



# Murwillumbah Public School

## Promoting Excellence in Education

# Newsletter

5th November 2015 Term 4 Week 5



## Principals Message

What a wonderful turn out last week at our grandparents' assembly, classroom visit and morning tea. Over 150 grandparents attended the special morning.

Not only were they able to see their grandchild working in the classroom, they were entertained by some students reading descriptions of their grandparents as well as some singing, poetry reading or just spending valuable time with their grandparent. Just about everyone stayed on for a delicious morning tea that was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to the parents and staff who sent in a plate for the morning tea. Your support was greatly appreciated AND many thanks to our terrific grandparents for visiting our school.

Next week our year five children will have the opportunity to be nominated to run as a school leader in 2016.

This is the first step in a three step process. School leaders should be exemplary children who lead by example, displaying outstanding leadership skills.

They should be seen as students who are prepared to set high standards in all they do, all the time.

They should model our school values- Respect, Responsibility and Commitment. I am looking forward to watching them take part in this process in the weeks ahead.

Last Thursday the school had a lock down.

This is a procedure when we lock doors to rooms and keep children inside. The school gates are also locked for safety reasons for one reason or another. It was more on the side of caution. I am pleased to report that our procedures worked well and the children responded in an appropriate manner.

After fifteen minutes, the children were back outside and play resumed as normal.

A few busy weeks lay ahead at Murwillumbah School.

Next Wednesday the 11th November we will be running the Remembrance Day Service in town.

On Friday the 13th at 1.45 in the school Library, we will be holding our parent information session for parents of children who will be commencing Kindergarten in 2016.

# Principals Message Cont.

I hope you have set aside Tuesday 24th November as this will be our school musical at Murwillumbah High. Further information will be sent home next week.

Monday the 30th our Year 6 Farwell will be held.

Tuesday, 1st December, our Presentation Assembly will be held in the school hall commencing at 9.30am. Class awards will be presented at this time.

Sport and Music awards will be presented on Wednesday the 9th December at a morning assembly also commencing at 9.30am. Stay tuned and jot down those dates!

This week we have a number of children attending the ART SMART classes. These classes recognise students who display talent from year 5 or 6 in art.

Unfortunately, our school is only offered a couple of positions. I know the children are enjoying the opportunity to be part of this class over the three day period.

Applications for selective High School positions for 2017 (Students in this Year 5) are currently open. Access can be gained online at the address below.

All applications must be completed on-line.

Parents wishing to apply for selective high school will need to have application completed on-line by November 16, 2015.

No late applications will be accepted.

If you do not have computer access contact the school office. Additionally if you have a query about the process please contact the school.

Selective High Schools unit:

[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement)

Last Friday was World Teachers' Day. This is a day that celebrates the efforts of teachers on a global scale, acknowledges the important contribution made to our community in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological world.

Inaugurated on 5th October 1994 by the United

Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), World Teachers' Day is celebrated annually in over 100 countries. The day allows students, parents and community members to show their appreciation for teachers and the positive impact they make on society.

Internationally, World Teachers' Day is celebrated on the first Friday in October. However, as this is usually during school holidays, Australia celebrates the day on the last Friday in October of each year.

Every day teachers make a difference as they inspire and engage young people to learn and succeed. Often it is years later that a teacher realises the impact that she or he had on a student, or an entire class. Staff at Murwillumbah were treated to a wonderful morning tea and proudly wore their badges thanking them for their wonderful efforts with the students at Murwillumbah.

I was able to read the minutes from the recent 2015 NSW Primary Principal's Conference which I am led to believe was inspirational and challenging.

One speaker, Simon Breakspear, spoke about the future of education in Australia. He spoke about relationships still being one of the most important aspects of learning. He also spoke about the impact of change on schools and the need for teachers to continue to work collaboratively to ensure they provide healthy learning ecosystems.

His address was particularly poignant considering the debate about the current 'Gonski' reforms in education. These reforms have benefitted MPS by enabling teachers to spend more time working closely to devise educational programs which are inclusive and supportive.

Students have benefited over the past few years from access to new and improved learning programs and school facilities. These include Reading Eggs, Learning and Support sessions, Gifted and Talented activities, iPad activities, Creative And Practical Arts programs

# Principals Message Cont.

and resources and a range of classroom learning initiatives.

These and many other school improvements have been made possible by the arrival of Gonski funding.

Schools, teachers and parents around Australia are spreading the word on how these funds have enriched our children's education. We are doing all we can to ensure that the funding is implemented in its intended six year model, which will mean even greater benefits at Murwillumbah and at schools around the country.

Another speaker, Rosie Batty, who is the current Australian of the Year, spoke about domestic violence and the impact it's having on our communities.

Rosie spoke passionately about the need for all adults to model respect each and every day, as violence stems from disrespect. What an amazing fact.

Have a great week

Regards  
Les Daley

## Merit Awards

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 3 TERM 4:

<b>KL:</b>	Kyra, Martha	<b>4/5A:</b>	Dylan, Jordan
<b>KP:</b>	Frankie, Brodie	<b>5/6K:</b>	Sammy, Mia
<b>1/2S:</b>	Robert, Kaitlyn	<b>6W:</b>	Jorja, Hannah, Jade
<b>2H:</b>	Lincoln, Thomas, Adysen	<b>Library:</b>	Coby, Avalon
<b>2/3G:</b>	Summer, Ruby	<b>Mr Johnston:</b>	Vinnie
<b>3P:</b>	Tilly, Leo		
<b>4P:</b>	Kaitelyn, Noah		

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

<b>KL:</b>	Poppy, Kyra	<b>4P:</b>	Molly, Ayla
<b>KP:</b>	Frankie, Marlie	<b>4/5A:</b>	Daniel, Annalee
<b>1K:</b>	Kasen, Finlay	<b>6W:</b>	Charlie, Emma
<b>1/2S:</b>	Cowan, Sarah	<b>Library:</b>	Tiarna, Kiarn
<b>2/3G:</b>	Jack C, Maighsi		

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

<b>KL:</b>	Jyles, Poppy	<b>4/5A:</b>	Ben, Sunny
<b>KP:</b>	Brodie, Izaak	<b>5/6K:</b>	Phoebe, Cade
<b>1K:</b>	Alyssa, Benji	<b>6W:</b>	Will, Kayla
<b>2H:</b>	Ayla, Acer	<b>Library:</b>	Zoe, Lucas
<b>2/3G:</b>	Tiarna, Jake		
<b>4P:</b>	Rose, Dorian		

# K-2 Seaworld Excursion

Last Thursday, Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 went on an excursion to Seaworld. What a fantastic day everyone had. We watched the Sea Lion, Dolphin and Jetski shows, and we had an educational talk at the stingray touch pool where we learnt to safely pat stingrays. We saw Polar Bears, Penguins, Sharks, a huge variety of fish, turtles and pelicans. We visited the Creatures of the Deep exhibit, where we could press buttons to see how different animals move. Some classes had a ride on the Merry-Go-Round, while some classes went on the Monorail. It was a super exciting day!



# Community News

## CoolHeads

Murwillumbah Youth Centre, Nullum St  
Fridays 4pm-8pm

**FREE BBQ & ACTIVITIES**  
(for young people aged 12-18)



**13 NOVEMBER**  
Cricket & Tie Dye

**27 NOVEMBER**  
Mexican & Candle Making

Contact CoolHeads on 0439 009 850



## Dancing on Sacred Land

Regent Cinema, Murwillumbah  
**SAT 28th NOV 5pm -7pm**

Dance Performance & Welcome to Country 5.30pm

**\$15**

**FUNDRAISER & Murwillumbah FILM PREMIERE**

Join award winning filmmaker Sharon Shostak and the Kids Caring for Country Dance Troupe for the Murwillumbah premiere.

Many thanks to the Regent cinema for their kind support.

Follow the amazing heartfelt journey of 30 dancers to the Laura Dance Festival, 2100km from their home in Northern NSW.

02 6672 4188

This fundraiser will contribute to the 'Kids Culture Jams' project in 2016. An initiative to bring Indigenous Elders and local knowledge holders together with children, local musicians and choreographers to create contemporary Aboriginal Songs and Dances about local history. Help preserve these stories through creative process!!!

# Family Fun Fair

Uki Public School



1463 Kyogle Rd - UKI

## Friday 13 November

3.00 pm to 7.00 pm

### LOTS OF ACTIVITIES !

- jumping castle
- face painting
- tug-o-war
- cent auction
- water slide
- lucky dips
- BBQ
- fairy floss
- stalls
- entertainment
- buskers
- open mike
- food and drinks
- showbags
- games
- raffle
- craft and much more ...

**GREAT PRIZES !**

**ALL WELCOME !**

Entry - Gold Coin Donation

For further information please contact the school office on **6679 5128**

## ENROL NOW

AT POSSUMS PRESCHOOL  
www.possumpreschool.org.au

A place where children explore, create and develop a love of learning, in an inclusive and natural environment.

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Come and experience the difference!

Open Tue to Fri

## SCHOOL BANKING TERM 4 NEW REWARDS LAUNCHED

The reward items touching down to planet savings in Term 4 are (available while stocks last):

- Outer Space Glider
- Outer Space Savers Money Box

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for these exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2015 School Banking program Information Pack from the School office. Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don't forget that **Monday** is School Banking day!

# CALENDAR

Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5					6th November
6	9th November	10th 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

## Canteen Roster

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
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
November 30th- <b>NO HELPER</b>	December 2nd- Kylie L	December 4th- <b>NO HELPER</b>
December 7th- <b>NO HELPER</b>	December 9th- Kylie S	December 11th- Mel D
December 14th- <b>NO HELPER</b>	December 16th- Heidi L	