

Principal Message:

What an action-packed two weeks it's been here at Murringo! Our students have represented us proudly at State Athletics, T-Ball, Phillips Shield, and even took part in a fun-filled Halloween disco and a skill-building touch football clinic. Each event was a wonderful opportunity for our students to showcase their dedication, teamwork, and school spirit.



Back in the classroom, our students have been equally committed, working hard to reach their learning goals and solidify their understanding as we move toward the year's end. Their focus and effort are truly inspiring, and we're proud of the growth and enthusiasm they bring each day. Thank you to our staff, students, and community for making Murringo such a wonderful place to learn and grow!

Lower Division News:

K/1 have been busy as always over Week 3 and 4. In Maths, our students have been busy learning all about data! They've had a blast collecting data on various topics, from counting blocks and lunchboxes to conducting whole-school surveys about our beloved duck eggs. One of the highlights has been asking students how many eggs they think will hatch – the predictions are coming in fast! To consolidate our learning, we've created plenty of tally charts and bar graphs and have started exploring a range of different graph types.



In English, we've been focusing on narrative writing. The students thoroughly enjoyed reading *The Gruffalo* and identifying the key grammar and structural features used in the story. After breaking it down, they even wrote their own retells of the tale! A major focus has been perfecting our 5-star sentences, making sure they include a capital letter, full stop, finger spaces, and that they make sense. The students also had fun spicing up their writing by adding alliteration and onomatopoeia. One of our favourite examples was: "The Gruffalo roars and thumps around."

For our Key Learning Area (KLA), we're continuing our egg-citing integrated unit. This week, the focus has been on learning how to keep our eggs safe inside the incubator and making sure we are fully prepared for the ducklings' first week of life. We are all eagerly awaiting the arrival of our new friends and hope to introduce them in the next newsletter!

Lastly, we want to say a huge thank you to all the families for supporting our K/1 reading folders and logs at home. Your involvement makes such a difference, and we truly appreciate your efforts.



Middle Division News:

Our Middle Division class have currently been looking at data in maths. We have covered ways to collect data, such as surveys, observations and voting. Together we worked together to determine a game for our Murringo Markets stall. We had to consider what the school wanted as a community and how to get a variety of different people from the community involved. After voting on the top 5 games from a brilliant brainstorm, we got to work surveying and tallying the whole school. The winner was of course the Best Dressed Dog game, closely followed by a

jellybean guessing competition. We used our results to look at different ways this data can be presented, such as graphs and charts and

created a column graph with our responses. Again we got to work to bring our idea to life, creating an add and promotion for our idea. Thank you to all students, parents and community members who got involved in this learning process and supported our best dressed dog competition.



In reading groups this week we are completing some of our end of year assessment and it is pleasing to say all of our students have demonstrated reading growth this year, particularly with a focus on reading fluency; that is reading at an accurate speed with appropriate pausing and expression. In writing we, too, are developing narratives and are learning the formalities of narrative structure. Our students have developed some creative and interesting characters as the basis of their story and are now learning to plan and paragraph their ideas to produce their story.

Within our science, geography and PDHPE unit 'diversity and disasters' we are currently studying a country of our choice to open and extend our brains towards understanding global diversity. Students are working hard with their UD peers to create a research poster on the country of their choice. We have currently completed the research phase and will this week work on preparing for presentation with the projection to present to that class. This task proves a great project for students to develop many skills such as researching, working to a timeline and due date, shared learning roles and collaboration and presentation skills.

Upper Division News:

The last two weeks have been packed with exciting learning in Upper Division! In math, students dove deep into fractions, exploring connections between decimals and percentages to strengthen their understanding of these essential concepts. Adding a twist to our learning, we also introduced game theory, sparking a competitive "Paper, Scissors, Rock" showdown, where students put their strategic thinking to the test!

In writing, our focus has been on enhancing narrative skills and figurative language, with students enthusiastically sharing their creative stories and giving feedback to one another. Critical thinking was taken to a whole new level with an escape room challenge, where students collaborated to solve puzzles and unlock clues. It's been an incredible period of skill-building, creativity, and teamwork in Upper Division!



Hats, Sunscreen and Iceblocks:

A school bucket hat and sunscreen is required to be worn each day during term 4. General use sunscreen is available in classrooms. If your student has sensitive skin and requires their own brand sunscreen, this is your friendly reminder to ensure it is restocked and packed in their school bags for next term. In term 4, as the weather warms up, we will be re-offering ice-blocks on Thursday at recess for 50c each or pay \$5 per student in advance for the whole term.



Grandparent's Day:

A big thank you to all of the grandparents and 'grand friends' who came along this afternoon to celebrate Grandparents Day. The students had a wonderful time showing you off to their friends, making a yummy afternoon tea and sharing an art lesson with you all.



State Athletics:

We are thrilled to announce the incredible achievements of our talented athletes, Nat, Sam, Toby, and Ebony, who proudly represented Murringo Public School and Riverina in the highly competitive PP5 relay at State Athletics. Our fantastic relay team blitzed through their heat, showcasing their speed and teamwork to claim a well-deserved win.



In the finals, they gave it everything they had, running with passion, determination, and leaving it all on the track. Their outstanding efforts secured them 7th place in the state—a remarkable accomplishment! Congratulations to Nat, Sam, Toby, and Ebony on this outstanding achievement. We are incredibly proud of you and your dedication.



Arabin Cup T-Ball - Binalong:

Last week we competed in the Arabin Cup T-Ball competition, entering two enthusiastic teams composed of students from Kindergarten through to Year 6. The event was a wonderful showcase of teamwork and school spirit, with our senior students stepping up to support and guide their younger teammates, ensuring everyone felt confident and involved.

A huge thank you to our dedicated educators and supportive parents who made the day possible. Their encouragement and assistance allowed our students to play their best and enjoy a fantastic day of sportsmanship and camaraderie. Well done to all involved!



Touch Football Clinic:

We were thrilled to welcome Sharryn from Touch Football Australia, who traveled all the way from Sydney to share her expertise with our students. The clinic focused on refining fundamental movement skills and introducing the exciting game of touch football, which was met with great enthusiasm.

Students had a fantastic time developing their skills, with Sharryn guiding them through drills and techniques to improve agility, coordination, and teamwork. Even our orientation students joined in, getting an early taste of the game and joining the fun. Thank you to Sharryn for an inspiring and action-packed day!



Halloween Disco:

Happy Halloween everyone! What a spectacular evening enjoying the freaky and spooky maze, the dazzling disco and bloody curdling jelly cups. Thanks to Mrs Richens and Leo for the scary decorations, they were amazing and the staff, parents and volunteers who made it a wonderful night. Thanks everyone for coming and dressing up in the most frightening costumes.



Phillips Shield:

Students from Murringo, Wombat, and Monteagle gathered for an big day at the Phillips Shield carnival! Our students proudly participated in every event, from marching and ball games to track and field, showcasing their energy and school spirit throughout the day.

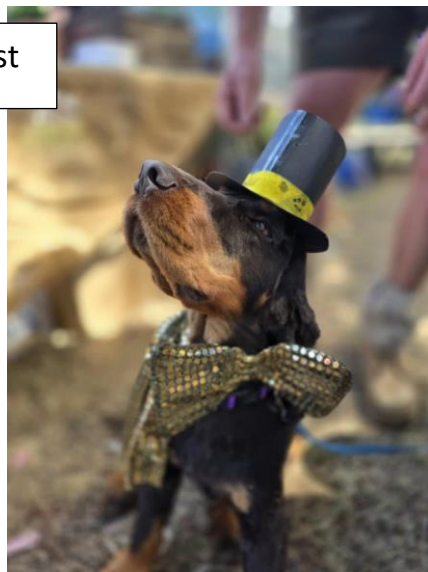
The sunny weather added to the fun, and our students had a fantastic time connecting with friends from other schools. A huge thank you goes to Gina and Kim from Monteagle PS, whose organisation made the day a tremendous success. Special thanks as well to our wonderful P&C, who kept everyone fuelled with a well-run canteen. It was a day to remember!



Murringo Markets:

Our students put their green thumbs and entrepreneurial skills to work at the recent Murringo Markets! After weeks of hard work harvesting our school vegetable and fruit crop, they proudly sold fresh produce and even created delicious homemade lemon butter, which was a big hit with market-goers. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who visited and supported our stall. Your encouragement means the world to our budding young marketers!

Adding to the excitement, our students also hosted a “Best Dressed Dog” competition, which brought out some very creative canine costumes! Judging has taken place by our entire school community through a tallied survey, and we are excited to announce our winner. We had an equal first place winner with 10 votes each: “Puppies In Tutus” and “Hank in a Top Hat”. Congratulations to the McDonald family, your dogs have won a Pets Domain gift voucher! In second place we had “Latte in Bows” with 7 votes and in third place we had “Jeff in a Leotard” on 6 votes.



Kitchen Garden:



Kitchen Garden has had a busy few weeks preparing yummy food for Grandparent's Day, including scones, lemon butter and lemon biscuits. We also spent some more time cooking and preparing more lemon butter to sell at our stall at the Murringo Markets. Thank you to all families who donated glass jars for the occasion. Our garden is flourishing with the



warmer weather and we have many fruits and vegetables growing. This week we planted some summer crops including zucchini, squash, watermelon, rockmelon and pumpkins.

Gardening tools needed



After a big spring clean in the gardening shed it has come to our attention that it is time to replace many of our tools and that we are in need of some more gardening equipment. It is asked that, if possible, each family donate a gardening tool of their choice for our tool shed. We

currently need secateurs, shovels and spades, rakes and pitch forks. Please be mindful when purchasing equipment that the tools are an appropriate size and weight for children to manage and handle. Good quality garden equipment is preferred, as opposed to children's plastic toys, due to longevity.

A reminder that leather shoes are required on Thursday for kitchen garden lessons and students are also invited to bring their own gardening gloves if they wish.



Orientation:

We were delighted to welcome our 2025 Kindergarten students for a full day of fun and connection as they began their journey into "big school"! The day was packed with exciting activities, including a Touch Football clinic, robotics, art, and learning about school routines. Our current students were wonderfully supportive, making the newcomers feel comfortable and right at home.

It was heartwarming to see so many smiling faces as friendships began to form and enthusiasm filled the air. We can't wait to welcome our new students back in two weeks for another day of adventure and learning!



A Good Tip from John

SPENDING QUALITY TIME

Spending 1-on-1 quality time with your child for at least 15 minutes a day can be enough to change problematic behaviours

1-ON-1 TIME CAN INVOLVE...

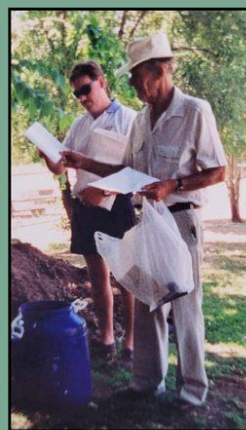
- Asking about their day and how they felt
- Regular physical contact – even a pat on the shoulder
- Reading a book
- Drawing with your child
- Following their play
- Pushing them on a swing
- Cooking their favourite meal

CAN YOU THINK OF ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES YOU COULD DO WITH YOUR CHILD?

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR SCHOOLS GOT IT! CLINICIAN

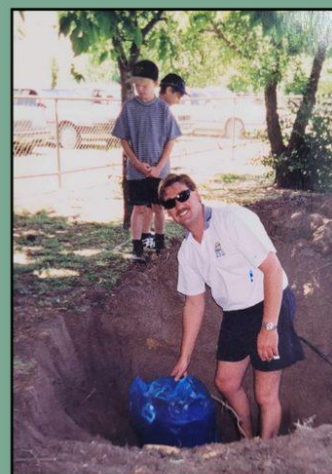


You are invited to the grand opening of our Time Capsule which was sunk on the 4th Dec 1999 to mark the closing of the 20th Century.



We will be opening the Time Capsule on Friday, 13th Dec 2024 at 9.30am along with morning tea.

RSVP to 63846351 or email us at murringo.matters@gmail.com



The Murringo Community secured some of the village's memorabilia in a time capsule to be opened in December 2024. Len Dowling officiated at the ceremony, which was organised by the P&C President, Lisa Hennock and School Principal, Mark Thomson at the time.

Families and residents from Murringo placed memorabilia and items of interest into the time capsule which was sealed and buried under the shade trees on the school grounds. Every pupil contributed an article about themselves, detailing their ambitions and their lives to date, complete with a photograph. Mr Dowling interred a copy of his family history and other residents placed photographs, shopping register slips and items of interest. The capsule will be reburied for another 25 years and reopened in December 2049. So, if you would like to add any items of interest, please either drop them into the school or better still, come along to the morning tea.

Rewards and Awards:

Congratulation to all our award recipients last week. Keep up the good work.



NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun



Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed

Term 4 Calendar

Week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
4	4 Nov	5 Nov	6 Nov Toby's B'day	7 Nov	8 Nov	9 Nov	10 Nov
5	11 Nov	12 Nov	13 Nov Orientation	14 Nov	15 Nov	16 Nov	17 Nov Skylar's B'day
6	18 Nov	19 Nov	20 Nov Year 6 Graduation Dinner	21 Nov	22 Nov Mufi Day Colourful pants or boardies for Boys to the Bush	23 Nov Lachlan's B'day Murringo Brigade Christmas Party at Hall	24 Nov Fred & Pazlee's B'days
7	25 Nov	26 Nov	27 Nov Orientation	28 Nov Cooper's B'day	29 Nov Miss Nicka's B'day	30 Nov Cherry Festival	1 Dec
8	2 Dec	3 Dec Presentatio n Evening	4 Dec	5 Dec	6 Dec	7 Dec	8 Dec
9	9 Dec Mrs Corkery's B'day	10 Dec	11 Dec	12 Dec	13 Dec Time Capsule Opening	14 Dec	15 Dec
10	16 Dec	17 Dec	18 Dec End of Year Assembly & Santa Day	19 Dec Staff Development Day	20 Dec Staff Development Day	21 Dec	22 Dec

Happy Birthday

We hope you have a very Happy Birthday and eat lots of cake and ice cream.

Toby Sharp – 6th November

Skylar Crane - 17th November



DECEMBER 14TH - ANDERSON PARK, YOUNG

HILLTOPS TOY RUN &



Raffle

BBQ

Starting at Courthouse Park, Boorowa
Breakfast available from 8am
Finishing at Anderson Park, Young
BBQ lunch available

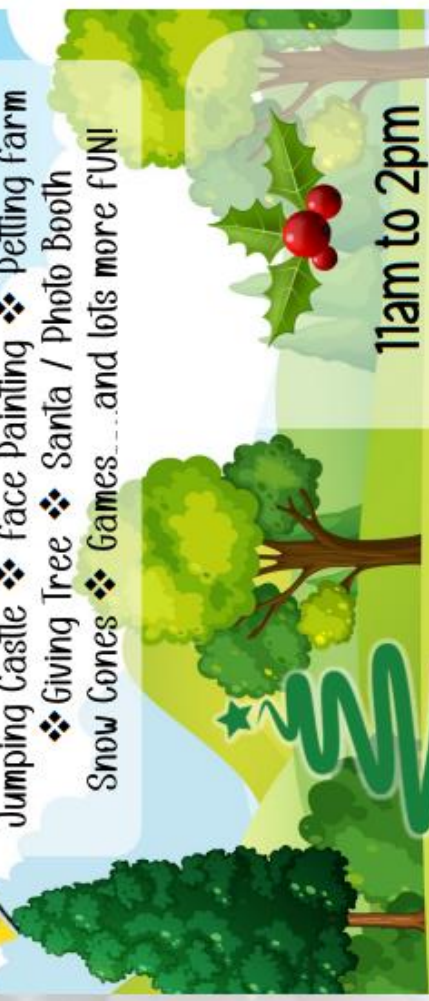
Get a pic with the bikes



FAMILY FUN DAY

FREE

- ❖ Jumping Castle
- ❖ Face Painting
- ❖ Petting Farm
- ❖ Giving Tree
- ❖ Santa / Photo Booth
- ❖ Snow Cones
- ❖ Games...and lots more FUN!



11am to 2pm

Anderson Park, Young
Call the Hub on **6382 6328**
For further info.

The SSSMC/Hub Giving Tree will be at Anderson Park throughout the day. Please give if you can (Children's Gifts 0-15 yrs)

