



Murwillumbah Public School

Promoting Excellence in Education

Newsletter

29th November 2018 Term 4 Week 7



Principals Message

COMING EVENTS

We are now well into the preparations for our end of school celebrations. It has been a busy term already with camps, excursions and sporting events. A special thank you to the Year 5 & 6 teachers who accompanied the students to Pottsville Camp. All children who attended had a terrific time and appreciated the outdoor experience that this camp offers. Many thanks to our wonderful parents who assisted with putting up and pulling down the many tents that were required for our 80 students. Your support is always greatly appreciated. It was also great to see many of our teaching staff call in to say hello to our kids during the three days.

Good luck to the Year 5 students on Friday 7th December who are making speeches. This is part of a three part process to elect our school leaders for 2019. Students receive marks for their speeches, an interview process and voting. Leaders will be announced on our **Presentation Day Assembly which is now on Wednesday 12th December** commencing at 9.30 in the hall (sorry for this change of date and any

inconvenience this may have caused). We have had to move our **Music/Sport Assembly to Thursday 13th December also commencing at 9.30am.**

Along with our Presentation Assemblies, a number of school events will take place before the end of term. Not all events are relevant to all families, but these celebrations include the Band Wet N Wild excursion, the Year 6 Farewell Dinner, Class Parties, Music Concerts, Yr 6 Bell Ringing, Yr 6 High School Orientation visits, Parent/Teacher/Student goal setting follow up meetings, 2019 Yr 6 Student Leader Speeches and Reports home to parents. Parents who are taking their child/children out of school before the end of the term should send a stamped self-addressed envelope so the Report can be posted.

2019 ENROLMENTS

Planning is now underway for our class formations in 2019. It is of vital importance that if you are not returning in 2019 that you please inform the office.

Principals Message Cont

The numbers of students enrolled will impact on how many classes we are entitled to have and also on students being placed into 2019 classes. We really want to start the classes as soon as we can in 2019 so information about students who will NOT be returning is vital for this to happen.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Many thanks to those parents who have returned interview slips for our follow up parents/teacher/student goal meetings. These will be held next week commencing with stage 3 on Thursday 6th, stage 2 Friday 7th and stage 1 on Monday 10th. This is a wonderful opportunity to follow up on student goals that were established earlier in the year. If you have not returned your form please do so by this Friday at the latest as we will be sending home confirmation of interview times on Monday.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT FOR 2019

We have already received many applications for enrolment into Kindergarten for 2019. Applications to enrol for Kindergarten at Murwillumbah Public School in 2019 are open. If you, or someone that you know, is looking to enrol a child into Kindergarten next year, enrolment forms are available from the front office. Please note that as part of the application process, proof of residential address is required. In cases where a lease agreement that expires before February 2019 is offered as proof of address, we will ask for details of a new lease agreement to be provided before enrolment will be confirmed.

THANK YOU MORNING TEA

Our annual thank you morning tea will be held on Thursday 13th December following our sport and music assembly. If you have been a classroom helper, sport volunteer, music helper or assisted our school with your time in any other way, we will be looking forward to seeing you at this morning tea.

LIBRARY NEWS

Our Library will be undertaking a number of changes during the break. New computer stations have been purchased along with Library shelving, cupboards, chairs and lounges. No doubt this new environment (with lots of bright colour) will be very inviting to our children when visiting the Library.

LEGAL MATTERS

I remind families that it is the responsibility of parents to inform the school of any Health Plan documentation or legal documentation that supports their child, their family arrangements and safety regarding health care or access. The school sensitively supports students who require particular arrangements to occur, when the school has the appropriate documentation provided. Currently all schools moving across to the new computerised system are uploading Health Plans and Legal documentation so that they are attached to the student's file. I ask all families to continue to keep the school updated with these matters so that Murwillumbah Public School can support your child.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

We are looking forward to sending off the Year 6 students and sharing a great night with them at their farewell dinner on 11th December in the hall starting at 5.30pm. Invitations were sent home earlier this week.

END OF TERM

Just a reminder that the last day of term for all students is Wednesday 19th December. The school will not be open on Thursday or Friday.

Have a great week

Les Daley
Principal

Merit Awards

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 6 TERM 4

KK:	Archie, Tamati	4W:	Ella, Seth, Angellee
KS:	Jakob, Tanika	5_6C:	Max, Charlie
1S:	Alexander, Khuzaymah	5_6G:	Tilly, Robert
1_2T:	Callum, Matilda	5_6P:	Summer, Narla, Griff
2W:	Ilah, Elyjah	5_6R:	Sophia, Aleisha
2_3H:	Reilley, Rose	Mrs Schlunke,	Apyrl, Robert W, Jasper, Fionn
3_4L:	Clem, Ash, Eli A	Mrs Jarvis &	
3_4S:	Banjo, Tyler, Hudson	Mrs Davey:	

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 7 TERM 4

KK:	Indi, Zeb	4W:	Kasen, Danika
KS:	Marie, Quade	5_6C:	Phoenix, Kyson
1S:	Amaliah, Lillian	5_6G:	Luis, Zac
1_2T:	Seth, Summer	5_6P:	Hayleigh P, Jacqui
2W:	Aleah, Khylan	5_6R:	Jed, Brendon
2_3H:	Marlie, Charlie, Declan		
3_4L:	Ammarah, Willow		
3_4S:	Aubrey, Amy, Amos		

Canteen News

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Deb Lowe has been awarded the License to operate the school canteen from 2019. A panel was formed to view all applications and were in total agreement with the awarding of the licence to Deb. This is a fantastic outcome for the school and the community. Deb has done an outstanding job over the years in the canteen providing a vital service for our students, staff and community. I would like to thank Deb for her contribution to Murwillumbah PS and her application. There will be no change to the operation of the canteen during 2018.

STEM News

Our Stage 2 Teachers went to Coffs Harbour to present our STEM journey to the STEM Academy and participating schools.

Murwillumbah Public School is a successful graduate and now partner of the Sydney University STEM Academy.

The experience has provided extensive learning for Stage 2 Teachers in the development and facilitation of STEM Programs, which they have shared with the staff at MPS. We look forward to continuing this STEM journey through 2019.



Around the School with Stage 2

Another fantastic term for Stage 2!

Outside of the classroom we have had Year 3 camp, Stage 2 excursion to Jack Evans Boat Harbour and Ten Pin Bowling; we finished off and presented our STEM sun clocks, and a movie and treat day.

In class we have looked at Drug Education and the safe ways to take and store medicines, the effects of smoking on our bodies and how to make safe and sensible decisions.

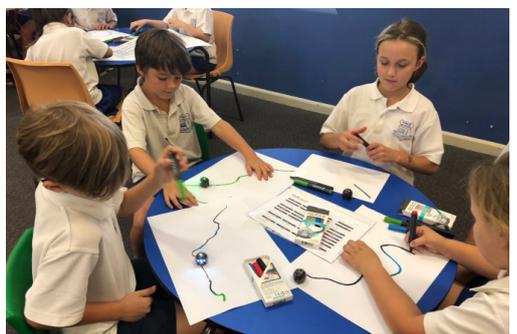
Our History unit looked at how communities work together, including Murwillumbah, and celebrations and commemorations in Australia and other countries.

Our PE rotations continue to be popular every Thursday morning.

We participate in reading groups every day, work with letter patterns and word building in Spelling, improve our writing by looking at expanding our ideas and learning to write longer paragraphs and cover a wide variety of strands in maths.

Mrs Lack, Mrs Williams, Mr Stowe and I have thoroughly enjoyed spending this year with a wonderful group of students. We wish them the best of luck next year.

Mrs Hill



Pottsville Camp 2018

Yr 5 and 6 went to Pottsville Bicentennial Park for their annual school camp. Children appeared to enjoy themselves and all participated well in the activities provided.

On Wednesday we were fortunate enough to have the Surf Life Saving NSW visit and provide information on beach safety. That afternoon we embarked on a walk to familiarise ourselves with the local coastal environment. We ended up walking to the headland at Hastings Point. Great effort by our campers and Mr. Daley really enjoyed the sea breeze.

Thursday saw the children learn how to rock climb which they thoroughly enjoyed. Cricket NSW also ran some activities on Pottsville oval and they did a fantastic job. In the afternoon we ventured down to Pottsville Creek for some well earned rest and fun in the water.

On Friday morning we began packing up the tents and when this was done, we went to Cabarita Bowls Club for lawn bowls. We had a great time and each student had a fantastic time. Thanks to Mrs. King for organising this for us and special mention to Cabarita Club and the volunteers who assisted.

A great big thank you must go to the parents who assisted with camp set up on Wednesday, in the rain and to the parents who helped on Friday packing the tents away. Without your support this camp would not be possible.

A special mention also goes to the fabulous staff here at Murwillumbah PS. Mrs. Price, Ms Curby and Ms Stewart for giving up their own time to attend. In fact a number of staff visited the camp to lend a hand. I also appreciate them giving up their time. I would also like to make special mention of the support staff Mrs. Schlunke, Mrs. Davis, Mrs Jarvis. This fantastic group of professionals went out of their way to ensure the children were fed, organised and cared for. A truly dedicated team who continually provide outstanding support to Murwillumbah students and staff.

Mr. Gear



Pottsville Camp 2018



For these and many more photos of our Pottsville Camp, please check our school Facebook Page

Community Notices

Elders Tweed Valley Presents
Murwillumbah's
FAMILY FUN DAY
 Saturday, 1st December
 11:00am - 2:00pm
 Brothers Leagues Club - 1 Dorothy St, Murwillumbah
Jumping Castles, Pig Races, Water Slides, Fun Games & Face Painting
 Entry by Gold Coin Donation





CALENDAR

Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8	3rd December Yr 6 Wollumbin HS Parent Info-Library	4th December Yr 6 WHS Orientation Day Yr 6 MHS Orientation Day	5th December Yr 6 MHS Orientation Day	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 Presentation Assembly P&C Major Raffle Draw	13th December Sport/Music Presentation	14th December
10	17th December Wet'n' Wild Concert Band Excursion	18th December Crazy Hair Day	19th December End of Term- Last Day for Students	PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE OF OUR PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY AND SPORTS/ MUSIC PRESENTATION	

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