



Murwillumbah Public School

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Newsletter

26th October 2016 Term 4 Week 3



Principals Message

Welcome to a number of new students and families who have joined us at Murwillumbah Public School, a great school!

Last Friday we had around 15 Principals from Queensland visit our school. They were inspired with the programs we have running. They enjoyed our choir who performed for them upon their arrival, were amazed with our 21st Century Learning classrooms and wowed by our transition kindergarten classes.

They were equally impressed with the outstanding manners and behaviour of the students they met during their visit. They asked me to pass onto our children what lovely, friendly well-mannered students we have. Congratulations to all our children and staff.

This week I also received a postcard from a family who I recently showed around the school. They thanked me for "showing us your amazing school" and the flexible learning environments we have in our school. Again, terrific feedback.

If you visited the school recently you may have noticed our new signs on the wall of the school ramp displaying our school values of learning,

respect and responsibility. They look fantastic (thank you Mr Gamble).

I have observed them in classrooms and on the playground. Children in our school can certainly feel safe and respected and our signs will ensure that all children are reminded that when working together as a team, everyone can work in a safe happy environment.

Our teachers are continuously developing their knowledge, understanding and skills so that they can continue to offer quality learning experiences to your children. We endeavour to make learning at Murwillumbah fun, engaging and effective.

In the upcoming weeks the teachers will be given further training and development on the new Geography syllabus which will be implemented in 2017. Most teachers now have had the opportunity to observe, plan and teach a lesson in our 21st century classrooms and some of our staff have now completed their training on 'Oliver,' which is the new system to be used in the library.

Next Tuesday afternoon our staff will be staying back for a four hour workshop. This is the

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second workshop of the year. By working late for 2 evenings we will be completing our School Development Day responsibilities that were to be completed after school breaks up on the 16th December. School Development Days are held when students are not at school so the date change will have no effect on our families.

Each year, parents are offered the opportunity to inform the school as to circumstances that may impact on their child's schooling the following year. If you wish to raise aspects of your child's placement in 2017, please note this concern in a letter addressed to myself and marked 'confidential'. Please note that this information is only used for 2017. No promises will of course be made but at least we can reassure you that we want the very best for your child and will do what we can to make the new year a great one!

Thank you to all parents who have been bringing your child to our kindergarten transition days each Friday. These days are important to the students as it assists in familiarising them with the school and their new surroundings. It is also an opportunity for the teachers to make observations and get to know the children before they start in 2017.

Our last orientation day will be Friday 11th November. After children are dropped to the classroom at 9.30 there will be a parent information meeting in the Library that will run for around 30 minutes. This will be followed by a morning tea. We hope you can join us.

In week 7 we will be holding follow up meetings with all parents about your child's progress in relation to their individual learning goals. These goals were set earlier in the year at the parent teacher, student meeting. KA, KP, 1K & 1/2S will be holding parent interviews on Monday 21st November. 2P, 3W, 3/4K & 3/4L on Tuesday 22nd November and 4/5H, 5/6G & 5/6P on Wednesday 23rd November. You will receive a parent interview sheet that you will need to complete and return. Interviews will be

15 minutes and will commence at 9.00am and finish at 4.00pm.

Next Wednesday 2nd November we will be holding Grandparents day. We will be moving our afternoon assembly to the morning. This will allow us to invite all our wonderful Grandparents to attend our whole school assembly commencing at 9.15. Following our assembly, our Grandparents will be invited to classrooms to take part in fun activities and welcome to stay to eat fruit break with the class. This will be followed by a morning tea around 10.20am. The students and teachers are looking forward to sharing this special morning with our valued friends. If parents are able to send in a plate of food that would be much appreciated.

Our Peer Support program has come to an end for this year. I would like to congratulate our leaders, co-leaders and any Year 5 or 6 students who stood in for the leaders on the good job they did working with their groups. It was great to see each of them grow in confidence and develop their leadership skills as the program progressed. The program provided opportunities for all children to make new friendships, work cooperatively in groups and gain mutual respect for each other.

At the end of week one Mr Gamble and Mrs Parkes visited Cronulla Public school to observe how their 21st century classrooms are working. Both teachers have returned with many new ideas to implement in their classrooms and to share with our teachers. There will be a reciprocal visit from teachers from Cronulla at the end of week four.

In week 5 we will commence our nominations for 2017 leaders and captains. These nominations will be from year 5 students. The final 8 leaders will present their speeches on Tuesday 29th November.

Take care and enjoy your week

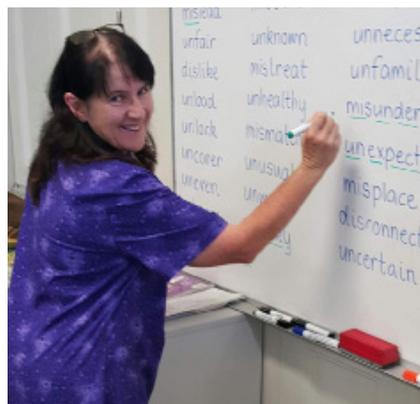
Les Daley
Principal

Around the School - 3/4L

Thursday afternoons in 3/4L have been a buzz of excitement and creativity this term. Artist and parent, Belinda Smith, has kindly donated her time and expertise to help each child create a unique sculpture reflecting their personality and interests.

We are very grateful to Belinda for giving up her time, and very proud of our work!

For the first six weeks of this term Miss Fife will be working in our classroom as a practicum teacher. She is doing a great job, the children and Miss Fife are both learning! Thank you Miss Fife.



ICAS Results

Congratulations to the following students who sat the English and Mathematics assessments.

	English	Mathematics
Year 2:	Alex Credit	Participation
	Abigail Participation	Merit
	Alyssa -	Participation
Year 3:	Ruby Distinction	Merit
	Aurelia Credit	Merit
	Blake -	Credit
	Tiarna Participation	Participation
	Maighsi Participation	Participation
Year 4:	Anna Credit	Credit
	Noah: -	Credit
Year 5:	Maniaia Credit	Participation
	Karsha Merit	Participation
	Griffin Participation	Participation
	Vanessa Participation	Participation
	Charli Participation	Participation
	Mahli Participation	Participation
	Cooper Participation	Participation
	Tristian -	Participation
	Luke -	Participation
	Noah -	Participation
Year 6:	Anna Distinction	Participation
	Ben Credit	Participation
	Blake Participation	Credit
	Daniel -	Credit

Around the School - 3/4K

Semester Two has flown by and 3/4K have been busy learning lots of new things and enjoying so many opportunities. We have nurtured plants, camped overnight at school, tested to see which materials decompose and are best for the environment, and learnt about our amazing National Parks.

In Literacy, our class are studying a unit about Belonging. We have read the beautiful picture book, *Stellaluna*, written information reports about bats and birds, and incorporated a Visual Arts lesson about night skies, silhouettes and bats. This also connected with our Science unit of study called Night and Day.

Also in Science, we investigated different materials in a unit called Material World. We identified and classified different materials and how they decomposed. It got quite messy and smelly when we opened the containers to discover the fruit was the best material for our environment. The plastic certainly did not break down at all!

The seedlings we planted in Tern Two also proved to be a success and our class enjoyed watering and watching them grow into a spectacular show of violas and geraniums.

We also got out and about in Maths when we made a square metre out of newspaper to investigate area. Students worked very well in collaborative learning groups in this lesson.

In HSIE, we learnt about National Parks and how important it is to preserve our unique, natural environments for future generations. Students in 3/4K sketched native animals and made posters stating the important rules necessary to maintain these parks.

Also, last term, we participated in the Swimming Scheme which saw many of our students walk to the local pool every day for two weeks. What a great effort by all who attended and there was a lot of progress made by our swimmers.

Well done to everyone in 3/4K. It has been a wonderful semester.



Merit Awards

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

KA:	Kourteney, Sienna	3/4L:	Zoe, Emily
KP:	Awinya, Elyjah	4/5H:	Madi, Tommy
1K:	Feleila, Jesse	5/6G:	Dom, Phoebe
1/2S:	Mia, Riley	5/6P:	Ayla, Nick
2P:	Asha, Eli, Robert	Mrs Taylor:	Sophie, Cree
3W:	Jake, Jack	Computers:	Kodi, Hudson
3/4K:	Jordan, Ryleigh		

Canteen News

The canteen will be celebrating HALLOWEEN **this Friday the 28th October**. There will be lots of ghoulish and ghostly treats available for students to purchase. The canteen will be decorated with witches and spiders, pumpkins and broomsticks and lots of spiderwebs and cauldrons! Students can buy eyeball jellies, red back spider biscuits, ghostly meringues, witches cauldron brew, black cat cupcakes and lots more. Available at both recess and lunchtime. The usual menu will be available for all lunch orders. Prices will range from 50c to \$2 so maybe allow a little extra for purchases on the day.



Thanks to the few parents who help out in the canteen. We are still desperate for helpers even if only for an hour! Please contact Deb in the canteen if you are able to spare a few hours a term. Your children will love it!

Please note that hot food is not available at recess. There just isn't enough time to prepare hot things. Please try and stick to the recess menu where possible.

A few new drinks are available. These include Iced tea and Glee drinks which are available in a few different flavours. Milo is still very popular and a bargain at only 50c.

So remember this Friday for our HALLOWEEN celebrations!

Canteen Roster

MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
	26th October Heidi L	28th October Kylie S
31st October Helper Needed	2nd November Mandy R, Trish C	4th November Lesley L
7th November Noriko H-K	9th November Lizzie L	11th November Kylie S
14th November Helper Needed	16th November Maria W	18th November Heidi L
21st November Noriko H-K	23rd November Violetta K	25th November Kylie S
28th November Helper Needed	30th November Mandy R	2nd December Lesley L

Year 3 Camp and Pottsville Excursion

On Thursday 13th October, 50 year 3 students returned to school at 5pm to find a camping ground! After finding tents and setting up beds, it was time for a play and a delicious dinner. Year 3 then danced the night away to the jazzy tunes of the Whopping Big band. Sleeping in the tents was so exciting! The next day everyone had fun at Pottsville beach, playing on the equipment, building sandcastles and walking to see the campsite for Pottsville Camp! Thank you to all the wonderful teachers and amazing cooks who made this a camp to remember!!





Community News

Cooloon Children's Centre Inc

Community Kid's Fest 2016

- Jumping Slide + Helium Balloons
- Beppo the Clown
- Hoopla Circus
- Kids Indigenous Workshop - Art + Craft - Crocodiles + Dragons - Face Painting - Hair Colour + Photo Booth
- Renata - Music for Kids Trackless Train
- Pony Rides + Farm Animals

A **FREE** Celebration for Children and Families

Saturday 29th October 2016

10am—2pm (Daylight Saving Time)

Cnr Park and Recreation Streets Tweed Heads

Raffles and Bar B Q—all day.....



Kingscliff TAFE Cudgen Road



Thursday 17 November 2016

9.30am - 7.00pm (EDST)

Turn your passion into a career

Explore your career options through interactive demonstrations and be inspired by our graduating students! Discover more at the information sessions held by our talented teachers.

The SEA FM Sea Cruiser will be broadcasting live from 10am.

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JUMP! INTO JUNIOR YOUTH

The Murwillumbah Christian Community Church invites you to join the newly created Junior Youth program for anyone in Years 3 to 6. Cost is only \$3 per night. First time is free.



Where and When:
 The first and third Friday of each month from 6.00 till 7.30 at the Murwillumbah East Primary School Hall.

For more information Clare Elliott on 0414732864 or visit our Facebook Page Jump! Junior Youth Group.

CALENDAR

Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	24th October	25th October 2pm - Yr 5 & 6 Cyberbullying Talk	26th October	27th October 12-2pm - Southern Cross Unibound	28th October Ali Baba
4	31st October	1st November	2nd November Grandparents Day	3rd November	4th November
5	7th November	8th November 6:30pm - Tweed Small School Concert	9th November	10th November	11th November Last Day of Kindy Transition Day
6	14th November	15th November	16th November	17th November	18th November
7	21st November Stage 1 Follow up Goal Setting Meetings	22nd November Stage 2 Follow up Goal Setting Meetings	23rd November Stage 3 Follow up Goal Setting Meetings	24th November	25th November
8	28th November School Band Concert	29th November Band Wet'n'Wild Excursion	30th November Murwillumbah HS Orientation Day for Yr 6	1st December Murwillumbah HS Orientation Day for Yr 6	2nd December Reports Home
9	5th December Year 6 Farewell	6th December Presentation Evening K- Yr 2 - 5pm Yrs 3-6 6:15pm	7th December Sport and Music Presentation Yr 6 Parent Meeting Wollumbin HS	8th December Wollumbin HS Orientation Day for Yr 6	9th December
10	12th December 4/5/6 Pottsville Camp	13th December 4/5/6 Pottsville Camp	14th December 4/5/6 Pottsville Camp	15th December 4/5/6 Pottsville Camp returns 2pm - Yr 6 Bell Ringing	16th December Last Day of Term 4 for Students

*This Calendar is updated as new information becomes available,
so please continue to check over the course of the Term.*