



Murwillumbah Public School

Promoting Excellence in Education

Newsletter

December 10th 2020 Term 4 Week 9



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Principal's Message

Dear Parents

What a year we have had! I don't think any of us would have imagined a year like 2020. COVID-19 has changed the world. If you had asked yourself five years ago what you would be doing in 2020, I don't think you could of imagined the world we are living in right now!

This is the final newsletter for 2020. Even though the year has been like no other on record, it has still been an amazing year of learning for our students. I am extremely proud of the way in which our students commit themselves to being safe, respectful learners. This of course is under the guidance of an equally committed teaching and non-teaching staff at MPS. This year this has been more evident than ever before and I couldn't be prouder in the way in which the whole school staff has pulled together to meet the needs of your children under some quite demanding circumstances. I want to also thank our parents for your understanding and ongoing support throughout 2020.

Thank you to the P & C executive and members for your support through a challenging 2020.

I wish all families a wonderful break over the Christmas holiday break. This is a special time in our country where most companies close down for a short time and we get to spend quality time with our families. Whether it be just a week or the entire school holiday break, make the time with family

special! We have all experienced a very different 2020.

I hope 2021 begins well for us all. Our world is certainly different! To those who celebrate Christmas, enjoy and celebrate!

Have a wonderful Christmas and a great 2021!
Best wishes for the holidays!

Kindergarten Orientation and Transition

Our final orientation sessions took place last Friday with many smiling children ready to begin school in 2021. They had a fantastic time making new buddies and we look forward to welcoming them next year. Many thanks to Mrs Lack, Mrs Schlunke and Mrs Jarvis for organising this successful program.

Presentation Days

This week we held our Presentation Days. These were very different to previous years as we were following DoE and NSW Health guidelines. We have placed a number of photos onto our school Facebook page for viewing.

Year 6 Farewell

Tonight we will be holding our Year 6 Farewell. This will be for year 6 students only. Unfortunately, we are unable to have parents attend this indoor activity due to COVID-19 guidelines. We will endeavour to video parts of the evening and place it onto our website so that parents can sit down with their child and watch this at a later time.

Principal's Message cont.

Student Leaders – Year 6, 2021

Congratulations to all candidates who were within our final 'top 16'. They presented their speeches on Monday and can be proud of their efforts. They also took part in an interview with myself and were part of a whole school voting process. They received marks for each section. Our School Captains and leaders for 2021 were announced on Tuesday.

Captains: Cooper H & Martha P

Vice Captains: Mia I & Atticus E

Leaders: Riley C, Izaak D, Ammarah O and Zavier D.

High School Orientation

Year 6 have been attending the High School orientations across the last couple of weeks. Due to COVID, the high schools had to look at doing this different this year. Overall students enjoyed their orientation no matter how it was done. I would like to wish all students in Year 6 the very best for high school in 2021.

Reports

School Reports are currently being finalised and signed. Reports will be sent home tomorrow, Friday 11th.

Important dates

Students finish on Wednesday 16th December. All students resume on Friday 29th January 2021. Kindergarten will commence at 9.30.

2021 Dismissal

For the dismissal of students next term, I have decided to keep it as is for the first two weeks of school. Should the situation with COVID remain good over the summer, we will evaluate pick up procedures and let you know any changes. Parents will need to pick children up from outside the gate. Thank you for your support with these procedures.

Kindergarten Nativity

Next Monday, Kindergarten will be holding the Kindergarten Nativity. This will be held in the school hall commencing at 2.15pm. A note has been sent home today inviting 2 parents from each family to attend this activity. To ensure we adhere to COVID guidelines (limited numbers in the hall) all other children will not be in attendance. We will video the Nativity so that our children can watch at a later time. Parents are asked to complete the attached information and return to the school before Monday.

Year 6 Bell Ringing

A note has been sent home today for Year 6 parents. Next Tuesday at 2.00pm, we will be holding our bell ringing for our Year 6 students. As this is an outdoor activity, we are inviting 2 parents from each family to attend this activity. Please complete the information sheet with the

names of the 2 parents attending, so that we can arrange a parent register. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

COVID-19 Intensive Learning Support 2021

As we all know, 2020 has been a tough year. This is particularly so for our students and teachers who have risen to the challenges in a disrupted year that included seven weeks of remote learning due to COVID-19, and in some areas, that came on top of bushfires and floods.

For our students, this has been an unsettling time.

The government and department have recognised this with the announcement of a \$337 million program aimed at ensuring that schools can identify students who would benefit the most from intensive support. This will be tailored to their requirements to ensure that students' educational outcomes continue to improve in 2021.

The COVID-19 intensive learning support program will provide small group tuition for students who need it most across NSW primary, secondary and specialist schools.

All public schools across the state will benefit with an allocation to employ additional teachers and educators to support student learning.

Very shortly we will start planning for the implementation of small group tuition programs in our school. The groups will be conducted during schools hours. We will be focusing on literacy and numeracy, we will also consider a number of other subject areas.

We will keep you updated. In the meantime the department's website has more information on this program.

School Uniform Shop

Parents wishing to purchase uniforms for the start of next year will be able to do so on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th January from 9am-12pm. Please come to the brown tables outside the office.

We will also send a School Stream reminder two weeks prior to students returning to school with a class supplies list that is also attached to this newsletter.

Student and staff illness at school

Students and staff who display flu like symptoms will not be able to return to school unless a COVID-19 clearance has been sighted by the school. This clearance can be emailed to murwillumb-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au. Students, staff or other adults who display cold or flu like symptoms must not come on to the school site.

Regards
Les Daley
Principal

Merit Awards

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 8 TERM 4

KK:	Evy, Sophie, Chayse	4/5P:	Khylan, Nashala, Zalee
K/1W:	Jesse, Indianah, Emma	5/6H:	Zavier, Willow, Carlin
1A:	Yolandi, Audrey, Lochlan	5/6K:	Jayla, Maia, Lynda
1/2L:	Ella, Cruz, Quade	5/6W:	Ash, Layla, Leeton
2W:	Arlia, Charlie, Tyler	Music:	Saskia, Xanthe, Ruby-Jane
3G:	Seth, Mallika, Otis	Mr Stowe:	Skarlette, Angelina, Renee
3/4B:	Cooper, Leila, Indiana		
4H:	Jyles, Oskar, Katie		

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 9 TERM 4

KK:	Lewis, Ava, Ruby	4/5P:	Marlie, Eli, Rylee
K/1W:	Kohen, Saskia, Codie	5/6H:	Chloe, Alyssa, Sienna
1A:	Brock, Willow, Deejay	5/6K:	Alexander, Danica, Georgia
1/2L:	Grace, Tanika, Lucas	5/6W:	Cobey, Hugo, Izzy
2W:	Thomas, Jakob, Quentin	Library:	Hudson, Izzy, Finlay
3G:	Olive-Jane, Sunee, Ella-Grace	Music:	Sophia, Quentin, Cruz
3/4B:	Alec, Scarlett, Edith	Mr Stowe:	Kirra, Mathew, Amos
4H:	Elijah, Ivy, Eben		

Around the School with 1/2L

1/2L are celebrating a very successful and productive year. The children have had the opportunity to enjoy many extra experiences this semester. During our writing sessions the children have been learning to write procedures. We made fruit salad, toast, milkshakes, sandcastles and volcanos. The children were very excited to participate in a sports day at Murwillumbah High School. They all competed in 100m, 200m, long jump and shot put.

Tennis has been a fantastic addition to our sports program. The children have enjoyed the weekly sessions and have developed their skills.

The Book Parade this year was a little different due to COVID-19 restrictions but the students still enjoyed dressing up and parading.

Merry Christmas everyone!!!

3G, 3/4B & 4H Movie Day

Stage 2 have been studying Fantastic Mr Fox during literacy this term. As a conclusion to the unit we will be having a fun session watching the movie on Tuesday 15th December. It is rated PG and if you DO NOT wish your child to watch, please contact their class teacher.

Sports Day Results

<u>BOYS/EVENTS</u>	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BOYS/EVENTS</u>	<u>NAMES</u>
200M		Long Jump	
7 yr olds	1.Blake	8 yr olds	1.Otis
	2.Cruz		2.Arlo
	3.Jesse		3.Damon
8 yr olds	1.Liam	9 yr olds	1.Xzavier
	2.Otis		2.Khuzaymah
	3.Alexander		3.Cash
9 yr olds	1.Cooper	10 yr olds	1.Nate
	2.Cash		2.Declan
	3.Kye		3.Jyles
10 yr olds	1.Jyles	11 yr olds	1.Riley
	2.Hunter		2.Anthony
	3.Willis		3.Finn
11 yr olds	1.Riley	12 yr olds	1.Nate
	2.Finn		2.Tom
	3.Cooper		3.Kasen
12 yr olds	1.Nate	400m	
	2.Tom	8 yr olds	1.Otis
	3.Coby		2.Damon
			3.Alexander/Seth
Long Jump			
5 yr olds	1.JJ	9 yr olds	1.Cooper
	2.Kohen		2.cash
	3.William		3.Kye
6 yr olds	1.Chayse	10 yr olds	1.Hunter
	2.Freddie		2.Nate/Willis
	3.Brock		3.Declan
7 yr olds	1.Jesse	11 yr olds	1.Finn
	2.Blake		2.Izaak
	3.Cruz		3.Lachlan
		12 yr olds	1.Nate
			2.Kasen
			3.Charlie

Sports Day Results

<u>BOYS/EVENTS</u>	<u>Names</u>	<u>BOYS/EVENTS</u>	<u>Names</u>
<u>100m</u>		<u>Shot Put</u>	
5 yr olds	1.Kohen	6 yr olds	1.Lochlan
	2.JJ		2.Deejay
	3.William		3.Ryley
6 yr olds	1.Chayse	7 yr olds	1.Cruz
	2.Deejay		2.Jesse
	3.Freddie		3.Peter
7 yr olds	1.Blake	8 yr olds	1.
	2.Cruz		2.
	3.Jesse		3.
8 yr olds	1.Liam	9 yr olds	1.Calan
	2.Otis		2.Cash
	3.Damon		3.Cooper
9 yr olds	1.Cooper	10 yr olds	1.Willis
	2.Khylan		2.Nate
	3.Cash		3.Kai
10 yr olds	1.Jyles	11 yr olds	1.Riley
	2.Willis		2.Cooper
	3.Nate		3.Zavier
11 yr olds	1.Riley	12 yr olds	1.Tom
	2.Finn		2.Jayden T
	3.Cooper		3.Finlay
12 yr olds	1.Nate	<u>200m</u>	
	2.Coby	5 yr olds	1.Kohen
	3.Tom		2.JJ
			3.William
<u>Shot Put</u>		6 yr olds	1.Chayse
5 yr olds	1.Kohen		2.Deejay
	2.JJ		3.Brock
	3.William		
8 yr olds	1.Levi		
	2.Otis		
	3.Tobin		

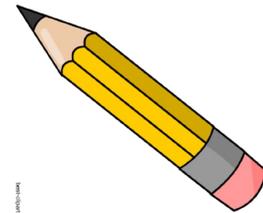
Supplies List

2021 Supplies List

The following supplies are required by students for each year for 2021. We would appreciate if you could purchase these supplies and have them labelled and ready for use when students return on Friday 29th January 2021. *Please remember that these supplies run out and need to be restocked throughout the year. Some books may be sent home to be covered.*

KINDERGARTEN 2021

- Art shirt (or an old business shirt)
- 4 Glue Sticks
- Large box of tissues
- Library bag (can use the one you were given in Transition)
- 4 Whiteboard Markers – these will be collected and used as a class set



YEAR ONE AND TWO 2021

- Art shirt (or an old business shirt)
- Pencil Case
- Lead pencils – please stock up for the whole year (preferably HB)
- Coloured pencils – 2 packets of 12
- Textas
- Wooden ruler – labelled in millimetres as well as centimetres
- Pencil Sharpener (not battery operated)
- Erasers (not battery operated)
- 2 x Scrap books
- 4 Glue sticks
- Felt tip pen (black) eg Artline 210
- Large box of tissues
- Library Bag
- 4 Whiteboard Markers – these will be collected and used as a class set
- Gel pens and highlighters (optional)



YEAR THREE AND FOUR 2021

- Art shirt (or an old business shirt)
- Pencil Case
- Lead pencils – please stock up for the whole year (preferably HB)
- 8 Whiteboard markers
- Black permanent marker
- Coloured pencils – 2 packets of 12
- Textas
- Wooden ruler – labelled in millimetres as well as centimetres
- Pencil Sharpener (not battery operated)
- Erasers (not battery operated)
- 2 x A4 128 page exercise books
- 1 x A4 64 page exercise book
- 4 Glue sticks
- Felt tip pen (black) eg Artline 210
- Scissors
- Large box of tissues
- Library Bag
- Gel pens and highlighters (optional)



Supplies List

YEAR FIVE AND SIX 2021

Students in Year 5 and 6 have the opportunity to enjoy a digital classroom environment. The school provides each student with a laptop computer to use for learning activities each day. The following items are ESSENTIAL for students to supply.

- Headphones with a standard audio jack (these are essential and may need to be replaced throughout the year -cheap ones can be bought from Dinki Di's)
- Pencil case
- Lead pencils (enough for the whole year)
- Coloured pencils
- Blue and red pens
- Ruler (including cm and mm)
- Glue sticks (enough for whole year)
- Sharpener and eraser
- Whiteboard markers (enough for a whole year – these are used regularly)
- Black permanent marker
- 3 x 128 page A4 exercise books
- At least one large box of tissues
- Mouse and Mouse Pad
- 2 x Artline 210 medium 0.6

Optional Extras

- Gel pens
- Coloured textas
- Highlighters



Around the School with 3G

In 3G we have been completing a novel study on *Fantastic Mr Fox* by Roald Dahl. Students have been looking at characterisation and the theme of good versus evil. The students have thoroughly enjoyed studying this book and many students have begun reading other Roald Dahl books. We will conclude the unit with years 3 and 4 watching the 'Fantastic Mr Fox' movie in the hall next Tuesday.

In Geography students have been studying places 'Similar and Different'. This has involved students learning about the natural and manmade features of Australia and its near by countries.

In maths groups we have been focusing on consolidating areas that needed revision from Terms 3 and 4. Topics in the last couple of weeks have been time, multiplication, addition, subtraction and money. The results throughout the year for stage 2 in the weekly posts testing has been extremely pleasing. This has been a direct result of the ongoing hard work of the students.



CALENDAR

Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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

2021

Term 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	January 25	January 26 Australia Day	January 27 Staff Development Day	January 28 Staff Development Day	January 29 FIRST DAY OF TERM FOR ALL STUDENTS
2	February 1	February 2	February 3	February 4	February 5
3	February 8	February 9 Swimming Carnival	February 10	February	February

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

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