



Murwillumbah Public School

Promoting Excellence in Education

Newsletter

1st November 2018 Term 4 Week 3



Principals Message

Dear Parents, Carers

I would like to start my return by acknowledging the wonderful work done by the teachers of Murwillumbah Public School. They truly are a team of professionals who spend many hours planning and preparing for their students, as well as being actively engaged in their own learning and refinement of their teaching practice. On your behalf, I would like to thank all our dedicated teachers.

Since my return from an overseas holiday, it has been delightful to catch up with all the students, staff and parents and to see everyone looking so well and relaxed after the recent spring break. It's always lovely to see the students excited about being back at MPS. During my daily visits around the school, the walkways and classrooms have been abuzz with chatter and laughter as the students have enjoyed catching up with one another and sharing all their holiday news. I am looking forward to a busy but exciting term ahead which I know will bring many exciting moments for our students.

GRANDPARENTS/GRANDFRIENDS DAY

Large numbers of grandparents came on site

yesterday to spend time with some very happy students. We know many grandparents travelled a long way and the smiles on students faces made it all worthwhile. Our assembly was jam packed and everyone was treated to a spectacular performance by our senior dance group. Congratulations to all the children who performed and Mrs Scott for the time and effort in preparing this group. After our assembly, our classrooms were buzzing with different activities and students proudly showing their work. We are grateful to all the visitors that came on site today for our students and we hope they enjoyed their visit.

Our morning tea was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Can I thank all parents who sent in a plate of food, it was delicious!

RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOUR – BE KIND

There is nothing more joyous than walking through the playground or spending time in classrooms hearing the chatter of students and laughter they share. Friendships are what truly matter for our wellbeing. I speak to students, as do teachers, about the notion that you don't have to be friends with or like everyone BUT you

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do have to treat them respectfully.

Children have disagreements and conflict with others and this often is a one off. When this becomes ongoing it needs to be spoken about to the child's class teacher.

We have many strategies for your child and others to support and redirect behaviours that are not conducive to the wellbeing or feelings of others. We speak about the tone and words we use when speaking with others – what it looks like, sounds like and feels like. Students at Murwillumbah PS are always given a voice as we seek to solve issues and move forward. More direct strategies are followed up and implemented in classrooms and on the playground.

I encourage you to speak to your child's class teacher, if your child has an issue. It is really important that your child speaks up about such matters so we can respond accordingly in a timely manner.

At no time is a parent or carer to approach a child of another parent to remedy the issue. Please note this request. All students that come on to the school site are to feel safe and respected by their peers as well as parents and carers.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

A reminder that school uniform is to be worn at school at all times. Our school has always strived to be a school of excellence and our uniform showcases who we are and our reputation. We ask parents to support our Uniform Guidelines and ensure children are coming to school in full uniform.

Hats must also be worn at school to be able to play in the open playground.

PLANNING FOR 2019:

We are currently planning school organisation for 2019. This is a fairly intricate process and each year it is very difficult to predict school numbers and the nature of staffing which surrounds enrolments. It is therefore extremely important for us, to ascertain as closely as we possibly can, student numbers for next year. It would make this process easier for us if

parents wherever possible, could indicate to us if students will not be returning to Murwillumbah PS from Day 1 in 2019.

Each year we spend the first 3 or 5 days of the new school year ringing around to find out the whereabouts of students who have moved or are still on holidays, but will be returning.

Similarly, if your child is commencing school in Kindergarten next year we seek this information as soon as possible. As you are aware, through our transition program, we are currently forming our Kindergarten classes for next year and it is important that we gather as much data and information about our new students as early as possible. As you can imagine, if we receive enrolments at the last minute, it makes it a difficult job to organise accurate class sizes.

If you have a specific request for your child's class placement next year, please write this down and forward it to me before the end of week 6. I am unable to make any changes once classes are formed in the new year.

Thank you for your assistance with this issue

SPORT SUCCESS

Wow! What an outstanding effort by our school Captain, Charlie at the recent School Sport Australian Tennis Championships. This competition was held in Adelaide last week with the very best 12yr old tennis players of the future on display. In the individual section, Charlie only lost two matches in a fantastic display. In the overall team event, his NSW team made the final and received the silver medal for finishing second. We are all very proud of you Charlie! Congratulations.



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Good luck, also, to Vinnie this week when he attends the NSW PSSA Athletics in Sydney. He will compete in the 100m and 200m events. All the best Vinnie!



STAFF NEWS

Mrs Armour and Mrs Hill are currently both on leave and will return on Monday 12th November. Mr Rosenbaum is teaching 2/3H. Mrs Power will be taking sick leave this week and early next week and then will be on long service leave from Monday 26th November until the end of the year. Miss Cater will be replacing Mrs Power in the Library.

We have employed two additional teacher aides for the remainder of the year. Mrs Gear will be working Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays and Mrs Hanson Monday, Tuesday and Fridays.

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION CLASS

Kindergarten Transition is currently running very smoothly with all our Kindergarten children attending this class every Friday. Next Friday, 9th November will be our last day for this class. At 1.45 we will be holding a parent information session in the Library that will provide valuable information for families to support their child's start to school life. Information will include supporting student learning in literacy and numeracy, Best start assessment processes, strategies to support effective transition to school life and school procedures. An afternoon tea will be provided,

followed by a transition presentation to all our 2019 Kindergarten children. Parents of all our Kindergarten children for 2019 should attend this session at 1.45pm. We look forward to seeing you.

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Recently, we have had some concerns about students who have been dropped at school very early in the morning. Can we remind parents that teacher supervision on the playground starts at 8:30am. Students should not be dropped off before 8:30am, as there is no playground supervision before this time. If your child participates in extra-curricular activities, please be sure that you arrive at the scheduled time. Unfortunately, we have had some students dropped off 45 minutes or more, before supervision starts. Please help us make sure all of our students are always safe and supervised at school. Thank you.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

On Sunday the 11th November, we will be running the Remembrance Day Service at the RSL. If your child is able to attend this service, we would like to meet all children at the flag pole in front of the RSL at 10.25am in school uniform, including black shoes and their school hat. The service will commence at 10.40 and should be finished by 11.00am.

Regards
Les Daley
Principal

Around the School with Mrs Anderson and Miss Underwood

As part of the Literacy and Numeracy initiative, Mrs Anderson and Miss Underwood work in a variety of rooms, supporting the teachers from year one to 6, in activities such as guided reading, maths, and ESL.

Guided reading rotations occur Monday-Thursday. Within these



rotations every child is given the opportunity to read new books and develop reading skills with a teacher, read familiar books independently;

and browse books of interest to them from the class library.

Home reading is an essential part of our reading program. It provides children the opportunity to practise the skills and strategies they are being taught at school. Providing a regular, reading routine at home assists children in their journey for reading success.

In our Stage two Maths Groups learning is so much fun. During these sessions students have the chance to enjoy maths using hands on practical activities. Some examples include; pikelet fractions, musical fractions as well as art and craft activities. Measuring how far we can jump, how long the classroom is and playing with analogue clocks to work out the time.



In the afternoon sessions, small group activities provide differentiated learning opportunities to extend and support students learning.



P&C News

EXTRAORDINARY P&C MEETING

An extra-ordinary P&C meeting has been called on Wednesday 7th November at 6.30pm in the school staff room. The agenda will include upcoming fundraising events, patrons night and general business. All families welcome.

FUNDRAISING

All families should have received a ticket book for our major raffle. We appreciate your support with all fundraising events. This raffle has the potential to raise over \$10,000 for our school.

1st prize - \$4,000 'HelloWorld' gift voucher

2nd prize - \$500 Coles Myer gift voucher

3rd prize - \$250 Coles Myer gift voucher

Don't forget the incentive for the family with the most ticket sales - \$100 Family Movie voucher.

All families that return sold tickets go into the draw for a \$50 Bunnings voucher.

If you do not wish to sell tickets, please simply return the ticket book to the school office.

Please return tickets (sold or unsold) & money by **Friday 7th December**.

P&C UNIFORM SHOP

Attached to this newsletter is an order form for pre-ordering uniforms for 2019. Please note if you do not pre-order there is a risk you may have to wait for a particular uniform item.

Girls full school uniform from January 2019 onwards is a white blouse with the school emblem on the left breast pocket and tartan trim on the sleeves. A plain white blouse is no longer full school uniform. Forms are also available from the school office.

Library News

All children in Years K- Year 4 are presently working to improve their knowledge of some computer programs. K-2 are learning how to use Microsoft Word, including importing and resizing pictures, changing fonts and size of text and how to highlight a text.

Year 3 & 4 are learning how to input data onto Microsoft Excel and how to use basic formulas within the program. They are also using the computer to research and present information.

Years 5 & 6 are working on part of their History unit in the Library.

We are looking at Australia as a Nation: Aboriginal Perspectives.



Some of our newest picture books

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premier's Reading challenge-
Year 3- Izaak, Hamish, Charli, Carlin, Lynda and Jarod

Year 4 – David, Asha and Pearl

Year 5 -Sophie, Wade, Uriah, Zoe, Lachlan H, Ayla, Shatrah, Eryn, Bree, Hayleigh and Kaitlin

Year 6- Tilly, Brendon, Luis, Zali, Anna, Bowie, Noah N, Talia and Robert

These children will receive their certificates later in the term.

STOCKTAKE

This year we will have to do a stocktake of all the books that are in the library. As a result, all borrowed books will need to be returned by the end of Week 3. The children will then be unable to borrow until the stocktake has been finished. The library will be closed in Week Six to allow this to happen.

Merit Awards

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 2 TERM 4

KK:	Annabelle, Lizzie	4W:	Lacey, Peppa
KS:	Indiana, Heath	5_6C:	Adriana, Archie
1S:	Natasha, Lara	5_6G:	Lilly-Rose, Matilda
1_2T:	Ashlee, Elijah	5_6P:	Wade, Anna, Vanessa
2W:	Remi, Kye	5_6R:	Tess, Dean
2_3H:	Kai, Cooper G	Library/Computer:	Anna, Kohen
3_4L:	Eli, Rebecca	Music:	David C, Holly
3_4S:	Poppy, Banjo		

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 3 TERM 4

KK:	Tobin, Charlie	4W:	Riley A, Sienna
KS:	Tyler, Levi	5_6C:	Kohen, Mikelle
1S:	Damon, Sunee	5_6G:	Millie, Robert
1_2T:	Nate, Ava	5_6P:	Apryl, Nara
2W:	Renee, Scarlett	5_6R:	Seth, Elise
2_3H:	Izaak, Kai	Music:	Xanaia, Nate
3_4L:	Ash, Anthony		
3_4S:	Eli, Sam, Hudson		

Year 3 Camp

Last Thursday night (25.10.18), thirty nine children from Year 3 had a night of camping and fun at school. On Friday they were joined by all of Year 4 and 2H for morning tea at Jack Evan's Boat Harbour followed by an exciting session of Ten Pin Bowling. Then, back to the boat harbour for a delicious, healthy lunch.

The children were extremely well behaved during the camp and day trip as commented by numerous members of the community.

We'd like to pay a special thank you to the SLSO's for staying and preparing dinner for the children.



Year 3 Camp



CALENDAR

Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	29th October	30th October Murwillumbah HS D.P Visit	31st October Grandparents Day	1st November	2nd November Kindy 2019 Transition Murwillumbah Show Relay
4	5th November	6th November	7th November Year 6 Unibound	8th November	9th November Last Kindy 2019 Transition
5	12th November	13th November Quizworks	14th November Yr 5/6 Pottsville Camp	15th November Yr 5/6 Pottsville Camp	16th November Yr 5/6 Pottsville Camp
6	19th November	20th November Last Scripture for 2018	21st November	22nd November	23rd November
7	26th November	27th November	28th November	29th November	30th November
8	3rd December	4th December	5th December	6th December	7th December P&C Raffle tickets must be returned by today
9	10th December	11th December	12th December P&C Major Raffle Drawn at Assembly	13th December	14th December
10	17th December	18th December	19th December End of Term- Last Day for Students		

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



Murwillumbah Public School
P&C Uniform Shop

2019 Pre-ordering

For your convenience, the Murwillumbah Public School P&C Uniform Shop, which is operated by volunteers, has arranged for a pre-order of uniforms for students for 2019.

Please complete the attached Pre-order Form and return it by 30 November 2018.

All orders are to be received by 30 November at the uniform shop or the school administration office.

Note: If you do not pre-order there is a risk that you may have to wait for a particular uniform item.

COLLECTION

You can collect your uniform order for 2019 from the school uniform shop during opening hours during December or at dates to be advised in January 2019.

Standard Uniform Shop Hours: Wednesday 3-3.30pm

DATE: _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____ CONTACT NUMBER: _____

CHILD'S NAME: _____ CLASS: _____

PRODUCT	PRICE	SIZE & QUANTITY												TOTAL
		2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	
Girls Skirt	\$30.00													\$
Girls Culottes	\$30.00													\$
Girls Blouse	\$26.00													\$
Boys Polo	\$20.00													\$
Sports Polo	\$20.00													\$
Fleecy Zip Jacket	\$25.00													\$
Fleecy Sweater	\$25.00													\$
Balance due at collection													\$	

Payment by Cash / Cheque / Eftpos

Full payment is required before collecting uniforms.

NB. Girls full school uniform from January 2019 onwards is a white blouse with school emblem on left breast pocket and tartan trim on sleeves. A plain white blouse is no longer full school uniform.

Required items that aren't listed above, ie royal blue sports shorts, boys grey shorts, sock and shoes are available to purchase from local outlets such as Target, Best'n'Less, etc. School Hats are available to purchase from the school office.