



Murwillumbah Public School

Promoting Excellence in Education

Newsletter

23rd October 2013 Term 4 Week 3

Now enrolling for Kindergarten 2014



Principal's Message

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2014 DUE NOW!

A reminder to parents that enrolments for 2014 are now being taken. If you have a friend, neighbour or relative who is intending to enrol their child for Kindergarten 2014, please pass this information on to them as soon as possible.

Enrolment applications must be completed and returned to school to ensure your inclusion in the Kindergarten Orientation sessions on Fridays. Please collect enrolment applications from the school office.

Last week students at Murwillumbah Public School were involved in Enviro Week.

Every class thought about ways to help the environment, students brought no litter in their lunchboxes on Tuesday as well as Thursday, and students and staff dressed in green on Friday for our Green Day. Even our canteen went green, providing an amazing selection of green food to eat!

The whole school were lucky to participate in a free Science session in the hall last Tuesday. We learnt about magnets and electricity, and some students had a hair raising experience!

This week a group of very lucky students are in Sydney for the week, as the Sydney Choir performed at the Opera House last night!

Thankyou to Mrs Armour and Mrs Anderson for making this excursion so memorable.

Murwillumbah Theatre Company are presenting Wind in the Willows at the Civic Centre. K-2 students will be attending Friday 25th October, and 3-6 students on Friday 1st November. The cost is only \$2.50 per student, please return money and notes ASAP.

Students will need to take recess and a drink in a labelled plastic bag. Please provide food and drink in throwaway packaging, to reduce what students have to carry back to school.

Congratulations to Emyleigh, Georgia, Joe, Adam, Riley and Zach who travelled down to Sydney last week for the State Athletics. All six of them put in a huge effort in their events and placed very well. They are fantastic ambassadors for Murwillumbah Public School.

Principal's Message Cont.

As the weather continues to warm up, please ensure your child has their hat packed every morning, as well as a drink of water.

Louise Watkins
Assistant Principal



Merit Awards

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 2 TERM 4:

KK:	Latoya, Ava	4G:	Avalon, Emma
KL:	Poppy, Maisy, Cree	5/6F:	Ella, Zac
K/1E:	Dean, Archie	5/6P:	Tiarn, Chelsea
1/2S:	Stella, Cooper	5/6J:	Lachlan, Anna
1/2W:	Nick, Keira	Computers:	Ethan, Sophie
2/3R:	Gemma, Phoebe	Library	Jack, Riley
3/4K:	Joe, Ben		

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 3 TERM 4:

KK:		4G:	Charlie, Sid
KL:	Rishabh, Summer	5/6F:	Georgia, Emyleigh
K/1E:	Sophie, Archie	5/6P:	Ayla, Kayla
1/2S:	Robert, John	5/6J:	Tallulah, Clare
1/2W:	Lachlan, Tate	Computers:	Apryl, Tahleka
2/3R:	Jamie, Esther-Maree, Karsha		
3/4K:	Blake, Jordan		

School News

YEAR 3 CAMP

Last week students in year 3 enjoyed an overnight camp at school. Students had the opportunity to sleep in tents, with camp mattresses and sleeping bags, and eat delicious food from the BBQ. We had a great time playing games such as bullrush, stuck in the mud, trivia, and working on our camp booklets. Students all had a fantastic time at Year 3 camp and look forward to the possibility of attending Pottsville Camp in coming years. Photos will follow in the next newsletter.

School News Cont.

ENVIROWEEK

Last week students participated in a range of activities to support enviroweek. From energy saving to planting in the veggie garden students were taking action to support a healthy planet. Each class took on their own environmental challenge to focus on for the week. Thank you to all of our classroom teachers and students who participated in these challenges.

KL: Go Tap!	3/4K: Sparky
KK: Sparky	4G: Sparky
K/1E: Waste Warriors	5/6J: Tree Huggers
1/2W: Tree Huggers	5/6F: Water Lovers & Foodies
1/2S: Tree Huggers	5/6P: Sparky
2/3R: Travellers	

A sea of green was visible on Friday when the weeks' activities were topped off with a 'green day'. Debbie in the school canteen put in a huge effort, the canteen looked great- decorated with green bunting and even using green straws and napkins! They were also selling some interesting green foods - cupcakes, jelly and green pancakes to name a few. We were able to raise a considerable donation for Cool Australia! Thank you to parents and families for your support.



BOOKCLUB

The latest Scholastic catalogues have gone out in the last week. With October's end in sight, it might be a good idea to use your child's catalogues for a bit of early Christmas shopping. Extra brochures are available from the Library. Orders together with money will be due in to school on the 29th of October.

MATHS ICAS RESULTS

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Maths ICAS tests, we received some wonderful results.

Yr 2	Karsha- Credit	Yr 3	Blake - Credit	Yr 5	Garrett - Credit
	Noah - Participation		Ben- Credit		Cate - Credit
	Luke - Participation		Dom- Participation		Riley - Participation
	Cooper- Participation		Jamie- Participation		Ella - Participation
	James- Participation	Yr 4	Joe- Credit	Yr 6	Kelsey- Credit
	Manaia- Participation		Cedar- Participation		Alysha- Participation
	Ayla - Participation				Madison- Participation
					Jon - Participation

School News Cont.

ENGLISH ICAS RESULTS

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the English ICAS tests.

Yr 2	Manaia	Distinction
	Cooper	Participation
	Vanessa	Participation
Yr 3	Ben	Credit
Yr 4	Cedar	Credit
Yr 5	Cate	Distinction
	Riley	Participation
	Alyssa	Participation
Yr 6	Alysha	Participation
	Jon	Participation

P & C News

MPS DANCE-A-THON 2013

Friday 15th November is the annual Murwillumbah Public School Dance-a-thon!

The Dance-a-thon is held during normal sports time, and is fully supervised by the teachers and P&C Volunteers. A DJ will spin (age appropriate) tunes with a real laser light show for everyone to dance around and have some fun!

You can support this healthy activity by sponsoring participants for the hour they are continuously moving. Simply pledge any amount, and complete the sponsorship form.

Spare forms are available from the office.

There will be a prize awarded to the highest fundraiser in each stage and all sponsorship forms and money need to be submitted to the office by Wednesday 20th November.

We thank you for your support.

MPS P&C Committee

Canteen News

Thank you to everyone who supported our "Green Day" last Friday, it was so much fun and the children thoroughly enjoyed it. To the parent helpers on that day, a big thank you, for making my job a pleasure.

Don't forget to check the roster to see when you are rostered on.

Summer is here and the weather is getting much hotter so the children are now able to purchase 1/2 an iceblock at recess. This is mainly because they don't get time to eat a full one by the time they get served. It will cost 40c. They are able to purchase a full one at lunch time if they want to.

If your child wants to place a recess order please use a separate bag for this, clearly marked RECESS.

Garlic bread is now available at a cost of 50c or 25c for a half. Bakery items change daily, but are usually pancakes, biscuits or cupcakes, fresh from the oven at a cost of 20c-50c. Fresh fruit is available daily. Any suggestions that are not too expensive and time consuming to prepare would be appreciated.

Another fun day will be organised soon. Will keep you posted!

Debbie Lowe - Canteen Manager

Upcoming Events

24th October	WHS Maths Olympiad
25th October	K - 2 Wind in the Willows World Teachers Day
1st November	3-6 Wind in the Willows
4th November	Creative Arts Camp Begins
11th November	Remembrance Day Assembly
15th November	Dance-a-thon
22nd November	Transition Class Disco



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Live Life Well @ School
A joint initiative between the NSW Department of Education and Training and NSW Health

Did You Know?

In NSW, close to 60% of children do not eat the recommended amount of vegetables. Eating fruit and vegetables every day helps children and a teenager grow and develop, boosts their vitality and can reduce the risk of many chronic diseases - such as heart disease, high blood pressure, some forms of cancer and being overweight or obese.

Some ideas to try:

- Try different fruits or vegies on your toast – banana, mushrooms or tomatoes.
- Add chopped or pureed fruit to plain yoghurts.
- Make a fruit smoothie with fresh, frozen or canned (in natural or unsweetened juice) fruit; blend it with reduced fat milk and yoghurt.
- Chop up some fruit or vegie sticks for the lunchbox.
- In summer, freeze fruit on a skewer (or mix with yoghurt before freezing) for a refreshing snack.
- Make fruit-based desserts (such as fruit crumble or baked, poached or stewed fruit) and serve with reduced fat custard.
- Have fresh fruit available at all times as a convenient snack – keep the fruit bowl full.

Community News

2013 NORCO YOUNG FARMERS CHALLENGE

At the Murwillumbah Show on Friday 1st November. Complete all challenges in the safest manner and fastest time. All you need is a team of 4 consisting of both males and females. You don't need to be a farmer to enter.

1st Prize -\$100, 2nd Prize-\$50, 3rd Prize-\$25
For more information and entry forms please contact the Tweed River Agricultural Society before 28th October on 6672 5507.

UTE & PUSHBIKE SHOW

Pushbikes and Utes to arrive and register after 12 Noon just inside the Harry Williams Gate at the Murwillumbah Showgrounds. Judging commences after Official Opening.

Pushbike Entry Fees: \$2.00

Prize: Sash + \$10 voucher

Section 1: Best decorated bike Under 10 yrs old
Section 2: Best decorated bike 10-16 yrs old
Ute Entry Fees \$10 plus \$2.50 for each additional class. Prize Class 1-8 : Sash plus \$20 voucher for each class.

1. Rural Ute
 2. Town/Street Ute
 3. Work Ute
 4. 4 x 4 Ute
 5. Classic Ute
 6. Chicks Ute
 7. Feral Ute
 8. B & S Ute
- Champion Ute - Sash plus \$50 voucher
People's Choice - Sash plus \$50 voucher

CALENDAR

Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/ SUN
3	21st October Sydney Choir	22nd October	23rd October	24th October WHS Maths Olympiad	25th October K-2 Wind in the Willows World Teachers Day	26/27
4	28th October	29th October	30th October	31st October	1st November 3-6 Wind in the Willows Kindergarten 2014 Parent Info Session	2/3
5	4th November Creative Arts Camp- All Week Lennox Head	5th November	6th November	7th November	8th November	9/10
6	11th November Remembrance Day Assembly	12th November	13th November	14th November	15th November School Dance- a-thon	16/17
7	18th November	19th November	20th November	21st November	22nd November 1pm Transition Class Disco	23/24
8	25th November	26th November	27th November	28th November	29th November Last day for Transition Class	30/1

Canteen Roster

OCTOBER/ NOVEMBER		23rd October Caroline N, Jaymee W, Kylie S	25th October Sue E, Bianca L
	28th October Natalie H	30th October Belinda W	1st November Catena S, Kylie S
	4th November Wendy B, Chana W	6th November Donna W, Kylie S	8th November Bianca L, Kylie S
	11th November Natalie H	13th November Kat G, Sandra O	15th November Bianca L, Kylie S

More helpers are always needed. Phone the school or Canteen Manager Debbie Lowe (0422698542) even if you are only able to help for 2 hours on any given day.

If you are unable to do canteen on your rostered day please notify Debbie asap.