



# Murringo Public School Newsletter Term 3 Week 3

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## Lots Going On!

We have had a very busy fortnight, with lots of activities to engage the students in a wide range of educational opportunities. Last week we had a choir rehearsal in Wollongong for the Southern Stars crew, a day of debating for our representative debaters Peter and Toby, and a huge day at District Athletics.

This week we have welcomed six Year 10 students from Pymble Ladies College in Sydney, who are completing their 'Service Project' at our school this week. There are lots more details later in the newsletter.

We wish Sofala all the best next week, when she heads off to Choral Camp in Wagga for five days, to sing with leading choir masters and students from around the Riverina.

This week we had a couple of students sit the ICAS English test, and the final ICAS test will be next week with Maths.

Over the next two weeks will be having a P&C 'Cook Up', another Southern Stars Rehearsal, a visit from a pilot from the Royal Flying Doctor Service and a visit from Steph Cooke, our State Local Member.

Take a deep breath!



## Premier's Debating Challenge

A big congratulations to our representative debaters, Peter and Toby, who took part in their last rep debates for 2018 last week. Peter and Toby were in a team with Drew and Will from Maimuru. They had two debates against Murrumburrah Public School, which were hard fought and well prepared for.

Peter and Toby were very nervous, but they didn't need to be. They have learnt some very valuable public speaking and persuasive writing skills as part of the debating program and it showed in their strong performances on the day.

We look forward to our Small Schools Debating Program running later this term, when ALL Upper Division students will take part in debating training on the 28th of August, with our friends from Bribbaree, Monteagle, Maimuru, Wombat, Greenethorpe and Rye

Park Public Schools. Our class will be split into teams of four, to prepare a debate for our Small Schools Debating Competition on the 17th of September.

On the day of the Training Day, students will be invited to come dressed as farmers, and bring a donation to contribute to the 'Buy a Bale' relief program for drought affected farmers. All of the schools in our region are going to put their money together for this important cause.

There will also be a hot lunch deal being provided by the P&C on that day. Details will be in the next newsletter.



## Steph Cooke Coming To Visit

On the 23rd of August, we will be welcoming Steph Cooke, our State Member of Parliament, to our school for morning tea. Steph had been planning on visiting the Young Regional School of Music recently, but also had our school on her bucket list. She decided to do them both at once, coming to watch Mark Corkery work his magic with our marimba ensemble and Rock Band and learn more about the school programs run by YRSM. At the same time, she gets to meet with all of our students and share a morning tea with the staff.



Whilst she is here, we will find out more about a recent announcement that our school has been successful in being allocated \$5000 to go towards sports equipment, as part of the State government funding program. We are still investigating the best way to use these funds.

Steph will be here from about 10.00am, if you would like to come along and meet her on the day.



## P&C Cook Up

The P&C are inviting any available parents to come along to the school on Sunday 19th August from 1-4pm for a 'Cook Up'. Basically, we have a lot of catering events coming up this year, and it is good to get ahead and have some homemade quiches, sausage rolls, muffins and more in the freezer, ready to go. Leave the kids with hubby for the afternoon, don your apron and come along for some cooking and giggles. All parents welcome.

## District Athletics Success!

Wow! What a day we had last Friday at the District Athletics Carnival! Can we just say a huge thanks first up to many people. A big thank you to Gina, who organised and ran the carnival like a pro. It is always very smooth and other schools always comment about how well it is run. Great job Gina! Secondly, can thank the parents and grandparents who have been working so hard with our team leading up to the event, at Wednesday afternoon training sessions. We know that the students really appreciated it and it certainly made a huge difference on the day. Finally, a big thanks to the parents who helped out in the canteen on the day and those who donated cakes to sell. We made a tidy profit and it ran like clockwork. Particular thanks to Cheryl Whye (Sienna and Georgia's grandmother), who manned the canteen almost all day and to Heidi Sherwood, who was there all day, despite her child not even being in the carnival. Dedication ladies!!

Now to the stars of the day—our amazing students! We had a large team competing and they performed amazingly well. Congratulations to all of you, no matter where you came on the day. You did a fantastic job!

Jacob had a stellar day, topped off with being awarded the Junior Boys Age Champion. He blitzed the field to come first in his 100m age race, earning a spot at Regionals. Jacob ran well in his 200m and put in a credible performance in High Jump. He will be



heading to Regionals for Shot Put and Discus, where he came 1st in both events.

Well done to Jack, who came 2nd in the Junior Boys Age Championship, only 2 points behind Jacob. Jack came 2nd in the Junior Boys 800m, fractionally behind 1st place. This performance has earned him a spot in the 800m at Regionals. Jack will also be going through for 100m, coming 2nd by only 0.01 of a second and for 200m, coming 1st. Jack came 2nd in Long Jump, only missing 1st and a Regional spot by 3cms. Jack put in good throws in Shot Put



Peter had a strong day at Shot Put, coming in 2nd and threw well in Discus too.

Great job to Beau, who put in a strong effort in the Junior Boys 800m race and 100m.

Sarah was struggling with a knee strain on the day, but still placed a credible 3rd in the Junior Girls 800m and ran well in her 100m race. The High Jump proved a challenge on the day, which was a shame. Sarah did well to come 3rd in her Long Jump.

Sienna had a great day, with equal 2nd place in the Junior Girls Age Championship. She placed 2nd in her 100m race, earning a spot at Regionals. She will also be going for 200m, coming 1st. Sienna put in a great effort in Shot Put and the 800m.

Toby was also awarded 2nd place in his 11years Age Championship, which was a huge achievement. Toby ran well in his 800m race and jumped well in High Jump. He came 2nd in the 100m, earning a spot at Regionals. He will also go through for 200m, where he came 1st. Toby came 2nd in his Long Jump as well.

Bailey put in a great effort in his 100m race, coming third on the day.

Well done Anthony, on your great job in the 100m and in the Junior Boys Relay.

Keeley smashed the competition in her Shot Put, coming 1st and heading to Regionals.

Shania had a big day, with some really gutsy performances. She placed 3rd in the Senior Girls 800m race, which was a great effort and ran well in her 100m and 200m races. She gave it her all in High Jump and Long Jump, Shot Put and Discus too.

Our competitors at Regionals will be:

**Jack**—800m, 100m, 200m, PP5 relay

**Sienna**—100m, 200m

**Jacob**—100m, PP5 relay, Shot Put, Discus

**Toby**—100m, 200m PP5 relay

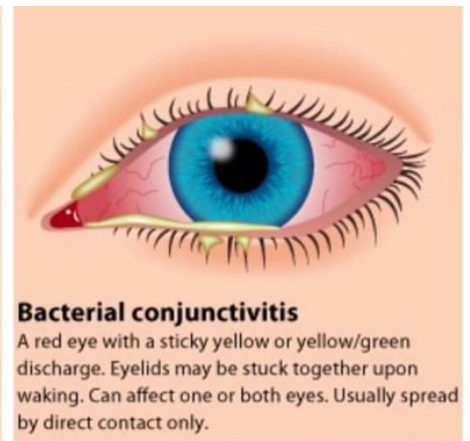
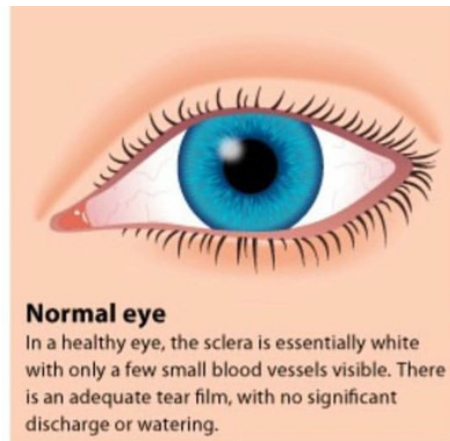
**Keeley**—Shot Put

**Shania**—PP5 relay



## Conjunctivitis Heads Up

We have had a few students over the past week come down with a case of conjunctivitis. Could you please keep an eye out for your children and the tell-tale signs. Thank you for keeping the kids home if you suspect this is happening with your child and we hope to see them soon.



## Unlock Your Future

In Week 2, Term 4, our school is going to be involved in a Production Show called "Unlock Your Future". The idea behind the production is to help our students start thinking about the skills and values they need to unlock a successful future when they finish school. Young High, Murringo, Bribbaree, Monteagle, Maimuru, Wombat, Young Public and Young North are all involved in the extravaganza. Students will have the opportunity to work with student mentors to refine music, acting, singing and dancing skills. The performance covers topics that will teach the audience about how to dream big, start thinking about what career they want and about some different jobs they might like to do. With music from Belinda Carlisle, SIA, Jimmy Barnes and Macklemore, it should be a great show that appeals to everyone. All of our students will be involved in choir songs and dance items, and some students will be part of a marimba performance.

Look out for more information later in the term.

## Happy Holidays Wheelers!

Georgia and Sienna will be joining the ranks of our other holidaying students for a week or two, when they head off to sunnier shores next week. All the best girls—we can't wait to hear about it when you get back.

## Pre-School Program Running Well

Our Kindergarten 2019 students have started to really make themselves feel at home at our school, and are having a great time with their teacher, Mrs Mitchell. Izeqial, Clayton, Gus and Toby were joined by Nate this week, who thoroughly enjoyed meeting his new friends.

Next week we will welcome Penny, when she gets back from her holidays away with big sister Matilda.

We have some more students who have expressed an interest in coming along to join our pre-school program, and look forward to meeting them in coming weeks.



## Royal Flying Doctor Service Visit

The Royal Flying Doctor Service is an Australian institution held in such high regard, because it makes such a huge difference to the lives of people living in remote Australia.

Delivered by a dedicated team of professionals, using the latest in aviation, medical and communications technology, and supported by a vast number of volunteers and supporters, the RFDS is vital for those that live, work and travel in rural and remote Australia.



One of the most important jobs in the RFDS is that of the pilots, who have to fly huge distances to get to the patients. One of the current pilots for the service is a young man by the name of Scott Taubman. Scott grew up right here in Murringo, in fact he went to school here at Murringo Public School!

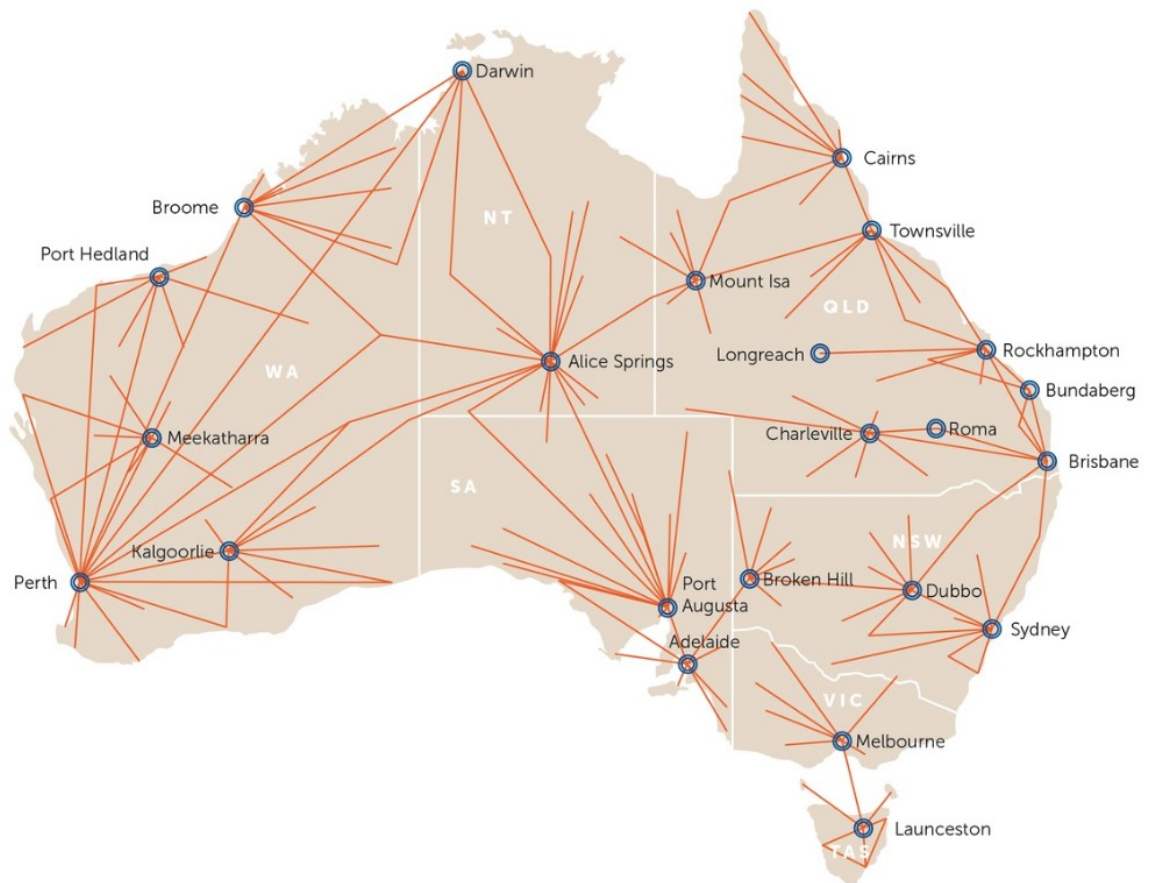
Scotty is home for a couple of week's holiday and wanted to call in and talk to the students about the important work of the Royal Flying Doctor Service and his role in it. He will be coming to the school on Tuesday the 21st of August, at 11am.

We are going to put on a free BBQ lunch after Scotty talks to the students and he was hoping that each family might be able to send in a donation to help with fundraising for the RFDS. If each family could dig deep and send in \$5, \$10, \$20—whatever you can afford, this would be a huge help to keep this amazing service flying and helping our rural and remote Australian friends.





# Flight paths



## Dedication

Our people are dedicated and passionate about bringing first class health and emergency services to people in the bush. We are very much part of the communities we service.



## Integrity

The challenges of health access outside Australia's cities make the Flying Doctor's services vital to those who live, work and travel in rural and remote Australia. Our job is all about doing all we can to improve health outcomes and save lives.



## Innovation

Operating across vast distances, harsh landscapes, and in far from ideal conditions, necessitates resilience, resourcefulness, innovation and a continual striving for excellence.



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## Pymble Ladies College Visitors

Every year, the Year 10 students at Pymble Ladies College in Sydney have to coordinate a 'service project'. They organise to visit a site somewhere else in Australia, or the world, and spend time helping out in whatever way they can. Some of the students head overseas to help build structures. Others do community service projects in Australia. Some groups, such as the one visiting our school, work in primary schools, presenting lessons and activities to enrich the learning program.

This year, we have six students who have been visiting our school, along with their teacher Mr Adams. The students are Laura, Paris, Liv, Laura, Marina and Sophia. Together with some other students who are spending the week at Wombat and Monteagle Public Schools, they have organised the entire week, including their transport, accommodation, meals and resources for the school activities.

The girls did a wonderful job planning the week and creating engaging lessons for our students.

The girls have been staying at Young Caravan Park and travelling out each day.

Each day they have conducted Science, Drama and Sport sessions, as well as some other fun games and music activities. The science experiments have been a big hit, especially watching what happened to chicken bones that have been in Coca Cola all week—scary!!





Lower Division have had Laura, Sophia and Laura with them all week, and have fallen in love with the girls. One of the Laura's (with Roy on her lap) is on exchange from

Italy, so this was quite an experience for her.

Upper Division have had Liv, Paris and Marina with them all week. They have taken part in lots of activities, including sport, drama, maths, music, reading and Science activities. They absolutely LOVED making slime on Thursday and enjoyed decorating yummy biscuits today. Even division was fun with the girls at the helm. Marina is on exchange from the United States, and so our kids had lots of questions

about her life over there. All Marina wanted to do was see a kangaroo, and she got much better than that when she was cuddling Jay-cee's baby joey this morning.





On Wednesday after school, the students (along with their friends who have been at Wombat and Monteagle), headed up to the Dowling farm for a taste of country living. They got to feed poddy lambs and check out the menagerie of animals that were there. Today, Jaycee brought down a baby joey for them to see.

It has been lovely for our students to get to know the girls and to share some of what they love about living in the country. Our students have also learnt a lot, particularly from two of the students—Marina and Laura—who are actually exchange students from the United States and Italy.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with Pymble Ladies College into the future and hope it becomes a regular feature on our calendar.



## Southern Stars—Iconic

Our happy band of choristers headed off to Wollongong in the wee hours of Tuesday morning last week, to take part in the first rehearsal for the Mass Choir. We have 7 students taking part—Addy, Rex, Sofala, Heidi, Elisha, Beau & Taheesha. We are also taking along 2 ex-students—Lily Rice and Tennyson Neville.

We left at 4.30 in the morning, at minus 4 degrees, to make sure that we were in Wollongong by 9.00 for the big rehearsal. Thank goodness it was warmer!

A solid six hours of singing later (with a couple of short breaks to eat), we piled back into the cars for the four hour trip home.

A big thanks to Meg for coming along for the day and to all of the parents who got the kids up at about 3.30am to be ready. They really held it together well and were a great group to take away.

The Southern Stars organisers are always very impressed with our students' dedication to the show. We are thoroughly looking forward to the show at the end of the month.

