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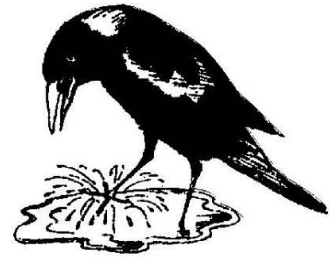
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School P&C meets at 6.30pm on 4th Wednesday of each month

Quote of the week: Excellence is to do a common thing in an uncommon way.

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

**P&C Meeting
Wednesday 12th October 6.30pm Staffroom
All welcome**

A message from the Principal,

A special thank you to both staff and students this week as everyone accommodates many changes to routines in order to provide as many students as possible with additional learning opportunities – from swimming lessons to touch football, Murwillumbah HS transition activities, a visit by Senior Constable Nathan Virender to Stage 3 to talk about cyberbullying and other local issues, staff attending professional learning and preparations for next week's camp.

Parents in Years 3 and 5 this week received their child's NAPLAN results, having completed the assessment in May. Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the national program! Our school's results in both grades were excellent and reflect the high quality teaching provided in our classrooms. Any parent who would like to discuss their child's results are invited to make an appointment for an interview with their child's teacher. This Thursday and Friday, five teachers will attend professional learning that will assist them to lead each stage in fully utilising the diagnostic information provided by the assessment.

This term, a focus has been on identifying areas of strength in literacy, as well as areas that need to be supported, using class assessment data. Further assessment may be needed for some students. The goal is to support all students by providing classroom programs that meet individual needs and also to determine future professional learning for teachers to ensure that all students at Murwillumbah continue to progress towards their full potential.

As I explained in the Weekly Update, Mrs Armour will be taking leave from teaching her classes at Murwillumbah until the end of the term and her classes will be taught by Mrs Phillips or Mrs Lawther on different days. On behalf of the Murwillumbah Primary School community I again extend our sympathy to Mrs Armour and her family on their sad loss.

It is a testament to Mrs Armour's dedication that she has made sure that everyone is now ready to begin preparations for the Term 4 performances.

A reminder to everyone that this Friday is the final day for canteen until further notice as Chris Sanderson and Louise Parker are no longer able to continue the co-ordination required to keep the canteen open.

As this is the final newsletter for this term, I would like to thank everyone who has supported our school in any way and especially appreciate the support of staff, students and community in adjusting to new leadership of the school. I hope the final week of the term will be a happy one for all and that all enjoy a well-deserved break and return in Term 4 refreshed and ready for the challenges of the final term for 2011.

Local Schools, Local Decisions

The Department of Education and Communities is starting a process of consultation on empowering local public schools. School principals and teachers are constantly making decisions about individual students and catering for their unique needs. Students have different learning needs and decisions about what works best for them are discussed every day.

If we want to change this approach and improve student outcomes, we have to start by giving the teachers and principals who work with students every day more authority to adapt what they do and how they do it to meet the needs of their students.

“The current rules and processes can make it hard for principals and teachers to respond quickly to these issues. It can be very frustrating when a decision that is made in the best interests of a student is hindered by a process that just doesn't quite fit. Parents can find this difficult to understand as well,” said Education Minister, Adrian Piccoli. To find out more and to have your say, go to: <http://bit.ly/nyzxX8>

Useful Websites for Parents

The following website: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/> provides tips, tools and resources for you to help your child with their homework, well-being and other growing needs.

Footy Colours Day

Hosted by the SRC, students were encouraged to wear the colours of their favourite sporting team and make a gold coin donation. Our school contributed \$211.65 for the Fight Cancer Foundation.

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 school staffroom tonight 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.

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.

Congratulations to our Merit award winners for Week 8 and 9 Term 3:

KK: Evie and Nick	KL: Blake and Taylor
1/2A: Taliah, Annaleise and Max	1/2T: David, Tahlia, Emma and Claire
2/3H: Zac and Mackenzie	3/4B: Alysha and Christian
3/4R: Lulu, Zayne, Jeremy and Tyler	3/4JR: Caleb, Charlotte, Rory and Harley
5/6P: Caitlyn, Jared, Jordan and Shaquel	5/6PR: Breanna, Jordan, Brendan and Layla
5/6S: Taleigha and Kai	

POTTSVILLE CAMP – YEARS 4/5/6

A reminder that all medical forms are to be returned as soon as possible. All money should have been paid by last Friday, 9th September. If you have not yet paid it **MUST** be paid by this Friday, 16th September.



This morning a cheque for \$150 was presented by Elaine from Westpac to the school for winning first place in the Best Decorated Business for the 2011 Banana Festival.



Constable Virender speaking to Stage 3 this morning about cyber bullying and other local issues.

SPORTS REPORT

Cricket Gala Day

Last Friday 36 students from Murwillumbah Primary School attended a cricket gala day at Kingscliff. Although the day was bleak and quite chilly, all students that attended represented our school well. From all reports they had a wonderful time participating in many different minor games that lead into the game of cricket.

MUSIC

Bunyip Band will still be on next week even though some students will be at camp.

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

Woolworths have extended the saving period to October 2011, so from July 18th to October 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

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CANTEEN NEWS

It is with great regret that we have to close the canteen this **FRIDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2011** due to personal reasons. This will be the last day of canteen for this term.

The canteen **WILL NOT** be reopening in Term 4 at this point in time.

We would like to thank the volunteers who have helped out in the canteen since it re-opened and also the office staff who have assisted us.

We would also like to thank the parents and children who helped out at the Far North Coast Athletics Carnival either by cooking, serving or baking cakes etc. It was a great success. Once again thank you to all who have assisted.

Christine & Louise

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.crccfnc.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** the last sign on will be held on 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** Final sign on date is today, 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. 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 Valley Triathlon Sign-on:** Saturday 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
- **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.
- **Murwillumbah Farmers Market** Every Wednesday 7–11am at the Murwillumbah showground. Entry via the Harry Williams Gate.

TERM 3 CALENDAR

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



BELLY TO BIG SCHOOL AND BEYOND FAMILY FUN DAY
Celebrating Families and Connecting Communities

Especially for families with children 0-12yrs

- FOOD**
 - Free water & fruit
 - Sausage sizzle
 - Food stalls
- KID'S PASSPORT**
 - Collect stamps and win a prize
- FREE ACTIVITIES**
 - 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

A 2484 parenting education strategy proudly supported in partnership with YWCA Murwillumbah Communities for Children

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Business Card - Advertising

Kath Simpson
Personal Trainer
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Personal and Group training sessions
Train at home or park

Free consultation

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General Classes suitable for beginners to intermediate students: includes, warm up, stretching & strengthening postures, breath control exercises & relaxation.
Murwillumbah Primary School Hall
Saturday 9:30 - 11:00am Cost \$15
Enquiries Ph 66795455 or 0428795456
email kay-ayres@hotmail.com

**Corroboree and
Logo Winner
Presentation Day
10 o'clock
September 22nd
in the park at
Murwillumbah**

Our Cultural playgroup meets every week in Murwillumbah to strengthen Indigenous cultural parenting and foster a sense of pride and spirit in our children. We aim to teach our children cultural diversity and how to be a caretaker of the Land. Activities focus on Indigenous dance, language, arts and crafts, sharing, storytelling and song.

Titans at Knox Park

presented by:

Murwillumbah Public Library



Come & Meet

The Jetstar Gold Coast Titans
Under 20s Representative Team



Monday 26th September 2011

10:30am - 2:30pm



- *Read with the Titans**
- *Help create a book**
- *Free Sausage Sizzle**
- *Kicks in the Park**
- *Question & Answer**

FREE Tickets from Murwillumbah Library

5 x \$20 Zebra's Book Shop Book Vouchers to be Won!



MY HERO READS TOO

