



# Murwillumbah Public School

## Promoting Excellence in Education

# Newsletter

22nd November 2017 Week 7 Term 4



## Principals Message

There is a plethora of end of year assemblies, presentations and events coming up over the next four weeks. We hope you can join us for the celebrations. It is such an exciting time of year for our special school community. Next week we start by holding our school musical at the high school which I know we are all looking forward to. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership throughout 2017.

On Monday the 4th December we welcome Miss Curby to our permanent teaching staff. Yolande is currently working at St Ives Public School on the North Shore in Sydney and was successful through the merit selection process earlier in the year. Yolande brings a wealth of experience and expertise in a number of areas and we are looking forward to welcoming her to Murwillumbah Public School.

What a fabulous group of students we had with us on our Sydney Choir Opera House excursion last week. After a delayed start at the Gold Coast airport on the Monday, the following two days were just terrific. I thank the parents and carers for their support in sending their students so well prepared and as always, so well attired for our three days away. The students in attendance had a fabulous time learning and enjoying the company of their friends, the sights of Sydney and their performance at the Opera House on the Tuesday evening was just amazing. Mrs

Armour and myself were so proud of each and every student. I hope you enjoyed following us on facebook, over the two days – I tried to capture the interest and enjoyment we were having. Thank you so much for sharing your children with us – they were a delight to take to Sydney.

Our classrooms are very busy places with lots of rich dialogue and engagement – each and every student is aiming to achieve their learning goals and demonstrating positive learning behaviours. Our teachers are currently completing semester 2 reports, so you have a clear understanding of their achievements and where their focus needs to remain. This information is going to be shared with the 2018 teacher so the progression to the next grade is seamless. There is also the opportunity for you to have input during our upcoming parent/teacher/student interviews that will commence on Monday the 4th with stage 3 followed by stage 1 interviews on Tuesday 5th and stage 2 interviews on Wednesday 6th. Notes for interviews were sent home last week. We hope you can join us during these interview times.

Your child's class teacher this year will be working with the teachers on the same grade to draft classes for 2018. Over the next few weeks we will be reviewing the classes and I will refer to the discussions I have had with the parents

# Principals Message Cont.

who have spoken to me. We are still finalising enrolment numbers for 2018. Much care and time is taken in forming classes. We consider academic, social and emotional wellbeing – setting the students up for success. Once students are placed in classes, they are their permanent classes for the New Year.

Congratulations to all children who were able to join us for the Murwillumbah Remembrance Day service held below the RSL club on Saturday the 11th. Our school leaders did an absolutely outstanding job organising this service. They were supported by the Sydney Choir who once again were excellent. I lost count of the amount of people who approached myself or other staff to let us know what an amazing job our leaders did on the day. I have included a copy of a letter I received from a community representative from Ballina, who was present at the service. It certainly makes you very proud of all our children who go out into the community and support numerous events. Enjoy reading the letter!

Last Friday we held the last of our Kindergarten transition days for those children who will be joining us in 2018. They were presented with their Kindergarten certificate, a Library bag and a few other little goodies. It is hard to believe how quickly the eight weeks went. The children were a terrific group and have settled really well into our routines. I know they are looking forward to starting “Big School” next year and we are looking forward to seeing them after the break. Thank you to Mrs Price, Mrs Anderson, Mrs Jarvis, Mrs Scott and Mrs Schulunke for all their wonderful work in the transition room.

We are currently in the process of selecting our school Captains and leaders for 2018. We now have 14 children moving forward. All will now meet with myself for a discussion around what qualities they will bring to the leadership role and then present a speech on a whole school assembly (Monday 4th Dec 9.15). All children K-6 will then vote. All three steps are taken into account to decide our final 8 leaders. There will be a girl and boy captain and vice captains and then 4 leaders who gain the most points during this 3 step process. Captains and Leaders will be announced at our Presentation Assembly on Wednesday 13th commencing at 9.15 in the hall. Congratulations to all 20 students who nominated to be part of this lengthy process. Those who have put their foot forward to be part of this leadership team going into 2018 have shown courage in taking a risk to put themselves out there even when they're not sure what the outcome will be. To “have a go” is truly commendable. I wish them all the best of luck.

Tonight is our last P&C meeting for 2018. We will be discussing feedback received from the P&C in regards to our 2018, 19 & 20 school plan and 2015-17 school plan. The meeting should run for around an hour in the staffroom commencing at 6.30pm. We hope you can join us.

Enjoy the week ahead  
Regards  
Les Daley  
Principal



# Merit Awards

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 6 TERM 4

<b>KA:</b>	Olive-Jane, Sunee	<b>3/4L:</b>	Tess, Tiarna
<b>KP:</b>	Cooper, Gabriel	<b>3/4S:</b>	Halo, Thomas
<b>1K:</b>	Scarlette, Cash	<b>5/6G:</b>	Jake, Sienna
<b>1S:</b>	Oscar, Chloe	<b>5/6P:</b>	Ella, Rhiannon, Josh, Ellie
<b>2M:</b>	Mathew, Tahlia	<b>5/6R:</b>	Locklan, Brock
<b>2W:</b>	Lynda, Willow	<b>Computer/Library:</b>	Ayla, Peppa
<b>3/4H:</b>	Jayden, Arden	<b>Music:</b>	Charli, Ella
<b>3/4J:</b>	David, Kaitlyn		

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 7 TERM 4

<b>KA:</b>	Kaden, Ella-Grace	<b>3/4L:</b>	Cheyra, Hayleigh, Acer
<b>KP:</b>	Ella, Zarli	<b>3/4S:</b>	Jordan, Angel-Lee
<b>1K:</b>	Calan, Sienna	<b>5/6G:</b>	Lillianna, Belinda
<b>1S:</b>	Katie, Willis	<b>5/6P:</b>	Russell, Josh
<b>2M:</b>	Poppy, Kai	<b>5/6R:</b>	Nick, Zack, Madison
<b>2W:</b>	Amy, Danica	<b>Computer/Library:</b>	Aleisha, Karsha
<b>3/4H:</b>	Aurelia, Dean	<b>Mrs Taylor:</b>	Millie, Mikelle
<b>3/4J:</b>	Lauchlan, Kaitlyn	<b>Music:</b>	Wade, Lilly
		<b>Uni Bound:</b>	Jake, Ayla, Ella, Tristan

# Music Notes



## Concert Band to Wet n Wild

Our Concert Band kids always enjoy their end of year day at Wet n Wild. This event is scheduled for Tuesday 12th December. Details to follow.

## Concert Band and Bunyip Band Folders

Please return these to the school office or the music room in a bag that is clearly labelled with your child's name.



# Library News

On Thursday the Pizza Party will be happening for the students in years 3-6 who completed the Premiers Reading Challenge last Term. The students who did this were:

Year 3 - Peppa, Alexander and Riley P

Year 4 - Ruby, Maighsi, Lily D, Tess, Cree, Ayla J, Eryn and Bree

Year 5 - Noah C, Zali G, Ellie J, and Lilly R

Year 6 - Evie, Charlotte, Bronte, Griffin, Rose, Lilliana, Kaitelyn W and Karsha.

What a great effort, well done!

A big thank you also goes to Ruby, Maisy H and Anna, who all participated in the Book Bonus and to those people who sponsored them. The girls raised \$423 between them, which goes straight back into our library with new books.



Book club ordering through the school has finished for this year, however you can still order for issue 8 online or through the "LOOP" App. There is a small home delivery fee of about \$5. You can visit <http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/> to view the catalogue for issue 8.

## Around the School with 3/4H

We might be heading towards the end of the year, but 3/4H is busy, busy, busy!!!!

This term we have learnt more about the First Fleet and the impact of European arrival on the Aboriginals in 1788, in our History unit. In Science, we are exploring life cycles of plants, the parts of a plant and how the fruit and flowers germinate and pollinate. For STEM we predicted and tested things that could float or sink. Then in small Stage 2 groups we designed and built a vessel that could hold 100g and stay afloat.

In Literacy we have continued our spelling program, written Procedures and Narratives. Our reading groups focus around Rigby Collections and we are reading a variety of text types. In Numeracy, we are continuing to learn about 2D shapes and symmetry, 3D prisms and pyramids and cross sections, division of numbers, with year 4 dividing with remainders, number patterns and multiplying 2 and 3 digits by 1 digit.

We are also in full swing with our rehearsals for our musical next week!

Can I take this opportunity to say thank you to everybody in 3/4H. I have had a wonderful year teaching all of you!

Tristen Hill



# Remembrance Day Letter

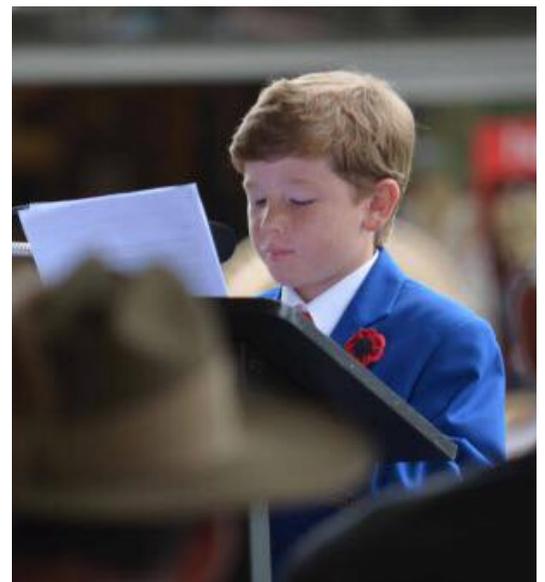
Mr Lee Deley  
Principal  
Murwillumbah Public School

Dear Sir,

I would like to add my personal admiration and congratulations to Saturday's spontaneous applause for the way The School conducted the Anzac Day Service at M'bah.

As a visitor, one could not help but be both moved & assured of the students' genuineness to grasp and honour the heavy sacrifice earlier Australians have made towards world order. The research into heart brewer brought the message closer to home and illustrated an insightful & thankful community.

Please convey my warmest congratulations to the students involved, including the School Choir, for doing such a great job with so much care, and setting a high example. Saturday's was the most meaningful Anzac Day Service my wife & I have witnessed conducted by young students. Yours sincerely  
Tom Harwood



## Around the School with 3/4J

This Term, 3/4 J have been learning about the impact animals have on the life cycle of a plant. For History, we have been learning about British settlement in Australia and the history of Indigenous Australia, including scientific migration theories. In Visual Art, 3/4 J have been learning fundamental fine art techniques. Our focus for this term has been dry brush strokes and wet into wet effects. For Maths, we have been working in group rotations. In writing this term we have been working on persuasive and procedure texts. Students have enjoyed this subject and it has been really impressive to see the effort they have put into engaging their audience.

# CALENDAR

Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7	20th November	21st November	22nd November Grandparents Day Whole school assembly 10am	23rd November Premiers Reading Challenge pizza party	24th November Final 8 Leader nomination inter- views with Mr Daley
8	27th November Wollumbin HS Portfolio Panel	28th November Wollumbin HS Portfolio Panel	29th November	30th November School Musical Infants 6pm 3-6 7pm	1st December
9	4th December 9.15am Leaders Speeches & Voting Wollumbin HS Parent Information Session 4pm Stage 3 Parent Interviews	5th December Wollumbin HS & Murwillumbah HS Orientation  Stage 1 Parent Interview	6th December Murwillumbah HS Orientation  Stage 2 Parent Interviews  No Assembly today	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 Band Wet n Wild	13th December Music/Sport Presentation  11am Morning Tea Parent Helpers Bell Ringing 2pm	14th December Years 3-6 Pottsville Excursion  K-2 Water Activ- ity Day at school	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.*

## Whooping Cough

As you are aware, several students across the school have been confirmed with whooping cough. Whooping Cough is a disease caused by infection of the throat. Whooping Cough usually begins like a cold, with a runny nose, tiredness and sometimes a mild fever, coughing then develops, in bouts, followed by a deep gasp or "whoop".

The time between exposure and getting sick is usually 7-10 days, but can be up to 3 weeks. Anyone can get whooping cough however immunisation greatly reduces the risk of infection, but infection can re-occur.

If you feel your child is presenting with any of these symptoms it would be advisable to contact your local doctor as soon as possible and phone the school office. It is really important that the school and home work together to ensure the safety and health of all children remains paramount.