



Murwillumbah Public School

Promoting Excellence in Education

Newsletter

4th December 2013 Term 4 Week 9

Now enrolling for Kindergarten 2014



Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that the end of the school year is not far away. 2013 has been an extremely busy but very rewarding year which I will reflect upon in the last newsletter.

Next Tuesday evening we will be holding our Presentation evening for all children K-6.

The children and staff have been very busy working on this presentation and we hope that you can join us for this special evening.

It is also an opportunity for us to acknowledge the efforts of our students with class awards presented for English, Mathematics, Most Improved and Class Citizenship.

As you are aware, the K-2 Presentation will begin at 5.30pm. This will involve the Kinder Nativity which will be followed by the year one and two musical item.

The Judith Peisley Memorial Literacy Award will also be presented.

When all students are present at our Wednesday morning Assembly our School Captains for 2014 will be announced.

Students in K-2 will need to meet their teacher at 5.00pm under the morning lining up area. Children will be handed their costumes upon arrival.

They do not have to wear school uniforms.

Children in 3-6 will need to meet their teacher in the old hall at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start. Year 3/4 will present their musical first and will be followed by years 5/6. If a child in 3-6 would like to watch the K-2 Presentation, they must be accompanied by an adult.

At the conclusion of the K-2 Presentation, all parents and friends from K-2 are invited to attend a BBQ under the morning lining up area. (menu attached on back of newsletter) There will be soft drinks and sausage sandwiches on sale.

At the conclusion of the 3-6 Presentation, once again parents are invited to join the BBQ.

Any parents from K-2 who have children in the 3-6 Presentation, may also take their children to watch so long as they are accompanied by an adult. No children will be allowed outside the hall during either Presentation, UNSUPERVISED.

On Wednesday the 11th December, we will be presenting our music and sport awards at our normal morning assembly in the hall commencing at 9.00am.

I have been very impressed with the number of children who have visited my office on a daily ba-

Principal's Message Cont.

sis to show me their fantastic work. It certainly brightens up my day seeing the wonderful work of our students. Only yesterday, I saw a number of Year 5/6 models of land forms that were just fantastic. The children obviously put a great deal of time and effort into their work and they should be very proud.

At the moment, I am spending a lot of time reading our Semester 2 student reports. It has been wonderful to read the positive comments about children's achievements - in particular the improvements they have made and their effort mark. The reports will be sent home on Thursday 10th December. I am sure that you will read them carefully, and I encourage you to go through them with your children in order to celebrate the positives and to act on any suggestions for further improvement.

Year 5 & 6 children are looking forward to next Monday evening. Commencing at 5.30pm we will be holding our Year 6 farewell dinner dance in the school hall.

Invitations were sent out two weeks ago and are now due back for catering purposes.

The night should be a most enjoyable evening. Year 6 parents are invited to join us from 7.30pm for the cutting of the cake and special presentations.

Parents of all year 5 children are asked to pick up students at 8.00pm.

Just recently, the school purchased three new TVs- Interactive whiteboards at a cost of \$5000 each. Two of these have been placed into the Kindergarten rooms. The children in both rooms are most impressed with the whiteboards and what they can do. The children know exactly how to use them and are very confident. They have brilliant colours and are a wonderful addition to our teaching resources at Murwillumbah.

Resource Allocation Model (RAM)

It is very concerning to see that the Federal Government is moving away from its promise to honour funding commitments made during the recent election. We are anxiously waiting for news on how they propose to change the model based on the Gonski Review, which was set to

deliver significant additional funds to Murwillumbah and other public schools.

In 2012, the NSW Government announced its Local Schools, Local Decisions (LSLD) reform for NSW public schools. This reform places students at the centre of school decision making. It gives principals and school communities a greater say over how they allocate and use the available resources to best meet the needs of their students

To enable the shift of resources to the school level, a new Resource Allocation Model (RAM) has been developed. The RAM is designed to achieve a simpler, fairer and more transparent distribution of government school funding and change the way resources (Staff and Finances) are managed in our school system.

The RAM provides many benefits to schools by:

- Allocating most funding on a per student basis
- The new RAM will ensure funding is provided to schools based on the characteristics of those schools and the students within them. This will result in additional schools receiving funding to support students with identified needs. In addition, schools identified as having students with the highest need will be funded at a higher rate.
- Reducing big changes in a school's resources, e.g. losing a teacher or admin staff member, which can accompany small changes in the reduction in enrolments. Under the current system, a small change in circumstances can mean a school drops out of a program and loses a significant amount, or a whole teacher or school executive position.
- Providing increased funding that goes directly to schools. This will make school planning easier from year to year.
- Shifting from the current funding model where schools manage 10% of the total public school education budget to more than 70% being managed by schools.
- Allowing for more flexibility, innovation and decision-making in schools to meet student needs. As you are aware from previous newsletters, our school had been allocated \$120 000 based on the first two components of the RAM: the tar-

geted (individual student) funding and the equity funding (Low level adjustment for disability, Aboriginal background, English language proficiency and socio-economic background).

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2014

Orientation sessions are now complete and classes are being organised. If you have a child eligible for Kindergarten 2014 but have not completed an application to enrol as yet, then you need to contact the school office urgently.

The world's oldest living creature

Care to guess what is oops WAS ... the world's oldest living creature? Here's a quick fact to get you guessing first, then impress your kids.

Science fact: <http://www.news.com.au/technology/science/yearold-clam-ming-worlds-oldest-creature/story-fnjwkt0b-1226759556979V>

At this busy time of the year, please obey all

road and safety rules when you drop off and pick up your children by car at the school. There have been a few cases reported of unsafe behaviour, plus the Council Ranger has informed me that random checks will be carried out in the next few weeks.



Merit Awards

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 8 TERM 4:

KK:	Ryleigh, Latoya	4G:	Jade, Geordie
KL:	Skyla, Tiarna	5/6F:	Zoey, Lachlan
K/1E:	Hudson, Sophie	5/6P:	Kiara, Jon
1/2S:	Archie, Stella	5/6J:	Lachlan, Alysha
1/2W:	Ayla, Jahlow	Computers:	Stella, Jack G
2/3R:	David, Rose	Library:	Bailey, Nashua
3/4K:	Tahleka, Jorja		

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 9 TERM 4:

KK:	Ryleigh, Bree	4G:	Kyle, Taliah
KL:	Thomas, Tess	5/6F:	Ethan, Ryan
K/1E:	Carlton, Dean	5/6P:	Matilda, Jahliah
1/2S:	Vincent, Ebony	5/6J:	Tallulah, Anna
1/2W:	Dorian, Vanessa, Zavier	Mrs Anderson:	Vincent, Anthony
2/3R:	Bronte, Noah		
3/4K:	Kiarra, Gemma		

Canteen News

We are now getting towards the end of year in the canteen so stocks of some items are getting low. If we don't have what you order, something of similar or as near value as possible will be given to you. Monday 16th December is the last day to order lunches, but the canteen will be open Wednesday the 18th for drinks, iceblocks and snacks only.



Watermelon wands and other Christmas treats will be available to purchase until the last day of canteen.

On Monday 16th (the last ordering day for canteen 2013) we will be having a meal deal day for the children. You can get: a pizza, a popper and a Christmas treat for \$5, A sausage roll, popper and Christmas treat for \$5 or A pie, popper and Christmas treat for \$5

A small Christmas party will be held at the canteen on Monday 16th December for all canteen helpers. If you have smaller children, please bring them along, from 2pm-3pm. Just a thank you from the canteen and an afternoon tea of Christmas goodies. See you there.

If you would like to help in the canteen next year, please let the office know. It is not hard work and we have lots of fun and laughs. Thanks again and Merry Christmas. See you next year!

Aussie Bouncin' Bites Party Packages

@Murwillumbah, Brothers Leagues Club

2 hours of Private Feast and Fun!

Package Includes: Large Castle

Giant Yard Games, Disco

Bites: Unlimited

- Snow Cones

- Fairy Floss

- Pop Corn

- Chips and Lollies

Hot Food Available

\$180 for 10 Children, Extra Children \$10 Each

Phone 0413974775

www.aussiebouncinbites.com

PLEASE NOTE THE FAMILY FUN DAYS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED

Upcoming Events

- 9th December** Year 6 Farewell
- 10th December** Musical and Presentation
- 11th December** Presentation Assembly
- 13th December** End of Year Party Year 6 Bell Ringing
- 16th December** Band Wet n' Wild Excursion Last day of Canteen
- 17th December** Band Twilight Concert
- 18th December** Last Day of School 2013

Community News

New MMA club in Mur-bah – TRIUNE MMA

Murwillumbah will have a new Mixed Martial Arts club starting January 2014. Classes for kids, teens and adults in MMA, Jiu Jitsu/wrestling and fight fitness. For more info call Brett on 0411097776

WHS 2013 Animation Festival

Students of Murwillumbah Public & Wollumbin HS have made animated films to be shown at the Regent Cinema, Wednesday 11 December. Followed by the animated feature film Planes.

Adults \$10, Students \$8, Family of 3 \$25 Family of 4 \$32. Call Wollumbin High School to book or for more info on 6672 5121.



Hyper Kids Christmas Frenzy

Saturday 9-2pm

5 hours of supervised fun (K-8 kids) messy games, activities, craft, Christmas drama morning tea, lunch

RSVP cost where

book by Thur Dec12 \$5/child presbyterian church
Chris Lindsay 16 wollumbin at
0410 630 385 murwillumbah
chrislindsay@gmail.com

CALENDAR

Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
9			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 School Captains announced	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
Term 1 2014	23rd December School Holidays	24th December School Holidays	25th December School Holidays	26th December School Holidays	27th December School Holidays	28/29
1	27th January Australia Day Public Holiday	28th January Staff Development Day	29th January Students Return	30th January	31st January	1/2
2	3rd February	4th February	5th February	6th February	7th February	8/9

Canteen Roster

DECEMBER	2nd December Wendy B, Chana W, Yvette	4th December Donna W, Kylie S, Penny M	6th December Catena S
	9th December Natalie H	11th December Kat G	13th December Kylie S, Bianca L
	16th December Donna W, Wendy B LAST DAY OF CANTEEN 2013		

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.

2013 School Musical P&C BBQ

Tuesday 10th December

Top Assembly Area

**BBQ is available AFTER the Stage One presentations
(approx. 6.15pm)**

Bring your money and have a quick and easy dinner !

☺ Sausage Sandwich (sandwich, snag, onions)	\$2.00
NB : Sausages are gluten free	
☺ Water	\$1.00
☺ Popper Juice	\$2.00
☺ Soft drinks (including sugar free)	\$2.00

**If you can spare some time to help cook , serve or clean up it
would be greatly appreciated!**

Please contact Sonya Taylor on 0423184217 for details