



Murwillumbah Public School

Promoting Excellence in Education

Newsletter

November 12th 2020 Term 4 Week 5



Principal's Message

Dear Parents

Last week and over the weekend, you received information about the new Murwillumbah Education Campus that will include a separate primary school and high school set within one architecturally designed campus on the current Murwillumbah High School site. You have been invited to visit the virtual information room that will open online from 12.00pm this Friday 13 November to 12.00 Monday 23 November 2020. To access the virtual room please visit schoolinfrastructure.nsw.edu.au and search for "Murwillumbah Education Campus".

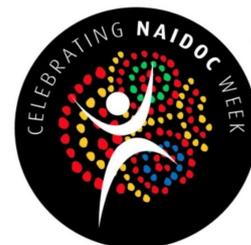
I encourage you to visit the room and take a look at the information provided. From inside the room you will be able to book a call back from the project team or submit questions and feedback.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

NAIDOC Week, 8-15 November 2020 is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.

This year, the theme for NAIDOC Week is 'Always Was, Always Will Be'. Flying the flag

of the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander confirms our national respect for Indigenous Australians. Our children will take part in a number of class activities throughout the week to help celebrate NAIDOC week.



Always Was, Always Will Be

8-15 NOV 2020

REMEMBRANCE DAY

This is a day of special significance to all Australians commemorating the loss of Australian lives in wars, conflicts and peace operations. Yesterday, all classes observed the respectful protocols as we all showed our appreciation. We have a short video on our school website of the stage 3 service. I must congratulate our children

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on the outstanding manner in which they conducted themselves during these services yesterday.



PLANNING FOR 2021

Many thanks to the parents who spoke to me or emailed me their thoughts regarding their child's class placement for 2021. In consultation with your child's class teacher, the leadership team and your thoughts, we will be setting up classes for 2021 for your children.

COVID UPDATE

With things going not too badly with the COVID situation (though we know things can also change very quickly) some things have changed in schools:

Parents and carers are not allowed on school sites or at offsite school events held during school hours except for the following purposes only:

- essential parent and carer meetings with teachers and/or school executives
- parents and carers who attend a school administration building or another defined location for the purpose of picking up their child if they are unwell or where they have been asked to arrange for a COVID-19 test after their child has displayed flu-like symptoms while at school
- parents and carers who need to be on-site for canteen and uniform shop duties or to collect or purchase uniforms
- parent or carer volunteers required as educational support roles for activities that are essential to the delivery of the curriculum such as reading groups, music and kitchen garden areas. Schools are required to have scheduled programs in place and remind parents and carers that they must not attend school unless it has been previously arranged
- for specific end-of-year events as per COVID guidelines (Details about presentation days will soon be sent home)

- P&C meetings can now be held on site if after hours.

2021 KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

Our Kindergarten Orientation will be proceeding this Friday. Last week we held a zoom meeting for parents outlining procedures for this week. Thank you to those parents who were able to join us. Emails were also sent home with information to our parents. If by chance you have a child that has not yet been enrolled for 2021, we ask you to contact the office as a matter of urgency. We are looking forward to seeing children on Friday morning.

REPORTS

Teachers are beginning to finalise assessment information so they can commence writing end of year student progress reports. These will be in the usual format this semester not the modified semester one format. Reports will go home on Friday 11th December.

CHANGE OF STUDENT OR FAMILY SITUATION

Please remember to update the school when changes in address, phone/mobile numbers, court orders and medications occur. To provide for the safety and well-being of your child, we need the most current information available.

WHAT WORKS BEST

Our school is committed to ensuring that how we teach your child is based on what we know makes the biggest difference to their learning. In our school, we have a focus on using the 'What works best' eight practices for effective teaching.

These practices include:

- Having high expectations of your child. In our school we do this by...
- Using explicit teaching in the classroom.

In our school we do this by...

- Giving effective feedback to your child on their learning. In our school we do this by...
- Using data to inform how we teach your child. In our school we do this by...
- Using regular and effective assessments so we know how your child's learning is going. In our school we do this by...
- Supporting the wellbeing of your child by looking out for their mental, physical and emotional health.

In our school we do this by...

- Managing the classrooms well so they are

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safe, positive and stimulating environments for learning. In our school we do this by...

- Making sure our teachers collaborate with each other, and experts outside the school, so teaching practice continuously improves.

In addition, research shows that greater levels of support and engagement from parents and carers are associated with better student academic and wellbeing outcomes. We also know that students learn more effectively when the home and school environments form complementary and supportive roles for learning. It is for this reason that we are focused on continuing to foster the partnership between our school and parents.

The Department of Education has now released a 'What works best' resource for parents and carers, which provides tips for having conversations with your child about their learning. You can visit the department's Parent Hub where you'll find other tailored resources for parents and carers, as well as message from the NSW Minister for Education the Hon. Sarah Mitchell MLC <https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/learning/what-works-best-2020-update>

ATHLETICS SPORTS MORNING

Next Friday the 20th of November during normal sport time students from K-6 will walk down to the Murwillumbah High School sports field for a morning of athletic events. Students will compete in track and field events from 9 am until 12:30 pm. Students will take their bags with their recess and return to school for lunch as normal.

Due to continuing COVID-19 restrictions parents will be unable to attend. Although this is frustrating we must adhere to the Departments COVID-19 restrictions.

RUGBY LEAGUE

With some COVID-19 restrictions easing the NRL has organised a Under 12 NRL Gala Day on Tuesday the 17th of November at Murwillumbah Junior Rugby League Grounds. The day will focus on fun and participation. Mr Gamble has been working with a selected group of students to compete on the day against neighbouring local schools. Students will walk to the fields in the morning and return before 3 pm. Please note, as a result of existing COVID-19 restrictions parents are not

permitted to attend the day.



At Murwillumbah PS

*We are respectful learners
We are responsible learners
We are productive learners*

HEADLICE

We suspect that nits/head lice are present in the hair of some students within the school. The source of hair lice is almost impossible to trace, but we do know that the infestation travels quickly.

Would you please check your child's hair tonight and if you find any eggs or lice then please commence treatment as recommended as soon as possible.

Conditioner and Fine Tooth Method

1. Apply conditioner to dry hair aiming to cover each hair from root to tip with a layer of conditioner.
2. Detangle the hair using an ordinary comb.
3. Immediately comb the hair with a fine tooth comb.
4. Wipe the conditioner off the fine tooth comb onto a paper tissue and look for eggs and lice.
5. Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least 5 times.
6. Also examine the comb for lice and eggs.

The Department of Education considers that the detection and treatment of head lice in children is a parental responsibility.

Have a great week

Regards
Les Daley
Principal

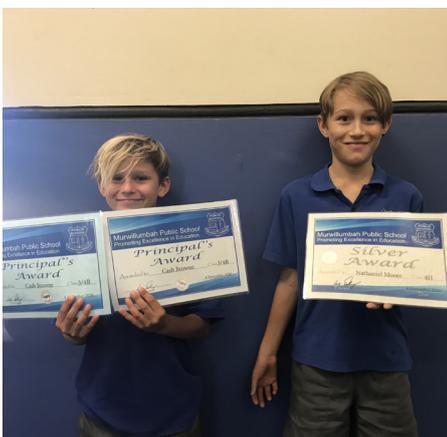
Merit Awards

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 4 TERM 4

KK:	Alison, Alice, Ben	4/5P:	Amy, Aubrey, Jarod
K/1W:	Ruby-Jane, Pippa, Codie	5/6H:	Willow, Chloe, Sienna
1A:	Lochlan, Kylan, Amity	5/6K:	Maia, Georgia, Danika S
1/2L:	Lexie, Izabella, Grace	5/6W:	Mia, Danika, Abbey
2W:	Annabelle, Thomas, Liam	Mrs Power:	Matilda, Amos, Cooper G
3G:	Kyra, Seth, Zarli	Library:	Chloe R, Indi L, Barnaby
3/4B:	Liam, Khya, Scarlett	Mr Stowe:	Nevaeh, Sienna, Chloe
4H:	Nate, Declan, Calan		

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KK:	Armani, Lewis, Chayse	4/5P:	Renee, Kirra, Marlie
K/1W:	Wyatt, Maddi-Lee, Sophie	5/6H:	Finlay, Poppy D, Alyssa
1A:	Yolandi, Brock, Kylan	5/6K:	Lynda, Hudson, Taj
1/2L:	Carley, Blake, Keira	5/6W:	Izzy, Ammarah, Hugo
2W:	Quentin, Zoe, Kyah	Library:	Martha, Mia, Ashlee
3G:	Indiana, Tyler, Otis		
3/4B:	Summer, Natasha, Thaubaan		
4H:	Katie, Sienna, Hunter		



Around the School with 5/6H & 5/6W

5/6H and 5/6W have been working hard in Geography this term, making comparisons and finding similarities and differences between Australia and Asia. It has been very pleasing to read each students' independent research project on a country in Asia. Thank you to Issabella who brought in some exquisite artefacts from Japan for us to look at! All our amazing artworks are inspired by Asian customs and traditions and are displayed proudly in our classrooms.

Maths Groups are formatted every fortnight based on pre and post test data. All students work hard in the ability based group sessions. This term we have practised place value and multiplication, and learnt transformations of 2D shapes and conversions of units for length. Our new topics are measuring the mass of objects for Year 5 and The Cartesian Plane for Year 6.

Both our classes are reading Wonder by R.J.Palacio. It is a story about a boy with facial deformities, and his every day struggles at school. It has touched us all and we look forward to reading every day.

When given the choice between being right or being kind, CHOOSE KIND.



Year 6 Farewell

The Year 6 Farewell will be held on Thursday 10 December this year. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, only Year 6 can be invited. Invitations are going out tomorrow to invited Year 6 students, outlining all the information.

CALENDAR

Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5				November 12	November 13 Kindy Transition Bookfair Viewing Today
6	November 16	November 17 Rugby League Gala Day	November 18	November 19	November 20 Athletic Sports Morning
7	November 23	November 24	November 25	November 26	November 27 Kindy Transition
8	November 30	December 1 Yr 6 Orientation M'bah HS & Wollumbin HS	December 2 Yr 6 Orientation M'bah HS	December 3	December 4 Kindy Transition
9	December 7 Presentation Day	December 8 Sport & Music Presentation	December 9	December 10 Year 6 Farewell	December 11 Reports Home
10	December 14	December 15 Year 6 Bell Ringing	December 16 Last Day of Term for Students	December 17	December 18

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

