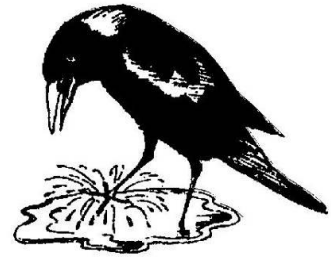


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School P&C meets at 6.30pm on 4th Wednesday of each month

Quote of the week: Happiness is not something ready made. It comes from your own actions – Dalai Lama

P&C Meeting

Wednesday 24 August 6.30pm Staffroom

All welcome

A message from the Principal,

Last Friday, the first weekly update was sent home that contained a calendar of events for the next fortnight and some information about events that are happening during the next week. This is in response to a request from some parents for more communication, and notice, about school events. So each Friday, the next fortnight's calendar will be published to provide parents with an opportunity to arrange for time-off work and encourage all of our parents and carers to visit the school during special events, such as next Wednesday's Big Breakfast (begins at 7.30am), Book Fair and Book Character Parade to celebrate Book Week.

The community will have welcomed the appointment of the new principal, Mr Les Daley, to Murwillumbah Primary. We look forward to opportunities to meet Mr Daley, who is currently the principal of Dungay, in the coming weeks when he is able to attend meetings and special occasions. This week we welcome back Mrs Anderson and Mrs Taylor who have been on leave recently. We also have a number of student teachers working with classes across the school, in addition to Mrs Alexander who continues to work with KL. These include: Ms Buie in the 1/2A room and Mrs Carroll in 5/6S for the rest of this term.

Classrooms have been abuzz with speeches prepared for the annual public speaking program. The school finals will be held on August 25, and our lunch bell times will change slightly.

9.15 – 10.45 Stage 3 (Year 5/6)
11.15 – 12.45 Stage 2 (Year 3/4)
1.40 – 3.00 Stage 1 (Kinder, Year 1/2)

The District Public Speaking Finals will also be held at our school on Wednesday, September 7.

CHANGES TO PLAY AREAS

The softfall underneath the play equipment in the playground has become compacted and no longer provides protection against falls, so is not in use. Many of our Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students now play outside the Kinder rooms with some PE equipment during the lunch break, or they may choose to play in the grassed area with the Year 3-6 students. A teacher will supervise this additional K/1/2 play area.

DONATION OF BOOKS

Thank you to the Tweed Shire Women's Service - who organise the Communities for Children Project - for the donation of eight small books, written by Loanne Arnell, called 'My Special Voice says...'

For more information about the series of books, visit www.myspecialvoice.com

'My Special Voice' books encourage children to listen with their hearts and trust their intuition with a fun, informative and easy to follow narrative. They cover a wide range of social issues, including interaction with friends, courage, happiness, change, health, feelings, success and self-esteem.

PUBLIC MEETING - MURWILLUMBAH SHOW

The new Tweed River Agricultural Society Board are looking for new ideas and input into the annual Murwillumbah Show (to be held 4 & 5 November 2011). A public meeting will be held for anyone interested in attending and finding out more about the Show.

If you are interested in art, craft, gardening, cooking, poultry, agriculture, dogs, livestock, woodchopping, woodturning, photography, or are interested in volunteering in any way, please come along.

The meeting will be held **THURSDAY 25 AUGUST** in the Presidents Room at the Murwillumbah Showground (near the Function Room) at 7.30pm.

For more information please contact the Secretary on 02 66725507.

MID-MORNING SNACK

Many of our students find waiting for the break at 11am can be too long, so we'd like to encourage parents to send along a nutritious mid-morning snack that can be eaten in the classroom without disrupting students' work. Suggestions are apples, bananas, carrot sticks, cherry tomatoes, cheese cubes or dried fruits. Please avoid foods containing juice such as oranges and mandarines as these make a mess and children need to wash their hands.

THANKS, MR BUSH...

Mr Bush wrote the article below that appeared in The Weekly!

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TV GUIDE & LOCAL NEWS

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Students show classrooms and sporting abilities

STUDENTS AT Murwillumbah Public School celebrated their achievements in and out of the classroom last week with Education Week activities and having a number of students selected for the far north coast athletics carnival in Murwillumbah.

For Education Week this year at Murwillumbah Public School, parents and family members were invited to a formal assembly and open classrooms, showcasing the learning environments of the school.

Students showed family members around their classrooms and had them watch a variety of lessons and use of the interactive whiteboards.

Parents and community members were then invited to share morning tea with the staff.

The week reflected the theme of Education

Week, Creating the Future, as many students represented the school in the far north coast athletics carnival, with Jasmine Perry gaining the 11 years championship honours.

Murwillumbah sent four relay teams to the competition, with three progressing to the far north coast zone carnival.

Representing the school in the junior boys division will be Riley Lack, Kade Hill, Sam Everest and Tom Vickery.

The senior girls team is Jasmine Perry, Emilee Hills-New, Taleigha Stewart and Chloe Pacey-Smith.

The senior boys team is Tully Anderson, Cormac White, Brendan Thomson and Djindu Willoughby-Noble.

The school will also be represented by students in many individual events including 100 metres, 200 metres, 800 metres, long jump, discus and shot putt.



Students who represented Murwillumbah Public School at the far north coast athletics carnival.

Congratulations to our Merit award winners for Week 4 Term 3:

KK: Ayla and Cooper

1/2A: Daniel and Lilly

1/2T: Sid and Jack

3/4R: Lauren and Krishan

5/6P: Keshav and Tiffany

5/6S: Jayden and Charlee

KL: Zack and Karsha

1/2K: Blake and Breeana

3/4B: Waru and Locky

3/4JR: Jason, Gypsy Rose and Chelsea

5/6PR: Taeisha and Mitchell

Congratulations to our Merit award winners for Week 5 Term 3:

KL: Rosie, Tristan	1/2A: Ruben, Kiara
1/2K: Kayla, Cooper	1/2T: Claire, Thomas
3/4B: Ethan, Britney	3/4JR: Garrett, Madison and Isabella
3/4R: Magnus, Grace	5/6P: Clair, Chloe
5/6PR: Jake, Courtney	5/6S: Tom, Alison

Jeans for Genes Day

Thanks to all the students who donated a gold coin on Jeans for Genes Day. \$300.00 was raised on the day.

Sports Report

Last Friday 17 of our students attended the Far North Coast Athletics at the Murwillumbah High School Oval. All students participated well and represented our school well. Murwillumbah Primary School placed 3rd overall on the day with a lot of this success attributed to our AWD competitors.

Their participation and performance was pleasing to see and have shown that everyone can achieve success if they try.

Results on the day were;

Riley - 3rd 8 year boys 100m

Brendan - 4th 11 year boys 200m, 3rd 11 year boys 800m

Tom - 3rd Junior boys 200m

AWD Results.

Clare - 1st, 200m, 800m, long jump, shot put, discus

Krishan - 2nd 100m, 2nd 200m, 2nd 800m, 2nd discus, 3rd long jump, 1st shot Put

Jackson - 3rd 100m, 3rd 200m, 3rd 800m, 3rd discus, 2nd long jump, 2nd discus

Keshev - 3rd 200m, 1st 800m, 3rd shot put

All of these students have qualified to attend the North Coast Athletics Carnival to be held on Friday 26th August in Coffs Harbour. Congratulations and good luck to all.

Library News

BOOK FAIR – A GALAXY OF BOOKS Don't forget our annual Scholastic Book Fair which will be held in the Library on **Wednesday 24th August** following the **Big Breakfast**. During the week prior to the Fair the children will be viewing the books and other items which will be for sale, and writing "Wish Lists". Teachers will also be making "Wish Lists", so if parents wish to buy a book and donate it to their child's class, or to the Library they can do so at the Fair. All book titles can be re-ordered if we run out on the day. However, there can be no re-orders on posters, Whacky Packs, or Variety box items. Payment for all items must be made on the day, using cash, cheques, (made payable to school) or Credit cards (Visa or Mastercard).

With every purchase you will receive a free bookmark. Also, this year we have a special prize to give away – a Book Pack worth \$60! All purchases over \$10 will be eligible to enter. Just fill in an entry form at the exit to the Book Fair.

BOOK WEEK Next week we will be celebrating **BOOK WEEK** (22nd – 26th August – Wk 6). The theme this year is **One World, Many Stories**. In the Library and in the classrooms everyone has been engaged in activities to celebrate and display this theme. There is a colouring competition for all stages. We will also be having a **Book Character Parade**. This will take place on **Wednesday, 24th August at 9:15 am** in the new Hall. Children are asked to join in the parade dressed as their favourite book character, or as a character from any of the CBCA (Children's Book Council of Australia) shortlisted books. They can also dress in a costume from another country. During the term the children will be reading many of the CBCA shortlisted titles and deciding on which books should win in each category. The winners will be announced in Week 6.

On Tuesday afternoon the children will also be joining other classes for a "buddy reading" session.



TOWN LIBRARY VISITS All children in Kindy and Stage 1 will be visiting the Town Library during Book Week, for book readings and activities, and a tour of the Library. The children will be walking to and from the Library with their Class teachers. The Library session lasts for half an hour. The children will leave from school half an hour before the session. Each class will be attending a session at the following times :

Monday 22nd : 9:30 – KK, KL; 12:00 – 1/2K.

Thursday 25th: 9:30 –1/2A.

Friday 26th: 9:30 – 1/2T

Jo Vining

POTTSVILLE CAMP – YEARS 3/4/5/6

We have had a great response from those students intending to go on this camp. It will be held Week 10 of this term-Tuesday 20th – Friday 23rd September. The cost is \$75 which includes all food, camping ground hire and all activities. If you haven't already done so please return the Permission note as soon as possible. Remember the cost can be paid in weekly instalments and **ALL MONEY MUST BE PAID BY FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER.**

COLES AND WOOLWORTHS DOCKETS

This year we have registered for Coles and Woolworths. Coles will be supplying sporting equipment and Woolworths teaching equipment.

Coles

From August 11th to October 18th for every \$10 you spend at Coles you will receive a docket. Please send them into the school office. We will again save them for sporting equipment. It would be very helpful if you could please count your dockets and place them in a recycled envelop or bag with the quantity listed on the front.

Woolworths

From July 18th to September 18th whenever you shop at Woolies you will receive a points total at the bottom of your shopping docket. Please send this in to school and we can enter the points total on line for teaching equipment.

Last year we did very well and were able to supply the students with a lot of new sporting equipment. This year we are hoping that all parents will support the school and send in your dockets when you shop at Coles or Woolies.



Contact Details

It is vitally important that we have up to date contact details for you in case your child is ill or injured. Please send us any changes to your mobile or home phone number or other emergency contact person details so we can update our records as soon as possible.

Collect a Cap Scheme

Pauls milk will be conducting the Collect a Cap scheme from now on. We had fantastic support from parents, staff and community previously and we are asking you to please support this scheme again. Save your Pauls milk caps, send them into school and Pauls will pay us 10c for every cap that we collect.



KINDERGARTEN 2012 ENROLMENT FORMS

Please send your 2012 Kindergarten school enrolment form to the school office as soon as possible. This assists the school in organising Kindergarten classes for 2012.

If you have a child or know of one who is due to start school next year please contact the school on 66721467 to arrange an appointment with the Principal for an interview and tour of the school .

Kindy 2012 Orientation Dates:-

Wednesday 21 September 9.30-11.30am - Children to bring morning tea and hat.

Wednesday 19 October 9.30-11.30am - Children to bring morning tea and hat.

Parents are invited to a special information session and morning tea in the library on this day from 9.30-11.30am

Wednesday 26 October 11.30-1.30pm - Children to bring lunch and hat

Wednesday 2 November 9.30-11.30am - Children to bring morning tea and hat

Late Arrivals/Early Departures

Green notes must be filled in at the office if your children are late arriving at school, you are taking them home early or they will be absent for a period of time due to an appointment. **Parents should come to the office with their children if they are late or send a note with them stating reason.** Please do not just drop them off at the gate.

The canteen is only open on Wednesdays and Fridays of each week.

AUGUST CANTEEN ROSTER

Wednesdays		Fridays	
17 Aug	Rodney, Donna	19 Aug	Rodney
24 Aug	Alison	26 Aug	Rodney, Sue
31 Aug	Rodney, Donna	2 Sept	Rodney, Coral
7 Sept	Rodney, Donna	9 Sept	Rodney
14 Sept	Sonia, Sue-Ellen	16 Sept	Rodney, Sonya
21 Sept	Donna	23 rd Sept	Sue

Please call Christine on 0429722666 if you cannot make your rostered day.

Please DO NOT send a note in to the office on the day as it is too hard to find a replacement at short notice.

KOOL KIDS OOSH PROGRAM

Before and after school care is available here at school.

Please contact Tanya John on 0413 483 802 to make the necessary arrangements. Application forms and prices are available from the school office.

Hearing Awareness Week is an annual event held in the last week of August. It provides an opportunity to raise community awareness of hearing impairment and ways to protect your hearing. This week is a key event for Deafness Forum which is the national coordinating body. Hearing Awareness Week also provides an opportunity for the 22 percent of Australians aged 15 years and over who have a hearing impairment to share their experience and knowledge and help to create a greater understanding of their needs and aspirations. Hearing Awareness Week 2011 runs from Sunday 21st to Saturday 27th August. Look out for information on the TV or activities may be happening at your child's school. More information, posters and balloons from www.hearingawarenessweek.org.au/



COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **Commonwealth Respite & Carelink Centre Far North Coast** – Do you need information on Aged, Disability, Community of Health Services? Do you need to discuss respite options or a break from your caring role. If so call 1800 052 222. www.crcfcnc.org
- **Air Conditioning** – For all your air conditioning and refrigeration needs please contact Nick De Lyon at Jade A&R on 0414 862 762
- **Host families** are needed for students arriving in 2012. If you are interested please call 02 9997 0700.
- **Murwillumbah Taekwondo**. Martial Arts for the whole family. Monday and Thursday in the catholic hall. Monday 4.15-5.15 and Thursday 5.30-6.30. 2 free lessons. Please call 1300552122.
- **Tweed Coast Junior Touch played Friday nights at Casuarina Rugby Union field**. Sign on Friday 26th August and Friday 2nd September. Please phone Les on 0414180525 for enquiries.
- **Twin Towns Little Athletics (now known as Tweed Seagulls Little Athletics)** sign on dates are Sunday 4th and 11th September. For enquiries please call Craig on 0412433583 or Michele on 0431835136.
- **Softball** Tweed District Softball Association is inviting new and old members to register for the 2011/2012 season commencing 15th October. All games are played Saturday at Piggabeen Sports Complex, Tweed Heads West. For further information contact Linda on 0755 232 571 or 0409 279 934.

BRINGING BABY HOME

For first time parents of babies under 12 months and first time pregnant couples

This weekend course provided by Centrecare (Broken Bay) offers an opportunity for first time parents to learn and share with other parents and to develop skills and knowledge to enhance their new parenting role. This program is endorsed and supported by North Coast Area Health with topics including:

- Building resilience
- Helping baby feel secure
- Building baby's independence & development through nurturing
- Strengthening the family into which I'm born
- Keeping your friendship strong despite the distraction



29th and 30th October 2011

Bookings are essential, limited spaces available

Kimberley @ Tweed Shire Women's Service on (02) 66724188

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Murwillumbah Communities for Children

tweed shire **WOMENS** service inc.



Soon They'll Be Teenagers

WHEN: Tuesday 12.30–2.30pm
DATES: August 23 & 30, September 6 & 13
Venue: Tweed Shire Women's Service

Supporting yourself and your child through the transition to adolescence

This 'free' 4 week course provides a practical 'how-to' guide for mothers, fathers and carers of 9 - 12 year olds

Session topics include:

- Understand what is happening for your child during this "pre adolescent" stage of life
- Improve communication
- Manage behavior
- Change established patterns
- Learn how to have "tough" conversations
- Explore how to guide your child through to adolescence



Bookings are essential (07) 55248711

Please contact the Intake Worker between 9am–12.30pm Mon–Fri

COURSE FEES

Course fees cover part of the cost of refreshments & resources provided for course participants. The Family Centre is committed to providing equal access to all the courses we offer. An ability to pay course fees will not restrict your access to the courses we offer. If you are unable to pay course fees please talk with our intake worker or the course facilitators.

For up to date info go to

www.thefamilycentre.org.au



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TERM CALENDAR

5	August 15	August 16 AASC	August 17 AASC	August 18 WHS visit by 2012 Yr 7students	August 19 .
6 Book Week	August 22	August 23 AASC	August 24 Breakfast and Book fair Opera House concert for small schools. AASC	August 25	August 26 North Coast Athletics
7	August 29 Legacy Day	August 30 AASC	August 31 <i>FNC Principal's Forum</i> Cenotaph Dedication 11am AASC	September 1	September 2 Footy Colours Day
8	September 5 Swimming Scheme for Y2 and Y3-6 non- swimmers this week	September 6 AASC	September 7 District Public Speaking Finals here at MPS. AASC	September 8	September 9
9	September 12 Clovelly Band perform at MPS 11.30am Swimming Scheme for Y2 and Y3-6 non- swimmers this week	September 13 Yr 5 Asian Transition day at MHS	September 14	September 15	September 16
10	September 19	September 20 Pottsville camp Tues to Friday	September 21 Kg Orientation 9.30-11.30	September 22	September 23