Term 4, Week 9: 6 December 2010

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Phil Fitzsimons

Welcome to this week’s newsletter.

As this is the final newsletter for the year it is important to reflect on the changes that have taken place at the school throughout 2010.

2010 has been the year of change in many ways at Murray Bridge High School. This year has seen the 3 school values Excellence, Respect & Working Together re-affirmed in the core business of running this school. This year also saw the increase in student-driven fundraising activities, awareness of global issues that impact on us all and most importantly the recognition of student voice. Students across all year levels have taken advantage of the opportunity in developing a greater sense of school pride.

Building improvements that took place in 2010 included the courtyard, the 4 Language Laboratories and the commencement of the $1.9 million Lower Murray Trade Training Centre, which is expected to be completed in April 2011. Next year will see further planning taking place for the re-development of the quadrangle into a welcoming green environment as well as the re-development of the landscaping across the front of the school. With aid of the Digital Education Revolution funding the school has a state of the art wireless network system and server installed ready to support a 1:1 student ratio of laptops and PCs across the school in 2011. Additionally, 90 Netbooks will be rolled out at the beginning of the new school year for each teaching staff member to manage the student attendance process.

There was much to celebrate this year at Murray Bridge High School and much to look forward to as we approach our centenary in 2013. My sincere thanks go out to the staff, students and parents who have contributed significantly to the school throughout the year.

Staffing

At the end of this week, we say farewell to Joe Mabrack, Katie Noble and Neil Gray, who have won positions at other schools or other institutions in 2011. Geoff Mattsson is taking long service leave for the whole of 2011. We thank each of these teachers for their dedicated efforts to Murray Bridge High School over a long period of time and wish them well in their endeavours for the future.

Presentation Night

As can be seen in this issue of the newsletter, Presentation Night was a huge success. The support provided by the wider school community was tremendous and my sincere thanks go to staff members Helen Peake and Nina Miles, who put in many long hours organising this event.

CALENDAR

TERM 4 2010

 Wed 8 Dec  Youth Opportunities Graduation
 Fri 10 Dec  Last day of Term 4 - 2pm dismissal

STUDENT FREE DAYS AND SCHOOL CLOSURE FOR 2011

STUDENT FREE DAYS
(Staff Professional Development)

TUESDAY, 15 MARCH 2011
MONDAY, 14 JUNE 2011
SCHOOL CLOSURE (Show Day)
FRIDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2011

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PRESENTATION NIGHT 2010

AWARD WINNERS

SPECIAL PRIZES

Dux of School  
(donated by Drs M & F Altmann)  
Ben Hindle  
Christine Xiao

Liebelt Award of Excellence  
(donated by Mr & Mrs R G Peake)  
Laura Johns  
McLaren Scholarship  
(donated by Mrs B & Mr G McLaren)  
Elliot Daniels  
McLaren Scholarship  
(donated by Mr H & Mr D McLaren)  
Madeleine Binney  
Schultz Family Scholarship  
(donated by Adam Schultz)  
Christine Xiao  
Long Tan Scholarships  
(donated by Australian Defence Force)  
Year 10 – Jasmin Milton  
Year 11 – Jasmine Bates  
Year 12 – Jarred Lloyd

Clair Harrop Memorial Award  
(donated by Gary Harrop)  
Daniel Watts  
Masonic Lodges Scholarship  
(donated by the Lodges of Sincerity, Murray Bridge & Mypolonga)  
Emma Johnston  
Rotary Education Scholarship  
(donated by the Rotary Club of Murray Bridge)  
Katie Sutton

Marj Byerlee Encouragement Award  
(donated by the Ministry in Schools Task group)  
Lee Thulborn  
Environmental Awards  
(donated by SA Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board)  
Olivia Davies  
Melinda Meharry  
Glad Bonsor Memorial Award  
(donated by the Soroptomists Club)  
Jessie Toogood

YEAR LEVEL DUX

Year 8 (donated Carpet Court)  
Elizabeth Mafara  
Hannah Smith  
Year 9 (donated Link SA)  
Michaela Zadow  
Joel Schumacher  
Year 10 (donated by Southern Cross Cleaning Pty Ltd)  
Karleena Sunderland  
Josh Margetts  
IBMYP Personal Project (donated by Southern Cross Cleaning Pty Ltd)  
Rhianna Sharman  
Year 11 (donated by Devon Clothing)  
Madeleine Binney  
Rebecca Atkins  
GOVERNING COUNCIL ACADEMIC AWARDS  
(donated by Murray Bridge High School Governing Council)  
Year 8  
Krystal Fauatea  
Megan Lannan  
Year 9  
Mikaela Boccaccio  
Max Lang  
Year 10  
Cassandra Dawson  
Steven Herbig  
Year 11  
Minmin Huang

PARENTS’ & FRIENDS’ ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS  
(donated by Murray Bridge High School Parents’ & Friends’)  
Middle School – Kelesha Daniel  
Senior School – Nathan Margetts

FULL IBMYP CERTIFICATES

Rebecca Atkins  
Jasmine Bates  
Madeleine Binney  
Melita Cottrell  
Haylee Daniel  
Elliott Daniels  
Thomas Hicks  
Minmin Huang  
Yasin Karatas  
Rochelle Klenke  
Molly Kneebone  
Jingjie Li  
Erin Lindsay  
Nathan Margetts  
Nikky-May Mounce  
Brooke Newell  
Nicole Rumble  
Katie Sutton  
Jessie Toogood

IBMYP RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES

Brett Altschwager  
Bonnie Andrae  
Dylan Appleton  
Hayden Black  
Kiahn Bockman  
Kayla Borchardt  
Harley Boyle-Richards  
Lachlan Butler  
Tessa Carver  
Reece Cockshell  
Karla Elliott  
Felicity Taylor  
Ben Gogel  
Brayden Gomers  
Damien Harper  
Teri Hillam  
Matt Hocking  
Meagan Huddy  
Chenoa Hughes  
Jarrod Jackson  
Blake Johnson  
Channon Kant  
Shardonna Karpany  
Emily Keller

SERVICE AWARDS

Mayor’s Service Award  
(donated by Rural City of Murray Bridge)  
Jacob Cheeseman  
School Captain’s Award  
(donated by Rotary Club of Tailem Bend)  
Jarred Lloyd  
Laura Johns

School Vice Captain’s Award  
(donated by McAllister Painters, Haig & Menzel & Murray Heating and Cooling)  
Christine Xiao  
Annalisa Mertin  
Renay Persello

Rotary Award (Leadership)  
(donated by Rotary Club of Murray Bridge)  
Caitlin Hobbs  
Rotary Award – (Service)  
(donated by Rotary Club of Murray Bridge)  
Trent Buddle  
Rotary Award (Service)  
(donated by Rotary Club of Murray Bridge)  
Melita Cottrell  
Achievement Award  
(donated by Murray Bridge Auto Parts)  
Melinda Meharry  
Achievement Award  
(donated Koh Architects)
Encouragement Award (donated by Daish Irrigation)
Eboni Nayda

SPORTS AWARDS
Sportswoman of the Year (donated by Mr R Nance & Asset Partners Aust.)
Nikki Dougall
Ashleigh Horsnell

Sportsman of the Year (donated by Mr D Lewellyn)
Ben Gogel

Lower Murray Harriers Award
Kim Buchanan
Thon Thuch

Frank Clarke Memorial Award (donated by Mr Rod Davis)
Ally Wilson

SUBJECT PRIZES
Ngarrindjeri Award – Year 8
(donated by Romaldi Constructions)
David Talbot

Ngarrindjeri Award – Year 9
(donated by Pascale Constructions)
Andrew O’Hara

German Continuers
(donated by Rotary Club of Mobilong)
Laura Johns

English Communications
(donated by Ms Wendy Wells)
Ben Hindle

English as a Second Language
(donated by Koh Architects)
Hongqing Gao

Middle School ESL (donated by T & R)
Feng Huang

ESL – Encouragement Award
(donated by T & R)
Zhaozhang Xie

Chinese Background Speakers Award
(donated by T & R)
Christine Xiao

Year 10 English (donated by Peter Semmler QC)
Kim Buchanan

Middle School Disability Education Award
(donated by Murray Bridge High School Unit)
Casey Collins

Senior School Disability Education Award
(donated by Murray Bridge High School Unit)
Chelsea Hensen

Specialist Mathematics
(donated by Adrian Pederick MP)
Hongqing Gao

Mathematical Studies
(donated by Dr & Mrs R Thompson)
Hongqing Gao

Mathematical Applications
(donated by Murdoch InsureInvest Pty Ltd)
Chris Canete

Clair Harrop Memorial (Year 10 Maths)
(donated by Mr G Harrop)
Lincoln Willis

Physics
(donated by Graham Quast Home Loans)
Tom Lang

Chemistry
(donated by Des & Mim Warner)
Christine Xiao

Biology
(donated by Brian Smyth Car & Camping)
Olivia Davies

Agricultural & Horticultural Science
(donated by Mr & Mrs H Stephen)
Kaine Jakaitis

Cattle Handling
(donated by Murray Bridge Veterinary Clinic)
Annalisa Merit

Information Technology
(donated by Murray Computer & Office Shop)
Ben Atkins

Information Processing & Publishing
(donated by The Murray Valley Standard)
Ben Hindle

JH Homburg Memorial History
(donated by Mr P Homburg)
Laura Johns

Business Studies
(donated by Murray Bridge Business & Tourism Inc)
Emma Johnston

Legal Studies
(donated by Mason, Westover, Homburg)
Sam Margetts

Justice in Society
(donated by Andersons Solicitors)
Tom Lang

Year 12 Dance
(donated by Murray Bridge Players’ & Singers’)
Emma Fulgrabe

Year 12 Music
(donated by Murray Bridge Players’ & Singers’)
Ivan Detoya

Drama Studies
(donated by Murray Bridge Players’ & Singers’)
Stephanie Lee

Visual Art Studies
(donated by Premier Art Supplies)
Aluel Kuoriot

Craft Practical
(donated by McCue’s Bakery)
Emma Horsley

Art Practical
(donated by Artworks Framing & Gallery)
Elsie-Jayne Beinke

Design Practical
(donated by Artworks Framing & Gallery)
Marissa Dean

The Tessa Whitworth Memorial Prize for Year 11 Fine Arts
(donated by Mr & Mrs J Twigden)
Ozay Sen

Physical Education
(donated by Hughes and Loveday)
Ben Hindle

Food and Hospitality
(donated by Rainey Insurance Agencies Pty Ltd)
Chris Canete

Child Studies
(donated by Mrs R Bransen)
Emily Edwards

TAFE SA Building Futures
Haylee Daniel

Regional VET Award
(donated by DECS Industry Skills Manager)
Jahcinda Sutton

Australian National Chemistry Analysis Competition

Best South Australian Team

Olivia Davies

Emma Johnston

Kaine Jakaitis

Australian National Chemistry Analysis Competition

Excellent Team Award

Jarred Lloyd

Sam Haggar

Tom Lang

Stay Crasp Awards
(donated by Stay Crisp)
Corey Milton – Kitchen Garden Award
Casey Collins – Kitchen Garden Award
Lucas Charleston – Breakfast Programme Award
Luke Egan – Breakfast Programme Award

International/Exchange Students 2010
Mana Kohata (Japan)
Nils Spittka (Germany)
Pauline Gossart (Belgium)
TO THE COMMUNITY OF MURRAY BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

On behalf of the Australian Government, I would like to congratulate Murray Bridge High School on the opening of the refurbished Language Centre under the Building the Education Revolution (BER) program.

I regret I cannot be with you today. I look forward to seeing first hand the great benefits that this much needed revitalisation will bring.

It has been a busy time for your school and the education sector in Australia as we see the BER, a critical component of the Government’s Nation Building - Economic Stimulus Plan, deliver new infrastructure and resources to meet the needs of 21st Century learning, while supporting Australian jobs.

Whether a project involves the refurbishment of a classroom, the construction of a covered outdoor learning area or a new library or science centre, each is a valuable addition to a school’s learning environment and to the quality of the education Australia provides.

I would like to acknowledge the work and effort that your school has invested. I believe this effort and the wider Education Revolution initiatives that we are all working on together will benefit the school and broader communities for many years to come.

I extend my gratitude to the staff at Murray Bridge High School for constantly meeting the demands that are placed upon you in nurturing your students.

The Australian Government is committed to working with schools to ensure that students have the opportunity to achieve to the very best of their abilities.

**Australian Government**

The Australian Government has provided

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– Language Centre refurbishments

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RAISING AWARENESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AROUND US - Presentation project a success by Middle School ESL class. By Joyce Chen

Students of Year 8, 9, 10 ESL class took a picture together with their prizes to celebrate the excellent completion of their recent project, a presentation about some environmental problems that we are facing everyday. Apart from focusing on their literacy skills, another major purpose of this task is to use the IT facilities provided by the language lab to develop students' research skills as well as the ability to interact effectively and productively with others.

After thorough planning and discussion with their teacher, students were given every opportunity to collect information from the Internet, library and the community. They were encouraged to select different topics, which are closely connected to their daily lives. Therefore, we had a great range of focuses, including global warming, plastic pollution, acid rain, drought, overfishing, desertification, noise pollution, etc. Students used various approaches in their presentation to raise the concern about the environment. By employing the interactive whiteboard, students presented many interesting images, graphs along with sound effects and videos. The heat of discussion and enormous interests among students reached an unexpected high. These were all mainly created by the students themselves. It was very exciting to see the initiative from each student. Students who used to be quiet and shy became active participants, communicating effectively with the target language.

Besides oral presentation, written work was requested from the students with guidelines. Therefore, great opinions and ideas were found from their written summary of the research. Students not only were able to present the facts but also provide some deep and practical thinking of how they can solve the problems or improve the environment.

Year 9 student, Kech Thuch, said if she was the Minister of Fisheries, she would introduce stricter and more specific legislation to regulate the fishing industry in order to keep the ecosystem in balance. Year 10 student, Nidhi Bawa, was a strong advocate who pleaded to ban the plastic bags, suggesting everyone should use recycled bags and be a responsible person for the environment as well as for the next generations.

The feedback from students was positive and encouraging. Most of them felt their confidence in terms of giving a public speech as well as the independent learning and analysing skills have been strengthened through this task. Well done, everyone!

DEUTSCH IN DER 8 KLASSE By Maren Yakas

This semester, the Year 8’s had a lot of fun learning about and listening to German bands. Good voices were also appreciated in the classroom, hopefully by the neighbouring classes, too. Ever heard of “eisgekühlter Bommerlunder”, a party song about ice-cooled bommerlunder by “Die Toten Hosen” (the Dead Pants) or “Helden2008”, the official soccer European Championship song 2008 by “Revolverhelden”? Well, just ask some of the Year 8’s, or google, or have a listen on u-tube.

We now finish the semester with some Christmas activities. Weihnachts-nuss-Makronen (Christmas Nut macaroons). That was lots of Spass.
GERMAN STUDENTS BAKING NUSSMAKRONEN:
NUT MACAROONS  
By Amra Causevic

In Week 8 as part of the funding support for the German language, German teachers decided to incorporate cooking into our lessons. The aim was to engage all students and to have fun and interesting lessons. We also wanted to use our school values which are: Respect, Excellence and Working Together. Students were excited and happy about baking, and showed a great interest. Great teamwork was evident. As cooking/baking is a life skill, students had the opportunity to read and translate recipes, to bake together and to support one another. It was a great day and everyone had lots of fun. After baking students were asked to write a reflection in English, how they found baking, what went well, any suggestions or improvements. Here are some reflections from my 8x class.

Reflections:
The cookies were successful. We worked well as a team. Cookies looked great and tasted great. We had fun and also made scrambled eggs. Everything worked well. Improvements are: to have more decorations, to make smaller cookies and to put non stick spray on the trays. By Katelin Kneebone, Zalia Moore and Carley Piggott.

We got the eggs right. We made the cookies look pretty. We worked well as a group. Suggestions: More variety of decorations, we want to make more cookies. By Cherie Hickson, Isabella Davies, Paul Broadbent, Darcy Tregilgas,

I would like to thank the panel and all teachers who supported us, especially Home Economics teachers for letting us use the kitchen.
BEACH VOLLEYBALL

By Katie Noble

On Wednesday 24 November, 35 students from Years 8, 9 and 10 travelled down to Glenelg Beach for a 4-a-side Beach Volleyball competition. We filled nine teams, who all played in the Year 10 competition. Each team played four games and had to ‘duty’ at least one other game.

The weather began well, with the need for a shelter to block the sun. The students all played to the best of their ability with many succeeding with a few wins. There were also a few losses, however, most were close games and all students showed discipline and respect in each game. The weather decided to change completely halfway through the day, so instead of the shelter being used for sun protection it was now being used for rain protection. Even with the weather change the students attitude and overall behaviour remained in high spirits throughout the day. Unfortunately, not one of the nine teams made it to the finals, but thankfully this meant we could get back to school at a decent time, and get out of the rain!

Thank you to all students attending, and all teachers involved – Jeff Lines, Hayley Nielsen, Stuart Kenny and Alyce Robertson.

ZOO CREW

On each Tuesday morning over the past semester a group of approximately 14 boys travelled out to Monarto Zoo to take part in the ‘Zoo Crew program’. Each week they participated in different jobs that Ian ‘Wally’ Walton assigned to them.

They completed a great deal of work such as painting poles that will be used for Hammocks at the Indaba Bush Camp, making specific pathways and borders in the main car park, cleaning up the ‘old’ homestead on the new part of the property, making rock walls, fixing pot holes in the roads, fixing broken fences and much more.

The participants all gained a great deal of social skills such as respect, leadership, team work, and many practical and physical skills, such as how to use a circular saw and move a full wheelbarrow with a broken wheel without it falling over!

On the final day, celebrations were had, including certificates handed to boys for their completion of the program.

Thank you needs to be given to Monarto Zoo and Steve Ide, but most especially Greg Fulwood and Ian Walton for the running of the program.
STAFF NETBALL GAME RAISES FUNDS FOR MOVEMBER
By Jason Dikkenberg

As another school year reaches its end, many people would expect a calming vibe to sweep across Murray Bridge High School as the students prepare themselves for Christmas and the New Year. On the contrary, Mo-vember brings a month of unruliness, typified by fierce staff rivalries, vicious rumours and moustache envy, all due to the anticipation surrounding the annual Staff Charity Netball Match.

Each team prepared very differently. Seeking retribution for the previous bout and well aware of the 1-1 tally, the female team were deadly serious and reluctant to speak about the match. In stark contrast, the males were outwardly confident about their chances, holding team meetings to discuss their own outstanding abilities and to compare whiskers, or lack thereof.

However, when the bell sounded at 1:05 on Wednesday December 1, all talk and speculation came to an end. The players took to the court for their team photos and completed their warm ups. Wearing stripes, the females huddled together for a team talk. The males ran through their handball drill then grouped together and dropped to one knee for captain McEvoy’s address “Let’s smash them,” he said, all in the name of charity.

After the toss, umpire Deb Lang (who has done a fantastic job in these past years) handed the ball to female Centre Alyce Robertson, blew her whistle and the battle commenced. The work rate of both teams was intense and scores remained even early on, but it was the males who took the early lead thanks to some lighting passes from Jeff Lines and Stuart Kenny and shooting prowess of McEvoy and Noel Hartman. At the end of the first quarter they enjoyed a handy lead of 5 goals.

The females regrouped at quarter time and came out with a purpose. When play recommenced, they slowly started to claw back the lead. At one end the males struggled to score due to the solid defensive efforts of Miranda Mulder and Katie Noble, and at the other, Caroline Davey and Hayley Nielsen kept the scoreboard ticking over with their deadly accuracy and netball smarts despite defensive efforts of Jason Dikkenberg. Fresh from the sidelines, Tim Zammit provided his own version of inspiration for the males, and it was just enough to quell the onslaught until the next break.

Scores remained constant throughout the second half, with the females edging ahead slightly. Rejuvenated, Jo Jennings and Tyson Wait battled hard to contain the respective Wing Attacks. As the attrition began to take hold of both sides, turnovers became critical. Stuart Kenny threw himself around, as did Kara Stevens and Helen Partridge, providing opportunities to score. In the dying minutes it was newcomer Andrew Walkley who made a critical intercept that was then converted to put the male team two goals ahead. It was just enough. Final Score: 36 - 38.

All tickets for the game were sold by Murray Bridge High School students and proceeds from the game were donated towards the Mo-vember cause. Everyone lucky enough to witness or be involved in the match reported an enjoyable experience. We look forward to next year!

ORANG-UTAN DAY
By Lee Thulborn Year 11

As part of my Year 12 SACE Research Project, I organised for Murray Bridge High School to hold an Orang-utan Day.

On 17 November, students and teachers were invited to wear orange and to donate a gold coin. The day was a great success with many staff and students enjoying the nice weather and wearing orange.

I would like to thank all students and staff who wore orange and donated on the day. A special thanks to Mr Fitzsimons as, without his support, the day would not have been able to go ahead. I would also like to thank Mrs Peake for supporting me throughout the semester and supplying the orange ribbons for sale.

Our school community raised over $360. This money will be sent to Borneo Orang-utan Survival, a non-profit organisation which raises money for research, education, land care and orang-utan rescue and rehabilitation in Borneo. The money raised is enough to support 3 orphaned orang-utans for a year.

Thank you to all who donated.
SAASTA ATHLETICS AND SURF LIFESAVING
By the SAASTA Team

On 14 November the Murraylands All Stars SAASTA team packed their bags early in the morning and headed off to West Beach. They participated in two carnivals – athletics and Surf Life Saving as well as a Surf Life Saving Assessment which credited them with a Surf Rescue Certificate. The team had many successes over the three days including coming runner up in the Surf Life Saving Carnival (losing by only 2 points to Christies Beach High School), winning the Athletics Carnival and winning the semester two Integrated Studies Health and Fitness perpetual trophy.

Highlights included:
- Students having the opportunity to train for and be selected for an International Surf Lifesaving Carnival held in Darwin.
- Murraylands All Stars represented the four finalists in the Beach Flags event.
- Dwayne Wilson beating his personal best in high jump winning both the senior and junior boys event.
- Clarry Garlett winning the 400 and 800 metres.
- Harley Boyle Richards, Jarred Jackson, Clinton A’Hang and Clarry Garlett winning the 4 x 100m relay.
- Harley Boyle Richards and Jarred Jackson winning the staff vs students relay on their own (Clinton A’Hang was too fast for Joffre Pearce in this relay beating him on the bend).
- Clinton A’Hang showing great sportsmanship and enthusiasm by running for Coober Pedy Area School in the beach sprint event.
- Jarred Jackson winning the ‘Most Positive Attitude’ award for Murray Bridge High School.
- Neil Johnson winning the ‘Most Improved Student’ award for Murray Bridge High School and
- Dwayne Wilson winning the ‘Sports Person of the Year’ for Murray Bridge High School.

In conclusion it was a very successful three days and the Murray Bridge High School SAASTA team finished on a high note for the year.
MUSIC IN FULL FLIGHT

By Sean Hickey

We have finally come to the end of the line for music performances for 2010. This year has been full of milestones and the students have really come through with the “goods”. Week 8 of this term has been another busy period for all of our music students with various performances around Murray Bridge.

Murray Bridge High School Presentation Night

The School Concert Band performed for presentation night along with a solo performance by Year 12 student, Ivan Detoya. As always the night aims to showcase the achievements of all the students at Murray Bridge High School. The Concert Band performed eight pieces for the audience from a range of eras and genres.

Murray Mallee Aged Care Facility Opening

On Wednesday 1 December three of our senior students performed for the opening of the new Murray Mallee Aged Care Facility for an audience of one hundred. Among them was Senator Dana Wortley, on behalf of Honorable Mark Butler, Minister for Aging and Mental Health, the Mayor of Murray Bridge, Alan Arbon and many other community members. Students Ivan Detoya, Madeleine Binney and Joel Callis performed for the opening and represented the school in fine fashion.

Mypolonga Primary School Presentation Night

Following the performance at the opening of the Murray Mallee Aged Care Facility, later that evening the School Concert Band performed in the Murray Bridge Town Hall to a packed audience. After our usual set of songs the band accompanied the Mypolonga School Choir singing their School song, Heart of the Tiger, which was an adaption of Eye of the Tiger. We then accompanied six of Peter Longden’s (IMS) flute and clarinet students, playing two pieces from the Adam Page Concert last term.

Year 7 Transition Performances

On Tuesday 30 November and 2 December music students from Years 8 to 12 delivered a program of music for the Year 7 transition students. They performed in the Music Suite and show cased the best of what each class learnt throughout the year.

Finally, I would like to say a farewell to our Year 12 students who have contributed so much to the music program over the years. Ivan Detoya, David Graham and Renay Persello worked especially hard in formation of our School Concert Band, which has been the flagship of the music program. So thank you for your efforts and we wish you the very best.

Thank you to all students and staff that have supported our music students through all of our workshops and concerts this year.
MURRAY BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL GOLFERS COME 4TH IN NATIONAL FINALS

By Geoff Searle

Congratulations to the team of Tyson Pratt, Hayden Marcus and Michael Young who have recently returned from Sydney, having represented Murray Bridge High School to finish 4th in the National Schools Golf Team Championship, missing 3rd place by just 1 point. To qualify the boys won the State section played at Murray Bridge in October.

In Sydney, teams played at the prestigious Australian Golf Club, having a practice round on Sunday (shortened due to rain) and championship rounds on Monday and Tuesday.

In the afternoon scores were good across the whole field considering the difficulty of the course, and the fact that students had only previously experienced the first 9 holes.

Steady rain fell all day on Tuesday, with the boys performing creditably considering the terrible conditions.

Before Monday’s round we had the opportunity to visit The Lakes Golf Club, venue for this year’s Australian Open. We were shown various areas of the course and were able to see a number of players on the practice ground.

The Murray Bridge High School team can be well pleased with their 4th position out of 6 teams, with the best 2 of 3 stableford scores on each day contributing to the final score. The team is looking forward to next year’s competition.

A big thank you to Murray Bridge High School and Murray Bridge Golf Club for their sponsorship and to Club Professional, Michael Cox for his support during this great experience.

Representing Murray Bridge High School at Sydney are Hayden, Tyson and Michael

CONGOLESE STUDENTS ENJOY A DAY OF ART

By Hayley Nielsen

The Congolese students last week experienced a fantastic Art Day, run by former teacher Pam Nielsen. The day consisted of the students working with some Murray Bridge High School students to learn some new and modern art techniques. Each student was given a canvas and a piece of print paper to design an abstract painting of their own. They used cardboard, rollers, and gold textured paper to create some excellent and attractive pieces of work. Student Pascal Munyaneza showed a lot of artistic talent, producing an eye-catching canvas. All of the Congolese students thoroughly enjoyed the day, seeing it as an opportunity to integrate with other students, as well as fun and a different experience.

COLES SPORT FOR SCHOOLS

By Katie Noble

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all the students, parents, teachers and anyone else that collected and donated their ‘Coles Sports For Schools’ Vouchers to our School!

In total we collected approximately 15,600 vouchers in the two months the program was running. We also gained a further 100 vouchers as our school registered early for the program.

At this point in time we are currently waiting for Coles to get back to us with our official total of vouchers collected. Once we get that number we can then go shopping! We will be able to select the Sports equipment we would like from the catalogue supplied and then not long after be able to start using it!

Once again a BIG THANK YOU to all involved!!!