

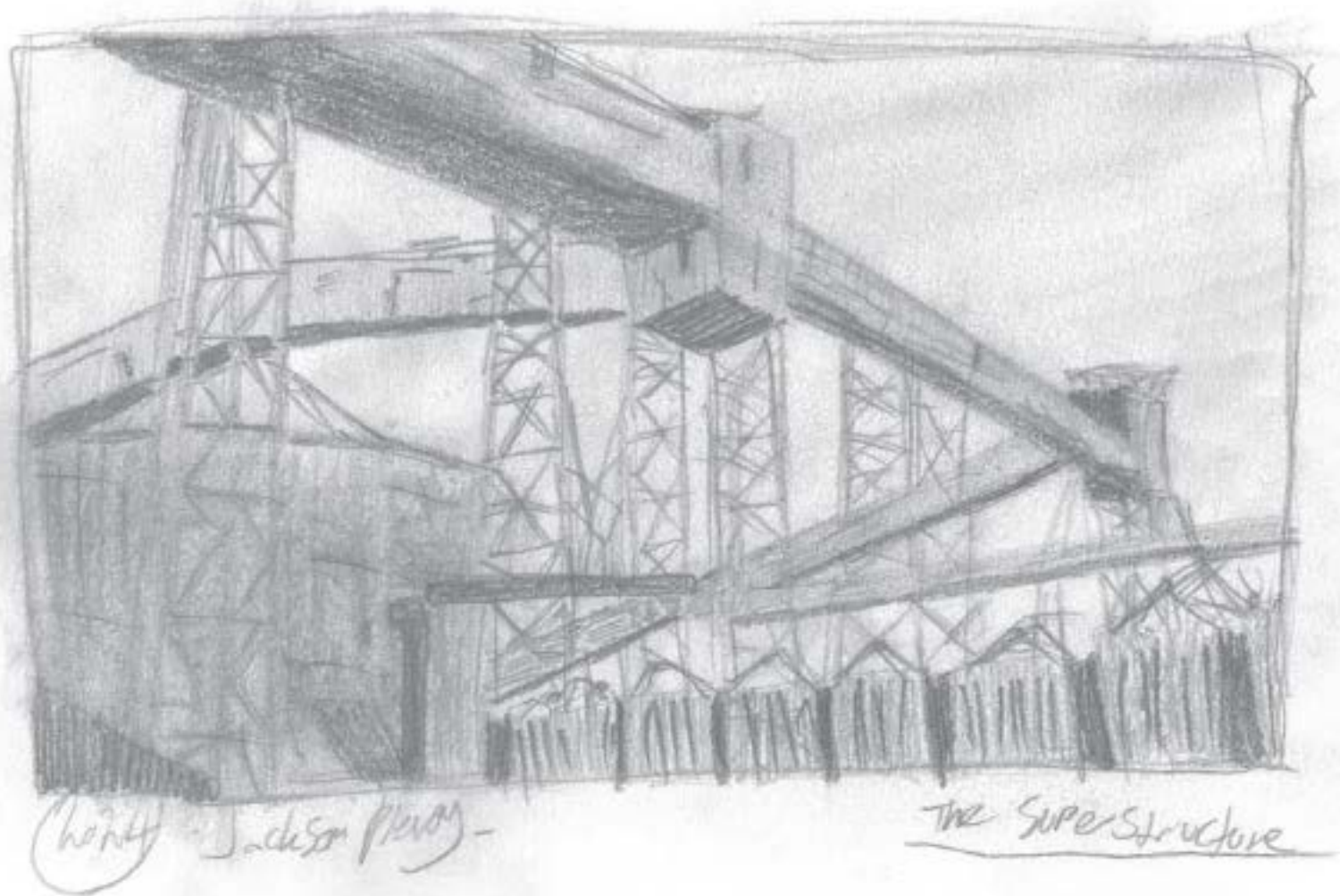


MURTOA COLLEGE

2024
Celebrating Achievements



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We acknowledge the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jardwadjali, Wergaia and Jupagulk People as the traditional custodians of the Wimmera lands upon which Murtoa College is situated.

We pay our respect to their elders - past, present, and emerging - and acknowledge their deep care of the lands we live on, their ongoing living culture, and the excellent teaching and learning practices they have engaged in for tens of thousands of years, including our present day.

Principal's Report



PRINCIPAL
Dr Bec Carter

Dear Students, Families, and Staff,

It is with great pride that I welcome you to our 2024 school magazine. This year has been one of remarkable growth, renewal, and transformation - not only in the hearts and minds of our students but also in the very spaces where we learn and grow together.

As many of you have noticed, our school has undergone significant renovations throughout 2024, breathing new life into our College environment. These improvements reflect our commitment to providing a safe, inspiring, and dynamic setting for our students and staff. From newly constructed classrooms in the Stadium to dedicated spaces for our MC-STEP (Murtoa College – Student Trade Engagement Program), a new AG-HORT precinct/classroom, substantial structural upgrades to the Stadium, enhancements to pathways surrounding buildings, the major renovation of the front administration building, and the upcoming improvements to recreational play areas for our Primary students, these physical changes are all designed to better support the educational experience we offer at Murtoa College from Foundation to Year 12.

A key aspect of our ongoing commitment to growth is the construction of the Murtoa College Early Learning and Childcare Centre (ELCC) on our College grounds, which is nearing completion as we approach the final weeks of Term 4. As part of the Victorian Government's \$14 billion investment in expanding kindergarten programs, the Murtoa College ELCC will benefit not only our current students and families but also future generations, offering high-quality long day care, integrated Three and Four-Year-Old Kindergarten programs, and, in the future, Pre-Prep programs. Run by Early Learning Victoria, the Murtoa College ELCC will ensure that our youngest learners receive the highest standard of early childhood education, providing them with a strong foundation for lifelong learning.

Our 2024 investment in physical spaces aligns with our belief in nurturing every aspect of student development—academically, socially, and emotionally. This year, we placed students in specialized learning precincts and implemented new additions to our secondary timetable, each aimed at enhancing students' sense of belonging and supporting the practical application of our new College Values: Community, Inclusion, Respect, and Integrity. To further support these initiatives, we established dedicated time each morning for students to gather in Student Connect homerooms, as well as weekly sessions to engage in College-wide wellbeing, inclusion, and engagement programs, such as Respectful Relationships and School Wide Positive Behaviour in Schools. These efforts reflect our determination to foster an environment where curiosity is sparked, ideas are nurtured, and students feel empowered and safe to take ownership of their learning in a socially and emotionally responsible manner.

However, as with all great transformations, our intentional efforts to improve the College's physical spaces have not come without challenges. There have certainly been moments of disruption and adjustment for students, classroom teachers, education support staff, and our hardworking administration and facilities teams. Yet, throughout it all, I have been deeply impressed by the patience, understanding, and resilience of everyone. It is a true testament to the strength of our school spirit that, even amidst ongoing construction and multiple disruptions, we have continued to prioritize the well-being and success of our students.

As we continue to develop our College—not just physically, but also intellectually—I encourage everyone in our community to take full advantage of the opportunities that our new renovations present. Indeed, I am hopeful that our ongoing focus on enhancing learning spaces will inspire, challenge, and help our students realize their fullest potential.

A special thank you goes to our parents, the local community, and our staff for their unwavering support throughout the year. Your partnership is essential to the success of our continued efforts to offer a quality education in all aspects, and we deeply appreciate that there is still much work to be done as we continue to move forward in our school improvement journey. I also want to extend my thanks to the students and staff who contributed to the creation of this year's magazine, especially those involved in producing the 2024 edition as part of their Certificate II in Creative Industries coursework. You've all done a stellar job!

As I now invite our community to read about the achievements of students who have thrived in our evolving environment, I cannot help but look forward to the many ways our school will continue to grow and thrive in the years to come. The conclusion of the 2024 school year marks the end of one chapter in the history of Murtoa College—a chapter that sets the stage for an exciting future of continued growth, development, and success. With sincere gratitude and anticipation for the future,

Dr. Bec Carter
Principal
Murtoa College

Student Voice



DIRECTOR OF STUDENT VOICE,
EMPOWERMENT AND PARTICIPATION
Tara Crowe

Student Voice: Empowering Murtoa College

At Murtoa College, student voices weren't just heard—they actively shaped the school community in meaningful ways. Over the past year, Murtoa strengthened its commitment to fostering leadership, inclusivity, and active student involvement, bringing about initiatives that directly reflected what students cared about most. From leadership roles to collaborative projects, Murtoa's students made a difference.

Building a Culture of Leadership

The journey of student leadership began early in the year, with a rigorous application process that set the tone for an impactful year. Selected student leaders worked hard to represent their peers and bring forward ideas reflecting the school's core values of community, respect, inclusion, and integrity. Secondary Student Voice Captain Mikaela Wright and other student leaders

showed impressive dedication in shaping the school environment with initiatives that resonated with their classmates.

Engagement in School Culture and Values

This year, Murtoa launched School Wide Positive Behaviour Support. Part of this program is recognizing behaviours aligned with the schools core values. As part of this initiative, students participated in a school-wide survey to help decide how these values should be celebrated. Peer Support sessions and additional feedback opportunities allowed students to share ideas on which behaviours best embodied the values and how they should be rewarded.

The school also organized RecLink to run lunchtime activities, including weekly "Monday Funday" sessions and an ongoing basketball competition on Thursday lunchtime. These events provided students with diverse ways to connect, develop skills, and enjoy their school experience.

Casual Clothes Days with a Purpose

Casual Clothes Days became more than just a day to relax in jeans or pyjamas, show off team colours, or wear favourite costumes. They became a way for the school community to give back. Throughout the year, students donated gold coins on these days to support the SES, showing gratitude for volunteers who respond to local emergencies. In June, students contributed to the Big Freeze fundraiser, supporting motor neurone disease research. Recently, donations were collected to support The Smith Family, helping young people living with disadvantage. Each Casual Clothes Day not only raised funds but also strengthened the community's sense of purpose and unity.

Student-Driven School Improvements

Through Student Voice surveys, students proposed various school improvements and activities. Based on their input, we worked on enhancing its outdoor facilities, exploring options for new basketball nets, and even considering a beach volleyball court. With the support of Active Schools, Mikaela Wright, our Student Voice Captain, and a group of students prepared a proposal to present to school leadership. This led to a grant application, with hopes of making these ideas a reality.

Student Voice

A Voice for Everyone

With monthly Student Voice meetings, every student had a platform to share ideas and feedback. Suggestions not only led to changes, such as the introduction of lunchtime sports tournaments, but also provided a student voice on whole-school decisions like camps, assemblies, and activities that allowed both primary and secondary year levels to spend time together. Students numbers attending these meetings has slowly increased and so to has the and the flow of ideas.

Looking Forward

Murtoa College remains committed to maintaining this momentum of student empowerment. From new lunchtime activities to expanded community service initiatives, Murtoa students are leading the way in making their school a more inclusive, engaged, and dynamic place to learn. The message is clear – student voice matters.

I am very excited to be the 2024 Student Voice, Empowerment and Participation leader. I love my sports such as basketball, water skiing and I am a proud member of the Minyip-Murtoa Burras where I play netball. In the future I hope to go to the Airforce and potentially become a police officer, and know this opportunity to be a leader will help me with my future. In this role I hope to accurately demonstrate the needs and concerns of the student body and aim to create lunchtime sports programs such as basketball or volleyball. I've been at this school for my whole life and I am looking forward to being a part of the community even further. I encourage anyone with ideas and concerns to come and speak to me and I will do what I can to assist.



SENIOR STUDENT VOICE LEADER
Mikaela Wright



JUNIOR STUDENT VOICE LEADER
Emily Lesser

I am very interested in acting and performing, particularly in musical theatre. I also like art and music. I will be a good representative of the Student Voice at Murtoa College for the primary school as I am confident, approachable, friendly, responsible and creative. Some of the ideas that I have already collected from the primary students are improving the school uniform, so that it is warmer like getting puffer jackets, and including more creative subjects such as drama, craft and sewing. At the start of term 2 I would like to ask all classes to create a wish list which I can take to the school leadership team and work out the top 3 things to work on.

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HOUSE CAPTAINS



Lochie McConnell (House Captain), Jed Warrick (House Vice Captain),
Amelie Faulkner (House Captain), Mia Norman (House Vice Captain),
Ruby Wilson (Junior House Captain), Hugh Weidemann (Junior House Captain),
Pippa Wilson (Primary House Captain), Jagger Williams (Primary House Captain)



SWIMMING SPORTS

1,672 Points



CROSS COUNTRY

390 Points



ATHLETICS SPORTS

3,748 Points

Waterson

HOUSE CAPTAINS



Charlie Gawith (House Captain), Jimmy Finnigan (House Vice Captain),
Matt Gardy (Junior House Captain), Lily Snowden (House Captain),
Paige Hemley (House Vice Captain), Shanyka Penny-Roberts (Junior House Captain),
Noah Crawford-Foster (Primary House Captain), Mia Pendlebury (Primary House Captain),



CROSS COUNTRY
449 Points



SWIMMING SPORTS
1,450 Points



ATHLETICS SPORTS
3,448 Points

Degenhardt

HOUSE CAPTAINS



Cameron Whyte (House Captain), Jake Maher (House Vice Captain),
Navraj Dhillon (Junior House Captain), Lily Adler (House Captain),
Katya Williams (House Vice Captain), Zoe Tegelhuter (Junior House Captain),
Ethan Maher (Primary House Captain), Emily Lesser (Primary House Captain)



SWIMMING SPORTS
1,450 Points



ATHLETICS SPORTS
2,115 Points



CROSS COUNTRY
291 Points

Foundation & Year 1



Archer Childs



Daisy Coote



Hunter Crittenden



Harry Delahunty



Levi Fleming



Pippa Friedlieb



Harrison Gascoyne



Kai Hamilton



Chloe Hocking



Willow-Ann
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Kai Marchesini



Leroy McIntyre



Frankie Newell



Charlie Reading



Ethan Spark

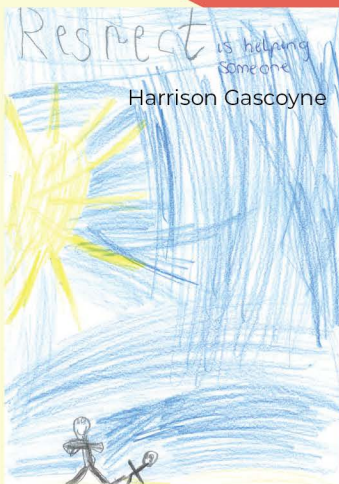
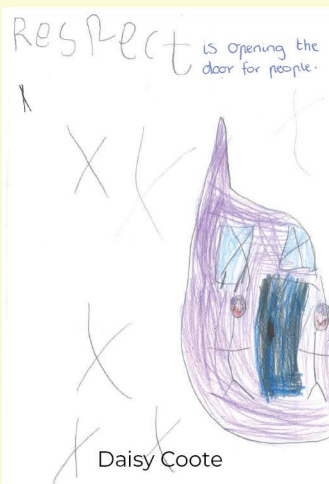
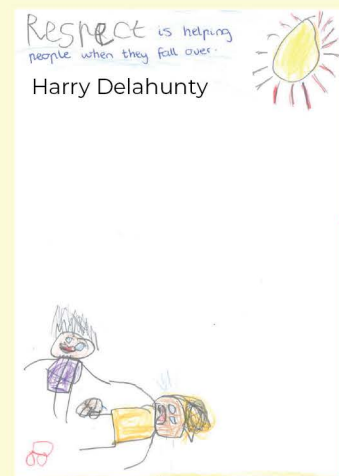
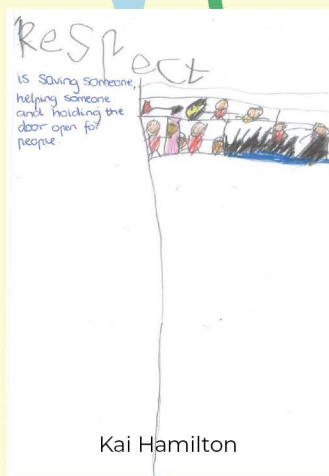
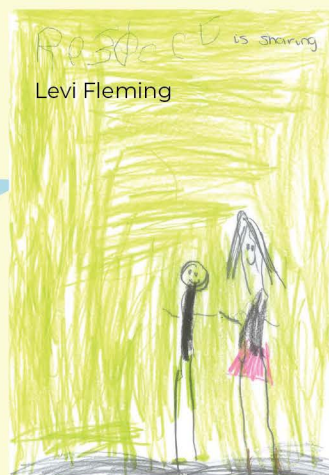
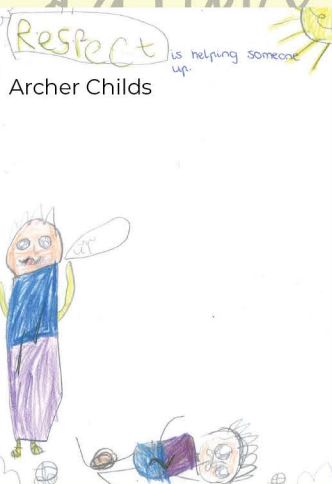


Connor Winch



Saskia Trask

WHAT DOES RESPECT LOOK LIKE?



Senior Tennis

Thursday 8th of February 2024

What a great way to start the school sporting year off for 2024 with tennis!

Jake Maher, Jake McKenzie and Hugh Weidemann represented Murtoa College at the Black Ranges Intermediate and Senior Tennis. The students competed against Horsham A and a Horsham B team in both Singles and Doubles matches. Unfortunately they didn't win against Horsham A, however were able to win some games against Horsham B. All three boys showed great sportsmanship and encouragement throughout the day and did Murtoa College proud. Thank you Sam Gawith for taking the group and to Renae Maher for coming along and supporting our students.



Swimming Sports

First and foremost, I extend my congratulations to all the students who participated in the Murtoa College Swimming Carnival.

Whether they were in the water competing or cheering from the sidelines, their collective efforts made it a truly fantastic day. Witnessing so many students surpass their own abilities and support their House teams by participating in higher-aged events was nothing short of incredible. The camaraderie between senior and younger students, as they encouraged and cheered each other on, created great moments that captured the essence of the day.

Secondly, a big shout-out goes to the House Captains who played a crucial role in organising the events. Their assistance made my job significantly easier, and their dedication did not go unnoticed.

Thirdly, I express my gratitude to the parents who travelled to be there for their children. Although the crowd was small, their unwavering support was wonderful.

Lastly, I want to acknowledge all the staff members who worked tirelessly to ensure the smooth running of the carnival. Their commitment and teamwork contributed to its success.

And let's not forget the friendly competition between staff and students in the relay race. The staff emerged victorious, enough said!!

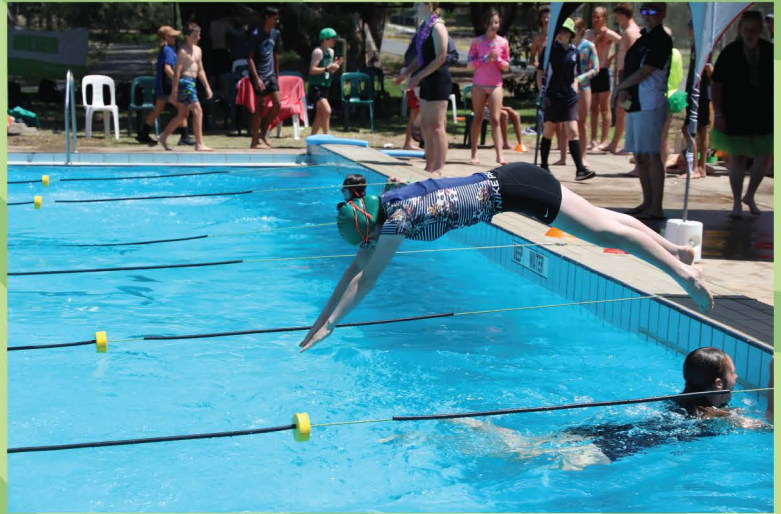
Congratulations to **Meier house**, the proud winners of the trophy!

Here are the total points:



Thank you to everyone who made this event memorable!
- Mr Sachse









Underwater Hockey

It's fantastic to see that the Year 10 PE students are diving into their Underwater Hockey unit at the local pool. And what a splendid morning it was, with weather that's truly worthy of their aquatic endeavours!



Black Ranges Swimming

Congratulations to the nine students who made it to the Black Ranges Swimming Carnival! Although our performance in the water wasn't successful, it was truly inspiring to witness our students giving their all and competing against the Region's finest. Ryder Hudson deserves a special mention for securing 2nd place in his breaststroke event. However, in other events, we didn't manage to clinch a top-three position. A big thank you goes out to Fiona Kerrins for her invaluable support and assistance throughout the day.







Years 1 & 2



George Agnew



John Beattie



Posie Bishop



Lucas Chenoweth



Max Dunlop



Tayla Edmonds



Archie Fagan



Poppy Fleming



Braxton Gascoyne





Oliver Gascoyne



Jimmy Hamilton



Levi Williams



Henry Jordan



Angus Kosch



Judith Parsons



Leon Pillekers



Marley Shaw



Ely Smulders



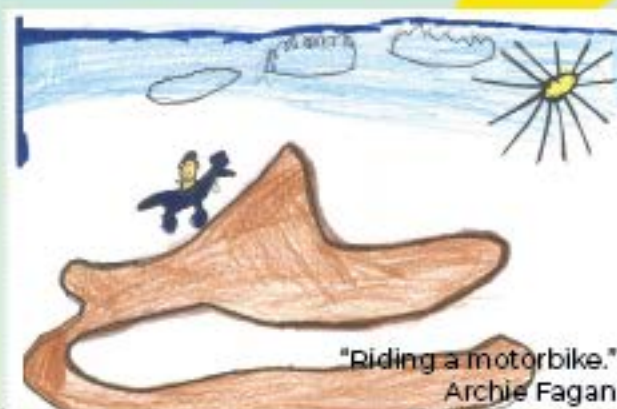
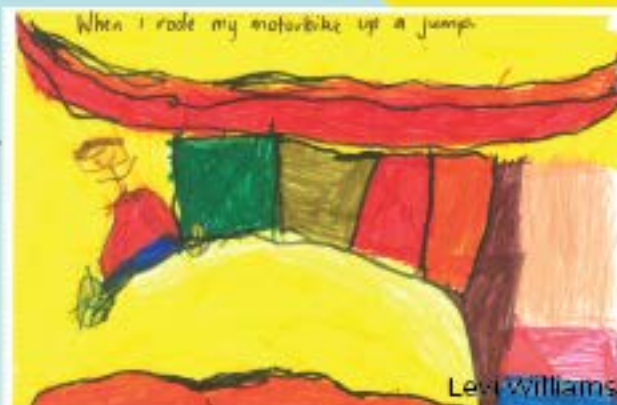
Bentleigh Wilde

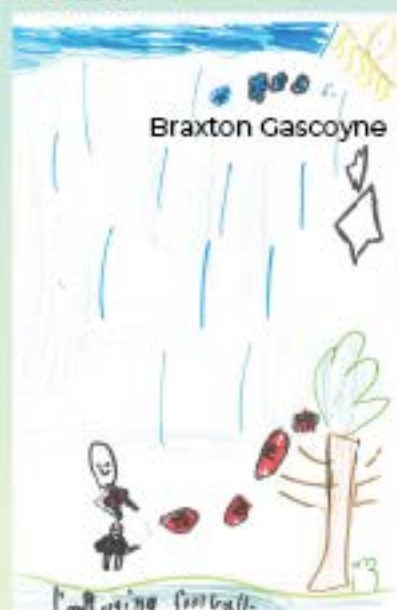


Braxton Harris



DRAW YOUR FAVOURITE ACHIEVEMENT





Athletics Carnival

The Athletics Carnival at Dudley Cornell was truly remarkable. Despite the occasional gusty breeze, the weather was nearly perfect. The students' excitement and enthusiasm was noticeable throughout the day.

I was delighted to witness so many students actively participating and giving their best. It's commendable that some students even competed in higher age levels to secure full points for their House.

A massive thank you extends to all the students who participated in the Athletics Carnival. Witnessing some students embrace the spirit of the day by donning colourful outfits added to the enjoyment. Whether as competitors or non-competitors, student support significantly contributed to the success of the Murtoa College Athletics carnival.

Congratulations to the following students who broke existing records today:

Ryder Hudson: 11-14yr. 800m - Beat the previous record by 1 second.

Ethan Maher: 12 yr. shot put – Beat the previous record by 1 metre.

Noah Crawford-foster broke two records;

12 yr. 200 meter - Beat the previous record by 3 seconds.

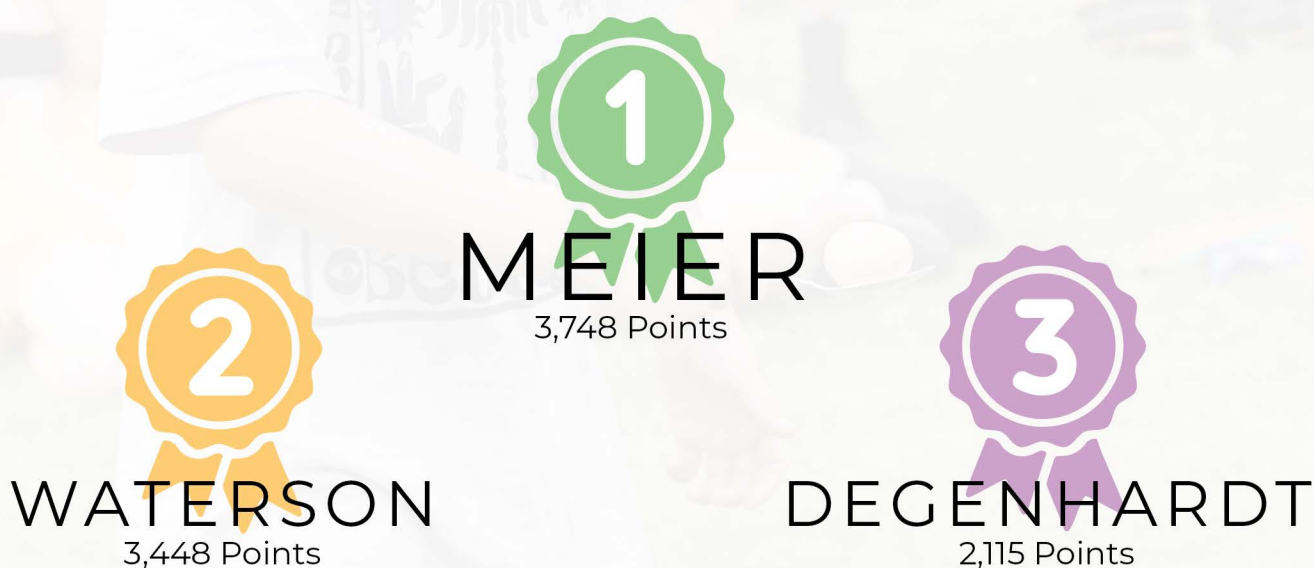
12 yr. Vortex (Javelin) - Beat the previous record by 80cm.

We also express our gratitude to the parents who attended to cheer on their students and provide overall encouragement.

A special shout-out to the dedicated staff members who diligently fulfilled their roles, ensuring that students competed at their best. Without your assistance in organising and overseeing the data, track and field events, the day would not have run as smoothly.

A heartfelt thank you to Seed & Sprout for providing parents and staff with a much-needed injection of caffeine, hot chocolate, and delicious muffins. Special recognition goes to Fi and Min for organising the canteen, and to Mark for skilfully cooking up the BBQ.

The final results of the 2024 Athletics Carnival were:



Thank you to everyone who made this event memorable!
- Mr Sachse







FLIP - Blaze Aid

BIG DAY OUT!

Murtoa College FLIP students caught-up with BlazeAid on the 21st of March, to assist with fencing for fire recovery. Our students enjoyed lunch with volunteers learning about community work, skills needed and about BlazeAid. The AWESOME volunteers demonstrated the use of tools and the steps needed to prepare a burnt area for fencing. SHOUT OUT to the BlazeAid team and coordinators Lyn and Stan. BlazeAid welcome all volunteers for a range of diverse roles. Get in touch!



Primary Black Ranges Swimming

Ethan Maher, Emily Lesser, and Pippa Wilson participated in the Primary Black Ranges Swimming event. Although they didn't secure a podium finish, we commend their determination and effort.

Well done!

Special thanks to Renae Maher and Julie Maxfield for accompanying the students.



Study Skills

On the 14th of March, Elevate Education came to the College to run study skills sessions with our Year 10, 11 and 12 students. They focused on how to study, time management and exam techniques.

Then Mikala from Deakin University delivered a presentation to our senior students on university courses, applications, accommodation and scholarships. Students also had an opportunity to speak with her individually for any specific questions that they may have had.



Years 3 & 4



Charlie Agnew



Jed Baker



Addison Childs



Tommy Coote



James Cowan



Haillie
Crawford - Foster



Jaxson Crittenden



Zander Dennis



Matilda Fleming



Caleb Doyle



Harry Pathirana



Poppy Lesser



Caden Winch



Spencer McDonald



Charlie Kosch



Domenic Polo



Max Whicker



Tilly Watson



David Whicker



Alira Sherratt



Sophie Liao



Allira Wilde

OUR BEST COMMUNITY

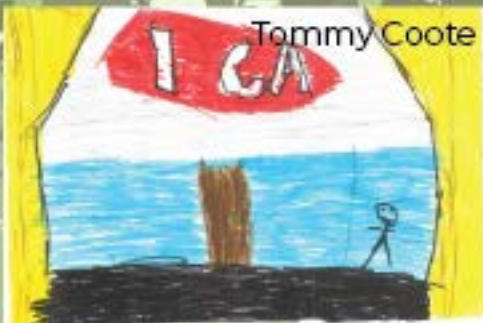


Matilda Fleming

Addison Childs



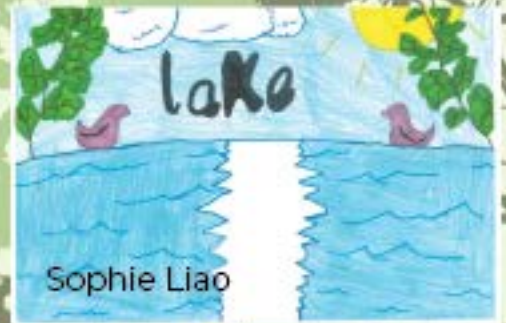
Harry Pathirana



Tommy Coote



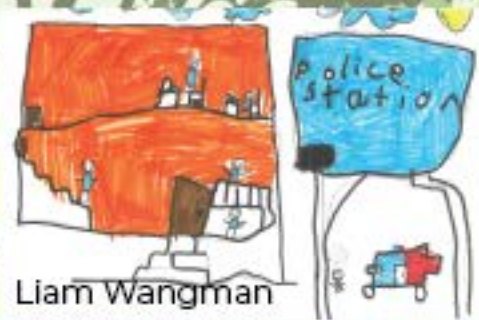
Poppy Lesser



Sophie Liao



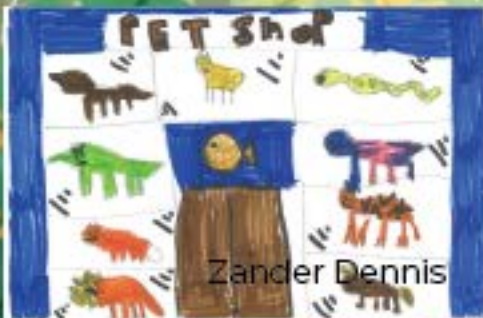
Caleb Doyle



Liam Wangman



Alira Sherratt



Zander Dennis

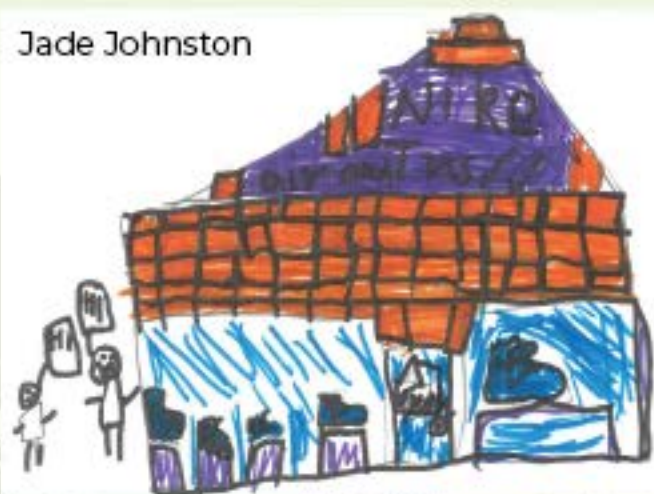


Spencer McDonald



Caden Winch

Jade Johnston



Charlie Kosch



Jaxson Crittenden



Basketball



Stadium

Charlie Agnew



Domenic Polo

Bike Track

James Cowan



Hallie
Crawford - Foster

Anzac Day Ceremony

The students put on a fantastic presentation to commemorate ANZAC day, inviting the community to come and take part.

The morning was lead by Zoe Tegelhuter, with speeches delivered by Jaylen O'Callaghan, and the Ode of Remembrance read by Lily Adler.

Guests enjoyed ANZAC biscuits made by the Year 9 students for the community to enjoy, and they were very yummy.





Cross Country

The House Cross Country was run on Tuesday around the picturesque Lake Marma. Students from Years 7 to 12 ran together around the 3km course, the senior boys in the 16–20 year age group ran 5km which included part of the racecourse.

All students received allocated points depending on their placings; 20 points for winning their age group, 19 for second, 18 for third, and subsequent points as the placings came in. This was their incentive for achieving the best possible time.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Cross-Country event! It was pleasing to observe that a significant number of students at school either ran or walked the course. A big thank you to the staff members who diligently monitored checkpoints and handled data entry. Your efforts contributed to the success of the event!

The final results for the 2024 Cross Country were as follows:



WATERSON

449 Points



MEIER

390 Points

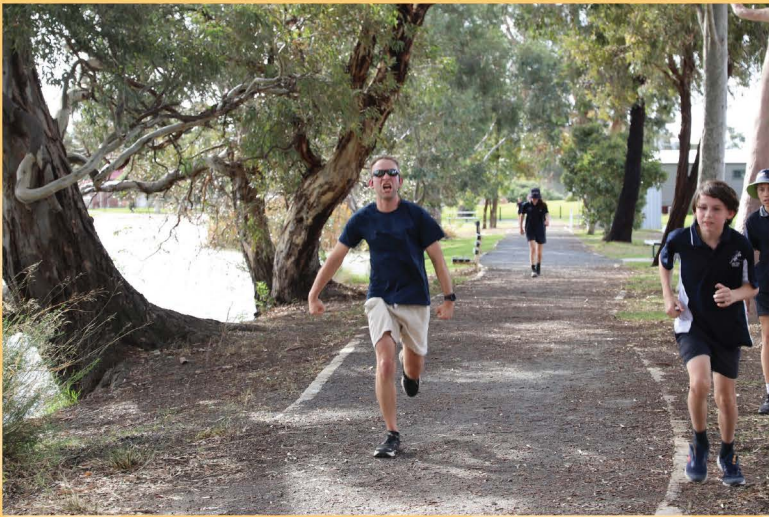
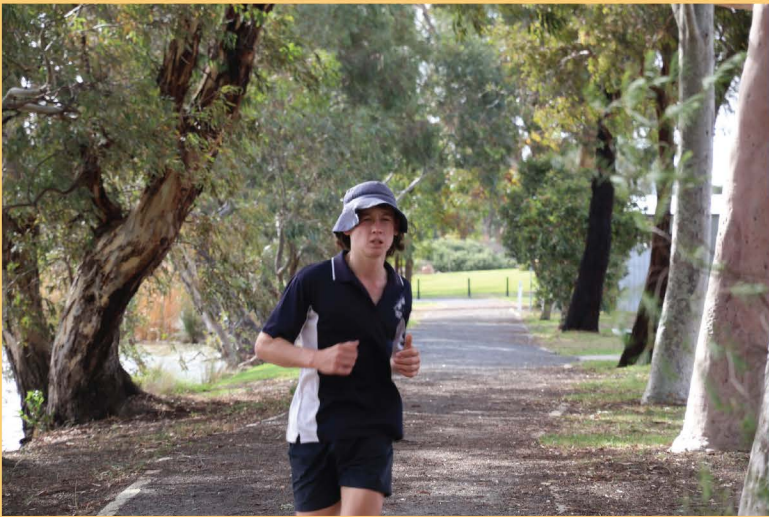
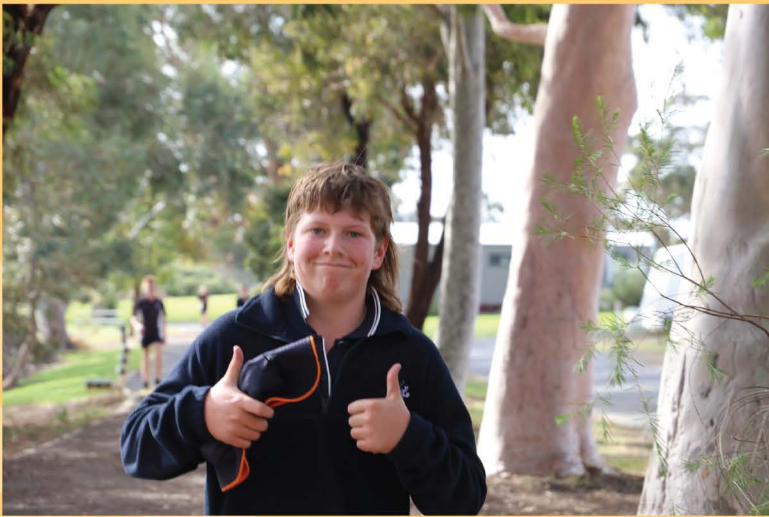


DEGENHARDT

291 Points

Thank you to everyone who made this event memorable!

- Mr Sachse



Cross Country Age Champions

	12-13 Boys	12-13 Girls	14 Boys	14 Girls	15 Boys	15 Girls
1 st	Lewis Gellatly	Maeve Delahunty	Ryder Hudson	Molly Gawith	Hugh Weidemann	Zoe Tegelhuter
2 nd	Navraj Dhillon	Sienna Finnigan	James Hemley	Amba Zolj	Jaxon Coote	Shanyka Penny-Roberts
3 rd	Charlie Coote	Lyra Hurley	Jono Polo	Marlie Arnold	Jake McKenzie	Lillian Hovey

	16 Boys	16 Girls	17 & 18 Boys	17 & 18 Girls
1 st	Jarvis Mitchell	Isabelle Hemley	Alex Dertilis	Adelle Weidemann
2 nd	Archie McQueen	Abby Oxbrow	Will Hemley	Charlotte Saligari
3 rd	Logan Liao	NA	NA	Lilly Madex



Years 5 & 6



Makayla Arnold



Imogen Cincotta



Billie Coote



Ruby
Cornell - Walker



Ellie Cowan



Jacob
Crawford - Foster



Noah
Crawford - Foster



Grace Currie



Julia Hit



Phoebe Ingram



Ella Johnston



Emily Lesser



Michael Lesser



Braxton Maher



Ethan Maher



Leila Mathews



Porsha McKenzie



Indyanna Mitchell



Lily Nitschke



Jaxon Okely



Mia Pendlebury



Cooper Shaw



Ella Wheeler



Jagger Williams



Pippa Wilson

**WHAT DOES
COMMUNITY
MEAN TO YOU?**

My community is the farming community. We're there to get to gather and make decisions on what to plant. My community is a big group of farmers. They help others all the way so they are on the right track for their business.



Beau Milgate

What does Community mean to me?

My community is my family I love them so much and they do so much for me and that is why I love them. They do a lot to keep a roof over my head they are like birds in the world.

An illustration of four children of different ethnicities holding hands in a circle. Above them are three thought bubbles containing the text of their responses. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds, and the bottom of the page shows a green grassy field.

Leila Mathews

Community by *Language*
 what community means to me

community is when you help other people, and be kind to others. I belong to lots of people and places, I belong to a school, friends, volunteers, Victoria's soccer tournament, my family and friends. Victoria's rocky danceworld is a dance people call rock and roll the dancing kind. Rock and roll is important to me because I get to be myself. I also get to express on what I like to do my free time. I get to go away for the weekend sometimes and I really enjoy that.



Imogen Cincotta

commuN by Tilly Lee

my community is my netball football club
Taylor likes. I am apart of a team, I get to
learn new skills and make friends. Being apart
of the club, like going to functions and
watching netball games. And cheering for my
team. Makes me feel included and happy.



Ella Wheeler

When community means to me is the people who care about me and that are around me make me feel safe and connected and to me big family. My favorite communities are either the fashion or the craft communities as I am to both those communities, the people in communities normally would get together as one group or call each other... people in communities mostly share at least one of the same interests like the craft community when we call it meet up, we would make stuff together and even sometimes post each other gifts we made! Inside the fashion community we do hair styles or clothes! I am proud of my Community.



Community ♥

MIA

Mia Pendlebury

My community is a part of a farming community in the Marais. By sowing and harvesting every year, growing crops for food lets us make their culture's foods and for fashion.



Ellie Cowan

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Noah
Crawford - Foster

What does community mean to you? _____

My community is the chipmunk gang. The chipmunk gang includes of MJ, Ella, Darcy and myself. In the chipmunk gang we care for each other, we are respectful to anyone we see and we help anyone in need. We are named after Alvin and the chipmunks, MJ is Theodore, Ella is Simon, Darcy is Alvin and I am Brittany. I feel included in the chipmunk gang because they will not leave me out.



Indyanna Mitchell

Phoebe Ingram

Community

My community is drama. Drama is important to me because I love to act and sing. Another reason I love it is because it's a good opportunity for me to make friends and be myself around other people.

Emily Lesser

What does community mean to me...

My community is my friends, because at my old school I had 3 friends, and at my netball club I had more friends. When I came to Numbaa College, I made more friends. My friends make me happy.

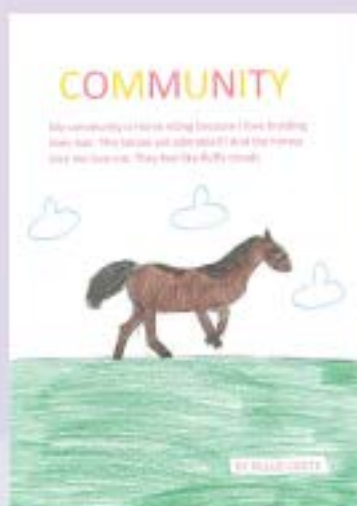
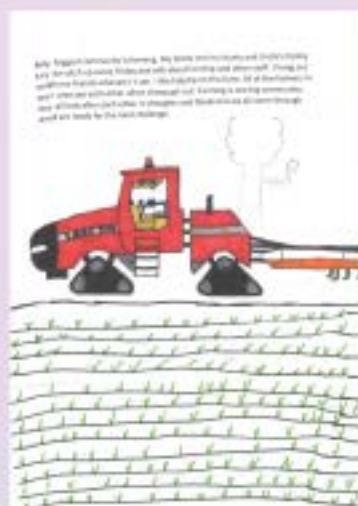
A drawing of four girls standing in a row on a green field under a blue sky with clouds. The girls are drawn in a simple, sketchy style with different hair colors (brown, blonde, dark, and pink). They are wearing colorful dresses. The background consists of a green field and a blue sky with white clouds.

My community

Community to me is Friends. I enjoy going for walks and spending time together. This makes me feel happy, excited, and safe.

A simple line drawing illustration. On the left, a girl with long hair, wearing a yellow shirt and blue pants, is walking a small brown dog on a leash. Next to her is a boy in a red shirt and blue pants. To their right is a simple house with a dark roof and a chimney. The scene is set on a grassy area with a dashed line representing a path or boundary at the bottom.

Lily Nitschke



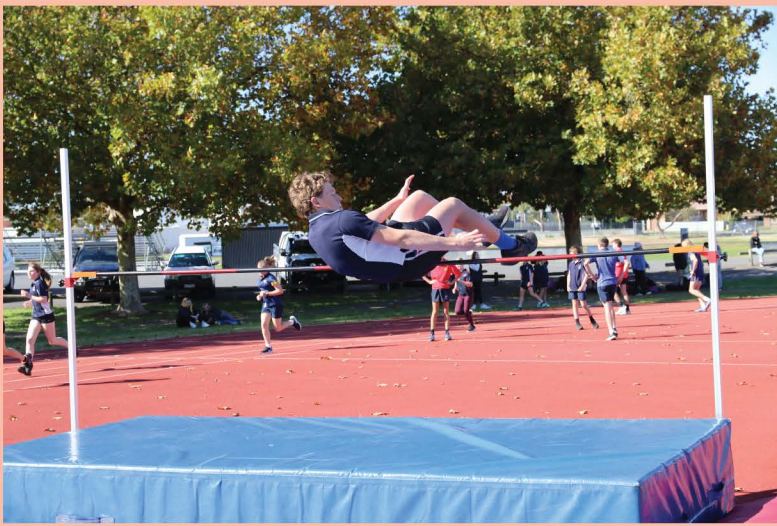
Black Ranges Athletics

Congratulations to all the students that competed at the Black Ranges Athletics at North Park in Stawell. It was a wonderful day and the students tried hard. We appreciated Sam Gawith, Jo Hemley and Chad Frost for giving up their time to help the students.

Top three place getters for their event.

Sienna Finnigan 3 rd – 100m sprint 2 nd – Long jump	Hugh Weidemann 2 nd – 1500m run	Ryder Hudson 1 st – High Jump 2 nd – Triple Jump 3 rd – 200m sprint	Jarvis Mitchell 2 nd – 400m run
Archie McQueen 3 rd – 1500m run	Georgie McQueen 3 rd – Discus 3 rd – Javelin	Logan Liao 3 rd – 100m sprint	Zoe Tegelhuter 2 nd – Shot put
Ruby Wilson 3 rd – Long Jump	Ryder Smith 2 nd – Shot put	Jono Polo 2 nd – Shot put 2 nd – Javelin throw	Isabelle Hemley 2 nd – 800m Run
Jimmy Finnigan 2 nd – High Jump 3 rd – Discus throw	Lili Wilson 1 st – High jump		





Black Ranges Cross-Country

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Black Ranges Cross Country event held in Murtoa on May 9th!

The sunlit day provided the perfect backdrop for a run around our picturesque scenic lake. Traditionally, we tend to receive about an inch of rain either on the day or the day prior, so this sunny weather was a delightful surprise.

Our dedicated students gave it their all, resulting in some truly pleasing outcomes. Their commitment and hard work was commendable!

I'd like to extend a special thank you to the Year 9 & 10 students who assisted with timing and checkpoints. Their support was invaluable, and without them, hosting such an event in Murtoa would be nearly impossible.

Lastly, we also acknowledge the small group of staff members Chad Frost, Jen Hagedorn, Vincent Liao, and Mark Arrowsmith who played crucial roles in ensuring the day ran smoothly. Their efforts behind the scenes were truly appreciated.

TOP 10 PLACE RESULTS FOR THE GIRLS:

Molly Gawith – 9th
Isabelle Hemley – 5th
Abby Oxbrow – 9th
Adelle Weidemann – 5th
Charlott Saligari – 10th

TOP 10 PLACE RESULTS FOR THE BOYS:

Hugh Weidemann – 4th
Archie McQueen – 7th
Logan Liao – 9th
Zac Oxbrow – 10th



Senior Girl's Footy

On a dreary, rainy day in Hamilton, the girls from Murtoa College faced off against Ballarat HS and Monivae College. Initially on the way to Hamilton, they felt unmotivated and pessimistic about their chances against the bigger schools. However, as they arrived and observed the other teams in action, their optimism grew.

Coach Lees prepared and primed the girls for their first match against Ballarat HS. Despite a nervous and hesitant start, Ballarat managed to score 4 quick goals in the first quarter. Coach Lees delivered a simple message to our Murtoa College team during the break, and the girls rallied. Their confidence grew, and they applied pressure and tackled effectively, limiting Ballarat to just three more goals over the next three quarters. Despite the challenging weather, the team embraced the game and enjoyed themselves.

FINAL SCORE:

Murtoa College 0 points beaten by Ballarat HS 48 points.

In the second game, Coach Lees made tactical changes to our Murtoa team, allowing players to experience different positions. Although the match was closely contested, Murtoa College struggled to convert opportunities into points. The

Murtoa girl's tenacity and confidence shone through, and their tackling was impressive. Overall, the team played like champions, regardless of the final scores. The day's success was measured not only by wins but also by the smiles, giggles, and stories shared amongst the players.

FINAL SCORE:

Murtoa College 0 points beaten by Monivae College 35 points.

Special thanks to our PST teacher, Josh Lees, for coaching the girls.







Greater Western Cross Country

Congratulations to the students that qualified for the GWR Cross Country in Warrnambool. They tried their best and did an amazing job. Thank you to the parents who drove students to Warrnambool so they could compete.



Final Results:

Casey Franklin – 77th

Hugh Weidemann – 11th

Issabelle Hemley – 28th

Abby Oxbrow – 38th

Archie McQueen – 50th

Logan Liao – 63rd

Zac Oxbrow – 64th



Junior Netball

In perfect conditions, Year 7/8 Murtoa College Netballers, along with 2 primary girls, played 5 games at the City Oval in Horsham on Wednesday 29th May, finishing the day with three wins. The sportswomanship shown, playing in court positions they may not have been comfortable with and the respect for the other schools and umpires was exemplary.
Thank-you to Sophie Delahunty for coaching.



Skillinvest Workshop

All Year 9 students participated in the Skillinvest VET Roadshow on Monday the 20th of May. Four VET trainers from Skillinvest came to the college to teach the Murtoa and Birchip Year 9 students about the Agriculture, Building and Construction, Automotive and Equine Studies courses. In early Term 3, our year 9 students considered and some enrolled in VET Cluster courses for 2025.



WHAT DO YOU AIM TO ACHIEVE IN THE NEXT YEAR?



Jye Barkell
Being a better
guitarist.



Alice Barker
To be able to cook
churros.



Tahlia Blackley
I aim to achieve
getting more fidgets.



Kydan Chapple



Maeve Delahunty
I want to achieve better
skills in netball.



Sienna Finnigan
I want to be a more
detailed painter.



Casey Franklin
Getting better at
different sports.



Lyla Hurley
I want to achieve
getting into a grand
final.



Brodie Mathews
Better Handwriting.



Celia McGrath
Finish reading my
classics.



Justice McKenzie
To have better self
control.



Lenny McQueen
To organise my locker
better.



Sway Millar
To make more
friends.



Harry Noonan
Better spelling.



Christopher Okely



Bentley Pendlebury
To get better at
reading.



Lyra Reardon
I aim to be smarter and do
more advanced learning.



Kayne
Sartori - Billman
To achieve an
achievement.



Taitam Shanaughan
Start pilot lessons.

Ebony Johns
I would like to improve
my spelling and
grammar.

Senior Boy's Footy

A congratulations to all the students who participated in the seniors boys AFL event held in Horsham on May 16th! It was a beautiful sunny day at the oval. Our dedicated students partnered with St Brigid's College and gave it their all. A shout-out to Luke Werner for coaching the joint team. Their teamwork and group spirit was a pleasure to watch.

Game 1: Murtoa / St Brigid's 41 - Holy Trinity Lutheran College 1

Game 2: Murtoa / St Brigid's 14 - Marion College 13

Game 3: Horsham College 21 - Murtoa / St Brigid's 12

Game 4: Horsham College 0 - Murtoa St Brigid's 43







Black Ranges Footy

Hugh Weidemann and Jake McKenzie participated in the BR Football on Friday 17th of May. The two boys joined Warracknabeal Secondary College to play against Balmoral/Edenhope and together were able to help their team win convincingly by 95 points. Our students thoroughly enjoyed playing the sport they love with the other school.

Senior Girl's Netball

Congratulations to all students who participated in the BR Senior Netball, which was held in Horsham on Friday 17th May. It was very cold and windy at the courts. Our girls played against Warracknabeal A, Warracknabeal B and Edenhope.

Unfortunately our team lost to Edenhope and Warracknabeal A, however our girls had a great win again Warracknabeal B.

A big thank you to Linda Kelly who was their umpire for the day. The girls thoroughly enjoyed their day.

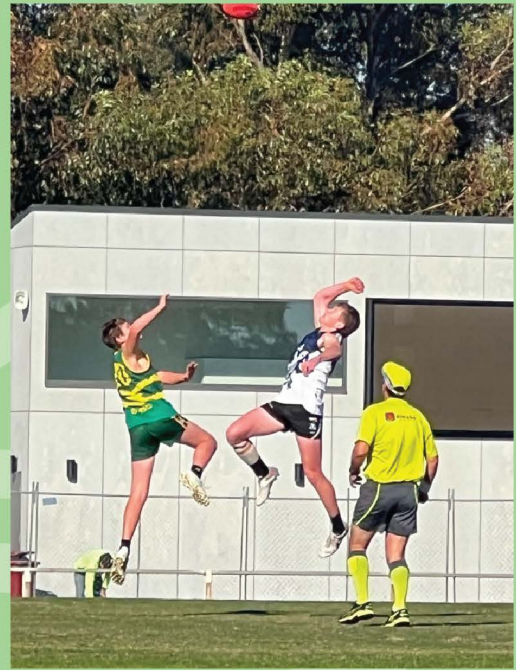


Junior Football

The junior Boys' football team displayed remarkable performance during the two games they played. Despite not securing a victory, their teamwork was commendable, and they should take pride in their efforts. It was heartening to see that some of the boys had the opportunity to play alongside their friends, especially considering that many of them don't typically play for Murtoa but instead represent Rupanyup and Horsham-based teams. I was most impressed that some of our players volunteered themselves to help other teams that were struggling to fill a side. Overall, a job well done!

Murtoa 0 beaten by Dimboola 42
Murtoa 6 beaten by Edenhope 23





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WHAT COMMUNITIES DO YOU BELONG TO?

Madie Daniel

I belong to a community of digital colourists, a community of animal lovers, and a community of gamers.



Paul Chapple

I belong to a community of mechanics, a community of gamers and a community of dirtbike riders.



Will Crawford - Foster

I belong to a community of gamers, a community of Jujitsu Kaisen fans, and a community of Dragon Ball fans.



Molly Gawith

I belong to a community of netballers, a community of small town people, and a community of teenage girls.

Ruby Parish

I belong to a community of netballers, a community of lots of friends, and a community of readers.



Jydan Clark

I belong to a community of car enthusiasts, a community of truck enthusiasts and a community of skid lovers.



Navraj Dhillon

I belong to a community of Murtosa boys, a community of Murtosa College students, and a community of bike lovers.



Lewis Gellatly

I belong to a community of teenage boys, a community of Murtosa College students, and a community of football players.

Bradley Guff
I belong to a community of gamers, a community of movie buffs and a community of artists.

Jack Fischer

I belong to a community of sleepers, a community of Rainbow Six Siege players, and the Murtosa community.



Axle Coleman

I belong to a community of sleepers, a community of gamers and a community of basketballers.



Michael Franklin

I belong to a community of gamers, a community of sleepers, and a community of Coca-Cola lovers.



Diesel Harris

I belong to a community of mountain bike enthusiasts, a community of truck drivers, and the Jung community.



Sophia Butler

I belong to a community of artists, a community of animators, and a community of music enthusiasts.



Charlie Coote

I belong to a community of footy players, a community of cricketers and a community of Carlton supporters.



Oliver Garton

I belong to a community of car enthusiasts, a community of carshow enthusiasts and a community of hard workers.



James Hemley

I belong to a community of teenage boys, a community of Murtosa College students, and a community of football players.



William Hit

I belong to a community of sleepers, a community of car enthusiasts and a community of gamers.



Cathy Hovey

I belong to a community of sim-racing, a community of baking, and a community of school friends.



Ryder Hudson

I belong to a community of footy players, a community of motorbikers, and a community of outdoor lovers.



Charlotte Lesser



Charlie Maher

I belong to a community of farm workers, a community of footballers and a community of ute lovers.



Clare McConnell

I belong to a community of teenagers, a community of cooks, and a community of music lovers.



Logan McDonald

I belong to a community of anglers, a community of gamers and a community of footballers.



Alicia Nash

I belong to a community of movie lovers, a community of good friends and a community of sketchers.



Jaylen O'Callaghan

I belong to a community of Pepsi-Max lovers, a community of sleepers and a community of 'end of school' bell lovers.



Alejandra Plasencia Camargo

I belong to a community of HAMA students, a community of Peruvians / immigrants, and the Marnoo community.



Jono Polo

I belong to a community of car lovers, a community of mechanics and a community of dirt bike riders.



Chloe Richards

I belong to a community of creative people, a community of pin collectors and a community of cat lovers.



Ryder Smith

I belong to a community of dirt bike riders, a community of AFL players and a community of Ford lovers.



Dante Troon

I belong to a community of footy players, a community of small town kids and a community of gamers.



Callum Wheeler

I belong to a community of chicken breeders, a community of woodworkers and a community of loyal friends.



Amba Zolj

I belong to a community of female footballers, a community of army cadets and a community of cricketers.

Senior Boy's Basketball

On Thursday the 18th of July 2024 the Intermediate Boys Basketball Team travelled to Ararat to compete in the Black Ranges Tournament with Sam Gawith and Joanne Hemley. The boys were rostered to play six games for the day against teams from Ararat, Stawell, Horsham and Warracknabeal.

The boys took off with flying start with a win by default and then a win by a point against St Brigid's College C team. The next game was against an experienced Warracknabeal team and they went down to them. The next two games the boys performed exceptionally well going down to two nail biters by one point each. Our final game was against the Horsham A team which was a tough final game for the boys. The team competed well with a successful half-court shot by Hugh Weidemann as one of the highlights of the game. Unfortunately, the boys were defeated in this game.

Highlights of the games included Max Finnigan's hot hands, bagging two three pointers in the first six minutes of the second game, Jaxon Coote's excessive rebounds in both the offensive and defensive keys, the tenacious defence up the court by Logan Liao and Taylan White, the shots under the basket by Jesse Walker-Binks who seemed to be able to rebound and pick up two pointers under the basket like a professional, Jake McKenzie's continual movement around the key and defensive plays under the basket, Alex Dertilis's continual attack on the basketball in both the offensive and defensive court and lastly Hugh Weidemann who rebounded, shot baskets and hassled the opposition in all corners of the court. Our thanks also go to Jarvis Mitchell, the team manager for the day, who scored all games and helped with the management of the team – well done Jarvis. The boys did an excellent job and showed great sportsmanship during the day and were a pleasure to take away to the sports event.

Thanks go to Mr Sachse for all his organisation to get us there for the day (the notes, the bus, the basketball tops, the balls, the draw). We do appreciate all he does. Thanks also go to Sam Gawith for her brilliant photography of the day, enthusiastic cheering, management of the team and bus driving. A great day had by all.

Joanne Hemley
(Coach)





Senior Girl's Basketball

Murtoa College participated in the Senior Girls basketball in Horsham on Monday 22nd. July. Adelle Weidemann, Alex Berbero, Charlett Saligari, Clare Whyte, Lyla Schultz, Mia Norman, Mikaela Wright, Paige Hemley and Rory Starick played 3 games, consisting of 2 x 18 minute halves.

All games were played in great spirit, plenty of enthusiasm and encouragement for each other. The girls were unlucky to not come away with a win, losing the final game of the day in the last few seconds. A fantastic effort from all girls! Thanks to Linda Kelly for coaching and Sam Gawith as her assistant. Thank you!





WHAT IS AN ACHIEVEMENT THAT YOU ARE PROUD OF?



Charlie Arnold

Making it through year 9.



Marli Arnold



Toby Baker

Being able to ride motorbikes again
after the crash I had last year.



Oliver Barker

13 club votes playing for the
Minyip-Murtoa Burras Under 14s in 2024.



Charli Callaby

Completed First Aid.



Renee Carlson

I got a medal for the winnings in
Hockey in 2019.



Merceidez Chapple



Ari Cincotta



Trystan Daniel



Max Finnigan

Getting Rup Best and Fairest for the Under 14s this year.



Tilley Goodin

Winning the Under 15s Premiership for the Rup Netball Football Club in 2024.



Kiah Harkess

Being in 'The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' musical in Ararat (2024).



Kobe Hatcher

I came to school to finish my First Aid in the year of 2024.



Lilly Hibberd

My achievement is trying hard in my classes.



Lillian Hovey

Completed my First Aid 2024.



Jake McKenzie

2024 football vs Stawell. I kicked a left foot snap from 30 metres out.



Georgie McQueen

Rupanyup Under 13s made it to the preliminary final in 2024.



Hayley Parsons

Winning first place in the Scarecrow competition that Kobe and I made for the Horsham show this year.



Shanyka Mitchell Penny-Roberts

For completing my First Aid training in 2024.



Amashay Shanaughan

I got an art award at school and won \$50 last year (2023).



Luke Sudholz



Maddie Talbot

I came to school every day.



Zoe Tegelhuter

Getting selected for the Under 15's interleague squad and having our team finish 3rd overall at the Association Championships.



Hugh Weidemann

Winning a \$400 photo from GWM Water.

Malachi Pickering

Getting coaches award for the U/17 Edenhope / Apsley Saints in 2024.

Year 5 & 6 Volleyball

On Wednesday 14th August, two teams from Murtoa College competed in the Grade 5/6 Black Ranges Volleyball in Horsham. It was so great to see all thirteen students having a great time competing. Both teams won the Black Ranges Division and received medals. A big thank you to Mr Shaun Bray, Paige Hemley, and Mr David Berry for coaching the students and Sam Gawith for her support.





Year 9 Leadership

On Friday, 9 August, three Year 9 students represented our school at the Country Education Partnership Leadership Program at Dimboola Memorial Secondary School. The day was filled with engaging leadership activities, where students discovered their leadership styles, learned to influence bystander action, and explored ways to participate actively in their communities. Fuelled by a delicious pizza lunch, they also contributed to discussions on road safety plans that will shape the future of Victorian roads. Congratulations to Shanyka Penny-Roberts, Hayley Parsons, and Zoe Tegelhuter for their fantastic participation!





Year 11 Health

In Year 11 Health and Human Development, students have been studying pregnancy, birth and infant and childhood development. The class was very excited when they had a special little visitor!



WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR?



Heidi Baker
SCIENCE.



Alex Bebero
PLAYING SCHOOL SPORTS SUCH AS
THE FIRST TIME PLAYING GIRLS'
FOOTY.



Hamish Briggs



Ashley Cincotta



Mason Coombe
MY FAVOURITE THING IS TALKING
WITH FRIENDS AT LUNCH TIME.



Jaxon Coote
MY FAVOURITE THING AT SCHOOL IS GOING
ON EXCURSIONS AND PLAYING SPORTS. I LIKE
THIS BECAUSE IT'S FUN TO PLAY WITH
FRIENDS AND OTHER SCHOOLS.



Alex Dertilis



Matthes Gardy
I LIKE GENERAL MATHS BECAUSE I
LIKE MATHS.



Frazer Garton
THE BEST THING HAS BEEN CAMP
AND GOING TO MELBOURNE /
GEELONG.



Logan Harris
MY FAVOURITE WAS JOHN BECAUSE HE WAS
THE BEST STUDENT TEACHER WHO I EVER
HAD. HE'S A WINNERS LEAGUE BOG.



Isabelle Hemley
PLAYING THE SONG FEIN WITH
DELILAH.



Issabella Hibberd
YET IF MY FAVOURITE DAY OF THE WEEK,
GOING OUT AND DOING COMMUNITY
SERVICE IS FUN. IT BUILDS A CONNECTION TO
THE COMMUNITY AND CLASSMATES.



Tom Hotker
DOING PRACS IN PSYCHOLOGY.



Logan Liao

JOHN WAS THE BEST PRE-SERVICE TEACHER THE SCHOOL'S EVER HAD.



Lilly Madex

I LOVE WITH KELLY, SHE'S MY FAVOURITE OF ALL BECAUSE SHE FEELS ME AND LOVES ME WHEN I'M SAD AND COMES TO MY WORK FOR A CHAT.



Archie McQueen

MY FAVOURITE THING AT SCHOOL IS SITTING WITH MY FRIENDS AT BREAKS AND LUNCH, BECAUSE WE TALK ABOUT RANDOM THINGS AND LAUGH.



Keanu Mehmet

MY FAVOURITE THING ABOUT THE SCHOOL RIGHT NOW IS HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY.



Jarvis Mitchell

AT SCHOOL I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO YEAR TO CAMP AND ROAMING MELBOURNE.



Abby Oxbrow

I LIKE THE FREE FRUIT AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL.



Zac Oxbrow

I LIKE YET BECAUSE I GET TO WORK WITH VINCENT AND HE TEACHES ME SKILL. I WON A BOOK THE INCREDIBLES, A NOTEBOOK, SOME POKEMON CARDS, AND TOURIST CARDS.



Delilah Parsons

PLAYING THE SONG FIRM WITH ISSY.



Jackson Plevy

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES WITH SHERIDAN.



Lola Riddell



Ari Taylor



Jesse Walker-Binks

MY FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCHOOL IS SEEING FRIENDS AND SOCIALISING BECAUSE MY FRIENDS MAKE ME HAPPY.



Taylan White

HAVING FRIENDS AT SCHOOL MAKES EVERYTHING BETTER-TOUGH DAYS AREN'T SO BAD, AND THE GOOD TIMES ARE WAY MORE AWESOME.



Lili Wilson

ONE OF MY FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT SCHOOL IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND TIME WITH FRIENDS, MAKING LEARNING MORE ENJOYABLE.



Ruby Wilson

PLAYING PAPA'S FREEZERIE.



Coen Winch

THE CAREER EXPO AT LONGY COLLEGE.



Many of our classmates want to recognize Josh's time at our school and how much he meant to us. Many of my classmates have said, "He will be missed." We think this is important for inclusivity since Josh was warmly welcomed by the Year 10 students, even though he was only here for a short time.

Thank you Josh!

Black Ranges Volleyball

On Wednesday the 21st August two eager junior volley ball teams travelled to Horsham for the Black Ranges Volley Ball tournament.

The boys intermediate team played against Horsham College 2 first and were able to walk away with a win, their second game was close but the boys were not able to get across the line against St Brigid's College. They did however make it through to the finals and tried very hard in their game but were unsuccessful. They were ably coached by Mr. Ronan Garth Lindsay, who provided support and enthusiasm to the already enthusiastic boys team.

The girls junior team was coached by Clare Whyte and Paige Hemley, who worked well with the year 7 and 8 girls giving them advice and encouragement.

The girls worked hard in their two rostered games and came away with two fantastic wins, the first against Horsham College 2 and then against St Brigid's College. This meant the girls were in the final at the end of the day, they fought hard but unfortunately did not come away with the win.

All students should be congratulated on their excellent behaviour and sportsmanship during the day and were a credit to themselves and the school.





Year 8 Adelaide Camp

The Year 8's explored Adelaide for their year level camp. As an activity in Year 8 English with Mrs Baker, the students have written about their experiences on this camp.



The school trip was organised by Mr. Sachse and was only for Year 8 students. The purpose of the school trip was for us students to get to know each other better, and experience things outside of our comfort zone. The camp was to last 4 days, including the arriving and departing days. We stayed at the Big 4 West Beach Caravan Park in West Beach.



The first activity we went to was Monarto Zoo. The first thing that happened was we were split into two different groups. The other groups went to the open safari tour first while the group I was in had lunch and saw the smaller animals like wombats, meercats and the chimpanzees. The part I enjoyed the most was the meercats.





The gel blasters were my favourite thing of the camp. When we reached the battle of Waterloo, they gave us gel blasters and some eye gear. The person who owned the gel blasters also had his own base there. It was also in the backyard of his house. Around the base he had shipping containers, big wood blanks, tyres and barriers. He had lots of different guns you could choose from. We also played different game modes which was Team Deathmatch where it was team vs team to win the game, whichever team got shot the most lost. There was also capture of the flag, it was whichever team got the flag up wins.



We went to Marion Shopping Centre for a few hours. Everyone was separated into groups of choice and Me, William, Alejandra and Maddie were in a group. Mr Sachse gave us \$20 to spend on lunch and what not. I bought a tub of M & Ms and a 2l bottle of Coke-a-Cola. After we went shopping, we went to a Greek donut restaurant and went ice skating. I didn't do it, so I spectated the entire time.





We got to do the activities that we chose a couple months before camp. Some people chose to go kayaking with dolphins in a river and others chose the Mega Adventure high ropes course. The people that went kayaking with dolphins went to a river in Port Adelaide Harbour. My friends and I chose the Mega Adventure. There were three different height levels and all of them had so many different obstacles to go on. There was also a giant three person swing that you and your friends could go on all together. The park workers had a remote that would take you higher and higher and then the person sitting in the middle of the swing got to pull a rope to make the swing drop.



We went to an all you can eat buffet. I had like 40 nuggets, a lot of chips, chicken wings, two cups of coke and two icecreams before the machine ran out. Then we wasted like \$20 trying to get stuffed toys out of the claw machine. Tom only got one. Then we all piled in the buses then went to the movies.





The last activity that we did, was watching a movie. The movie was called 'Trap'. It was a psychological thriller, about a serial killer, who was going to a concert with his daughter.

It was a really suspense - filled movie and from how the ending ended, I'm guessing that there will be a 'Trap 2'.



I learnt many things from camp about myself, how important friendship is and sometimes all you need to do is step out of your comfort zone and go talk and create bonds with other people. I also faced my fear of heights and tried some new foods out at the all you can eat and the mall.



Year 9 Bogong

We found snow!

Here is a look at what our Year 9 students got up to on their camp.



VM Literacy

On Monday, 16th September 2024, the Year 11 and 12 VM Literacy class had the opportunity to engage with the Yarriambiack Shire Council, exploring the sport and recreational activities available in the region.

The day began with a scenic walk along Yarriambiack Creek in Beulah, followed by a visit to the Hopetoun Gun Club, where Wayne and Nick introduced students to clay target shooting. The class then enjoyed a round of putt-putt golf at a course created by local residents.

The excursion concluded in Warracknabeal at the Fauna Park, where the students met the welcoming council staff, Tammy Smith and Rebecca Botherus. This meeting allowed the students to share their thoughts and ask questions about future sport and recreation opportunities in the Shire. They also learned about the exciting development of a new Sport and Recreation Strategy.



WHAT OLYMPIC SPORT WOULD YOU WIN A GOLD MEDAL IN?



Seanna Chalmers
Badminton



Noah Coutts
Swimming



Xander Harkess
Procrastinating



Paige Hemley
Handball



Will Hemley
Javelin



Baxta Hendy
Gymnastics



Brayden Hovey
Esports



Jake Maher
Canoeing



Bella Noonan
Golf



Riley Norman



Charlett Saligari
Gymnastics



Electra Sanderson



Lyla Schultz
Pickleball



Rory Starick
Boxing



Jordan Thornley
Table Tennis



Adelle Weidemann
Taekwondo



Liam Wheeler



Clare Whyte
Weightlifting



Mikaela Wright
Artistic Swimming

Louise Barber
Relay

Zoe Sevenich
Tennis

3/4 Cluster Camp

Students in Yr 3/4 from our Dunmunkle Cluster enjoyed Day One of camp. A day visit to Sovereign Hill, with gold panning, a mine tour, learning about school in 1850 and general exploring. Arriving at Camp Adekate, students then enjoyed outside games. After tea we finished the day with a bush walk and damper making. What an adventure packed day!

Day two - sunshine and some outdoor activities. Students enjoyed exploring the grounds participating in an orienteering course, dual zip lining, archery and the milk crate challenge. We ended the day with a movie. So much fun and laughter had by all.

On the last day of camp the students enjoyed a couple of activities - Possum Glider and a game of GaGa Ball.

A big thank you to all the staff and students that attended to make this Camp an awesome adventure.





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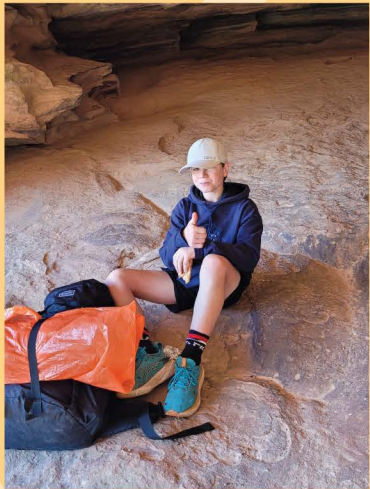
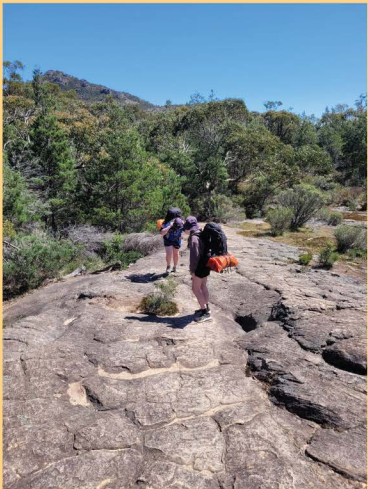
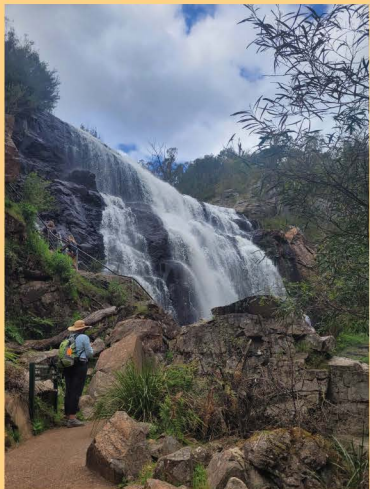
So proud of these students! Pushed through two days of bushwalking with 15+kg hiking packs on their backs.

Day 1: Walked up Mt. Stapylton (6km) medium walk. Students had lunch in the cave and got a great view of the landscape.

We stayed at the Plantation campsite and got to meet some local wildlife. Students used the Trangia's to cook their meals.

Day 2: Students walked up Boronia Peak (9km) medium walk.





WHAT GOALS DO YOU HOPE TO ACHIEVE IN YOUR LIFETIME?



Lily Adler

Dedicate my life's work as a teacher to inspire kids to have a career they can be passionate and proud of.



Charley Baker

I'm going to be the first person to land on the sun.



Alyvia Barker

Achieve my dreams and see sharks.



Seth Callaby

See Mingip become one of the 7 wonders of the world.



Declan Clark

Build a life for myself, have a good job that I enjoy, a nice house and a nice car.



Thomas Elliot

Buy more vehicles and become the Barrabool king and buy a header and tractor and go contracting.



Amelia Fagan

My goal is to not get asked this question again...



Amelie Faulkner

My goal is to get more than 2 minutes of court time in netball...



Jimmy Finnigan

To win multiple league BnF's in the farmers league.



Deacon Franklin



Charlie Gawith

My goal is to fix the old WB ute and take it out for a spin and buy a nice Land Cruiser and take it out to the Barrabool.



Will Hotker



Lochie McConnell

Live my life long dream of becoming a full-time Wimpak worker.



Wilson Mitchell

Become captain of the Minyip fire brigade, Minyip oval groundskeeper, drive container trucks and win Minyip citizen of the year.



Mia Norman

My goal is to never ever see the inside of a high school classroom ever again.



Felicity Okely



Alex Oxbrow

Buy Minyip.



Jai Satori-Billman

Get a PHD for bragging rights.



Lily Snowden



Jed Warrick

Go to University and study business so I spend the rest of my life behind a computer hating life.



Riana Warrick



Cameron Whyte



Katya Williams



Rhys Cowper-Schneider

Agriculture at Murtoa College

Primary Ag Initiatives: Our primary students have been actively involved in sustainable practices this year, thanks to the generous \$600 Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant for our "Worms at Work" project. With new worm farms and compost bins, students learned hands-on about waste reduction and soil health, enriching our vegetable garden with "worm juice" and compost. Upper Primary students also experimented with germination and observed radicle growth in bean seeds, while our mushroom-growing project led to exciting taste-testing sessions. We also welcomed 18 fluffy chicks, offering practical lessons in animal care and responsibility. Our students are also diving into sheep and wool studies, thanks to a donation from Horsham Wool, and have even crafted "pom-pom" sheep as part of their creative exploration.

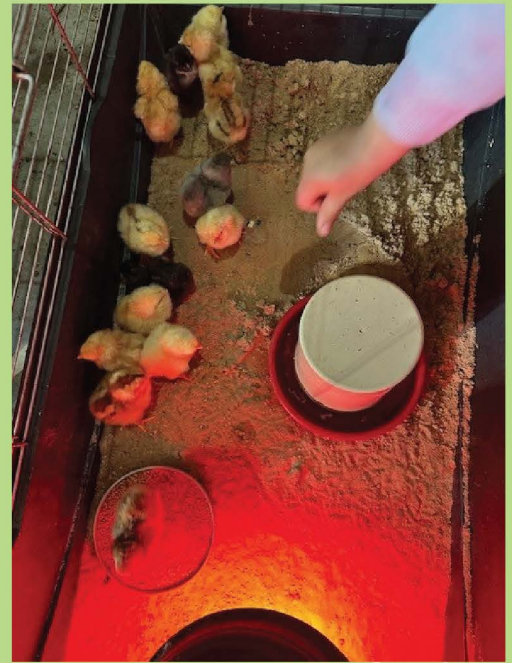
Secondary Ag Education and Competitions: Year 11 students engaged in rigorous studies, from soil analysis after a visit to the Maher family's farm to learning about plant production and reproduction through hands-on dissection and crop management. We also participated in the AgXtra Crop Competition, allowing students to select wheat varieties and observe growth outcomes in a real paddock. With new moisture sensors donated by Hydrosight, students gained insights into precision agriculture, using data to monitor soil moisture in the polyhouse and wicking beds.

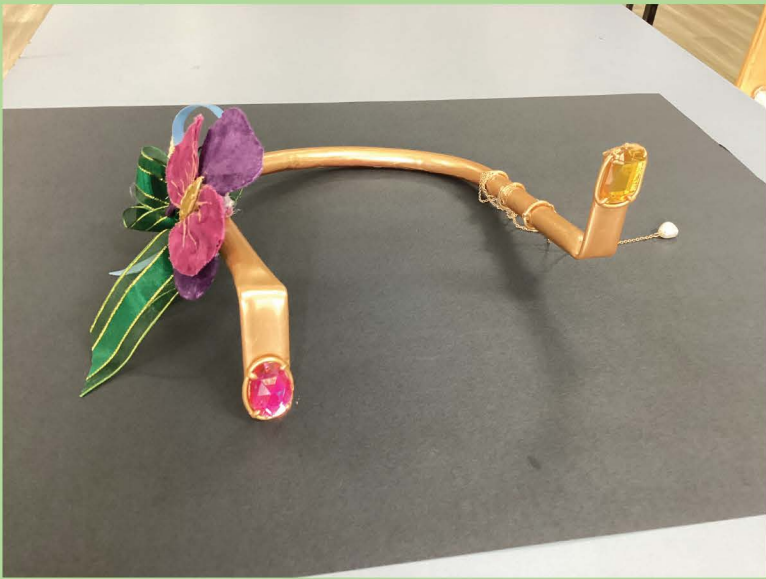
Industry Connections and Learning Beyond the Classroom: Murtoa College students visited AgXtra trial plots to learn from industry experts, including representatives from Nutrien and Australian Grain Technologies, and engaged with hands-on trial spraying equipment. Additionally, our VCE students explored post-harvest processing at local businesses like Johnson's and Blue Lake Milling, discovering the journey of grain from field to market.

Agriculture Teachers Conference in Wagga Wagga: Attending an Agriculture Teachers Conference, our team gathered resources and insights into the latest in digital agriculture and farming innovations. Highlights included a workshop on autonomous tractors and a tour of a local strawberry farm, offering a glimpse into advanced practices that we are excited to bring back to Murtoa College.

This year has been filled with growth, learning, and collaboration in agriculture, reinforcing Murtoa College's commitment to delivering a hands-on, impactful education.







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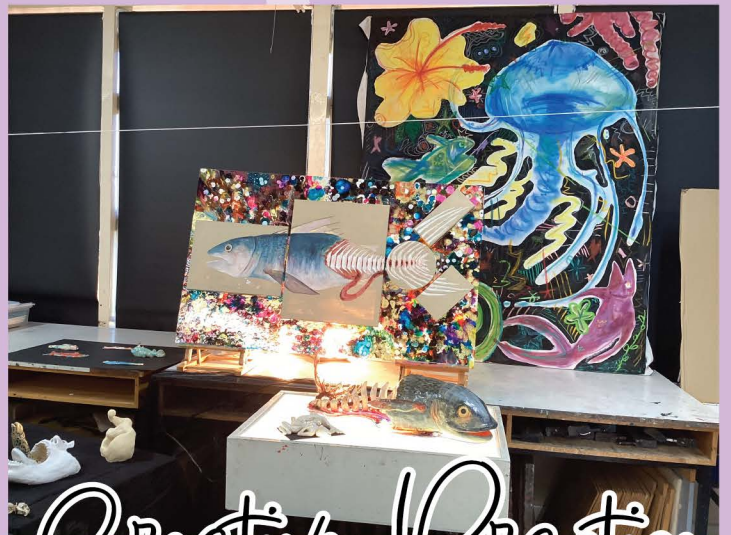
By Charley Baker & Lily Adler



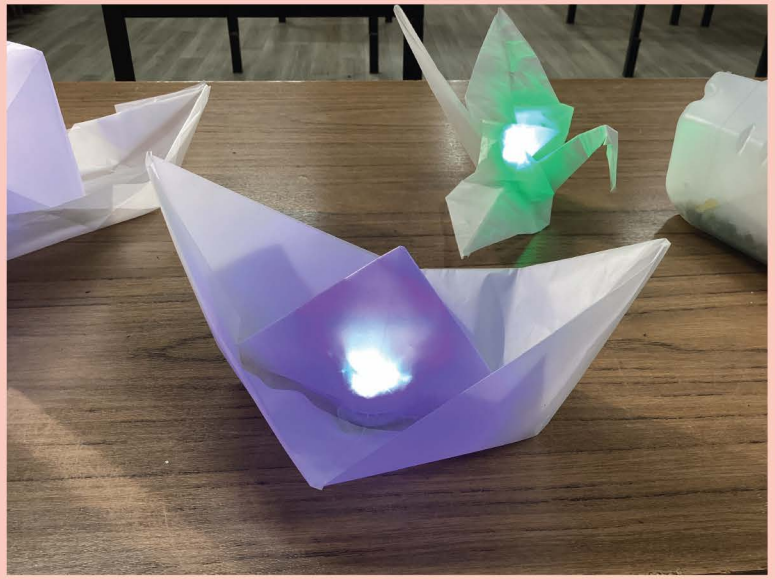
Creative Practice

By Lola Riddell and Abby Oxbrow



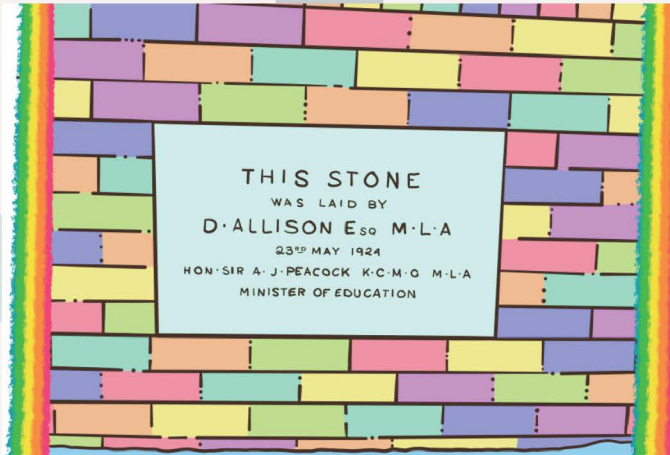


Creative Practice
By Lily Adler



Big Weekend Art Workshops

Certificate || in Creative Industries



ABOUT

- ✦ works on what two characters will look like

RESEARCH

IDEAS:

- Space cloths
- Retro
- Fashion in 1990's
- What the characters are like.

STYLE: I could work on trying a different style or way of drawing the characters, Like giving it a more cartoonish vup to the characters. Tropical shirts

IDEA GENERATION

Jackson: He really liked the captain and engineer design and thought that the orange suited the captain.

Delilah:-

Alex: Was happy and had no criticisms to give.

FINAL WORK:

REFLECTION

Why did you choose your selected finals from your thumbnail sketches?

I like the cartoon factor in the designs.

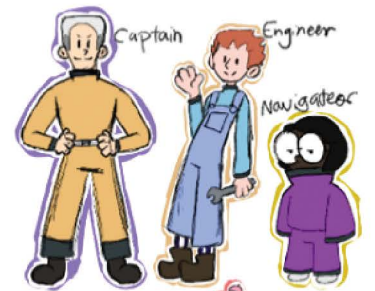
How did you ask your peers for feedback?

Asked them Physically.

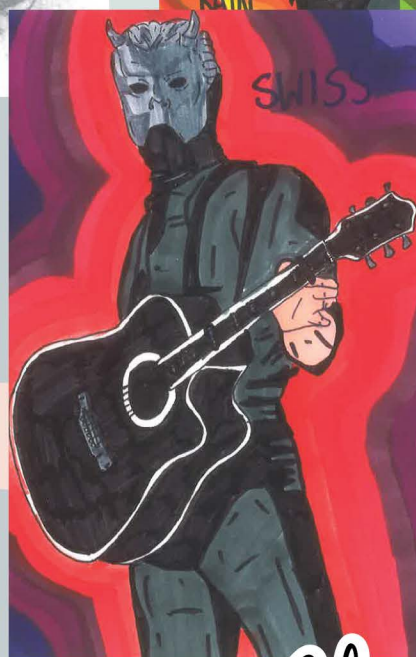
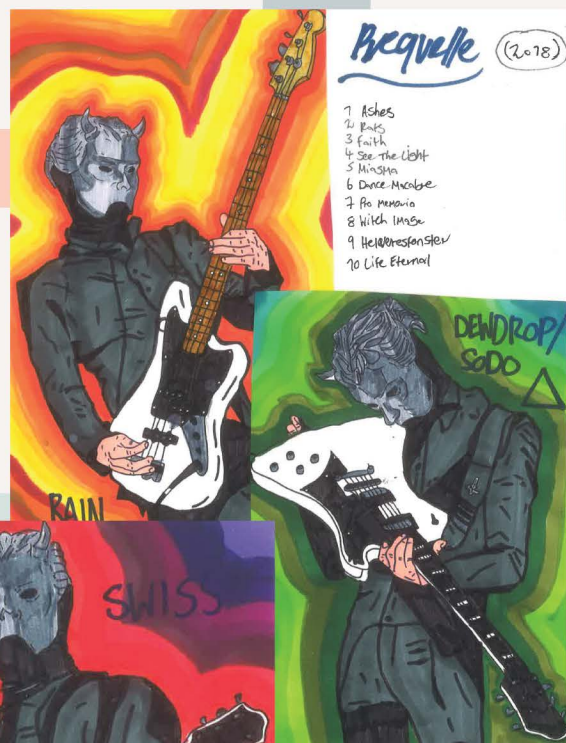
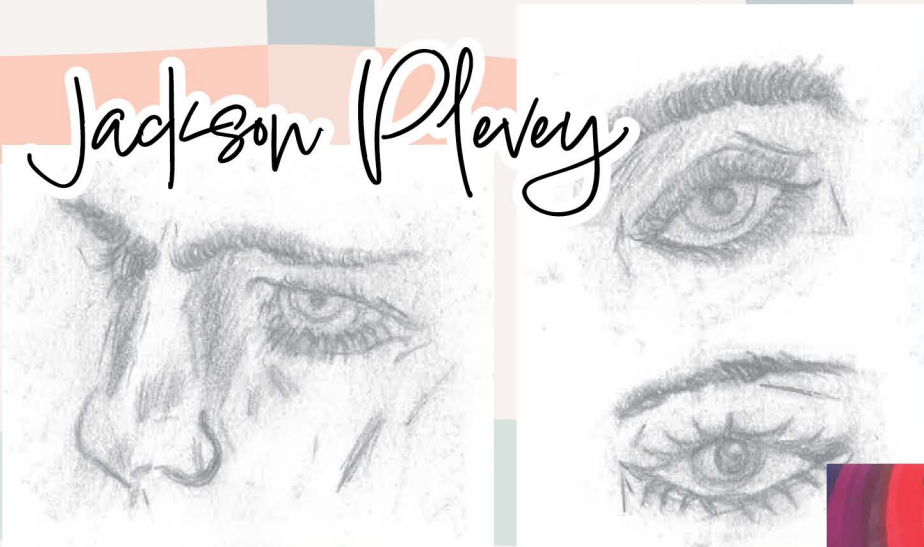
Where do you think you improved the most? Maybe

What areas would you like to continue to develop your skills and knowledge base?

I enjoyed designing the characters.



Jackson Plevy



Delilah Parsons

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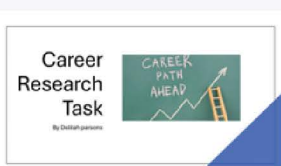
VET CLASSES

This image is the vet course that im doing through the school, this is one of a couple vet classes that are on sigh at school. The vet classes are online and have all the assessments logged on to the online course. the school has done this so everyone can have a certificate so they can use it for jobs out of school, so no matter what everyone will be able to leave school with a certificate.



CAREER PATHWAYS

Murtoa college wants to help students in any way possible so they have a class that years 10 and up do that help them get an idea on how to work and what they would like to do in the future. Through the schools students are able to go do different career expos and see all the different kinds of pathways there are, they also get to speak to different uni's and see which one they would like to go to. helps them have a starting point for when they do leave school. As an example here is some of my work from that class.



Photography

Job Description

Photographers capture compelling images by operating camera equipment, editing photos, and collaborating with clients to create visual narratives that meet specific artistic and commercial objectives.



How Photography Relates to Other Areas

1. Visual Arts: Like painting and sculpture, photography is a way to create art.
2. Film and Video: Photography skills are used in movies and videos.
3. Advertising: Photographers create images for ads and marketing.
4. Publishing: Photos are used in magazines, books, and online content.
5. Fashion: Fashion photography showcases clothing and accessories.
6. Digital Media: Photography is important in graphic design and social media.
7. Events: Photographers capture moments at weddings, concerts, and other events.

Industry, Bodies, Associations

Australian Photographic Society (APS)

The Australian Photographic Society (APS) is an organization for photographers in Australia, whether they are amateurs or professionals. APS offers members the chance to earn honours and distinctions that recognize their skills in photography. They organize competitions like the Australian Digital Photography Awards, where photographers can showcase their work. The society also provides resources and activities to help members improve their photography skills and connect with others who share their passion.



Image Makers Association Australia (IMAA)

The Image Makers Association Australia (IMAA) supports professional and emerging photographers across the country. The organization focuses on education and advocacy, helping photographers navigate the business side of their craft. IMAA offers resources for different photography fields, such as portrait, editorial, and commercial.



Artificial intelligence (AI)

AI is changing how we edit and process photos, with smart algorithms, AI can automatically enhance images by adjusting exposure, contrast and colours. This makes editing faster and easier for photographers. In the future AI may help with tasks like recognising subjects and suggesting different compositions.



Mobile Phones

Phones have become powerful photography tools. Companies like Apple and Samsung are equipping their devices with advanced cameras that can take high-quality photos. As smartphone technology continues to improve, they may replace traditional cameras for many users.

Alex has created some fantastic work on the primary school year level pages. Make sure to flip through and have a look at her work!

About the class

Students in the Cert II Creative Industries class explored what it is like to work in the digital field, exploring activities such as learning to use the Adobe suite; designing characters, sets, props and storylines; and learning the important procedures of working in a creative industry.

Students were equipped with a resume and portfolio at the end of the course showcasing some of their amazing work (which you may find throughout the magazine!)



Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Congratulations to the students for exceeding all expectations and achieving the Bronze Award in the Duke of Edinburgh program. Your dedication, hard work, and unwavering commitment have truly paid off. Well done!



Celebrating Individual Achievements!

Noah's Apprenticeship

Well done Noah. Thank you to Federation University for delivering VET and to Laser Electrical for taking Noah on work experience and then employing him for his School Based Apprenticeship.



Liam's Internship

While completing his VCE VM at Murtoa College as well as a Certificate II in Kitchen Operations, Liam is now getting valuable experience working one day a week in the kitchen at Grampians Health Horsham. Food Services manager Stephen Hill said he was pleased to give Liam the opportunity.



Music at Murtoa College

A performance at the Commemoration of the 100 year anniversary of the laying of the College's foundation stone informed the content the Murtoa College Primary school music program in early 2024. Students began by learning popular songs from the early decades of the 20th century.

As a result, "You Are My Sunshine" (1940s) and "The Red, Red Robin" (1920s), became firm favourites. By co-ordinating with the AUSLAN class, students quickly picked up signing for "You are my sunshine", and that was incorporated into choreography for both songs at the commemoration performance that took place in early June.

"Who let the dog out" debuted at the 100 year anniversary in June and was part of the vocal warm up before the primary students sang "My Island Home", "This is me" and "Material Girl" to farewell the Year 12 cohort in October.

In Term 3 and 4, select students took part in an elective introductory program featuring music and percussion instruments including guitar, ukulele, boom whackers and xylophone.



WHAT ADVICE COULD YOU GIVE TO SOMEONE WHO IS TRYING TO ACHIEVE A SPECIAL GOAL?



Rosie
Woof!



Mark Arrowsmith



Joanne Baker

Remember, every small step counts towards your goal. Try to stay focused and don't be afraid to adjust your plans as you go.



Sheridan Baker

Your weaknesses could also be your biggest strengths. Don't let them stop you.



Cindy Baulch-Brown



Joel Beggs



Andrea Berger



Joylene Boehm



Shaun Bray

Write it down, plan how to make it successful and put it somewhere you regularly see it. This will make it achievable, and keep you accountable.



Kieran Butler

Keep in mind that it is often the journey that teaches you more than arriving at your destination and that not achieving a specific goal is not failure.



Michelle Butler

When pursuing a goal, listen to music. It stimulates the brain and helps you to focus.



Dr Bec Carter

Always lift your eyes to the horizon to reimagine your future.



Sam Chenoweth

Establish a support system.



Bree Childs



Grace Coustley



Simone Coutts
Be persistent and work hard.



Sharon Crawford



Tara Crowe
Just like in agriculture,
growth takes time and effort.



Meredith Delahunty
Believe you can and
you're halfway there.



Rebecca Dunlop



Chad Frost



Trina Gardy



Ronan Garth-Lindsay



Samantha Gawith



Emma Geyer



Jenny Huebner
Get up. dress up. show up and
never give up!



Brenton Hurley



Sheryl Jordan



Melinda Keel



Linda Kelly
Never lose sight of your
dreams, you can achieve
them.



Fiona Kerrins



Natalie Liao



Vincent Liao
Look forward with a smile and
learn from your mistakes with
hope.



Grace Lutze



Paige Martin



Ryan Metelmann
If you're not failin
initially, you're not trying
hard enough.



Austyn Moore



Amanda Murfett



Trina Niiranen
Setting goals is easy, but it
takes hard work and resilience
to achieve them. However,
each step forward, is one in the
right direction.



Nicole Noonan



Sarah O'Connor



Anne Randall



Nathan Sachse



Andrew Smith



Caroline Teggerth



Maxine Tepper



Christine Wills



Allyssa Wilson

You only fail, when you
stop trying.



Colin Winch



Georgia Zolj

Amber Chambers

No journey is linear, but
that doesn't mean it's not
the right one to take. Begin
with the end in mind, but
don't be afraid to say yes to
opportunities you didn't
initially envision.
Sometimes, the journey is
more important than the
destination.

Joanne Hemley

Be patient and
persistent.

Karen Gebert

Forward is forward, no matter
how small the step or how
slow.

Jenny Reading

Fail down 7 times, stand up 8.



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