



Murwillumbah Public School

Promoting Excellence in Education

Newsletter

12th November 2014 Term 4 Week 6



NOW ENROLLING KINDY 2015

Principals Message

Yesterday was another example of why I am extremely proud to be the Principal of Murwillumbah Public School.

Our students were excellent representatives of our school during the Remembrance Day service held in town.

As in previous years, it was our responsibility to lead the service and our students were just outstanding. Our leaders who conducted the service spoke with great clarity and were most impressive.

Charlie, who delivered her own speech about what Remembrance Day means to her, captivated the crowd and left people united together and proud to be an Australian.

Both services recognised the sacrifices made in the defence of Australia, and more broadly, the role of our military service personnel in all conflicts involving Australians. The tradition of a minutes silence dates back to 11 am on 11 November 1918 when the Armistice came into

effect to cease hostilities. The guns fell silent on the Western Front for the first time following 4 years terrible carnage. World War 1 saw more than 60,000 Australian deaths, 156,000 wounded from a national population of just over 5 million people in total.

All our children from year 3 to 6 were once again well behaved and set a high standard. The choir were just wonderful and it was a great day for our school.

Community members approached me at the end of the service and congratulated all our children on the wonderful way they conducted themselves throughout the morning.

Back at school, our K-2 children held an assembly in the hall to show their respect with each class laying a class wreath during the service. Many thanks to all the parents who sent in flowers to assist making wreaths. Your support was greatly appreciated and thank you to those parents who were able to join us at either venue.

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Already it is Week 6 of our final term for 2014 and things are looking busy. Some of the things being held are:

- Year 6 looking towards their end-of-year activities including their Farewell Dinner Dance
- Our Year 5 students contemplating School Leadership positions for 2015.
- The new Kindergarten students for 2015 are nearing the end of their transition to school program.
- Kindergarten 2014 are getting ready for their end-of-year Nativity
- Music performances and excursions being held
- Netball Gala Day
- End of year picnic day organisation is under way
- Presentation Evening

Keep an eye out in each newsletter for details. Throughout all of this, our teachers are continuing to engage in high quality professional teaching and learning. We endeavour to make learning at Murwillumbah fun, engaging and effective.

As I have mentioned previously, all NSW Public Schools are in the process of writing a strategic school plan for 2015 to 2017.

For Murwillumbah Public School, this plan is about maintaining and developing a whole school learning culture of high expectations. The plan will provide key focuses about what teachers are to teach and what students are to learn. It will also include initiatives that strengthen partnerships within our community and improve school management practices.

The writing of the school plan will take place in the next few weeks. The plan will have three strategic directions. These directions will articulate the school's priorities over the next three years for quality teaching and learning, quality relationships and quality systems. The directions will be high level and future-focused and

will drive a whole school culture of educational and organisational excellence.

The strategic directions will show how Murwillumbah Public School will move forward with a collaborative, considered and consistent approach to delivering the curriculum. The plan will show the school's commitment to academic and social progress. The directions also maintain the commitment to an inclusive and equitable whole school learning environment that encourages and supports a range of learning styles, sparks curiosity and passion for knowledge and understanding.

Underlying the Murwillumbah Public School plan will be the professional development of teachers, to give them the expertise to competently implement cutting edge and appropriate teaching practices that prepare children for a future defined by technology and creative, open ended thinking.

The next stage of the writing the school plan involves working with teachers, students and parents to lay the foundations and create projects and initiatives to enable tracking and monitoring of the strategic directions.

Children enrolling in Kindergarten in 2015 will finish primary school in 2021; they will graduate high school in 2027.

It is important that education remains focused on delivering a curriculum and learning environment that embeds best practice, quality teaching and innovation.

The school plan will provide a way of setting goals and monitoring that Murwillumbah Public School remains on track to deliver every child with every opportunity to access an outstanding education.

At this time of year I invite parents to consider the complexities involved in transitioning students to the next grade.

I am conscious there are considerations we need to make when placing students in classes with their peers and classroom teachers. The formation of classes is done each year in

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consultation with current teachers. Students are placed in particular classes for academic, social and emotional reasons. Much thought and deliberation goes into forming classes.

I am happy to make time to speak with parents about their concerns and also to receive written communication regarding placement.

I must reiterate though that I am unable to take requests for particular teachers but I am able to consider your requests when forming classes.

I am unable to promise class placements as we often have staff changes and student enrolment changes over the Christmas holidays.

If you have spoken to me regarding your child's placement in previous years, you are again invited to do so, as for confidentiality reasons and as situations change for children, no previous conversations are referred back to.

Please ensure written considerations or conversations are to me by Friday 21st November (Week 7).



Last Saturday night around thirty children and a number of staff gathered at the Jack Evans Boat Harbour, Tweed Heads to take part in the Tweed Heads Council lantern parade.

A number of children had made their lantern at school on the Thursday and then had the



opportunity to take part in the parade.

Dressed in school uniforms, the children had a terrific time carrying their decorated lanterns under the night sky, enjoying the occasion. Many thanks to all parents who supported the event and transported your children to Tweed on Saturday evening.

Unfortunately, we still have a number of outstanding balances for text books and other school items. Mathematic text books were subsidised from \$15 to just \$6.50 with the school covering the difference. We would really appreciate parents paying outstanding balances at the school office as soon as possible. To all students who have paid their 2014 student invoices, Thank You!!!

Last week a number of children took part in the Art Smart workshop held at school over three days. The children had the opportunity to work with Mr Hoyle, the North Coast Gifted & Talented Art Teacher. The students produced work of an exceptional standard. The fine details, different shades and textures used certainly made their end product, just amazing. I have already spoken to Mr Hoyle and have invited him back next year to work with more children from our school.

Well done to the following children who have visited my office to show me their great work.

1W: Maighsi, Bree, Lincon, Thomas, Ryleigh

1/SA: Elijah, Jacob,

2/3G: Jahlow, Tahlia

Sun Safety

This spring has seen temperatures soar. A new information pack with the latest advice on sun safety is available for schools and parents.

Find out more:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/sun-safety/index.php>

Les Daley
Principal

Merit Awards

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

| | | | |
|--------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| KL: | Noah, Hudson | 3/4H: | Ruben, Jamie, Keira, Claire |
| 1SA: | Cree, Kohen | 4/5F: | Seth, Amy-Lee |
| 1W: | Maighsi, Thomas | 5/6K: | Emyleigh, Shelby |
| 2/3G: | Carlton, Kiarn, Noah | 5/6P: | Joe, Tallulah |
| 2/3K: | Karsha, Zanda | Library: | Britney, Kiki, Emma |
| | | Mr Stowe: | Maighsi, Tiarna |

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

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| KL: | Leyah, Noah | 4/5F: | Amy-Lee, Seth, Kiarra |
| KR: | William, Jordan | 5/6K: | Lilly, Emyleigh |
| 1SA: | Sarah, Summer | 5/6P: | Zac, Ava |
| 1W: | Nino, Aurelia | Library: | Taylah, Jade, Amy-Lee |
| 2/3G: | Archie, Lachlan | Mr Stowe: | Aurelia, Keira-lee |
| 2/3K: | Joshua, Russell | | |
| 3/4H: | Jerson, Ben, Kye, Blake | | |

Canteen Roster

| | MONDAY | WEDNESDAY | FRIDAY |
|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| November | | 12th Heidi L, Nicole F | 14th Kylie S |
| | 17th Ian V | 19th Emma C | 21st Kylie S |
| | 24th Wendy B | 26th Melissa D | 28th Kylie S |
| December | 1st Ian V | 3rd Emma C | 5th Kylie S, Penny M |
| | 8th Wendy B | 10th Heidi L | 12th Kylie S |
| | 15th Ian V | 17th Kylie S, Emma C | |

CALENDAR

| Term 4 | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| 6 | | | 12th November | 13th November | 14th November |
| 7 | 17th November | 18th November Last Day of Scripture | 19th November Lunch Box Orders Due | 20th November | 21st November Transition Disco and Last Day of Kindy Transition |
| 8 | 24th November | 25th November Aboriginal Parents Meeting 3:15pm | 26th November P&C Meeting | 27th November | 28th November |
| 9 | 1st December Captain's Speeches | 2nd December WHS Orientation Day | 3rd December | 4th December | 5th December |
| 10 | 8th December K/1 Oxley Performance | 9th December Yr 6 Farewell | 10th December | 11th December Reports Home | 12th December School Presentation Evening and Musical |
| 11 | 15th December Yr6 Bell Ringing | 16th December K-2 Water Fun 3-6 Pottsville Band Wet n Wild | 17th December Sports Award Assembly Last Day 2014 | 18th December Staff Development Day | 19th December Staff Development Day |

School Holidays: 22nd December 2014 - 27th January 2015

Students return Wednesday January 28th 2015

ARE YOU MOVING OR RETURNING LATE IN 2015?

We know parents in K-5 may have decided to move house, move interstate, change to a private school and have not yet informed the school for 2015. It is at this time of year the NSW DEC determines staff entitlements for every school for the following year. This is based on anticipated numbers. If your child is currently in Years K-5 in 2014 and you know that they will not be returning to Murwillumbah for 2015, would you please inform us by letter or email or returning the notice in this newsletter ASAP.

If you are planning a longer than expected holiday and will be late returning to Murwillumbah in 2015, I must also have this information on file for the DET so ask that you complete the appropriate notice too.

Les Daley
Principal

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NOT RETURNING TO MURWILLUMBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN 2015

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

This is to inform the school that my child/ren will not be returning to Murwillumbah Public School in 2015.

Next year my child will be attending:

Parent: _____

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RETURNING LATE TO SCHOOL IN 2015

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

This is to inform the school that my child/ren will be returning late to Murwillumbah Public School in 2015.

Next year my child will be returning by _____ (Due Date) as he/she will be _____

(Reason for late attendance)

Parent: _____