



# Murwillumbah Public School

## Promoting Excellence in Education

### Newsletter

16th October 2019 Term 4 Week 1



## Principals Message

Dear Parents,  
The staff and I welcome you back to Murwillumbah Public School for the fourth and final term of 2019. We trust you've had a fun, family holiday and you're energised for the term ahead. Term 4 is a 10-week term concluding for students on Wednesday, December 18. Some of our planned activities for this term include: Stage 2/3 Sunshine Coast Camp, K-6 School Musical, PBL rewards excursion to Banora pools, Colour Fun Run, Grandparents Day, further orientation for our 2020 Kindergarten students, Oxley Club performance, as well as our Year 6 Farewell, Bell Ringing and Presentation day.

### **SURVEY**

Our annual Parent Survey, which provides us with valuable feedback and ideas for future improvement, is currently open and will remain open until Friday, October 25. I urge parents to take the time to complete the survey as it really does provide us with helpful information from a parent's perspective and ideas we are able to consider in future planning.

To complete the survey follow the below link:  
<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/murbah2019>

### **YEAR 7 ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL**

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on 12 March 2020. Detailed instructions on how to apply online are available now at the following link. Applications close at 10pm on 11 November 2019.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/>

*selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7*

### **2020 PLANNING**

We have commenced the conversation around planning for 2020. At this time of year we look at grade numbers and ask parents and carers to let us know if they are planning on moving or relocating so as we have a clear idea of student enrolment and staffing for the following year.

I also invite you to communicate with me in regards to your child's class placement. If you feel your child would benefit from being placed with a particular student OR your child learns better by being separated from another student then you are asked to let me know. The Executive consider these requests when finalising classes. All classes are formed by the grade teachers currently. All considerations are to come to me directly.

### **RED CROSS PERFORMANCE**

Leading up to and during the holiday period a number of our recorder ensemble children gathered at Tyalgum to perform for the community. The children performed along with adults from the Roving Opera from the Conservatorium of Music Brisbane. A fantastic experience for them to play with such talented musicians.

They also performed at the RSL and played in front of representatives from the Red Cross. Below I have attached a copy of a "Thank You" letter we received. I encourage you to read it and share in the praise of our children.

# Principals Message Cont

Dear Vikki; and the amazing forces of the Murwillumbah PS recorder ensemble!

This is just a short note to thank you for your involvement in the Roving Opera at Tyalgum. I've been lucky enough to travel to a lot of places, and to play with a lot of musicians. But I can say that the experience of hearing you all - your focus and commitment and the beautiful sounds that you made - was very special. You are all brilliant ambassadors for your schools, and are so generous to give such a meaningful contribution to the performance. All the very best, and I hope to work with you all again!

Tim

## GRANDPARENTS DAY

Next Wednesday 23rd October we will be holding our Grandparents day. This will include (9.10am) classroom visits where students will read out and present poetry to their grandparents, (9.45am) assembly and (10.30am) morning tea. The students are looking forward to seeing as many grandparents as possible in attendance. At our assembly, we will be looking for a number of grandparents to help present merit awards and conduct the chance card draw. We would appreciate children bringing in a plate of food for the morning tea. This can be taken directly to the office on the day. Looking forward to seeing all our grandparents next Wednesday 23rd.

## NEW ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION

This term, the school has undertaken new attendance roll marking. All rolls will be marked

by 9.30am. If your child has NOT presented at school, the primary carer will receive a text message by 10.00am notifying you that your child is absent. This new procedure will ensure clear communication around daily attendance.

## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Please be aware of new procedures for ordering school uniforms. The P&C no longer looks after school uniforms. You will need to purchase/order/pick up all uniforms via the school front office between 8.30 & 9.30 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. I would like to thank the P&C for all their work with uniforms (especially Nat Hall) and the time and effort that went into providing parents with opportunities to purchase uniforms. In particular, I want to thank the P&C for their generous donation of fourteen thousand dollars in uniform stock that was donated to the school. This was a wonderful gesture on their behalf. Thank You P&C!

## STAFFING

Mrs Watkins will not be returning to work in term 4. Miss Cater will continue to teach 5/6W for the remainder of the year.

Mrs Price will be taking some long service leave from Thursday 17th October to 11th November. Mr Russo will be teaching 5/6P.

Mrs Hill will also be on long service leave from 28th October to 14 November. Mr Gamble will be teaching 3/4H during this period.

## ASCIA PLANS-ANAPHYLAXIS AND ALLERGIES

Please ensure if your child has ANAPHYLAXIS or an ALLERGY requiring medication or an epipen that you provide our school with a CURRENT ASCIA Plan. A number of plans are out of date and it is a safety as well as an audit requirement for schools to hold current plans. Please consult your General Practitioner for a new/updated plan. See the ladies in the Office if you require clarification on this matter. Your child's health and wellbeing is a priority.

Regards  
Les Daley

# P&C Info

## School Fete

Planning & preparation is underway for the fete. The fete will be held Friday 22nd November 3.30-7.30pm. We are asking if families could please donate Tombola Jars filled with a variety of goods suitable for children.

We are also asking if parents are able to kindly donate some of their time to assist at the fete. Even 30mins would be greatly appreciated.

The next P&C meeting will be held Wednesday 23rd Oct 6.30pm in the staff room. All parents are welcome to attend

Thankyou

# Around the School with KK & KS

This semester, we have continued to focus on learning to read and write. Our daily Guided Reading rotations are the highlight of our day. The students are progressing so well. It is fantastic to have a special new group reading table to use for teaching reading and writing. We were so excited to show our love of books by dressing up for the annual Book Week parade.

Each day, Kindergarten enjoy many hands on activities where the children can participate in learning about new Maths concepts. Students are involved in many group based activities to support their learning. The lessons on mass, and learning how to compare objects by hefting, was a winner.

Kindergarten have shown their excellent writing and artworks on assembly for the Quality Work segment. The artwork and writing were based on the letter P. KS made and described a paper plate peacock and KK made and described a colourful parrot. We also had a popcorn and pizza afternoon at the end of the letter P week.

Kindergarten enjoyed dressing up as Pirates and helped raise money for Cancer Research. Thank you to Deb in the Canteen for all of her effort planning this day.



## Community News

**CELEBRATING 125 YEARS**

**BURRINGBAR PUBLIC SCHOOL FAIR**

**SAT OCT 26 GATES OPEN 10AM**

FORMALITIES 11AM RIDES 12-4PM

CARNIVAL RIDES MARKET STALLS FOOD VANS HISTORY TRAIL

Entertainment for all the family  
Live Music - Time Capsule - Craft Workshops & much more....

[facebook.com/celebrating125](https://www.facebook.com/celebrating125)

**MURWILLUMBAH SWIMMING CLUB**

**Only \$99 Membership**

**Mondays 5.30pm at Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre - Murwillumbah**

**2019-2020 Season starts Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

*Sign-up at our first meet on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October.*

*Receive a FREE Club T-Shirt with your registration.*

Use your Active Kids Voucher – Murwillumbah Swimming Club is an approved provider of the Active Kids rebate.

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# CALENDAR

Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1			16th October	17th October	18th October PBL Banora Pt Pool Excursion 10-1pm
2	21st October	22nd October	23rd October Grandparents Day 6:30pm P&C Meeting	24th October	25th October
3	28th October	29th October	30th October	31st October	1st November
4	4th November	5th November Murwillumbah HS Yr 6 Visit	6th November	7th November	8th November Last Day of Kindy Transition
5	11th November	12th November	13th November	14th November	15th November
6	18th November	19th November	20th November	21st November	22nd November P&C Fete
7	25th November	26th November	27th November School Musical at Murwillumbah HS	28th November	29th November School Colour Run
8	2nd December 10 -1pm Oxley Club Performance 5:30pm Yr 6 Farewell	3rd December Wollumbin HS & Murwillumbah HS Orientation Day	4th December Wollumbin HS & Murwillumbah HS Orientation Day	5th December Wollumbin HS Quality Portfolio	6th December 2:00pm School Presentation
9	9th December 9:30am Sport and Music Presentation	10th December	11th December Sunshine Coast Excursion	12th December Sunshine Coast Excursion	13th December Sunshine Coast Excursion
10	16th December K-6 PBL Excursion	17th December 2:10pm Yr 6 Bell Ringing	18th December <b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>	19th December	20th December

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