



Murwillumbah Public School

Promoting Excellence in Education

Newsletter

6th November 2013 Term 4 Week 5

Now enrolling for Kindergarten 2014



Principal's Message

Murwillumbah students just keep on achieving! Recently, our school entered three teams in the Wollumbin High Mathematics Olympiad for year 5/6 children.

There were twelve teams from local schools who took part in this event requiring students to work as part of a team to solve questions.

Our teams finished third, fourth and FIRST! What a fantastic result by all three teams! Well done, Kids.

In further exciting news, Cedar Maycock from year 4 has been awarded a Gold Award from the Board Of Studies for a recent piece of creative writing. Only a small handful are awarded from over 2000 entries around the State. Cedar has been invited to attend a special presentation in Sydney where her work will be framed and on display in the Board of Studies building. What an achievement!

Further along the educational timeline, our Year 3 and 5 students recently took home their NAPLAN. Our results were the best they have been for many years. Our Year 3 results were outstanding and well above the State average in many areas. One example of this was reading. Last year we

had 5.9% of children in the top band. The State average this year was 27%, we had 60% in the top band while in Writing, last year we had 27% in the top two bands and this year we have 84% of children in the top two bands. Amazing results! In Year 5 Numeracy, we had 28% of children in the top two bands compared to 13% last year. As I said, our results have improved out of sight.

We must remember that these tests provide a snapshot of how each student is progressing in Literacy and Numeracy, and gives a comparison to the performance of their peers across the State. They are a good supplement to the information provided to parents each semester by our school reports. If you have any questions or concerns after reading the NAPLAN results, please contact your child's teacher.

Also impressing this week are children from KL, KK and 5/6J who created outstanding handwriting in class. I was very impressed with the high standard of this work. Keep up the good work.

Next Monday our school will run the Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial in town. All children from year three to year six will be attending this assembly. Permission notes were

Principal's Message Cont.

sent home yesterday. All children are asked to wear their school uniform on the day. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to show our report to the local community.

It was interesting to see the results of a recent Australian study into the merits of public and private schools in the Sun Herald. It is a classic example of large amounts of money being spent to find out what our teachers could have told you for free.

In a nutshell the study found that there is no educational advantage to spending large amounts of money on private schooling – academic results are far more likely to be influenced by what goes on at home. If you are spending a lot of time at home educating your child from an early age – talking, reading, playing games, etc – and you continue this interest through their school years, your child is likely to do well. Even better, by sending them to a great public school like

Murwillumbah, you are saving a lot of money! If you want to read more, take a look at www.smh.com.au/national/education/private-schools-no-guarantee-of-higher-naplan-scores-study-finds-20131012-2vf63.html

Recently a number of children have been arriving to school at 7:30am-7:45am. As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, a teacher is not on duty till 8:30am and no supervision is available until this time.

It is against Department of Education and Communities policy for any student to be on site before teachers arrive at 8:30am.

I ask for your co-operation by ensuring that children arrive at school at the correct time.

Thanks to Debbie in the Canteen for providing a fun "Halloween Canteen Day" for the children. The children really enjoyed the decorations and themed food you provided.

Merit Awards

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

KK:	Blake, Lily D	4G:	Hannah, Daymen
KL:	Cree, Cowan, Summer	5/6F:	Bailey, Harley
K/1E:	Anthony, Ben	5/6P:	Jade, Thomas
1/2S:	Sofia, Evie	5/6J:	Taychenne, Anna
1/2W:	Skye, Bonnie	Computers:	Waru, Ruby
2/3R:	Chloe, James		
3/4K:	Taylah, Will		

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

KK:	Riley, Sarah	4G:	Geordie, Jacob
KL:	Ruby, Tess	5/6F:	Ryley, Alexander
K/1E:	Judd, Archie	5/6P:	Riley, Kelsey
1/2S:	Luke, Russell	5/6J:	Clare, Jackson
1/2W:	Taylor, Dorian	Computers:	Cate, Ayla
2/3R:	Lachlann, Liam, Zack	Library:	Rebecca, Kiara
3/4K:	Seth, Breeana	Mrs Anderson:	Russell, Mikelle, Kiarn, Sophie

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YEAR 6 BOOK PHOTOS

Thank you to all of the parents who have sent in photos of their children when much younger to put into our Year 6 book. I am still waiting for some children to bring in photos of themselves of when they were about Kindergarten age. I look forward to receiving these soon so that these children do not miss out on having these photos in the book. Thank you, Fiona Price



SRC FUNDRAISER

On Tuesday the 12th of November, the SRC will be holding ice cream stalls at Recess. There will be separate stations for Early Stage One, Stage One, Stage Two and Stage Three. Ice cream cones will be sold for 50 cents each. Money raised will go towards buying equipment for our school. We look forward to selling heaps of yummy ice creams.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Online application for Year 7 placement 2015 are now available. Are you already thinking about your child's Year 7 placement in a selective school in 2015?

Online application and information regarding the process is now available at : www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Online applications are available until 18th November, 2013. There is also an information booklet and application package available from our school's office .

Important Dates:

18th November-paper applications returned to schools

18th November -Online applications close

27th February – Test centre advice to parents.

13 March 2014 -Selective High School Placement test

July 2014-Parents advised of outcome

COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS DANCE PROJECT

On Monday, two students from Murwillumbah Public School performed at Murwillumbah High-school as part of the Community of Schools Dance Project. They performed a cultural dance to the song "World Turning Right" by Yothu Yindi. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to be involved in a collaborative dance group with students from many other schools around the area. Thankyou to Mr Ross for implementing this dance project.

APPLY NOW TO ENROL FOR KINDERGARTEN IN 2014

If you are intending to apply for your child to enrol in Kindergarten at Murwillumbah Public School in 2014 please call into the school office and pick up an Application to enrol in a NSW Government School form.

It is vitally important that you apply to enrol your child now so that you your child can be invited to and included in our Kindergarten Orientation Program. Our experience has been that children who do participate in the Kindergarten orientation certainly do settle in and adjust well when they begin at BIG school. By enrolling now you also assist the school in determining our staffing level and class organisational structure for 2014.

Canteen News

The canteen was decorated with spiders, bats, ghosts and witches for Halloween which was a lot of fun for everyone. The children enjoyed a variety of spooky treats on the day including jack o' lantern mini cakes, creepy spiders and mummy cupcakes which were all devoured!! Thanks to the mums on the day for helping out.

There has been a price increase on all milk products so please note that Small School Milks are now \$2.60, Large are now \$3.60. We also now have small tubs of ski yoghurts for \$1.20. Flavours are - Vanilla sensation, Honey Buzz and Wild strawberry. These are an alternative healthy snack and can be ordered on your children's lunch order bags.

Parent helpers are urgently needed as we have only about five parent helpers on the roster.

Even if you can come in for 1 hour it would be much appreciated. Please phone the school or Debbie on 0422698542 if you can help out!

Debbie Lowe – Canteen Manager



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STUDENT MEDICAL FORMS

During Term 4 we are updating our medical records system to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child's health. You have been given a copy of the new forms and will need to complete and return them to us as soon as possible.

The new forms will collect your child's important medical information for Murwillumbah Public School to input into the new medical system so we may better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child. We appreciate the effort to complete these forms, and if you have any questions, please call our school office on 6672 1467.

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HEAD LICE

Nits/head lice are present in the hair of some students within the school. The source of hair lice is almost impossible to trace, but we do know that the infestation travels quickly.

Would you please check your child's hair tonight and if you find any eggs or lice then please commence treatment as recommended as soon as possible.



CONDITIONER AND FINE TOOTH COMB METHOD

1. Apply conditioner to dry hair aiming to cover each hair from root to tip with a layer of conditioner.
2. Detangle the hair using an ordinary comb.
3. Immediately comb the hair with a fine tooth comb.
4. Wipe the conditioner off the fine tooth comb onto a paper tissue and look for eggs and lice.
5. Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least 5 times.
6. Also examine the comb for lice and eggs.

The Department of Education & Communities considers that the detection and treatment of head lice in children is a parental responsibility.

P & C News

REMINDER:

Only ONE WEEK to go until our School Dance-a-thon!

Instead of normal sport on Friday 15th November, you will be dancing the time away in the new hall with a professional lightshow and a real DJ. No need to worry about what you will be going to wear as it is just your standard sports uniform.

We hope you have been practising your dance moves and getting some serious sponsors for the day!

If you have lost your form or want additional forms you will be able to collect a blank form from the office.

Remember ALL money must be submitted to the office by 20th November to be eligible for the top prize in fundraising for each stage.



Aussie Bouncin' Bites

Family Fun Day Out

10th Nov 2 – 5pm

Jumping Castles

Giant Yard Games

Disco & lots more

Free Snow Cone & Fairy

Floss

www.aussiebouncinbites.com or

Ph: 0413974775

Community News

UKI PUBLIC SCHOOL FAMILY FUN FAIR

Friday 15th November 3pm - 8pm

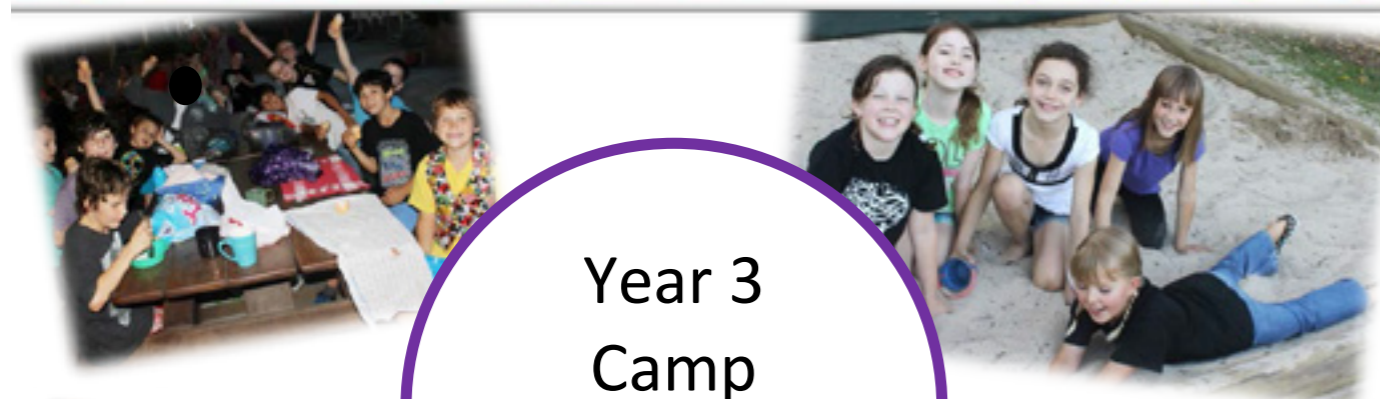
Lots of activities including; jumping castle, face painting, tug o war, cent auction, fairy floss and many more. Gold Coin donation for entry- all are welcome. For further information please contact the school office on 6679 5128

Upcoming Events

11th November Remembrance Day Assembly

15th November Dance-a-thon

22nd November Transition Class Disco



Year 3
Camp
October
2013

CALENDAR

Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/ SUN
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
9	2nd December WHS Parent Info Evening	3rd December WHS Orientation	4th December MHS Orientation	5th December MHS Orientation	6th December	7/8
10	9th December Year 6 Farewell Dinner	10th December Musical and Presentation	11th December Presentation As- sembly	12th December	13th December 3-6 End of Year Party Year 6 Bell Ringing	14/15

Canteen Roster

OCTOBER/ NOVEMBER	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
	18th November Wendy B, Donna W, Yvette	20th November Jaymee W, Chana W, Bianca L	22nd November Sue E, Alisha D
	25th November Natalie H	27th November Caroline N	29th November Kylie S, Lauran G, Melanie M

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.