



Murwillumbah Public School

Promoting Excellence in Education

Newsletter

19th November 2018 Term 4 Week 6



Principals Message

Dear Parents,

It was a privilege to participate in the school's Remembrance Day commemorative service last Sunday, November 11 at the Murwillumbah RSL. Our student leaders proudly lead this service along with our school choir and Murwillumbah HS band. Services such as these are always very moving. Remembrance Day had a special significance this year as it marked the 100th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18).

I thank and congratulate all students involved, including those children from K-6 who also attended. Thank you to Mrs Armour for her support and assistance along with the strong support of the Murwillumbah staff who attended. Thank you also to Mr Gear for conducting a school service on the Friday.

Planning for 2019

In planning classes for 2019 I invite staff to speak to me about individual student needs and work together to draft and form classes for the following year. We are commencing this very soon and teachers will consider academic, social and emotional wellbeing when they form

classes. At this time of every school year, I invite parents to speak/email or write to me about any issues they have concerning class placement for the following year. Thankyou to those parents who have already done so, as per the last newsletter. Sometimes we discover that our children work best with some children and not with others. These are the things I can manage. Please note, you are not able to request particular teachers, but you are able to discuss matters confidentially with me.

PLEASE note that these discussions are offered each year and therefore if you have something you would like me to consider I invite you to contact me by sending a short note. Classes are formed with much thought, consideration, collaboration and discussion.

All parent and carer considerations are to be forwarded to me by Monday 26 November.

Sun Safety

Our school takes sun safety seriously and implement a range of strategies to support and protect students. Students are reminded to wear a school hat when outside before school and during recess and lunch. Teachers have a Duty

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of Care to remind students to wear their hats and will direct any student without a hat to go to the covered area outside the hall. If you wish to buy a school hat, they are available in the office to purchase for \$13.

Parent/Student/Teacher Follow Up Goal Setting

Earlier in the year, parents and students met with teachers to sit down and establish individual goals for your child/children this year. We will be holding follow up meetings to discuss the progress of these goals. It is important for parents to attend these meetings so that discussions can be held and plans for the future discussed. We will be sending home an individual time booking request later this week.

Guidelines for Parent and School Communication

Our school is committed to building a safe and happy environment for students, staff, parents and the broader community. Good communication between home and school is a dual responsibility shared by parents/carers and staff. Parents/Carers are invited to communicate with the school if and when it is necessary to do so. To assist parents in knowing how best to communicate, we provide the following guidelines.

1. First identify who the most appropriate person is to respond to the matter.
2. Communicate with that person to make a suitable time to discuss the matter. Meeting arrangements can be made through a phone call, a letter or an email. The staff member will respond to your request as soon as it is possible to do so.
3. Prior to your meeting inform the staff member you are meeting with what you would like to discuss at the meeting, this will allow them time to gather data to be able to respond more effectively.
4. Should parents have concerns about a child other than their own, then this needs to be done through the class teacher or member of the executive team. Parents are not permitted to approach children in the school to address

issues. It is also unhelpful and not appropriate to make direct contact with other parents regarding the school matter.

5. Should a parent/carer believe that the matter hasn't been resolved after the initial meeting you can request to make an appointment with the Assistant Principal or Principal.

This series of steps can successfully facilitate full and fair discussion of all points of view surrounding an issue and quickly lead to satisfactory outcomes for all involved. We at Murwillumbah are committed to positive, open and respectful relationships which are important to our school community.

Staffing News

This week Mrs Power has commenced the Library stocktake. This is a very big job and as you would be aware, Library borrowing has stopped. It will also be Mrs Powers' last week for the year. Mrs Power is taking some leave for the remainder of the year before she heads to Canada to teach in 2019. Miss Cater will be replacing Mrs Power in the Library for the remainder of 2018.

2019 Leaders

This Friday the 23rd, we will be meeting with year five children to begin the process to select our school leaders for 2019. Self-nominations will take place on this day and a short listing process on Monday 26th. A number of children will then be invited to meet with me to take part in a conversation around their views on leadership. They will then be invited to present a speech on Friday 7th December (parents are invited to attend this assembly). Afterwards, the school will then vote for our 2019 leaders. Please be aware that each stage of this process carries a mark that goes towards the final selection of leaders.

Stay safe

It is important each and every day to make sure that we are safe at school. We encourage all students to play safely and fairly. If you see something that is unsafe it is very important to report this to the teacher on duty when out on the playground or your classroom teacher.

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Don't forget to try your best to stay safe and to keep others safe!

Student Absences & Procedures

Listed below are Departmental requirements for student absences both Whole Days & Part Days.

Whole Day Absences must be in writing (eg. Note from parent/guardian, Email). Phone call will be taken but must be followed by a note.

Late or Slept In are no longer justified reasons for being late to school. They will be recorded as Explained but Unjustified.

Any student not accompanied by a parent and arriving Late will be marked as Unexplained and a letter will be sent home to parents for explanation.

Students who are late will be escorted to class by a school staff member if needed. Parents will not need to escort their child to class.

Any student who is away for more than two days without explanation will receive a note home from the Class Teacher.

Student absences MUST BE explained within 7 days. School generated letters are sent home every week if students have Unexplained absences.

Absences which are not explained within 7 days will be recorded as Explained but Unjustified.

Any student picked up by a Parent, Guardian, Emergency Contact must come to the office for an Early Leavers Slip before picking up the student.

No student(s) can be picked up directly from the classroom/playground. Early leavers will be sent to the office after Early Leaver Slip is

generated.

If you have any questions please come to the office for clarification.

Update on Working With Children Check WWCC

As from January 2019 all –
Classroom Volunteers
Canteen Helpers

Anyone transporting students in private cars (other than their own children) will need to apply and have an Unpaid Volunteer WWCC number. *This is free* and must be applied for on-line at:

<https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check>

After receiving your WWCC Number please bring to the school office and we can place you on our data base.

If for some reason you do not have access to a computer please let the school office know and we can help you to apply online.

If you do not have this WWCC number, from 2019 you will not be able to help at the school as a Volunteer.

Have a great week
Regards

Les Daley
Principal

Food Pantry Program



Thank you to ITV Community Initiative Fund for their support throughout the year for our Food Pantry program. This has enabled us to provide food for children as needed, as well as supporting other School and Community Projects.

B. Power - Assistant Principal



Music with Mrs Armour



Kindergarten have been enjoying playing keyboard instruments and learning to write their own melodies.



Some members of the Sydney Choir represented our school at the Remembrance Day service at the RSL.



Concert Band members are loving rehearsing for a Combined Band Day on Monday 10th December when they will rehearse at the high school during the day with a Twilight Concert to be held at Murwillumbah High School that evening. This is a very special opportunity to create music with other students from Uki, Murwillumbah High, Alstonville and the Australian Band Champions, Chatswood High from Sydney.



The Sydney Choir and our Recorder Ensemble recently performed at St John's Church at Tyalgum as a part of the Tyalgum Festival of Music.



Our recorder ensemble loved comparing all of their recorders from smallest to largest!!

Our very own Bowie, from Year 6, was the buglar at the Remembrance day service at the RSL.



Merit Awards

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 4 TERM 4

KK:	Zoe, Dakota	4W:	Riley, Mia
KS:	Ruby, Dylan	5_6C:	Phoenix, Elliot
1S:	Dharylle, Xzavier	5_6G:	Uriah, Lilly-Rose
1_2T:	Angelina, Liam	5_6P:	Helen, Blake
2W:	Ryder, Chloe, Scarlett	5_6R:	Shatrah, Jake
2_3H:	Cash, Chloe	Music:	Martha, Indi
3_4L:	Kaitlyn, Abigail	Sport:	Leo
3_4S:	Tyler, Frankie		

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 5 TERM 4

KK:	Thomas, Javier	2/3H:	Taylor, Nathan
KS:	Johnny, Sarah	3/4S:	Amos, Jayla. Lachlan
1S:	Thaubaan, Sophia	3/4L:	Myles, Ammarah
1_2T:	Jonah, Lara	4W:	Georgia, Abbey, Jack
2W:	Jyles, Aedan	Library/Computer:	Ruby, Peppa

Reading with KK



P & C News

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Tweed Valley IGA have generously offered the P&C the opportunity to fundraise by way of a BBQ this Saturday 24th Nov. We just need an hour of your time to help with the BBQ from 9am. Come on down to IGA on Tweed Valley Way and give us a hand or support the P&C by buying a sausage sizzle or two. All monies raised by P&C fundraising events go to ALL students at Murwillumbah Public School.



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.

If you have sold tickets at home please drop them into the office ASAP. There are still more ticket books available from the school office for you collect and sell.

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

P&C UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will be closed on Wednesday 28th November.

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.



P&C MEETING

The last P&C meeting for the 2018 will be on Wednesday 28th November at 6.30pm in the old hall. All families are welcome to attend. This will be a special meeting with the school patrons attending and a performance by some of our talented students. A light supper is provided.

At the P&C AGM in 2019 all committee positions will be declared vacant. If you are interested in becoming involved with the P&C please don't hesitate to ask. You can contact me on 0488105389 or nat.hall@hotmail.com.



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.

PAYMENT: Payment for your order can be made when you place order or on pick up, Full payment is required before you can take your items.

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	\$26.00													\$
Sports Polo	\$26.00													\$
Fleecy Zip Jacket	\$30.00													\$
Fleecy Sweater	\$30.00													\$
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.

CALENDAR

Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6	19th November	20th November Last Scripture for 2018	21st November	22nd November	23rd November
7	26th November	27th November	28th November P&C Meeting Patrons Evening Uniform Shop Closed today	29th November	30th November
8	3rd December Yr 6 Wollumbin HS Parent Info- Library	4th December Yr 6 WHS Orientation Day	5th December	6th December Stage 3 Parent Interviews Wollumbin HS Portfolio Visit	7th December Return P&C Raffle tickets <i>Reports Home</i> 2019 Leaders Speeches <i>Stage 2 Parent Interviews</i>
9	10th December Chatswood HS Twilight Concert Stage 1 Parent Interviews	11th December Year 6 Farewell	12th December Sport/Music Presentation P&C Major Raffle Draw	13th December	14th December Presentation Assembly
10	17th December	18th December Crazy Hair Day	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.*