

# Newsletter



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through Endeavour*

Principal:  
Mrs Heather Hill

## From the Principal

### Parent Information Sessions

Thank you to all parents who attended information sessions last night (and who will attend tonight). We hope you have gained a general understanding of year level expectations, curriculum content and classroom procedures for this year.

### Weetbix TRYathlon

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the TRYathlon on Sunday. Our school had over 90 entries, and everyone had a great time. Many thanks are extended to Miss Wall and all the families who supported this event.

### Religious Education

Religious Education sessions begin next week for Years 1 to 6. Please ensure permission slips and payments are returned by this Friday.

### Welcome Picnic

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, our school picnic tea is planned for next week, Thursday 5 March from 6 to 8 pm. All families in the school (Prep – 6) are invited to bring your own picnic tea (food and drink), and blanket. As this is a family function, it is essential that a parent or guardian accompany each child attending and are fully responsible for the supervision of their children. Older siblings are welcome if also in the care of parents. We wish this to be a pleasant family evening and I encourage all families to come along, meet new friends and old, chat with the staff, and have an enjoyable informal evening.

Heather Hill

### Looking Ahead

Tuesday 24 February	Parent Information Evening Level 2 - 6.30pm Level 4 - 7.30pm
Thursday 5 March	Welcome Picnic
Saturday 21 March	Murrumbeena Primary School Fete
Wednesday 25 March	School Photos

## From the Assistant Principal

### STUDENT WELLBEING

Each year students, together with their teacher, spend a large part of February establishing relationships. This includes discussions, role plays, games and group work which focus on what makes a good learner, what makes a good classroom, what makes a good friend etc. This in turn reflects on our school values and school expectations.

### CLASS ESSENTIAL AGREEMENTS

At Murrumbeena Primary School we aim to promote a safe, respectful and happy environment, which maximises the opportunity for all students to strive for excellence. Our classroom wellbeing program aims to allow teachers to teach and students to learn in a positive classroom environment.

To ensure that this is developed the students, together with their teachers, develop a set of agreed values and behaviours which are essential for a high standard of learning and teaching.

There are two important aspects to the program. The first is the use throughout the school of classroom programs, which teach appropriate social skills and strategies for handling conflict situations, and which emphasise and reward positive and desirable behaviours. The second is the development of values, expectations, consequences and rewards in each classroom.

Each class develops its own 'Essential Agreement' which details agreed behaviours and attitudes shared by the class group. The class also decides on appropriate rewards and consequences.

Each family will receive their child's classroom's essential agreement. Please read and discuss the contents with your child, then sign and return the slip to the teacher.

*Please note that Prep classes are not quite ready to formulate their Class Essential Agreement. This will be sent to you in the near future.*

Shirley Krongold  
Assistant Principal

### Education Maintenance Allowance

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**

be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (**28 January 2009** which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (**13 July 2009**).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **27 February 2009** for the first instalment and **7 August 2009** for the second instalment.

EMA application forms are available from the school office.

### WEETBIX TRYATHLON

The Weetbix TRYathlon was conducted on Sunday 22 February. A HUGE thank you to our fantastic Murrumbidgee families for your wonderful support. It would appear that we had approximately 90 participants again this year, ranging from Grade 2 - Grade 6 PLUS some former students.

It had a family picnic atmosphere and was a great start to our 2009 sporting calendar. Thank you to Mrs Hill for coming, it was lovely to see you there.

Some of our students have participated in 5 TRYathlons, now that you can compete up to 15 years of age, so we are looking forward to our first MPS student to compete in 7 or 8 of the Weetbix TRYathlons. Grade 2 children - that could be you!

CONGRATULATIONS and WELL DONE  
to you all!

Debby Wall  
PSE @ MPS

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### CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

We would like to ask all children to ensure that they put all their papers into the bin every day, as our school looks its best when it is clear of papers.

The annual Clean Up Australia School Day is this Friday, 27 February.

This Friday, all classes will assemble at 1.45pm and go to their designated area with their teacher and do a complete clean up.

Please remember:

**SEE A PAPER, PICK IT UP**

If you see someone drop a paper, ask them to pick it up.

## Murrumbidgee Kids Café NEWS

Hi Everyone!! Another week has just flown past!! Once again, thanks to all of you for your patience, and thanks to all the lovely parent helpers. The new fruit "slurpee" machine arrived last week and was put into full swing. It has proved to be a massive hit, so much so, that we are struggling to keep up with demand, but again, be patient. Next week we are trying out a yummy new rice bubble slice recipe that one of the parents has kindly given us. This will be available from the window from Wednesday 4 March. The ingredients are sugar, butter, dates, vanilla, rice bubbles and coconut. Don't judge a book by its cover- come and try it!

The jams and preserves team will be working again on Tuesday 24 February and Tuesday 3 March in the canteen from 9.00 – 12.00. Please come and join us!

See you at the window soon.

**Fiona**



**Canteen Roster**

**NEWSFLASH!!!**  
**Sushi will now be**  
**available on Mondays**  
**starting from next week.**

### Canteen Roster Week 4 and 5, 2009

<b>Wednesday 25th February</b>	
9.30 – 11.30	Monica Greenwood; <b>HELP WANTED PLEASE!</b>
11.30 – 1.30	Emily Condos ; <b>HELP WANTED PLEASE !</b>
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
9.30 – 11.30	Laurie Dzubinski; <b>HELP WANTED PLEASE !</b>
11.30 – 1.30	Jo Scharf ; <b>HELP WANTED PLEASE !</b>
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2009</b>	
9.30 – 11.30	Cheryl Carter; Clare Mullen
11.30 – 1.30	Cheryl Carter ; Liz Kovacs ; Trudi Sharpe
<b>Monday 2nd March</b>	
9.30 – 11.30	Kerry Teague; Phillipa Edgley
11.30 – 1.30	<b>HELP WANTED PLEASE !</b>
<b>Wednesday 4th March</b>	
9.30 – 11.30	Paula De Bruyn ;
11.30 – 1.30	Kay Sargentson ; Rachel Krekoukias
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	
9.30 – 11.30	Andrea Ozga ; Clare Mullen
11.30 – 1.30	Carli Kristensen ; <b>HELP WANTED PLEASE!</b>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	
9.30 – 11.30	Jenny Brosi ; Lisa Banducci ; Jenny Ingram
11.30 – 1.30	Leanne Holzer ; Torie Munn ; Helen Spooner

**\*\*\* PLEASE LET FIONA KNOW IF YOU CANT MAKE YOUR SHIFT\*\*\***

**Out Of School Hours Care**

Hi everyone! Currently we are booked out in After School Care on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. If you require bookings for these sessions please see us regarding waiting list options or possible vacancies. Also a big thank you to all the families, children and staff who have generously donated items to support the RSPCA and Wildlife Shelters across the state. Your contributions were very much appreciated.

Thanks. Miranda Boulton OSH Co-ordinator

	<b>Before School Care Breakfast &amp; Activities</b>	<b>After School Care Activities</b>
<b>Wednesday 25 February</b>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Scrambles Eggs &amp; Milo</p> <p><b>Activities:</b> Board Games Music Games</p>	<p><b>Outside Play</b> <b>Art:</b> Face Masks <b>Cooking:</b> Fruit Smoothies <b>Sport:</b> Chair Soccer <b>Other:</b> Buddy Training <b>Game:</b> Free Time</p>
<b>Thursday 26 February</b>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> French Toast &amp; Milk</p> <p><b>Activities:</b> Computers Goalie Goalie</p>	<p><b>Outside Play</b> <b>Art:</b> Beach Boxes <b>Cooking:</b> Mars Bar Slice <b>Sport:</b> Pony Express <b>Other:</b> Music &amp; Dancing <b>Game:</b> Poison Ball</p>
<b>Friday 27 February</b>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Cereal &amp; Milo</p> <p><b>Activities:</b> Celebrity Head Dodgeball</p>	<p><b>Outside Play</b> <b>Art:</b> Nature Mural <b>Sport:</b> Hoop Shoot Out <b>Other:</b> Outside Free Play <b>Game:</b> Red Letter</p>
<b>Monday 2 March</b>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Toast &amp; Milo</p> <p><b>Activities:</b> Domino Express Basketball Knockout</p>	<p><b>Outside Play</b> <b>Art:</b> Origami Art <b>Cooking:</b> Marshmallow T Cups <b>Sport:</b> Bombardier <b>Other:</b> Prep Activities <b>Game:</b> Free Time</p>
<b>Tuesday 3 March</b>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Fresh Fruit &amp; Milo</p> <p><b>Activities:</b> Free Time Basketball Runout</p>	<p><b>Outside Play</b> <b>Cooking:</b> M &amp; M Cookies <b>Sport:</b> Flag Warfare <b>Indoor:</b> Prep Activities <b>Game:</b> Ship Shark Shore</p>