



# Murwillumbah Public School

## Promoting Excellence in Education

# Newsletter

20th November 2013 Term 4 Week 7

## Now enrolling for Kindergarten 2014



## Principal's Message

I was very proud of all children who attended the Remembrance Day Services both in town and back at school last Monday.

Our school leaders led the service at the Cenotaph and did an outstanding job. They were a credit to our school!

The school choir were wonderful and sounded just fantastic as they always do. Our children from 3-6 are to be congratulated for the way they presented themselves throughout the service. Once again, their behaviour was excellent.

Children from K-2 also took part in a service conducted back at school. All staff informed me how well behaved they were during the service.

Congratulations to all our children. Thank you to the parents who were able to join us at either venue, your support was greatly appreciated.

State Government funding for public schools will be revamped from 2014. Working on the recommendations of the Gonski Review, schools will be funded based in part on their complexity.

To help measure this, information from school enrolments has been compiled to form a Family Occupation and Education Index (FOEI) score for each school. A score of 100 means that a school

is regarded as having students with "average" levels of educational advantage. Lower scores mean the school is relatively more advantaged and higher scores less advantaged – two thirds of schools score between 50 and 150.

Murwillumbah's score of 118 means we are well and truly in the middle. The good news is that with the additional funding agreed to before the Federal election, we will receive an extra \$120 000 next year. This will largely be spent directly on classroom teaching – great news.

Cedar Maycock of Year 4 travelled to Sydney on Thursday to receive a very special award. The award was part of the 'Write On' competition run by the NSW Board of Studies.

The competition was open to all students from NSW Public and Private Schools. Cedar was awarded a Gold Award for her short story titled 'Storm Boy'. It is on display in the front office and is an outstanding piece of Writing.

Our Annual Presentation Evening is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 10th December.

This year we are combining our Presentation evening and our school musical. The Presentation will be held in our school hall. Students and staff

# Principal's Message Cont.

have been very busy rehearsing for this event which everyone is looking forward to. The new arrangements are as follows:

• 5.30pm – 6.15pm

Kindergarten – Year 1 & 2 Presentation.

Kindergarten Nativity followed by Kindergarten class awards for Literacy, Numeracy, Citizenship and Most Improved along with Library awards.

This will be followed by the Year 1 & 2 musical and then class and Library awards.

At the completion of the K-2 Presentation, the P&C will be inviting all parents and children for a BBQ under the lining up area outside the top class rooms. This will be a pre- paid system. All children from 3-6 should not be anywhere near the hall during the K-2 Presentation.

• 6.30pm –

Year 3-6 Presentation.

Years 3 & 4 will perform their musical first followed by class and Library awards then Years 5 & 6 musical with 3-6 coming together at the end for a 2 song finale.

Year 5 & 6 class and Library awards will follow. The school Rotary Club and Judith Peisley Memorial Literacy Award along with the announcement of School Captains for 2014 will also be announced on the night.

At the completion of the 3-6 Presentation, all parents from 3-6 or parents who had children in both shows are again, invited to join the BBQ under the top area.

On Wednesday the 11th December, we will be holding a whole school assembly to hand out all our sporting and music awards. This will take place during our normal Wednesday assembly commencing at 9.00am.

## P&C Dance A Thon

Last Friday the P&C held a disco for all our students as part of the P& C fundraiser. The K-2 Disco was held from 10-11.00am. The Years 3-6 Disco started at 11.30pm. A huge Thank you must go to Mr Chrisostomos our "DJ" who did such a great job. The kids really did enjoy themselves and had a great time. Thank you to the P&C and staff who supervised this event.

## Classes for 2014

The School Executive is very busy planning for 2014. It is my intention to create the new classes for 2014 from day one next year.

To be able to do this, we require accurate information about students enrolling and leaving us for 2014.

If you are intending to leave the school (not including Year 6) at the end of the year and have not notified the school, please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter

## Transition Class

Next Friday the 29th November will be our last transition day for our children starting Kindergarten next year.

Once again, the program has run very smoothly and been a great success. The children have settled in well to Friday routines and will certainly be ready to start Kindergarten in 2014.

This Friday they will be having their own mini disco.

## Year 7 High School Selective Class 2015

A reminder to Year 5 parents that the closing date for applications for the Selective High School test is next Monday 18th November. All online applications need to be completed by this date and all paper applications also need to be returned to school by Monday.

## School Leaders

Congratulations to the following students who have been nominated by their peers and teachers to stand for School Captains for 2014.

Riley, Ryan, Lachlan, Charles, Garrett, Shelby, Kiara, Emyleigh, Cate and Chelsea.

All students will be presenting speeches on Monday 2nd December on our morning assembly.

## P & C Meeting

Next Wednesday, 27th November 2013 commencing at 6.30pm the Sydney Choir, Sydney Recorder Ensemble and State Band students are invited to perform at our MPS P&C Meeting and be presented with their State representative Medallions.

Each group will present one item. The MPS

P&C patrons will be in attendance at the function. Supper will be served.

Our recorder students will also be presented with their photo memento.

They will also be joined by our State Representatives in sport who will also receive a medallion. Parents are most welcome to join us on the night.

Department A-Z for Parents -The Department of Education and Communities has a purpose built website called the A to Z.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/home>.

I have talked about this website before but would like to bring it to your attention once again.

The A to Z online school community provides practical advice about homework, tips on learning, wellbeing including healthy lunch ideas, technology and resources to help parents and carers support their child's social, physical and mental development.

# Community News

TWEED EVENT 28th Nov 2013



Are you a Tweed Mum wanting more Life Balance, Inspiration, Clarity, Motivation, Joy, Success???

Tweed Mothers are ready to make some time for ourselves. One day (inside of school hours) when we can reconnect with our purpose, reset some goals for our future, and take the time to reflect and be grateful for where we are in our journey, and celebrate our strengths. \*onsite child minding available.

Walk away with a new sense of purpose, clarity and inspiration. An achievable success plan for the new year, and a revived smile new spring in your step. Will you join us?

Call Shelley on 07 5641 4153 NOW to book your seats.

# Merit Awards

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 6 TERM 4:

<b>KK:</b>	Charley, Jordan	<b>4G:</b>	Jade, Izac
<b>KL:</b>	Skyla, Tristan	<b>5/6F:</b>	Ava, Charlie
<b>K/1E:</b>	Adriana, Anthony	<b>5/6P:</b>	Chloe, Madison
<b>1/2S:</b>	Stella, Robert	<b>5/6J:</b>	Lachlan, Nicholas
<b>1/2W:</b>	Maddie, Bonnie	<b>Computers:</b>	Danielle, Kayla, Jessica S, Danika
<b>3/4K:</b>	Dominic, Sami	<b>Library:</b>	Anna, Kyle

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 7 TERM 4:

<b>KK:</b>	Lily D, Jack	<b>4G:</b>	Daymen, Zac
<b>KL:</b>	Maisy, Ruby	<b>5/6F:</b>	Chloe, Lauren
<b>K/1E:</b>	Carli, Dean	<b>5/6P:</b>	Tara, Lucy
<b>1/2S:</b>	Toby, Mikelle	<b>5/6J:</b>	Thomas K, Lulu
<b>1/2W:</b>	Zac, Jillian	<b>Computers:</b>	Shelby, Chelsea, Lachlan, Aurelia
<b>2/3R:</b>	Tristan, Cade	<b>Library:</b>	John, Lilly
<b>3/4K:</b>	Lila, Ruben	<b>Mrs Anderson:</b>	Tate, Robert



# School News

## MURWILLUMBAH SCHOOL OF DANCE EXCURSION

Murwillumbah School of Dance is performing their annual concert on the 28th of this month. Our school has been invited to attend. There are 20 seats available to those students who are interested in attending this display of Jazz, Classical, Hip Hop, Song and Dance and Contemporary. The concert is called the "Dance Spectacular 2013 and The Sleeping Beauty". Some of the students from our school attend this dance school and will be performing in this annual concert. If you would like your child to attend, they will need to collect a permission slip from Ms King and return it to the office with \$4.00 by next Wednesday. There are only 20 seats available so you will have to be quick.

## STUDENT BANKING

The final Student banking for 2013 will be on Monday 2nd December. In 2014 a new token system will be introduced, so if you have tokens to use make sure you get your prize orders in by Monday 2nd to ensure your reward is back before the holidays.

# Library News

## BOOK RETURNS

Library borrowing has finished for the year and now the focus is on students returning their books. Can you please help ensure that your child returns any Library books that they have at home as soon as possible. Families will be asked to cover the cost of replacing any unreturned books.

# P & C News

## Reminder:

All Dance-a-thon sponsorship forms and money collected needs to be returned to the school office by tomorrow - 21st November. Thank you to everyone who has already returned their sponsorship forms.

Our next P&C meeting will be Wednesday, 27th November at 6.30pm. The Sydney Choir, Sydney Recorder Ensemble and State Band students will be presented with their State representative Medallions and each group will present an item. The MPS P&C patrons will be in attendance at the function. Supper will be served. Our recorder students will also be presented with their photo memento. They will also be joined by our State Representatives in sport who will also receive a medallion. Anyone is welcome to attend.



# Upcoming Events

- 22nd November** Transition Class Disco
- 2nd December** WHS Parent Information Evening
- 3rd December** WHS Orientation
- 4th/5th December** MHS Orientation
- 9th December** Year 6 Farewell
- 10th December** Musical and Presentation
- 11th December** Presentation Assembly



# CALENDAR

Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
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 Assembly	12th December	13th December 3-6 End of Year Party Year 6 Bell Ringing	14/15
11	16th December Band Wet'n'Wild Excursion	17th December Band Twilight Concert	18th December Last Day of School for Students	19th December STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	20th December STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	21/22
	23rd December School Holidays	24th December School Holidays	25th December School Holidays	26th December School Holidays	27th December School Holidays	28/29

# Canteen Roster

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER	<b>18th November</b> Wendy B, Donna W, Yvette	<b>20th November</b> Jaymee W, Chana W, Bianca L	<b>22nd November</b> Sue E, Alisha D
	<b>25th November</b> Natalie H	<b>27th November</b> Caroline N	<b>29th November</b> Kylie S, Luran G, Melanie M
	<b>2nd December</b> Wendy B, Chana W, Yvette	<b>4th December</b> Donna W, Kylie S, Penny M	<b>6th December</b> Catena S
	<b>9th December</b> Natalie H	<b>11th December</b> Kat G	<b>13th December</b> Kylie S, Bianca L
	<b>16th December</b> Donna W, Wendy B <b>LAST DAY OF CANTEEN 2013</b>		

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.

# Red Boy - Narrative

Wind was blowing as young 'Red Boy' sat upright on the rocky portion of the beach. His ears were back and he could hear every sound or whistle there was. A red scarf was tied around his neck like a collar. Thoughts ran through his mind about when he voyaged beyond the Azure Forest. He remembered terrible thoughts of a woman with angelic silver hair. He envisioned another beautiful, fair-skinned girl with dark hair caressed by a garland of green leaves. He retraced and reviewed his footsteps out of the place he once called home.

The situation started off with a cool, midsummer breeze. By this time, Red boy was already conscious of first light which was the start of a new day, a new adventure. Red boy wandered off into the distance alert not to step outside of the woodland, for if he did bad events would follow. Walking on the edge, he became curious of a glim of light. A white light was flickering as if it was a candle in a palm. He grew more inquisitive towards the light and soon found himself crossing the line between the Azure Forest and Silver-Line Rose Wood. He was no longer surrounded by blue skins and green grass, but was encircled by dark barked trees with black leaves. The blossoms on the trees were the colour of blood. Red flowers cascaded the dark grass. Dark clouds in the sky with the highlight of red in the place of the usual blue.

He saw a lady with silvery hair who wore a red, ripped dress. She caught Red boy's eye and gave him a warm smile. She beckoned him to come closer and enclosed in her kind nature he followed her. She took him into her small hut alight with candles and belongings of bottles and treasures. She told him of a girl. She said she was a witch and if you went near her, she would make you pay for even daring to come in a radius of her. Red boy, terrified of the so-called 'witch' asked if she lived in this forest. She replied quite plainly, yes. Her voice was so convincing he was persuaded to dispose of this danger once and for all.

Later, not knowing what time it was because there was no sun, Red boy and the girl snuck out to only seek the glorious future. He was exhausted when they arrived but was sent into action. He saw a clearing of grass and stumbled over a rock, only to be hit in his left eye. The mystery girl, named Silv, fled leaving Red boy unconscious.

Moments after, a young girl with fair skin and dark hair caressed by a garland of green leaves wearing a flowing dress wandered out and saw the poor dog. She took him in and cared for him for many weeks until he awoke. Then, she fed him, bathed him and replaced his eye with a sapphire.

Now he sits on the rocky beach with only two differences, a blue scarf and a friend.