



Murwillumbah Public School

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Newsletter

9th November 2016 Term 4 Week 5



Principals Message

Term 4 is certainly moving along quite quickly with some successful events already occurring and others to look forward to. Within the classroom both students and teachers are working exceptionally hard on teaching and learning programs and completing assessments in time for the reporting period.

Murwillumbah PS invited Grand-friends to come and join us last Wednesday for a morning of entertainment, starting off at our whole school assembly and were then invited into classrooms to share a favourite story and then a morning tea. It was a huge turn out.

THANK YOU for being you and sharing with us! Thank you also to the many parents who sent a delicious plate of food. Your support was greatly appreciated.

Over the past 8 Fridays we have been excited to have held our Kindergarten Transition sessions for our prospective 2017 students.

The children were wonderful, settling into their classrooms well and interacting positively with other students and school staff.

This Friday, parents will be provided with

valuable information about what to expect when starting Kindergarten and information about Murwillumbah PS. At 9.30 a parent information session will be held followed by a morning tea. We hope many of our 2017 Kindergarten parents can join us in the Library.

Thanks to Mrs Price, Mrs Anderson, Mrs Schlunke and Mrs Davey for their organisation and making our new students and families feel so welcome.

We will be pausing to reflect on the sacrifice of those who have served in our armed forces on Friday the 11th November, Remembrance Day. For our K-2 children, this will be a short, whole school assembly in the hall. Our 3-6 children will be walking to the Cenotaph at 10.10 to be part of the RSL Service which our Captains will lead as part of the official ceremony. This time is an opportunity to pause for a minute's silence and take the time to acknowledge the sacrifices made by men and women for our country. Parents are most welcome to join either service.

It is that time of year again when our school starts forward planning for the school structure for the

Principals Message Cont

next year. How we structure classes for 2017 will depend on the total number of students enrolled for 2017, the staffing entitlement the Department of Education allocates and numbers in each grade year.

As always teachers are in the best professional position to make the decision about where a child should be placed for the optimum possible benefit of their educational progress. We know that children grow and change as they progress through school. They change socially and their associations with other children change. Academically they may need support or additional challenges.

As always it is important to remember that students are placed in classes to enhance their learning opportunities with sound teacher professional knowledge backed up with assessment, work task results and classroom teacher observation expertise on the educational, social and emotional growth of a child.

As I have previously mentioned, we do welcome your input in this process if you believe there are extenuating circumstances that need to be considered when placing your child in a class for 2017. If this is so, you are welcome to make an appointment to meet with me and discuss this matter. Alternately you can put your concerns in writing and address the correspondence to me.

Please always remember this process is totally confidential. Please remember that all these requests will be taken into consideration but we cannot guarantee that it will be possible to fulfil these requests, as numbers, teachers available and professional educational judgement will determine the final outcome.

Parents of Year 5 students who are interested in applying for a Selective High School Year 7 placement 2018 need to apply on line before 14th November at the following website:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Please contact the office if further information is required.

Next Monday afternoon, Mrs Parkes, Mr Gamble and Mrs Hill will be showcasing our 21st Century Learning rooms to 55 staff from Murwillumbah High School. The staff will be engaged in some of the wonderful programs that are taking place in stage three.

Thank you to the many parents who have returned parent teacher interview requests for week seven, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the 21st, 22nd and 23rd November. This is a terrific opportunity to follow up on individual goals that your child set in Term 1. Confirmed interview times will be sent home on Wednesday 16th. Again, Thank you for your support.

It is a sad time of year when we all come to the realisation that our Year 6 students will be ending their primary school education and moving onto high school next year. Only six weeks to go for them.

Some of them have been with us since beginning Kindergarten. That is six years in the same school with many of the same friends and teachers. Our thoughts are with them as they come to terms with leaving the comfortable confines of our supportive little school to join the throngs of the larger population of a high school campus with multiple teachers and classrooms for the different subjects they will be learning.

A huge change lies ahead not only with the school change but with growing up as well. It is not easy being a young person between childhood and adolescence. Over the next few weeks they will be involved in High School transition days which I am sure they will enjoy. Make these last weeks of primary school the best you can have. Leave us with fond memories of you.

Have a great week
Les Daley
Principal

Merit Awards

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

KA:	Katie, Nicholas	3/4L:	Noah, Johnny
KP:	Chloe, Leila	4/5H:	Anna, Tilly
1K:	Rylee, Nevaeh	5/6G:	Blake, Anna
1/2S:	Lachlan, Ammarah	5/6P:	Jerson, Tara
2P:	Abigail, Alexander, Kathryn	Mrs Taylor:	Lilly B, Kaitlin R
3W:	Lachlan, Uriah	Computers:	Peppa, Zac
3/4K:	Vanessa, Lincoln	Music:	Lahlia, Robert

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

KA:	Emily, Kye	3/4L:	Bree, Jack
KP:	Ivy, Jyles	4/5H:	Ella B, Charli
1K:	Hamish, Willow	5/6G:	Evie, Lillianna
1/2S:	Hudson, Kai	5/6P:	Lahlia, James
2P:	Pearl, Arden, Will	Mrs Taylor:	Dean E, Cowan
3W:	Dean, Kaitlin, Adriana	Computers:	Karsha, Alexander
3/4K:	Noah K, Archie		

Community News



Afternoon Tea

Murwillumbah High School P&C

invites all parents of 2017 Yr 7 students

to afternoon tea in the canteen.

1st Dec from 2.30 – 3.15

Join us for a quick cuppa and have a look through our canteen.

Stationery pack purchases will be available.

ARTSMART EXHIBITION

Lennox Head
Community Centre

SATURDAY 12TH
NOVEMBER

10am - 11:15am

Around the School - 4/5H

4/5H is a hive of activity this term.

We have a Prac Student teaching us at the moment, Miss Nina Ling. One subject she is teaching us is our Literacy Unit which so far has focussed on two books - *Stellaluna* and *The Little Refugee*. We are enjoying learning about refugees and boat people fleeing Vietnam in the 1970's and the problems they faced moving to a new country.

We are also learning about countries in Asia and locating them on maps. We have looked at Japan and are currently learning about the country of Nepal. We are learning the differences in housing, education, transport and climate between Australia and these countries.

We have also been to Swimming for Sport this term, where we all participated in the Water Survival Test where we had to swim 25 metres and tread water for 1 minute.

In week 3, we went to the Civic Centre and watched the performance of 'Ali Baba'. We really enjoyed it.

4/5H look forward to the rest of the year, culminating in attending Pottsville Camp, where we know we will all have fun together.

4/5H is a great class!!!!



CALENDAR

Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5			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.*

Canteen Roster

MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
	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
5th December Noriko H-K	7th December Lizzie L	9th December Kylie S
12th December Helper Needed		