directed by a teacher as part of a learning activity.
- Headphones are not worn during teacher instruction, when the class is being addressed, or when speaking with staff.
- Headphones are not worn at recess or lunchtime, so students can connect with each other.

### Headphones for Wellbeing

Some students with diagnosed conditions may need noise-cancelling headphones or earplugs to support their learning. This must be supported by medical documentation (for example, from a psychologist or psychiatrist) and approved by our Disability and Inclusion Coordinator in consultation with the Principal Class Team.

### Every Day Counts: School Attendance

Being at school every day matters. Each day is a chance to learn something new, build on yesterday's learning and stay connected with friends and teachers. When students miss school, they miss more than lessons. They miss the explanations, discussions and small moments of practice that help new skills stick, and catching up can be harder than it looks.

Absences add up quickly. Missing just one day a fortnight adds up to around four weeks of school each year, and over a whole schooling journey, that's more than a full year of learning lost. There's no 'safe' number of days to miss: every day a student is at school helps them learn, grow and feel part of our community.

Term 4 can be a busy time of year for families, and we understand that illness and genuine reasons for absence will happen. We ask that families do your best to prioritise school attendance for your child/ren. This includes: prompt arrival in the morning (8.30 - 8.45 am); if possible, book appointments and family holidays outside school hours or term time where possible; let the Front Office know on **(03) 5385 2381** if your child will be absent and - most importantly, talk to us early if your child is finding it hard to come to school. We would much rather work proactively with families to support your child/ren's regular attendance every day.

My sincere thanks to everyone for your continued support. I look forward to a positive and productive final term together.

**Dr Bec Carter**
Principal

## From The Student Engagement & Wellbeing Team

## *Primary Subschool and Community Engagement Leader – Nicole Noonan*

### Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

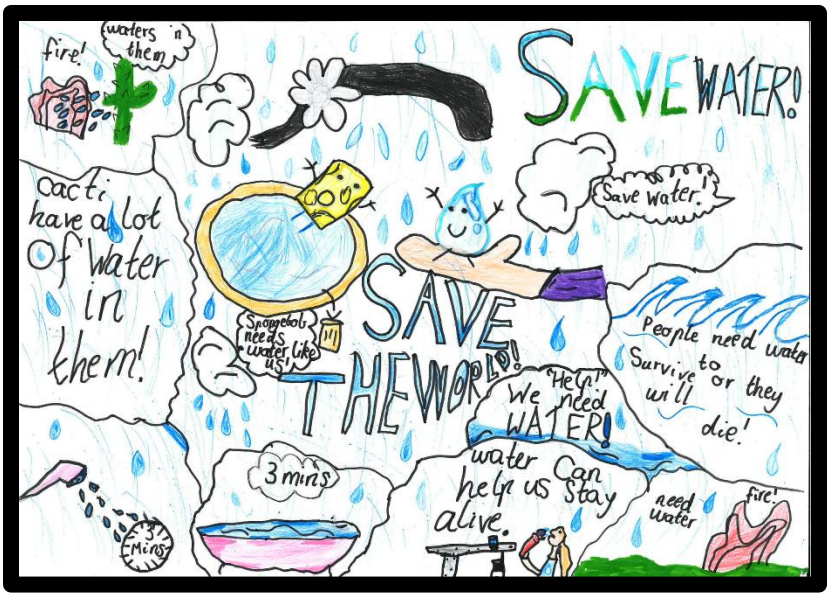
Congratulations to all our students who successfully completed the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge! It was fantastic to see students embracing the challenge, enjoying a variety of books and building their love of reading. Students who completed the challenge were presented with a certificate of completion in recognition of their achievement. Well done to everyone involved!

Back Row: Matilda, Marrissa, Addi, Hailie. Front Row: Kai, Jimmy, Remi

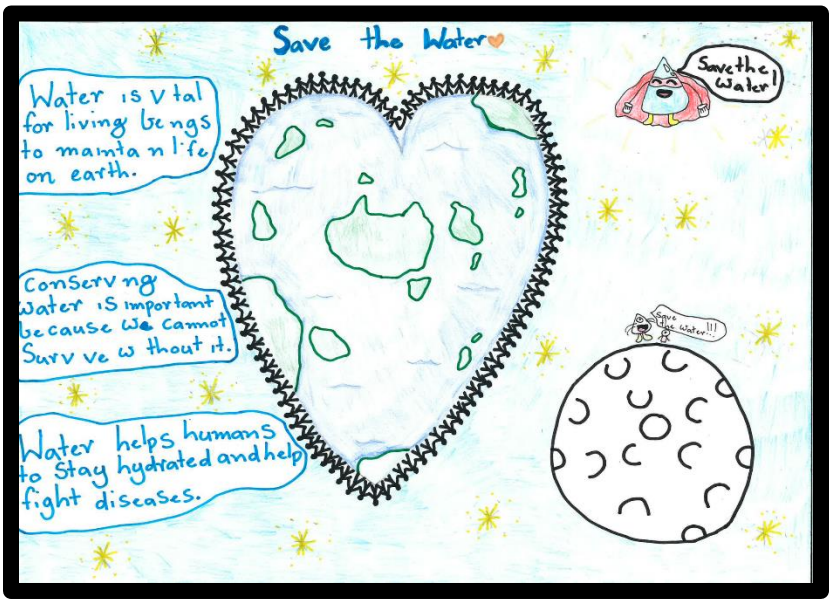
## Water Wise Poster Competition

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the GWM Water Wise Poster Competition! With over 600 entries received from more than 20 schools, it was a fantastic opportunity for students to showcase their creativity and share important messages about water conservation. A special congratulations to Pippa and Sophie, who each received an Honourable Mention for their posters! This is a fantastic achievement. Well done to everyone who participated and helped spread the message about the importance of being water wise!

**Pippa**




**Sophie**



## Dunmunkle Cluster Camps

### Year 5/6 Urban Camp – Week 4

Our Year 5/6 students are heading to Melbourne next week for the much-anticipated Dunmunkle Cluster Urban Camp! Students will explore a range of exciting attractions, including Scienceworks, IMAX, Old Melbourne Gaol, the MCG, Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne Zoo, Melbourne Aquarium and Melbourne SkyDeck. The camp provides a wonderful opportunity for students to experience new places, engage in hands-on learning and, most importantly, build connections and friendships with students from across our Dunmunkle Cluster schools. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return!

### Year 3/4 Adekate Camp – Week 6

Year 3/4 students are looking forward to heading to Adekate Camp for an exciting outdoor adventure! Students will participate in a range of activities, including bushwalking, damper making, archery, the flying fox, orienteering and much more. This camp provides a fantastic opportunity for students to challenge themselves, develop independence, build teamwork skills and strengthen friendships with students. We wish everyone a wonderful camp filled with fun, adventure and lasting memories!

### 2027 Foundation Transition Days

We are looking forward to welcoming our 2027 Foundation students to Murtoa College for their upcoming transition sessions! These sessions provide a wonderful opportunity for students to become familiar with the school environment, meet their teachers, build friendships and experience what school will be like next year.

Please note the following dates and times:

- Session 1: Friday 20th November 9.00am – 11.00am. Students need to bring a hat, snack and water bottle.
- Session 2: Friday 27th November 9.00am – 12.20pm. Students need to bring a hat, snack, water bottle and lunch.
- Session 3 – Statewide Transition Day: Tuesday 8th December 9.00am – 3.00pm. Students need to bring a hat, snack, water bottle and lunch.

We are excited to support our newest students as they begin their journey at Murtoa College and look forward to seeing them grow in confidence as they prepare for Foundation in 2027!

### 2027 Year 7 Transition Days

We welcome back the 2027 Year 7 students to Murtoa College for our last transition days! These sessions will help students become familiar with the school, meet staff and classmates, and build confidence as they prepare for secondary school.

- Session 1: Tuesday 10th November, 9.00am – 3.15pm
- Statewide Transition Day: Tuesday 8th December, 9.00am – 3.15pm

Students are encouraged to bring a hat, snack and lunch (canteen will be available on both days).

## *Student Wellbeing Coordinator – Charlotte Ball*

### Headspace Day

On Wednesday the 14th of October was headspace Day. This years theme is *Do Nothing* and recognising the importance of taking a break to support our mental health and wellbeing.

In a world where young people are often encouraged to do more, achieve more and always stay connected, taking time to pause can make a real difference. Whether it's putting your phone away, enjoying nature, listening to music, spending time with friends or simply sitting quietly, taking a moment for yourself is important.

Let's remind young people that they don't always have to be productive. It's okay to slow down, take a breath and prioritise their wellbeing.

Murtoa College worked alongside our local headspace centre in Horsham to help encourage students to take the time to stop and reflect on what they can do to support their mental health. headspace Horsham's Youth Reference Group created a survey to encourage students to reflect on their mental health and by participating, put students in the draw to win prizes. The survey will remain open until the end of October so please encourage your young person to complete the survey by scanning the QR Code below.

# Help raise awareness for Mental health month and headspace day in October.

It has been identified that on average we make 35,000 decisions a day and we rarely switch off and just do nothing. This year for mental health month and headspace day we would like to encourage you to take some time to look after yourself and choose to do nothing for a day.

On the back of this card, are some examples that young people have given to support you in the month of October to do nothing, to look after your wellbeing and mental health.

To participate in this year's campaign, scan the QR code and answer the question:
What is something you can do, to do nothing this October?

If you participate you will go into a draw to win:
1st prize Apple AirPod Pro 3's.
2nd prize $150 gift card.
3rd prize $80 gift card.

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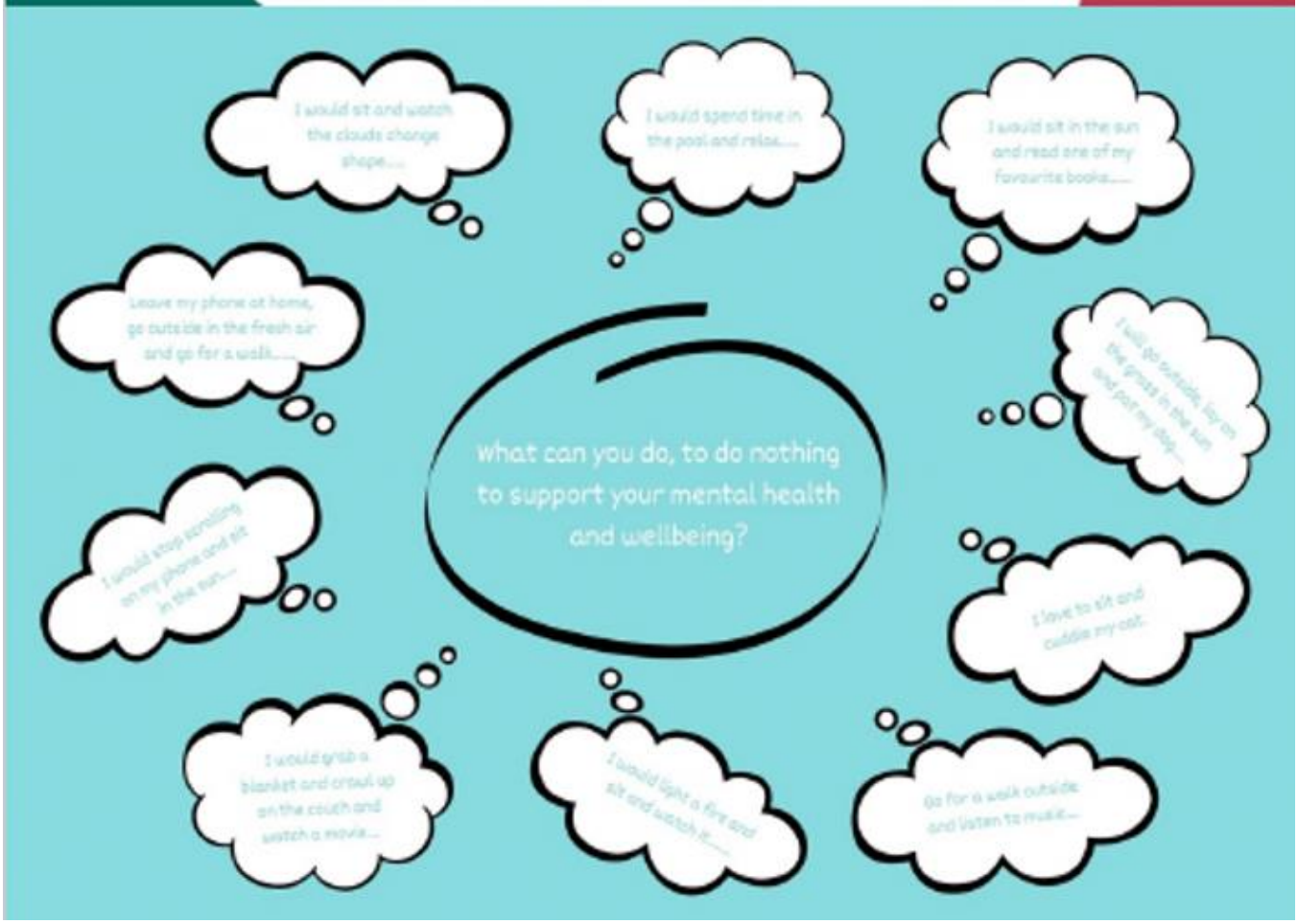

## Mental Health Awareness Month

October is Mental Health Awareness Month, a time to raise awareness, break the stigma surrounding mental health, and remind everyone that looking after our mental wellbeing is just as important as looking after our physical health.

Mental health affects us all, and it's okay to not feel okay all the time. Whether you're experiencing stress, anxiety, feeling overwhelmed, or simply having a difficult day, remember that you are not alone. Sometimes, a simple conversation, a listening ear, or reaching out for support can make a world of difference.

Let's use this month to check in on ourselves and the people around us, show kindness and understanding, encourage open conversations, and remind others that asking for help is a sign of strength, not weakness.

A little reminder:

- It's okay to slow down and take a break.
- It's okay to talk about how you're feeling.
- It's okay to ask for help.
- It's okay to put your wellbeing first.
- You never know what someone else may be going through, so always lead with kindness.
- Check in with you friends and family members
- Check in with your child how their mental health is going

Together, we can help create a world where mental health is spoken about openly, support is accessible, and nobody feels they have to struggle alone.

## Where to go or call for Support

### For Young People Specific Services

headspace Horsham

**(03) 5381 1543**

LIFE

**1800 184 527**

kidshelpline Anytime Any Reason

**1800 55 1800**

### For All Ages

Lifeline 13 11 14

Suicide Call Back Service

Beyond Blue

# *College Disability Inclusion Coordinator – Karen Gebert*

## What is Executive Functioning?

Remembering belongings, starting homework, managing deadlines and adapting when plans change all involve **executive functioning**. These are the skills that help us plan, organise, focus, remember information and manage our actions.

Across Foundation to Year 12, students use these skills to follow instructions, complete learning tasks, work with others and take increasing responsibility. The support they need will vary according to their individual strengths and stage of development.

### Families can support these skills at every age:

### Prep–Year 2: Build familiar routines

- Use picture checklists for getting dressed, packing bags and preparing for bed.
- Give one clear instruction at a time and allow time to respond.
- Help your child begin a task by doing the first step together.
- Practise taking turns and following rules through simple games.
- Give a warning before transitions: “In five minutes, we will pack up.”

### Years 3–6: Practise planning and organisation

- Use a short checklist for homework, equipment and daily responsibilities.
- Break larger tasks into smaller steps and tick them off.
- Establish a regular homework routine with planned breaks.
- Keep school materials in a consistent place.
- Encourage reflection: “What worked well? What could you try next time?”

### Years 7–12: Support increasing independence

- Encourage a diary or digital calendar to track assessments, activities and commitments.
- Work backwards from due dates to set manageable milestones.
- Help students estimate how long tasks will take and allow extra time.
- Agree on ways to reduce distractions during study, including managing phone notifications.
- Encourage students to recognise when they need help and contact teachers early.

**At every year level**, model your own planning, acknowledge effort and provide calm reminders. Adjust support to what your child can manage, gradually handing over responsibility as their confidence grows.

Small, consistent routines at home and school can help students become more organised, confident and independent learners.

For more information go to: https://www.thepathway2success.com/

# *Sport and Camps Coordinator (F-12) – Nathan Sachse*

## GWR Athletics

A big congratulations to both James and Kayne for making it to GWR athletics.

James came 6th with a throw of 25 metres - 7 metres behind Black Ranges throw. He enjoyed competing and is keen to practice before next year.

Kayne competed with schools from all around Victoria in high jump, although he didn't get a place he did exceed his personal best!

Well done boys

## Primary Black Ranges Basketball

On Wednesday 14th October, some of our Grade 5/6 boys proudly represented Murtoa College at the Black Ranges Basketball Competition in Ararat.

The boys took to the court against teams from Minyip, Stawell West and Ararat, showcasing some fantastic basketball skills, determination and teamwork throughout the day!

### Game 1 – Murtoa vs Minyip

The boys came out firing, starting the competition with an impressive 20–2 WIN! A fantastic team effort to kick off the day!

### Game 2 – Murtoa vs Stawell West

In a nail-biting contest, the boys fought hard to secure a 16–16 DRAW! They demonstrated excellent skills, composure and resilience under pressure in a very tight game.

### Game 3 – Murtoa vs Ararat

With a game plan in place and their sights set on the Grand Final, the boys took to the court with confidence and determination. Their teamwork paid off, securing a thrilling 14–12 WIN and earning themselves a place in the GRAND FINAL!

Unfortunately, we went down in the Grad final by 20 points but the determination, positivity, sportsmanship and teamwork displayed by our boys throughout every game was something to be extremely proud of. They encouraged one another, remained focused under pressure, and represented Murtoa College with pride.

Congratulations, boys!

FOR ALL YOUR SIGNAGE NEEDS
Phone: 0418 120 758

## From the Learning and Teaching Executive Team

### *VCE – VM Coordinator – Anthony Buttigieg*

Here we are, already three weeks into Term 4! The year is certainly flying by, and I'm sure this term will be no different as we head towards the end of another busy and successful year in the VM space.

Firstly, I would like to extend a huge congratulations to our Year 12 VM students on completing their studies. It has been fantastic to see their hard work and commitment throughout the year, and we wish each of them every success as they take the next steps in their education, training, employment and future pathways.

Our Year 11 students have also been busy working through their studies and recently completed their PDS community project. The students decided to organise a disco for our junior students, and it was a fantastic success. The afternoon was filled with plenty of energy, dancing and fun, with the students getting involved in the Macarena, the Nutbush and even a few conga lines!

It was fantastic to see our Year 11 students take responsibility for planning and running the event, while also creating an enjoyable experience for our younger students. A big well done to everyone involved.

As we move closer to the Year 11 students completing their studies for 2026, we encourage parents and carers to stay in contact with the school if they have any questions or concerns regarding their child's progress. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like to discuss how your child is progressing or if there is anything we can do to support them as they work towards completing the year.

## *Agricultural Science News – Tara Crowe*

### Soil Matters – A Fantastic Achievement for our Year 4/5 Students

Our Year 4/5 students have had plenty to celebrate following their fantastic achievement in the Soil Week Australia Healthy Soils Competition.

Throughout the term, students have been learning about the importance of soil and the vital role healthy soil plays in growing our food, supporting ecosystems and caring for our environment. Students used this learning to create informative PowerPoint presentations explaining why "Soil Matters".

We were thrilled to learn that our students' work was recognised in the competition. With so many creative entries received from schools, we were told that choosing the winners was incredibly difficult, but that our entry had "that little something extra" that made it stand out. This is a wonderful recognition of the effort, creativity and learning demonstrated by the class.

The students' enthusiasm for soil has extended well beyond the classroom. They have thoroughly enjoyed planting, maintaining and harvesting vegetables from our school garden and seeing firsthand the connection between healthy soil and the food we grow.

Of course, winning also prompted plenty of discussion about how we should spend our prize money. Student suggestions have ranged from improvements to our chicken coop to help better protect our chickens from threats such as bird flu, through to requests for a variety of new sporting equipment. We will endeavour to listen to student voice and use our winnings in ways that support the interests and needs of our students.

Most importantly, every student has developed a greater understanding of why healthy soil matters for our food, our environment and our future.

Congratulations to all of our Year 4/5 students on a fantastic achievement. We are very proud of the effort you put into your learning and your enthusiasm throughout the term.

Thank you to Soil Week Australia and the Healthy Soils Competition for providing our students with such a valuable opportunity to learn, create and share their knowledge.

## From The Front Office and Services Team

### *Business Manager/Office – Jenny Huebner*

#### Casual Bus Passes

Please be aware that preferably a note is required for a casual bus pass. There is a cost with the Horsham bus of $5 per trip, but all other buses are free.

#### Second Hand Uniform

If you have any surplus Murtoa College uniform in your cupboards at home we would be thankful of your donation for our second hand uniform room. We are always giving out second hand uniform, especially on these wet days!

#### Payment Options for Camps and Excursions

Your child's permission form includes details of the camp or excursion costs, along with the date by which payment must be finalised. To ensure your child is able to attend, all payments must be completed before the camp or excursion.

The following payment options are available:

#### Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

If you are eligible and would like to use your CSEF entitlement, please tick the **CSEF** box on the top right-hand corner of the permission form to authorise the school to apply these funds to the camp. If you are unsure whether you have CSEF funds available, please contact the school office.

### School Saving Bonus (SSB)

Some families may still have School Saving Bonus funds available to use towards camps and excursions. If you are unsure of your available balance, please contact the school office.

### Direct Deposit, EFTPOS or BPAY

Payments can be made using direct deposit, EFTPOS or BPAY.
Your family's unique BPAY details can be found on your family statement.

For direct deposit, please use the following bank details:

**BSB:** 063 724
**Account Number:** 1002 6892

Please include your **family name** and **"Camp"** as the payment reference.

### Regular Payment Plan

Families are welcome to make regular payments towards upcoming camps throughout the year. Payments can be deposited into the school bank account using your **family name** and **"Camp"** as the payment reference. Funds will be allocated to your child's camp amount.

If you have any questions about payment options or would like to discuss a payment arrangement, please don't hesitate to contact the school office. We are happy to assist.

# IMPORTANT DATES TERM 4

Please Note: Dates are correct at time of printing

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| 26th October | Year 12 Exam Period Starts |
| 28th October | Year 5/6 Camp until 30th October<br>Year 9 German Excursion<br>F-6 Assembly |
| 30th October | Casual Dress Day<br>Last Day for VM |
| 2nd November | Student Free Day – Curriculum Day |
| 3rd November | Melbourne Cup Day |
| 10th November | 2027 Year 7 Transition Day |
| 11th November | Year 11 Exams<br>Year 3 and 4 Camp until 13th November<br>F-6 Remembrance Day Assembly |
| 13th November | Year 11 into Year 12 VCE STEP UP<br>Year 11 Last Day |
| 17th November – 19th November | Duke of Ed Camp 2 |
| 18th November | Year 12 Dinner |
| 20th November | 2027 Foundation Transition 9 – 11 |
| 25th November | F-6 Assembly |
| 26th November | 2027 Step Up – Yr 10 into VCE/VM – Yr 9s into Hums/Science |
| 27th November | Casual Dress, 2027<br>Foundation Transition 9-12 |
| 30th November – 4 December | Year 10 Camp |
| 8th December | Year 9 Camp until 11th December<br>Statewide Transition Day |
| 9th December | F-6 Celebration/Yr 6 Dinner |
| 10th December | VCE Results Released |
| 15th December | Presentation Night |
| 18th December | End of Term – Early Finish 12pm |

Murtoa College

Inspiring Young Minds

# Parents Association Group (PAG)

*Connect. Contribute. Strengthen our school community.*

Stronger together for our kids

**Every school thrives when families and educators work together.**

PAG is a welcoming community where your voice matters, your ideas are valued, and your involvement makes a real difference.

## Why join?

1. **Stay informed**
   Know about events and initiatives.
2. **Have a voice**
   Share ideas and feedback.
3. **Build connections**
   Meet other parents and carers.
4. **Support education**
   Show that education matters.
5. **Make a real impact**
   Help with events, fundraising and programs.

## Get involved today

Flexible involvement: attend meetings, help at events, or simply stay informed. No special experience is needed.

Complete the registration form on the PAG webpage and send it to pag@murtoacollege.vic.edu.au, or hand it in at school reception.

Volunteer WWCC required: a valid Working With Children Check - Volunteer is required. It is free to apply through Service Victoria.

**Scan for more info**

**Murtoa College Parents Association Group**

**Reception can assist with forms and questions**

murtoacollege.vic.edu.au/parent-association-group

# Could respite foster caring be for you?

Uniting

Respite foster carers provide care on weekends or during school holidays, offering children a safe, welcoming place to stay while giving foster and kinship families time to rest and recharge.
Whether it's once a month or during holiday periods, the benefits and connections are significant.

If you would like to learn more get in touch.

Call 1800 543 779 **OR** visit unitingvictas.org.au/foster-care/

CENTRE for PARTICIPATION

In November 2025 Centre for Participation established the Wimmera Food Security Program to assist local emergency relief providers to support people in financial hardship.

We deliver free healthy food to over 20 organisations who then support more than 400 hundred people across the Wimmera every week.

We are seeking financial support to be able to continue this service, including purchasing fresh fruit and vegetables, which emergency relief providers often struggle to get donated.

Tax deductible donations can be made through our website and gratefully appreciated by scanning QR code below or https://centreforparticipation.org.au/donate/

For more information, feel free to call 0407 864 036 or email pablo@centreforparticipation.org.au

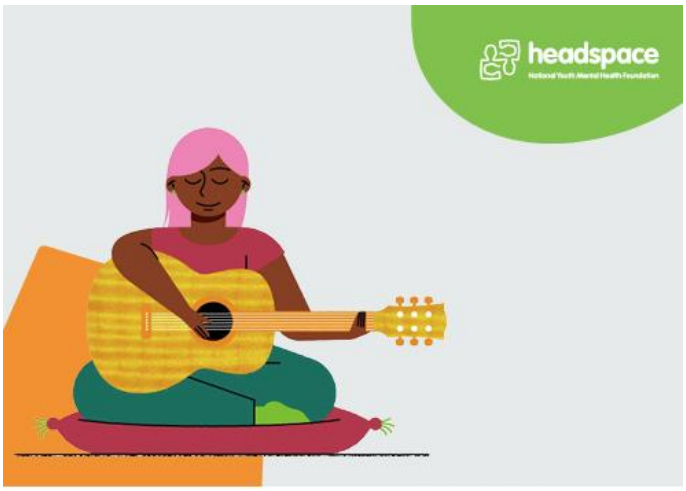
# Help us support exchange students

## Host Families Needed

- All Shapes and Sizes Families
- Students aged 15-17
- $100 per week per hosted student
- Term to Year programs

Contact us now!

(03) 9598 4733
inbound@wep.org
@wep.welcomes.australia




# join our free online group chat

**Supporting a LGBTQIA+ Young Person**

June marks Pride Month, a time to recognise and celebrate LGBTQIA+ communities. Having supportive adults in a young person's life can play a major role in helping them feel seen, safe, and understood.

Join our free, online text-based group chat to connect with other adults, share experiences, and explore ways to support LGBTQIA+ young people, while building a greater understanding of the challenges they may face.

Topics may include:

- Opening a conversation with a young person
- Understanding challenges young LGBTQIA+ people may face
- Chatting about Pride Month
- What a young person's identity means to them
- Sharing our experiences supporting LGBTQIA+ young people

Register to join us on Wed 3 June 2026, 6:30pm to 9:45pm AEST (join or leave at any time):

headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation is funded by the Australian Government

# What's a subject that should exist in schools or universities but doesn't?

## Aged between 10–25?
## Let us know what you think!

https://form.jotform.com/HorshamYouth/forms2VOXSayYourPiece

READ THE APRIL EDITION OF HORSHAM'S NEWEST YOUTH 'ZINE ONLINE AT HRCC.VIC.GOV.AU

VOX 2

# Wimmera After-School Program

Wimmera After-School Program offers young people with disabilities a safe and supportive space to connect, learn new skills, and explore their community.

- Creative Art & Craft
- Outdoor Activities
- Card and Board Games
- Snacks Provided

Primary and secondary ages welcome

Integrated Lifestyle Support

Express interest:
0458 633 104
info@integratedlifestylesupport.com.au

VOX 2
WANT TO SEE YOUR WORK IN 2VOX?
(AKA HORSHAM'S NEWEST YOUTH ZINE)
• original artwork
• photography
• photo essays
• flash fiction (stories under 500 words)
• essays
• reviews - eats, movies, music
• interviews
• original comics & mini graphic stories
• rants
• thoughts & opinions
• reports on local events
• hobbies & interests
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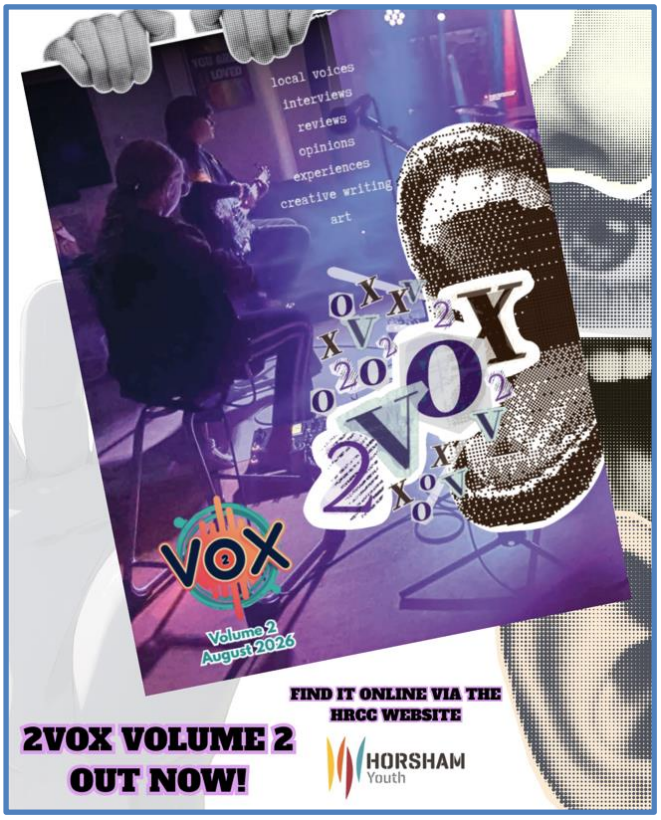
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# STOP MOTION ANIMATION WORKSHOPS

THE STATION
16 PYNSENT STREET, HORSHAM

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Every Wednesday
beginning 12th August
*DURING SCHOOL TERMS

4:00pm - 5:15pm

BYO device with Stop Motion (free) app installed

STOP MOTION

FREE!

For ages 10-25

REGISTER VIA THE QR CODE OR
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RUN THE BEAL
REGISTER NOW!
25th October 2026
SATURDAY 24th
5.00-6.00pm - Bib collection/registrations open @ the Lion's Park
SUNDAY 25th
6.00am - Bib collection/registrations open @ the Lion's Park
7.00am - ALL ENTRIES CLOSE
8.00am - 21Km event starts
8.30am - 10Km event starts
9.00am - 5Km event starts
10.15am - Presentations
10.30am - Kids fun run (no need to enter, just be there)
11.00am - Finish line closes and events end
ENTRY FEES
21Km: U18 $60 ADULT $70
10Km: U18 $50 ADULT $60
5Km: ALL $25
KIDS RUN: FREE
• Online entry will remain open via the online registration page until 7.00am, Sunday 25th October.
• Registration staff will be able to assist online entries on Sunday morning from 6.00am - 7.00am @ the Lion's Park
• NOTE there are NO CASH ENTRIES available on the day. ALL enteries are via the online electronic entry system (ie. via PayPal or credit card)
To register visit www.warracknabeal.com.au

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5km, 10km, 21km, & kids fun run
PRIZE MONEY ON OFFER!
ENTRY FEES
21Km: U18 $60
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10Km: U18 $50
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5Km: ALL $25
KIDS RUN FREE
RUN TIMES
21Km 8.00am
10Km 8.30am
5Km 9.00am
KIDS RUN 10:30am
INCLUDED
Warm up/cool down massage
Merchandise available to purchase on the day
Starting and finishing at the Lion's Park, Warracknabeal
{ A small late fee will be applied after 18th of October }
www.warracknabeal.com.au

**Commences Term 4**
**8 October**

When: Thursdays 4 - 4:45 pm and 4.45 - 5.30 pm
Cost: $20 per session (groups)
Bring: Own racquet (or available for loan), water bottle, hat, sunscreen
Where: Central Park Tennis Club – 221 Baillie Street Horsham

**Enquiries:**
**Sheree Shurdington 0428 788 780**
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- Group coaching - Beginners, MatchPlay, Section 4
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# Halloween Family Event

## Thursday 29th October

Check your local store for more details

**Activities and fun for the whole family**

**6:00pm – 8:00pm**

Excitement includes but not limited to:
Tiny goats & Co, Fair Dinkum Fauna, Emergency services, Community group interactive activities, displays and fundraising, Halloween themed stick-on tattoos, Halloween themed craft activities, sausage sizzle, games and more.

**Don't miss out, register now!**
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BUNNINGS warehouse

# HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

## Bunnings is giving you the chance to win a $50 gift voucher in our colouring competition.

There will be 3 winners announced per store. To go in the draw to win, simply colour in the scene above and deliver it to your local store by **5pm Saturday 31st October 2020.** The winners will be notified by **Friday 6th November 2020** by phone. Good luck and have fun!

T&Cs: 1 competition open to kids up to and including 12 years old. 1 entry per person. 1 The judges decision is final & no correspondence will be entered into. 1 Bunnings employees, suppliers & their families are ineligible to enter. 1 Bunnings collects and manages your personal information in accordance with our Privacy Policy. Our Privacy Policy can be found at www.bunnings.com.au/privacy-policy. 1 Bunnings reserves the right to withdraw or vary these terms and conditions without notice. 1 The promotion is offered by Bunnings Group Limited (or Bunnings wholesale employees) and is run by Bunnings Warehouse.

**First Name:** _____ **Age:** _____

**Parent/Guardian Phone:**

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