



Murwillumbah Public School

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Newsletter

25th October 2017 Week 3 Term 4



Principals Message

As you would be well aware, our school has recently changed over to the new finance system that has been introduced to all Public Schools throughout the State. Last Thursday and Friday, Linda and Tegan finished their LMBR training. These two amazing operators have overseen the implementation of a whole new operating system for our School Finance and Student Wellbeing systems. It has been an incredible work-load and they have taken on each challenge with enthusiasm and determination. I know they are excited the training is finished and they can begin to fine tune the implementation of this massive project! Thank you Linda and Tegan. The work is not over yet, in fact it is just beginning, but your professionalism and energy during this phase is very much appreciated!

WONDERFUL NEWS!!!! Last week we had three students travel to Sydney to take part in the NSWPSA Athletics Championships. Vinnie, Riley and Anthony all represented our school with great distinction, competing against the very best athletes throughout the State. This was a remarkable achievement to reach this level and the boys should be exceptionally proud of their efforts. Both Vinnie and Riley ran really well on the day. A special congratulation to Anthony who took out the **GOLD** medal in Discuss and the **SILVER** medal in Shot Put in his category. Anthony will now travel to South Australia to take part in the School Sport

National Championships!

On Monday the 6th, our Sydney Choir children will head down to perform at the Opera House in front of an audience of around 3000 people. This will be an amazing experience for the children and will take place on Tuesday evening the 7th. Mrs Armour and myself will be accompanying the children to Sydney. I know that the children are really excited and looking forward to a number of activities Mrs Armour has planned around this excursion. I want to thank Vikki for all her time and effort in preparing the group and to our children and parents for the huge amount of time they have devoted towards this performance. We wish the children all the very best for their special night.

Report templates have been set up and teachers are already considering their comments and assessment data. This is a massive job and will take many hours as we look carefully at what each of our students can do, and consider the next sequential step in their learning across all aspects of their development. I am looking forward to reading each and every report and seeing just how far each student has come this year.

It may seem quite early but we will be looking at our class structures for 2018 in the coming weeks. As always our exec team and staff will consider peer groups, learning styles and

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student needs during this allocation process. Our parents and carers are integral to this decision making process and I would welcome any requests, comments or observations from our families in regards to student needs next year. Obviously, the placement of students remains a school responsibility, but your input is valued and considered carefully so please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any requests for next year. Requests should be forwarded to me by Friday 10th November.

Not returning in 2018? Please contact the office this week to assist us with 2018 organisation. Thank you.

Our Kinder Orientation sessions for our 2018 Kinders are running very smoothly. It was wonderful to see so many parents take advantage of the opportunity to bring their child along to help in the transition from home to school. The children all settled well into the classes and enjoying Fridays. We have another five sessions left. Transition runs every Friday from 9.30-2.30 in KP room.

Student Absences: As you would be aware if your child is absent, the school requires an explanation for the absence within 7 days of the absence. For a planned (e.g. holiday) absence of 6 or more consecutive days the department requires an application to the principal for extended leave. This application can be collected from the office. After this application has been approved by the principal you will be issued with a Certificate which

you are required to have with you during that period of leave. Please note regular school attendance is a legal requirement and holidays, where possible, should be taken during school holidays.

World Teachers Day – Friday 27 October

We celebrate the amazing work our teachers do on Friday Week 3. The role they play in the partnership of learning with you and your children is significant. Our teachers are the finest!!! They provide your children with the richest education. Please join me in thanking them for their work.

REMEMBRANCE DAY Sat 11th November

Murwillumbah Public school helps out each year to support the RSL Remembrance Day service by organising the town service. We think it's great that our school can be involved in this very important community event. This year, the service will take place on a Saturday and we will be asking that as many children as possible can find time to attend this special service. I will be forwarding more information home in the next week but thought I would give everyone a "heads up" so that you can set aside thirty minutes to attend the service.

Enjoy the week ahead
Regards
Les Daley
Principal



Around the School with 1K

The best thing about this time of the year is that 1K gets to reflect on all the amazing things that we have achieved. I am always impressed with how much the students have matured, grown and their continual enthusiasm when learning new things. Education is fun.

Our literacy and mathematics programs will continue to challenge and develop the knowledge and skills of our students. We have introduced some exciting new games to extend student's knowledge including 'Spelling Buzz' and 'Ninja Maths'. Each day the winner, by process of elimination gets to wear the champion crown. Games include spelling, grammar and number facts such as addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Last term's history topic, The Past in the Present provided students with a study of the history of our local area, examining the remains of the past and why they should be preserved. Memories and special family items such as toys, family trees and values was the focus and this unit ended with a walking excursion to Murwillumbah's town centre. The highlight was Australia's biggest bank robbery took place here.

Our Science and Technology Unit for this term is All Mixed Up which describes, exams and predicts various changes in mixtures. Students will conduct simple science experiments to produce solutions to solve problems.

Wednesday and Thursday mornings Stage One continue to do fitness together which involves developing their Fundamental Movement Skills and fitness levels. Sport will continue on Friday mornings. Stage One Child Protection unit will be taught with the focus on awareness.

The term has begun with assessments, a fun pirate day and rehearsals for our end of year musical. Lots to look forward to and finish the year off with celebrating our accomplishments.



Around the School with 1S

Our class has already enjoyed many exciting activities this term.

Talk like a Pirate Day gave students the opportunity to dress up and participate in creative activities. It was also a fundraising event for the Childhood Cancer Support Inc.

In Science, students have been busy mixing substances and predicting any changes that may occur. Working in small Collaborative Learning Groups, each student is able to experience the hands-on experiments.

I am extremely proud of the progress of my students as their reading continues to improve. Daily reading groups, in our class, are our favourite part of the day.

We are looking forward to another busy and productive term.



Year 3 Camp & Stage 2 Excursion

What an exciting time for Year 3 this week. On Thursday Year 3 students will be sleeping the night at school for their Year 3 Camp. Year 3 will go home at 3pm Thursday and then arrive back at school at 5pm. The students will share tents, eat dinner and breakfast and complete fun activities together. Then on Friday morning Year 4 will join them at school and all of Stage 2 will go on an excursion to Minjungbal Aboriginal Cultural Centre for a guided tour and then have lunch in the park. All of stage 2 are looking forward to this excursion.

Congratulations Mrs Watkins!

Congratulations to Mrs Watkins who was recognised for 20 years of teaching experience in Public Education.... and celebrated by dressing up as a pirate!



Canteen News

Welcome back to Term 4 which has started off really well with a few extra mums signing on for canteen duty. Thank you so so much. Your help is much appreciated.

Our first fun day was "Talk Like A Pirate Day" last week and we all had a great day acting out our inner Pirate! The students loved all the Pirate treats and their fish and chip lunches! It wasn't easy getting out over 130 fish and chip orders as well as normal lunches in just over an hour but we did it thanks to our amazing volunteers on the day! As you can see by the pics below it was a great day.

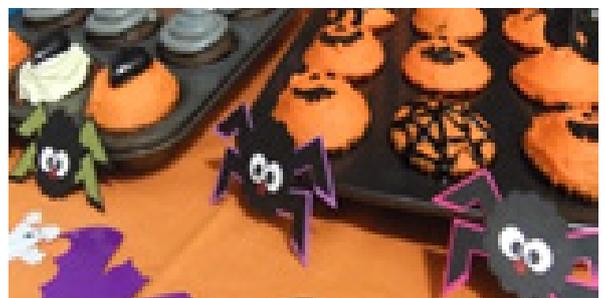
On Monday the 30th October the canteen will be decorated for Halloween. A few grizzly and ghoulish treats will be available like eyeball jelly, monster rice krispies, creepy custard cups, boo biscuits, just to name a few. Prices will range from 50c to \$2 for those who want to partake of some frightening food! Here are some pics from last year to get you in the mood!!!! Parents could you please make sure that all recess orders are written on a separate bag as this saves heaps of time, especially when there are no parent helpers and there are a lot of orders. Also if something is not available we do strive to give students a suitable alternative so no one misses out on lunch.

As well as sushi we also offer rice paper rolls. These are gluten free (vegetable only) but are available in chicken, vegetable, or vegetable tempura. Cost is \$3. They do come with a satay sauce but can be changed to soy sauce if needed. Frozen juice cups are back in two flavours – apple or apple/black current \$1 ea. Frozen yogurts are very popular as well in flavours of vanilla and chocolate, watermelon and mango or strawberry and vanilla \$2 ea. The new Messy Monkey range of chips are now available as well. These are made with quinoa and whole grains and are gluten free. A different alternative to regular chips and come in three flavours – cheese, pizza or burger! The kids seem to like them! All \$1.

As always we still need helpers in the canteen even if only for an hour. The hardest thing is trying to get everyone served at lunchtime so that they can have an ice cold treat on a hot day! If you can help at all please call into the canteen at any time.

Roster for this term is:

Fri Oct 27 - Nadia M
Mon Oct 30 - Helpers Needed
Wed Nov 1 - Helpers Needed
Fri Nov 3 - Deb F
Mon Nov 6 - Helper Needed
Wed Nov 8 - Helper Needed
Fri Nov 10 - Violeta K
Mon Nov 13 - Helper Needed
Wed Nov 15 - Lauren
Fri Nov 17 - Violeta K
Mon Nov 20 - Helper Needed
Wed Nov 22 - Helper Needed
Fri Nov 24 - Kristen O
Mon Nov 27 - Helper Needed
Wed Nov 29 - Helper Needed
Fri Dec 1 - Heidi L
Mon Dec 4 - Helper Needed
Wed Dec 6 - Helper Needed
Fri Dec 8 - Nadin M
Mon Dec 11 - Helper Needed
Wed Dec 13 - Lauren
Fri Dec 15 - Deb F



Merit Awards

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 2 TERM 4

KA:	Lillian, Archie	3/4L:	Eryn, Finnian
KP:	Lara, Marli	3/4S:	Ash, Lincoln
1K:	Rose, Nathaniel	5/6G:	Kodi, Charlie
1S:	Remi, Ryder	5/6P:	Lilly, Ebony, Ben
2M:	Eli, Rylee	5/6R:	Tristan, Evie, Xanaia, Stella
2W:	Neveah, Lachlan	Computer/Library:	Ella, Liam, Eli, Seth
3/4H:	Chanelle, Ruby, Jayden, Bree	Mrs Taylor:	Summer, Ammarah
3/4J:	Summer, Thomas	Music:	Thomas, Maisy, KD, Phoenix

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 3 TERM 4

KA:	Ollie, Hemi	3/4L:	Eli, Emily
KP:	Kyra, Summer	3/4S:	Jake, Jaydan
1K:	Kirra, Elyjah	5/6G:	Bronte, Anna
1S:	Elijah, Eben	5/6P:	Carlton, Ella
2M:	Nathan, Carlin	5/6R:	Kaitlyn, Bowie, Lachlan, Mahli
2W:	Marlie, Xavier	Computer/Library:	Anna, Millie, Maisy, Ruby
3/4H:	Aurelia, Alexander, Dean	Mrs Taylor:	David, Fionn
3/4J:	Lachlan, Lilly	Music:	Kahlia, Marli, Poppy



Community News

AFTER SCHOOL YOUTH ACTIVITY GROUP

FREE

WHEN:
MONDAYS 3.30PM – 5.30PM
DURING SCHOOL TERM FOR 11-18 YEAR OLDS

WHERE:
MURWILLUMBAH YOUTH CENTRE KNOX PARK

Further information contact Karen 0409730249

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CALENDAR

Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				26th October Year 3 Camp at School	27th October Yr 3 & 4 Cultural Centre Excursion 2018 Kindergarten Transition
4	30th October	31st October	1st November	2nd November	3rd November 2018 Kindergarten Transition
5	6th November Sydney Choir Excursion	7th November Sydney Choir Performance Opera House	8th November Sydney Choir Return	9th November	10th November 2018 Kindergarten Transition Lamington Delivery
6	13th November	14th November 6.30pm Music Concert in old hall	15th November Yr 6 Uni Bound visit	16th November	17th November 2018 Kindergarten Transition
7	20th November Yr 6 Leader Nominations take place	21st November	22nd November	23rd November	24th November Final 8 Leader nomination interviews with Mr Daley
8	27th November	28th November	29th November 12pm Musical rehearsal MHS	30th November School Musical	1st December
9	4th December 9.15am Leaders Speeches & Voting Wollumbin HS Parent Information Session 4pm	5th December Wollumbin HS & Murwillumbah HS Orientation	6th December Murwillumbah HS Orientation	7th December 9.15 Whole School Assembly Class Awards Reports Home	8th December
10	11th December Choir to perform at RSL 11am Year 6 Farewell	12th December	13th December Music/Sport Presentation Bell Ringing 2pm	14th December	15th December Last Day of Term 4

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