

Murwillumbah Public School

Promoting Excellence in Education

Newsletter



31st October 2019 Term 4 Week 3



Principals Message

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Our Grandparents Day was held last week and was a huge success. K-6 grandparents travelled from afar to join their grandchildren and share the morning comparing school from the past to the present. It was a wonderful morning of sharing and it was a joy to hear the laughter and stories. Our Grandparents helped to hand out numerous awards and took part in our chance card draw. A huge thank you to our adoptive grandparents who made our children feel so special because their grandparents couldn't join us on the day.

As I said at the Assembly, Grandparents fill an irreplaceable role in a child's development: Pillars of wisdom and sources of support, they possess a unique understanding of a family's history and traditions. They love their grandchildren with unconditional affection that matches that of a child's own parents, and though some families are separated by distance or circumstance, being able to connect with a grandchild frequently fosters a relationship that can influence a child to define values, flourish in self-confidence and strengthen the bonds of family. THANK YOU Grandparents for being part of such a special day!

Thank you also to all our wonderful parents and staff who sent in a tray for morning tea.

WORLD TEACHERS DAY

Last Friday we celebrated World Teachers Day. I would like to thank and acknowledge the fantastic work our teachers do in our school. Their investment of passion, time, energy and expertise makes all the difference to the learning of your

children. I would sincerely like to thank each and every teacher who, with such commitment, pride and happiness comes to work each day to ignite laughter, learning and creativity.

COLOUR RUN

I know our students have been busy gaining sponsorship and raising money for our school colour run and we are all looking forward to this exciting event. Friday the 29th November is the date. Children still have another three weeks to continue raising money. Plenty of prizes on offer so keep working hard kids!

LEARNING SUPPORT PROCEDURES

We are very lucky at MPS to have an experienced and pro-active Learning Support Team. This team consists of school executive, Learning and Support Teacher, School Counsellor and external providers where required. We are also in constant consultation with Learning and Wellbeing advisors as needed.

Process of Referral

1. Class Teacher is the first port of call for any emerging or identified concerns about your child's learning needs at school.
2. Class Teachers consult with their Stage team colleagues to collaborate on learning adjustments.
3. If needed, the Stage team may refer to the Learning Support team for further input.
4. The Learning Support team meet every second week to discuss referrals and provide advice to Stage teams.
5. One of the options the Learning Support Team may suggest is School Counsellor Referral. Please

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note – appointments with the School Counsellor cannot be made directly by a parent. External Counsellors should be accessed if the family requires counselling services.

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

Next Friday the 8th November will be our last transition day for our children starting Kindergarten in 2020. We will be holding a meeting with our Kindergarten (2020) parents at 1.30pm in the Library. Valuable information will be presented at the meeting. An afternoon tea will be provided followed by a presentation of certificates to our transition children. We look forward to seeing all our transition parents at this meeting.

MATHS OLYMPIAD

Every year, schools from all over Australia, New Zealand and other neighbouring countries participate in the APSMO Maths Games and Maths Olympiad.

2019 was the first year that Murwillumbah Public School has entered the competition. The Maths Olympiad was used as an extension program for children that have a talent in the field of Mathematics. Children were nominated based on data gathered during our school assessment, NAPLAN results, classwork and teacher nominations.

Twice a week the selected 17 children were given an opportunity to work with a specialist teacher to refine their problem solving skills. They had 5 competition dates in which they had to answer a number of challenging questions. Australia and New Zealand wide, the marks were entered into a database and accumulated points. 2 of our children ranked in the top 20% and 4 others were in the top 25% of all entries. This is an extraordinary effort for the first exposure to such an illustrious competition.



2020 PLANNING

As we enter the final term for 2019, we are beginning to think about classing and staffing structures for 2020. To help with the organisation of class formations and planning for next year, could you please notify the school office as soon as possible if you know your child/children will not be attending MPS in 2020. We would really like to start the year with students in their 2020 classes. In order to do this it is important that we know if any students are leaving or enrolling in our school. If you have a special request for placement please let Mr Daley know by sending in a letter before the 25th November so this can be taken into account.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is important that students wear their correct uniform and a school hat each day when in the playground. We do follow Sun Safety Guidelines, meaning that if students are not wearing their hats then they will be required to play in the shade. Please support your child in remembering their hat each day and discuss sun safety with them. Please note that black socks are not part of the boys uniform. Grey socks should be worn by boys.

INFORMATION ON HOW TO APPLY FOR YEAR 7 ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL IN 2021

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2021, you need to apply online using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2021 must be made online between 8 October 2019 and 11 November 2019. Late applications will not be accepted.

Parents must apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 12 March 2020.

Have a great week

Regards

Les Daley

Principal

Merit Awards

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 2 TERM 4

KK:	Eydi, Deejay, Lexie	5/6P:	Mia, Maisy, Dean
KS:	Olivia, Wilson, Audrey	5/6R:	Ayla, Anthony, Tess
1U:	Zoe, Tyler, Sarah	5/6S:	Cree, Lincoln, Thomas
1/2L:	Summer, Xzavier, Thomas	5/6W:	Riley, Kasen, Peppa
2K:	Dallas, Seth S, Ella	Library/Computer:	Jonah, Ella
3/4A:	Lacey, Zavier, Sam	Mrs Jarvis:	David C
3/4H:	Jesse, Atticus, Jai	Mrs Williams:	Zalee, Martha, Liam

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 3 TERM 4

KK:	Jesse, Ave, Brock	3/4S:	Lynda, Renee, Nevaeh
KS:	Indigo, Aaliyah, Willow	5/6P:	Jed, Lilly B, Lily D
1U:	Emily, Maddison, Elizabeth	5/6R:	Emily, Kaitlyn, Finlay
1/2L:	Danielle, Liam, Marie	5/6S:	Sienna, Jack, Pearl
2K:	Lara, Elisha, Mallika	5/6W:	Cheyra, Kobi, Wade
3/4A:	Chloe, Poppy, Aubrey	Mrs Williams:	Lachlan, Tahlia, Poppy
3/4H:	Sienna, Wyn, Izaak		

School Fun Run

We're holding the School Fun-Run as a major fundraising event this year! The event will be held on 29/11/19. This is a sponsorship based fundraiser, and we're looking to raise \$5000 to create more appealing learning spaces for our students.



Keep your eyes peeled for the sponsorship forms which were sent home with your child last week. Once you have the form, jump online at schoolfundraising.com.au and create a student profile page. Once you do this and raise at least \$1 online, you will be entered into the \$20,000 Ultimate Family Experience!

Students who raise \$10 or more will receive a reward, and the more money you raise the better the reward, and the more you help the school!

The School Fun-Run is a healthy fundraiser that we hope you'll get behind. The event sends a message to students about having fun while being healthy, all while helping the school raise funds. We're looking for all students to participate and we're organising a great day for our community, so we'd love everyone to come down to support the kids.

If you have any questions about the Fun-Run please contact the School Fun-Run Office on 1800 FUN RUN.

Thanks for supporting the school and we hope to see you at the event!

P&C News

Due to upcoming school events next month the P&C have changed the date for the next meeting. The P&C meeting will be held Wednesday 20th November 6.30pm in the staff room.

Parents we need your help.

We will be holding a cake & plant stall at the fete. If anyone has plants or cakes that they wish to donate on the day it would be very much appreciated. Also looking for donations of Tombola jars. It will be a great afternoon of fun & the chocolate wheel is back with over \$5000 in raffles prizes. Hope to see you all there.

Around the School with 3/4S & 3/4H

Term 4 is a busy and productive term for 3/4H and 3/4S.

In History we are studying the unit "First Contacts". This unit teaches us about life in Britain in the 1600's and 1700's, the early exploration of Australia (New Holland), the Indigenous people of Australia and the effects of early explorers and the First Fleet had on the Indigenous people.

In Science we are investigating matter. Students are participating in experiments which are helping them understand the concept that everything is made of matter and the different characteristics of matter known as the states of matter. These 3 states are solids, liquids and gases. Students are learning what causes matter to change from one state to another throughout concepts such as the water cycle.

Our successful Maths groups continue this term with concepts being covered including Whole Number, Patterns and Algebra, Time, Data (graphs) and Chance. The students are engaged in many interactive, games and hands-on activities in their groups.

All of Stage 2 has started rehearsing for our end of year Musical, "Lights! Camera! Action!" We can't wait for our performance at the end of November.

For Sport we have chosen sports we would like to learn skills in, and lucky for us 4 sports have professional coaches – Hockey, Netball, Rugby League and Soccer.

With the end of the year fast approaching Mr Stowe and I would like to thank all of the parents for your continued support this year. Thank you.

Peter Stowe and Tristen Hill



Halloween At The Canteen



WHAT SORT OF START IS

YOUR CHILD GETTING?

Lost minutes = Lost learning

Do you know what good time keeping means?



Just a little bit late doesn't seem much, but...

He/She is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes/day	50 minutes/week	Nearly 1.5 weeks/year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes/day	1 hours 40 minutes/week	Over 2.5 weeks/year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour/day	Half a day/week	4 weeks/year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day/week	8 weeks/year	Over 2 and a half years

Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!

Every day, every moment counts in the life of every child at our school.

Make sure your child is at school and ready to learn, before the bell rings!

This means arriving early

Try to get to school 10 minutes early, get settled and ready to learn!



CALENDAR

Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3				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 Yr 6 Uni Bound Excursion	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 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	19th December	20th December

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