



Murwillumbah Public School

Promoting Excellence in Education

Newsletter

November 26th 2020 Term 4 Week 7



Principal's Message

Welcome to Week 7. It's hard to imagine that in three weeks' time, the 2020 school year will be over. This indeed has been a testing year for schools, families and for our community.

We have commenced 2021 planning and we continue monitoring our numbers very closely. If you know you are moving and your child/children will not be attending Murwillumbah Public School in 2021, can you please let us know as soon as possible.

If you have a pre-schooler who will be of school age next year, please ensure you have completed an enrolment form and had your enrolment interview as soon as possible. We also ask you to ensure that your emergency contact details are current as this is very important in the event of illness or an emergency. Over the last few weeks, we have discovered that some of the information we have is not accurate and we ask all parents to ensure that we have up to date and current details.

Our Kindergarten Transition day held two weeks ago, was incredibly successful with our new children who settled in well on their first visit. It is amazing how resilient these children are, and how they have embraced the changes that have been put in place due to COVID-19. It was a really successful and enjoyable transition and we look forward to our second transition day this

Friday.

The Year 6 farewell is being held this year in the school hall for Year 6 only. This is to ensure we adhere to the COVID safe guidelines around limiting the end of year graduation events to the relevant cohort. Thankyou for your understanding and acceptance of our responsibility to follow health guidelines.

The next few weeks are going to be extremely busy consolidating this year as well as moving into a new four-year plan with the main emphasis on student outcomes, student growth, attendance and well-being.

The NSW Health and Department of Education guidelines have necessitated that children who are sick with COVID-19 symptoms get tested or provide a medical certificate if your child suffers from allergies. If your child presents with COVID-19 symptoms they must be tested before returning to school. These requirements are for all New South Wales schools and we appreciate your support and adhering to the strict guidelines in the interest of our students and staff safety. Teachers are also following these guidelines.

MEC PROJECT TEAM TO MEET WITH PARENTS

At the last P&C meeting it was moved and carried that a meeting with the MEC project team

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be organised. I have spoken with the team and can confirm that next Tuesday 1st December at 3.15pm, a meeting in the school Library will take place with the project team. This will be a great opportunity for parents to come along and ask questions that you may have around the new school build. I strongly encourage you to contact Jade Juleff, our P&C President and confirm you will be attending. This will ensure that we adhere to COVID guidelines.

ATTENDANCE

Just a reminder it is important that children from Kindergarten to Year 6 attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record

SCHOOL VALUE.. RESPECT

Being respectful is one of our school values. Respect can be defined as allowing yourself and others to do and be their best. It is the goal within schools to create a mutually respectful atmosphere between all individuals involved including administrators, teachers, staff members, students, parents and visitors. At Murwillumbah Public School this is demonstrated by letting others learn, speaking and acting nicely and caring for everyone. When we talk about Respect, it is an opportunity to reflect on what this means and how it can be applied in the last few weeks of 2020.

CAPTAIN'S NOMINATIONS

We have started the process for our Year 5 student nominations for School Captain, Vice-Captain and Leaders for 2021. A short list of nominated students will be announced later this week. Successful students will then present their speech during week 8, hold a meeting with myself to talk about what values they can bring to the role and finally, students from K-5 will vote in the upcoming weeks. Captains will be announced at our end of year presentation assembly. We will endeavour to live stream this event.

2021 START DATES

Schools have received advice that there will be two Staff Development Days at the start of next year instead of one. This means that the first day of school for Year K-6 students will now be Friday 29 January 2021. Our Kindergarten children will start at 9.30 on the same day as all other children.

MAJOR PROJECT

Last year our school was successful in receiving a community grant to upgrade facilities in the music room. Tomorrow, the room will receive new carpet and wall to wall panelling that will make the room much more colourful and appealing.

CLASSES 2021

Each year the number and organisation of classes' changes. There may be a range of classes including one grade, composite (more than one grade) and/ or across different stage groupings.

All classes may contain students with a wide range of abilities and there remains a strong focus on a differentiated curriculum in all classes to best meet student needs.

Regards
Les Daley
Principal

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:

-  Learn
-  Make friends
-  Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed

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Merit Awards

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 6 TERM 4

KK:	Ryley, Taya, JJ	4/5P:	Frankie, Izaak, Kyle
K/1W:	Mahli, Olivia, William	5/6H:	Chloe, Sienna, Carlin
1A:	Alese, Sara, Eydi	5/6K:	Danica, Jayla, Alexys
1/2L:	Tanika, Emily, Alexis	5/6W:	Coby, Layla, Martha
2W:	Tobin, Levi, Heath	Library:	Alexis G, Thomas L, Atticus
3G:	Khuzamah, Kaden, Sophia W	Music:	Layla, Lynda, Aubrey, Ivy, Elizabeth Brock
3/4B:	Cash, Lachlan, Ella		
4H:	Cooper, Oskar, Ilah		

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KK:	Alice, Charlotte, Ben	4/5P:	Angelina, Eli E, Rose
K/1W:	Peter, Aaliyah, Freddie	5/6H:	Nevaeh, Zavier, Poppy
1A:	Flynn, Paityn, Audrey	5/6K:	Ben, Thomas, Charli
1/2L:	Alexis, Maddison, Elizabeth	5/6W:	Ella, Asha, Anthony
2W:	Marie, Danielle, Sarah	Library:	Katie, Zarli, Danika F
3G:	Alexander, Sophia A, Jonah	Music:	Izzy, Damon, Grace, Danica, Alyssa Sam D
3/4B:	Ava, Callum, Lara		
4H:	Ivy, Hunter, Cooper		

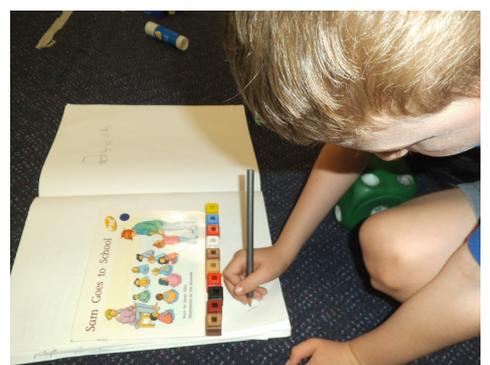
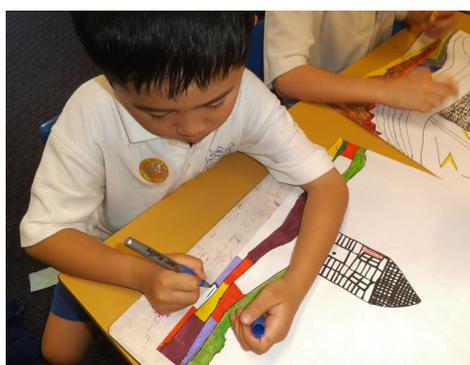
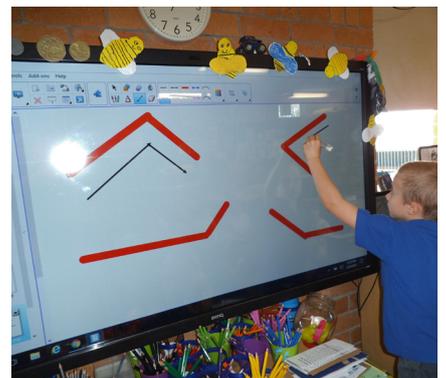
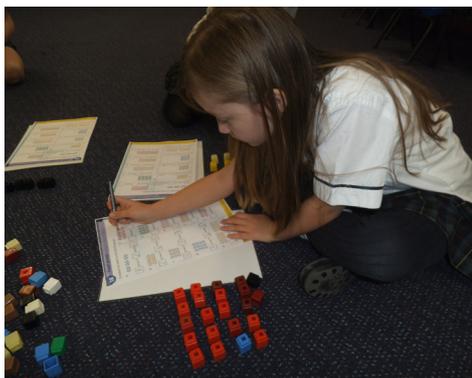


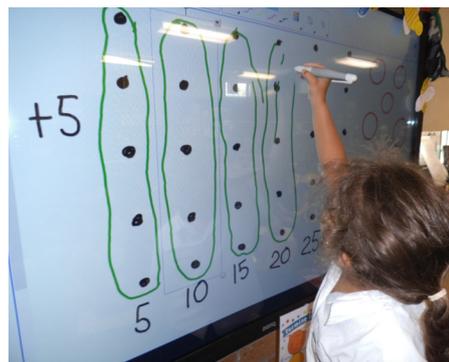
Around the School with KK & K/1W

Students in K/1W and KK have been investigating the weather and seasons in our Geography unit 'Weather in my world'. The daily weather is being recorded on classroom weather charts along with any rainfall. Daily temperatures are being recorded using a thermometer, and students have been discussing how seasonal climate changes. Information report writing, procedures and narratives have formed the writing component in literacy lessons. Students have composed information reports about frogs, tadpoles and flies, and some students have researched their own topics to write about like Thorny Devils! Making fruit salad, and eating it, as well as building a sandcastle, have been written as procedures by some students. In Mathematics lessons students have investigated making equal groups, counting by 5 and drawing parallel lines using the interactive whiteboard. Measuring objects using informal units, creating symmetrical patterns and calculating area have also been explored using hands on materials. Making a large floor sized clock to tell the time with students being the hands of the clock, was a fun way to explore time. Exploring colour, tone and perspective have formed part of our continuing classroom art projects, and performing folktale plays using masks and the puppet theatre have provided students with an opportunity to gain confidence in speaking to an audience.

This week Kindergarten have been very busy rehearsing for the Nativity Play. All students have their costumes and are working hard at learning their songs and dances. They are very excited to perform the item in Week 9. This will be recorded and uploaded for all of you to enjoy.

Our Sports Carnival was very successful and it was great to see the effort and enthusiasm the students put in and the support and encouragement they showed to each other.





Athletics Day 2020





CALENDAR

Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7				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.



FREE YOUTH HOLIDAY CLUB

MURWILLUMBAH YOUTH CENTRE
OPEN TO ALL YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 10YO – 18YO

10.00AM – 3.00PM MONDAYS, TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

LUNCH & AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED

PLACES ARE LIMITED!

Please call Murwillumbah Community Centre on 02 66723003 to secure your spot!





ARTS & CRAFTS
OUTDOOR GAMES
BOXING!

YOGA & MEDITATION

FITNESS FUN
COOKING & BARISTA

SPECIAL DAILY ACTIVITIES & WORKSHOPS

MURWILLUMBAH COMMUNITY CENTRE
NULLUM STREET, KNOX PARK
02 66723003

JANUARY DATES
11TH, 12TH, 13TH
18TH, 19TH, 20TH

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Instructional videos for downloading and installing the Apps for our digital resources can be found on the [RTRL Website](#) [click here](#). Or look under the Yellow My eLibrary tab on the RTRL website. **Happy Reading!**

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NEW!
COVID SAFE

Terms of Entry

FREE RESOURCES

- Join online
- Online reading
- Online library programs
- Click and Collect
- Connect with local library



The Shortlist is out!
Read and nominate now!

Look for the KOALA display in your library and nominate your favourite!

Click here to find out more about KOALA, or speak with library staff.

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