



# Murwillumbah Public School

## Promoting Excellence in Education

### Newsletter

21st October 2015 Term 4 Week 3



## Principals Message

Dear Parents

Each year the school provides the opportunity for students in Years 3-6 to participate in the UNSW Testing in English, writing, mathematics, science & computer studies.

If you have had a chance to read the local newspaper, "The Murwillumbah Weekly" you would have noticed that a number of our children received a write up about their recent outstanding performances.

Last term, 18 students took part in English, Writing and Spelling. This year, we received 4 Distinctions and 7 Credits. This is an outstanding achievement for our children as it places them in the top 10%-25% of the nation in their respective subjects for their ages. We are very proud of their efforts. Congratulations Kids!

At MPS we have children who have severe allergies resulting in a condition known as anaphylaxis. The severity and range of symptoms varies from person to person.

Please note that, while the school can never be considered a nut-free zone and nut products are not banned in the school, we do ask for parents' co-operation in providing alternative food

products for their children. For some affected children even the slightest contact with nuts or nut products or other allergic foods can result in a life-threatening reaction. We also ask that you discuss with your children the importance of always washing hands before and after eating and not sharing their food with others. Parents, when you send in cakes and other party food please check packaging to ensure that, as much as possible, that they are nut free.

**If your child has anaphylaxis it is a mandatory requirement for all schools to meet with the family to prepare a medical action plan. Please ring the school for an immediate appointment if this applies to one of your children.**

Last week, final auditions were held for our upcoming school musical. I must say how extremely impressed I was with all children during this process. The children were very mature and approached these auditions with great enthusiasm.

I was very impressed with the talent we have at Murwillumbah Public School. Positions have now been finalised and we are now in full swing

# Principals Message Cont.

for our upcoming school musical to be held in week eight at Murwillumbah High School on Wednesday 24th November.

Recently, I mentioned that as we move closer to the end of the 2015 school year we need to ensure that we are organised for 2016. One of our annual challenges is to know how many students will start school each year and to organise classes based on these numbers. To assist, we ask families with children in Kindergarten to Year 5, who may be leaving the school at the end of 2015, inform the school at your earliest convenience. This will enable us to plan our teachers and classes for next year. I will begin this process along with the executive in the upcoming weeks. I thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

To assist with the care and supervision of your children please note the following:

- School hours are from 9am to 3pm. The bell goes at 8.55am to ensure school can start on time. Students should be collected at 3pm.
- Students late to school should be accom-

panied to the front office so their arrival time can be recorded. Students are late once the morning assembly is finished and classes have gone inside. Please be aware that children are required by law to attend school between our opening hours of 9 am and 3 pm. Reasons for being repeatedly late such as "slept in" or "no parking/ too much traffic" do not have to be accepted by the school. Students should only be picked up early in exceptional circumstances.

• **Students should not be in the playground before 8.30am as supervision begins at 8.30am unless attending a school supervised activity eg choir or catch a school bus that arrives prior to 8.30. Parents will be contacted if students are left before 8.30am.**

Have a great week

Les Daley  
Principal

## School News

### CONCERT BAND

Concert Band is cancelled next Monday, 26th October and Wednesday, 28th October as Mrs Armour is away. Bunyip Band is still on with Mrs Lopes.

### HEADLICE

We suspect that 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 considers that the detection and treatment of head lice in children is a parental responsibility.



# Canteen News

Welcome back to the last term of school for 2015. Lots of things going on this term and the canteen is very busy.

The students are allowed a "red" day once a term where they can buy lollies and treats. So far they haven't had one this year so we are gearing up for two this term. One for Halloween and one in the last week of term as a "Christmas treat"

As we will be celebrating Halloween on Friday the 30th October, the students will be able to buy a variety of ghoulish treats as well as some fruity treats that should please as well.

These are a few pictures from last year and the students just loved all the decorations and spider biscuits and cobwebs that were spread around.



A normal menu will be available as well as extra halloween treats on the day, so please allow your children to buy some extras on the day. Prices will range from 20c to \$1.50. These will include spider biscuits, monster pikelets, witches cauldron cupcakes, slimy jellies, black cat cupcakes and eyeball jellies!!!!, Happy Halloween!!!!!!!!

On a more serious note we are extremely short of canteen helpers. The four or five people that are on the roster I thank you very very much as you all do more than your share. If anyone can spare even a few hours a term it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all the students who are so polite with their please and thank you's, it brings a smile to my face when your manners are so beautifully presented!

## Canteen Roster

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
		October 23rd- Rod D
October 26th- Wendy B	October 28th- Kylie L	October 30th- Halloween Mel D
November 2nd- <b>NO HELPER</b>	November 4th- Kylie S	November 6th- Rod D
November 9th- Wendy B	November 11th- Kylie L	November 13th- <b>NO HELPER</b>
November 16th- <b>NO HELPER</b>	November 18th- Heidi L	November 20th- Mel D
November 23rd- <b>NO HELPER</b>	November 25th- Kylie S	November 27th- Rod D



# State Athletics

Last week Murwillumbah Public School were fortunate to have a student attend PSSA State Athletics Carnival in Sydney. Vinnie qualified to participate in the 8yrs 100m and represented himself, and our school, admirably.

Vinnie progressed through the heats to run in the semi-final of his event. His performance was excellent and we at school are extremely proud of his efforts. What an experience that I'm sure Vinnie will build on in the years to come.



# Community News

**Cooloon Children's Centre Inc**

**Community Kid's Fest 2015**

- Jumping Slide + Helium Balloons
- Beppo the Clown
- Hoopla Circus
- Kids Indigenous Workshop
- Art & Craft
- Crocodiles & Dragons
- Face Painting + Hair Colour + Photo Booth
- Kanga-gang Outback in the bush show + Trackless Train
- Pony Rides + Farm Animals

**A FREE Celebration for Children and Families**  
**Saturday 31st October 2015**  
10am—2pm (Daylight Saving Time)  
Cnr Park and Recreation Streets Tweed Heads  
Raffles and Bar B Q—all day.....



SAM WORTHINGTON ED OXENBOULD DEBORAH MAILMAN DAVID WENHAM

IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED, FLY, FLY AGAIN.

# PAPER PLANES

**FAMILY OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT**  
A Chillingham & Tyalgum Preschool Fundraising Event

great aussie flick suits all ages



**Sausage sizzle Ice Cream Coffee/Cake Popcorn** **Saturday October 24** **Awesome Raffle Prizes!**  
Chillingham Community Centre  
1425 Numinbah Road, Chillingham  
6:30pm - MOVIE TO START ON DARK  
tickets \$5 or \$20 a family  
bring a blanket, chairs, back row & edges only



# P&C News

The first P&C meeting for term 4 will be held on Wednesday 28th October at 6.30pm in the school library. There will be a presentation about Science is taught in the classrooms.

Agenda items include a wrap up of the fete and organising a volunteer roster for the Kingscliff Triathlon.



**SPECIAL INVITATION to all our wonderful grandparents!!**

**Please join us for a whole school assembly on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 9am in our new hall.**

**Then join your grandchildren in their classrooms, and enjoy a cuppa and delicious morning tea.**

**\*Please note: There will be no assembly at the usual time of 2.15pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October.**

# CALENDAR

Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	19th October	20th October	21st October	22nd October	23rd October
4	26th October	27th October <b>ASSEMBLY ON TODAY- GRANDPAR- ENTS DAY</b>	28th October	29th October K-2 Seaworld Exc	30th October
5	2nd November	3rd November ARTSMART  MHS Principal Visit	4th November ARTSMART	5th November ARTSMART	6th November
6	9th November		11th November Remembrance Day Service	12th November	13th November
7	16th November	17th November	18th November	19th November	20th November
8	23rd November	24th November School Musical	25th November Captain Nomination Speeches	26th November	27th November Reports Home
9	30th November Year 6 Farewell	1st December	2nd December MHS Orientation	3rd December Presentation Day  MHS Orientation	4th December
10	7th December Oxley Club Performance	8th December Wet'n'Wild Music Exc.	9th December Sport & Music Assembly Parent Helper Morning Tea	10th December	11th December
11	14th December School Picnic Day	15th December	16th December Yr6 Bell Ringing  <b>Last Day for Students 2015</b>	Staff Development Day	Staff Development Day