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P&C Meeting 28th November - 6.30pm

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

Quote of the week: Every artist was once an amateur Ralph Waldo Emerson

A message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Recently, I attended the NSW Primary Principals Conference in Sydney. We were addressed by a range of speakers on educational and inspirational topics. The strongest message I came away with was from Pasi Sahlberg, Director General of Education in Finland. Finland is widely regarded as a leader in educational practice and achievement internationally. Mr Sahlberg attributed this success to their focus on ensuring equity in their schools. Their government spends much more on education than we do, and all of this funding goes to public schools. As a result every local school has the resources to cater for the individual needs of their students. Sounds good, doesn't it? Bear this in mind as the debate carries on about education budget cuts at State level and implementation of the Gonski recommendations at Federal level – have your say.

This Sunday our school leaders will be hosting the Remembrance Day Service at the Murwillumbah Cenotaph. This is a very special service where we are able to show our respect and support to our local community. We are inviting all our children to attend this service which will commence at 11.00 am and run for around thirty minutes. We ask that all children attending wear their school uniform and meet at 10.40am in front of the Murwillumbah Library. Children should also bring a water bottle and school hat.

Congratulations to Mrs Anderson and the children from 2/3A. The students have been learning all about dinosaurs and if you didn't know better, you could easily mistake the 2/3 classroom as a dinosaur playground. The room has hanging dinosaurs from the roof, dinosaurs on the wall, a dinosaur cave, models of dinosaurs, large dinosaur footprints, paintings, stories, spelling words and lots and lots more informative information about this topic. The children have been thoroughly engaged in their learning and having lots of fun along the way. If you are visiting the school at any stage and would like a look, I'm sure Mrs Anderson would be only too happy for you to drop in BUT be careful you don't get carried away!

Early next week year five and six students will nominate year five students for school leaders in 2013. Nominated students need to display appropriate skills and exemplary behaviour in all school settings, school citizenship and participation in all school events. Staff will then discuss nominations. The next process will be for staff and year five and six students to elect five girls and five boys from these nominations who will then present speeches to the whole school (K-6) as to why they should be nominated as school captain.

Speeches will be presented on Friday the 30th November at 9.00am. The whole school will then vote for two boys and two girl captains. The successful candidates will then be announced on Presentation Day-12th December.

Well done to our children in the Small Schools Choir. The children have worked really hard over the last few months and on Sunday presented their last performance at the Anglican Church. They will certainly take away some great memories from this experience. They have been an absolute credit to our school and we are very proud of their efforts.

Thank you to Mrs Armour for providing this experience for our children.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Online applications for Year 7 placement in 2014 are now available.

Are you already thinking about your child's Year 7 placement in a selective school in 2014?

Online application and information regarding the process is now available.

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php>

Online applications are available from 9am 16 October until Monday 19 November 2012

Applications Packages for Year 7 placement in 2014.

16 October- Online Application opens

23 October- Application packages available in schools

16 November – Paper applications returned to schools

19 November- Online application closes

28 February- Test Centre Advice to parents

14 March- Selective High School Placement Test

July 2013 -Outcome advice

The school now has an underwater irrigation watering system on the back oval. John Inglis recently completed work so that the grass will receive water on a regular basis as needed. The sprinklers are on a timer ensuring the best economical use. Many thanks to John for all his hard work.

Yesterday, Constable Mark Hamilton visited the school to talk to stage three children about cyber bullying, Facebook and on-line safety. It was a very informative session for all our children and highlighted how important it is to ensure that appropriate procedures are followed when using the internet.

A very interesting fact that Constable Hamilton raised was the correct age children should be before they can use Facebook. Students should be 13 and over before they hold a Facebook account. As Constable Hamilton outlined, it can be very dangerous for young children to be exposed to such powerful technology.

Regards

Les Daley

Principal

ARE YOU LEAVING IN 2013?

As I am beginning to look at student enrolments for 2013, could you please inform the school if you are planning to have your child change school at the end of the year.

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NOT RETURNING TO MURWILLUMBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN 2013

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

This is to inform the school that my child/ren will not be returning to Murwillumbah Public School in 2013.

Next year my child will be attending: _____ Parent: _____

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 4 TERM 4:

KL:	Jedd, Ebony, Anna	3/4K:	Charles, Adam
1K:	Emily, Orry	4/5H:	Chloe, Jessica, Ethan, Amy
1/2T:	Skye, Kayla	5/6GS:	Lane, Zoey
2/3A:	Izac, Kody	5/6L:	Jon, Alex
3/4J:	Zach, Amy-Lee	5/6P:	Brianna, Shanelle

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 5 TERM 4:

KL:	Jedd, Ebony	3/4K:	Taliah, Jacob
1K:	Lochlan, Sofia	4/5H:	Kayla, Zac
1/2T:	Mia, Ayla	5/6GS:	Ben, Emma
2/3A:	Jerson, Dom	5/6L:	Corey, Courtney
3/4J:	Cameron, Jorja	5/6P:	Sam, Charlotte

ONLINE CLASSROOM

Students at Murwillumbah Public School are currently taking their computer class learning online. Each class is able to log into their 'online classroom', view their instructions for the week and click on the links to their different learning activities.

If you would like to know what we have been learning in the computer room this term feel free to view our online classroom at <https://murwillumbahcomputerclassroom.wikispaces.com/home>

GARDEN NEWS

This week the students who participate in garden club were finally able to taste the fruits of their labour as we conducted our first 'harvest'. The garden is flourishing with lettuce, tomatoes and cucumbers. We tasted a variety of different lettuce leaves as well as some cherry tomatoes. We will have more tomato varieties ripening soon and our cucumbers are almost ready to pick. Our beans and rockmelon seedlings are just starting out but we look forward to enjoying these before the end of term. Thank you to all those students who have been helping out in the garden on a regular basis!



MURWILLUMBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR TERM 4 - 2012

Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5			7 November Art Smart classes at school.	8 November Art Smart	9 November Art Smart
6	12 November Creative Arts Camp Lennox Head	13 November CA Camp	14 November CA Camp	15 November CA Camp	16 November CA Camp 1.30 Performance at Lennox Head
7	19 November	20 November	21 November Yr 5/6 Science Transition Day M'Bah HS	22 November	23 November
8	26 November	27 November MPS Musical. All day rehearsal. Evening show	28 November Yr 5/6 Science Transition Day M'Bah HS	29 November	30 November
9	3 December WHS Orientation (Parents 6.30pm) 11.00 Oxley Club Music performance- Bray Park SDA Church Library Stocktake	4 December Wollumbin HS Orientation	5 December M'Bah HS Orientation	6 December M'Bah HS Orientation	7 December
10	10 December Yr 6 Farewell 5-7.30pm Library Stocktake	11 December	12 December Presentation Day	13 December	14 December Bell Ringing Reports Home
11	17 December	18 December 9.30-12.30. Rehab Music performance	19 December LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	20 December SDD	21 December SDD
	21 December School Holidays				

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

Murwillumbah Taekwondo



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Monday 4:15 – 5:15pm & 5:30 – 6:30pm

Thursday 5:30 – 6:30pm

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MURWILLUMBAH OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

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.