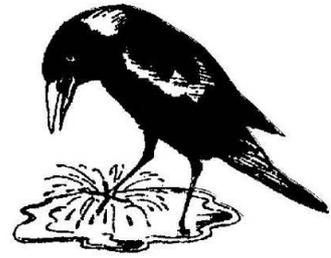


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Relieving Principal – Mrs Anne Reichart

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

Quote of the week: Action may not always bring happiness, but there is no happiness without action.

P&C Fete Meeting Wednesday 14th September 6.30pm . All welcome

P&C Meeting

Wednesday 12th October 6.30pm Staffroom

All welcome

A message from the Principal,

Last week was certainly a wonderful celebration of 2011 Book Week at Murwillumbah Primary School. All of the K/1/2 classes visited the Murwillumbah Town Library and we were delighted to see so many families enjoy the Big Breakfast prepared by the staff, before many visited the Book Fair in the library. I particularly appreciated the efforts of so many students, and the assistance of their families, in participating in the Book Character Parade – with students from K-6 joining in, as well as the staff.

Many of the children who had purchased a book at the Book Fair could be seen sitting and reading their selection during the day. Encouraging students to develop a love of books, and lifelong reading for enjoyment, is just as important as developing their skills of reading for learning.

To all of the students, and their families – thank you for the outstanding presentation of public speaking last Thursday, which Mrs Vining and I had the pleasure of adjudicating. So many of the speeches reflected many, many rehearsals but still managed to convey a fresh, natural presentation.

Special congratulations to these students...

Years 5/6

First Place: Connor

Runner-up: Chloe

Highly Commended: Alison

Years 3/4

First Place: Tiarn

Runner-up: Charlotte

Highly Commended: Lulu
Shelby

Kinder and Years 1/2

First Place: Joe

Runner-up: Keira

Highly Commended: Charlie
Avalon

This week has been a celebration of musical talent at our school, with Mrs Armour arranging for musical items to be showcased at Legacy Day on Monday, and again today at the RSL Dedication. On Friday, everyone in Years 3-6 has been invited to the Jazz Workshop, too! I hope as many students as possible will participate and perhaps develop a taste for another musical genre.

Footy Colours Day

Hosted by the SRC, this event will be held TOMORROW. Footy Colours Day raises funds for the Fight Cancer Foundation. Students are encouraged to wear the colours of their favourite sporting team and make a gold coin donation.

Wollumbin Think Tank Update

The Wollumbin Think Tank involves a group of twenty selected students from Murwillumbah Primary, Tyalgum, Dungay, Chillingham and Crystal Creek Public Schools visiting Wollumbin High school to broaden their learning experiences by asking environmental and ethical questions. This year, the Think Tank is a pilot project investigating services important to a community in crisis, deciding whether to rebuild or relocate, how infrastructure could be made more environmentally sustainable, accessing funds to rebuild and preventing future disasters through the topic, 'After the Flood'.

Gabi, Elizabeth, Jasmine, Jacob, Jacob and Seth are participating in this learning opportunity. In their words...

Jacob B: The six of us, along with kids from other schools are part of Think Tank. We go to Wollumbin High each Wednesday to learn about a topic called 'After the Flood'. On the first day we played a game to get know each other, then in groups, we built bridges from desk to desk.

Seth: The next day we went to the Clarrie Hall Dam to check the temperature, the ph and the salinity levels of the water. We found the ph level is 7.7 and the salinity is 0%.

Jacob I: We also get to make and edit videos. We made a video and it was 'Seth Grills'. It was funny because Jacob was a bear and Seth pretended to eat him. There was another video we made. It was 'Star Wars'. We all have great fun videoing.

Jasmine: Two weeks ago the Wollumbin Think Tank kids walked to the Murwillumbah Nursing Homes to interview the elderly people and to ask about their lives and the past floods that had happened throughout their lives. Of course, some of them did not live in Murwillumbah but that was okay because I could still learn about other towns or cities that have had floods before.

Gaby and Elizabeth: We participated in dam building at the Think Tank. That day, all we could use to build the wall was different types of rocks and things found in the garden. Some of us found pipes, tangles nests and plastic. The plastic was very useful because when we were trying to block the water, we put a plastic bag at the end of the pipe that was put in the wall to help make the spillway, but we had a change of plans.

Mid-Morning Snack - Reminder

Many of our students find waiting for the break at 11am can be too long, so we are encouraging 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.

Book Characters come to life at Murwillumbah Public School by Mr Bush

Murwillumbah Public School celebrated Book Week with the wider community last week, hosting an extravaganza of events including a Big Breakfast, Book Fair and Book Character Parade.

The day began with an early morning Big Breakfast for students, parents and the community to help celebrate Book Week. Teachers and students were thrilled to welcome such large numbers of people eager to enjoy the food prepared by the staff of Murwillumbah Public School. Bacon, eggs and sausages were all on offer and proved extremely popular as were the lighter options available consisting of fruits and cereal. Students were also eager to purchase books at the Book Fair before preparing for the Book Character Parade.



The students and staff of Murwillumbah Public embraced the theme of Book Week which was One World: Many Stories as characters from around the globe gathered at the school hall to parade their fine costumes. Literary characters including Harry Potter, Cinderella and her ugly stepsisters, pirates and princesses leapt out from the pages of short stories and novels - the amazing costumes showcasing the school's creativity and school spirit. All students from across the school participated in the event as staff, students and parents all enjoyed each class parade their book characters in the day's finale.

Book Week is a celebration of the love of books and the sharing of stories and students from all classes participated in buddy reading with some classes also lucky enough to visit the Murwillumbah Library during the week's celebrations.

Congratulations to our Merit award winners for Week 6 and 7 Term 3:

KK: Dorian, Kayla	KL: Zack, Maddison
1/2A: Joe, Taliah, Jorja	1/2K: Jerson, Avalon
1/2T: Breanna, Tahleka	2/3H: Chloe, Matthew
3/4B: Christian, Lachlan, Nashua, Danielle, Kelsey	
3/4R: Kiara, Briana	3/4JR: Daniel, Chloe, Georgia
5/6P: Michellie, Elizabeth	5/6PR: Liam
5/6S: Jacob, Shanelle, Tasman	

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week Last week was a very busy week at our school! On Wednesday, the whole school community got together to celebrate **Book Week**. The theme this year was "One World – Many Stories". We began the day with a Big Breakfast under the shelter area. Following this there was a very successful **Book Fair** held in the Library. There were lots of wonderful books to choose from, supplied by Scholastic Book Fairs. After the Book Fair the children and the staff dressed up as a favourite book character for the **Book Character Parade** in the Hall. There were lots of fabulous costumes and everyone looked fantastic! Thank you to all the children, parents and staff who made a huge effort in ensuring that the day was fun for everyone.

On Tuesday the children all got together for buddy-reading. They read many stories from all around the world. Some classes were able to visit the Town Library despite the weather!

The lucky winner of the \$60 Book Fair prize was Tlarra-Lee. The winners of the Colouring competition were: Karsha, Zac, Lachlan and Summer. Congratulations to the winners and well done to all participants.

Premier's Reading Challenge The PRC has finished for this year! This is the third year that our whole school has been involved, and it has been wonderful to see so many children embrace the Challenge to read the required number of PRC books in a set time. Over 100 children completed the Challenge – a great effort! Special certificates will be presented next term. Thank you to all those parents and teachers who supported the children with their reading.

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.**

SPORTS REPORT

NC Athletics

Congratulations to our 4 competitors who attended the NC Athletics Carnival last Friday. Brendan, Tom, Jackson and Riley represented our school well with Brendan placing 6th in the 800m event and Riley making the finals of his 100m. Well Done!

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.

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.

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

P&C News...

The Fun Family Night will be held on Friday, October 21 between 3pm and 7pm. A special meeting of those interested in assisting with the event will be held in the staffroom of the school on Wednesday, September 14 at 6.30pm.

On Saturday, November 5, the P&C has made a booking for Family Photos to be taken. More details will be provided soon. This is the same weekend as the Murwillumbah Show – so families could visit for a photo while they are out and about for the show.

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

AUGUST CANTEEN ROSTER			
Wednesdays		Fridays	
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 Sanderson 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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **Air Conditioning** – For all your air conditioning and refrigeration needs please contact Nick De Lyon at Jade A&R on 0414 862 762
- **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
- **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.
- **Murwillumbah Cricket Club** sign on will be held on Saturday 3rd, 10 and 17th September at Rabjones Oval from 10.00am -12 noon. For enquiries please contact Sonia on 66795554 or Keith on 66770186.
- **Murwillumbah FC Junior Summer Six A Side** sign on dates Wednesday 7 September 3.30pm to 6.00pm & Wednesday 14 September 3.30pm to 6.00pm at the Jim Devine Fields Clubhouse, cnr Queensland Rd & Mooball St Murwillumbah.
- **Murwillumbah Tennis Club** FREE tennis lessons for new players, ages 5-12 yrs, Fridays 4pm-4.45pm, starting 9 September. Ph. Brandon Rowe 0400403323.
- **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.

- **Tweed Coast Junior Touch played Friday nights at Casuarina Rugby Union field.** Sign on Friday 2nd September. Please phone Les on 0414180525 for enquiries.
- **Tweed Valley Triathlon Sign-on:** Saturday 11th & 17th September from 7.30am-8.30am and Friday 4pm to 5.30pm at Trac Murwillumbah Pool. Season starts Seniors - Saturday 24th September & Juniors Start Saturday 8th October at Murwillumbah Pool. "Don't say DIE just say TRI"
For Enquiries phone Chris 0266723117 Carol 0266722016 (AH).
www.tweedvalleytri.com.au
- **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.
- **The Tyalgum School fair** will be held on Sunday 4th September 10.00am – 2.00pm.
- **Wellbeing Exhibition** is an art event for people affected by mental illness. The exhibition will run from 12 – 29 October at the Lismore Library. If you wish to enter or want more information call 0439 607 697.



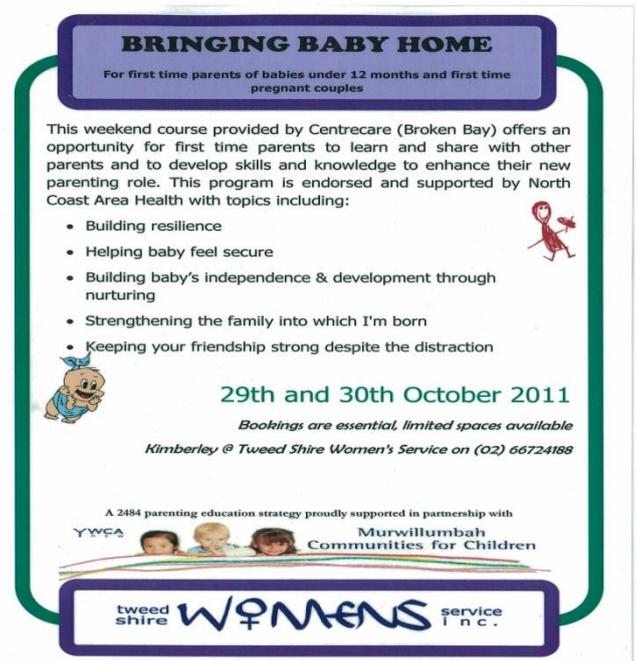
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 - Jack & the Boys
 - Hoopla Circus
 - Jumping castles
 - Aboriginal performance
 - Aunty Bakoi
 - Face painting
 - Animal farm
- PARENT INFO**
 - Preschools/Playgroups
 - Child & Family Health
 - Early Intervention & Support
 - Parenting Resources
 - Info just for Dads
 - Schools
- PICNIC**
 - Bring a picnic and a blanket or some chairs and enjoy the fun!

**10am—2pm
Sunday, 18 September 2011
Knox Park, Murwillumbah**

Presented by YWCA Murwillumbah
Email: belly2bigschool@hotmail.com
Website: www.belly2bigschool.com.au



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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TERM 3 CALENDAR

7	August 29 Legacy Day	August 30 AASC	August 31 <i>FNC Principal's Forum</i> Cenotaph Dedication 11am AASC	September 1 Year 5 visit WHS Sports day Footy colours day	September 2 Jazz workshop Touch football gala 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 Crocket Gala day
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