



Murwillumbah Public School

Promoting Excellence in Education

Newsletter

20th February 2020 Term 1 Week 4



Principals Message

Term 1 is off to a brilliant start! Huge thank you to our community – parents and carers for ensuring your children have come to school ready for the 2020 school year.

Our Kindergarten students are powering along and have settled in extremely well. It is wonderful to see most of them wave their family members off in the morning and walk independently to their classrooms and the playground. Congratulations Kindergarten. All other students are settled in well and have good structures and routines in place.

PARENT MEETINGS

It was fantastic to see so many parents attend our parent/student/teacher goal setting meetings this week. On average, we had around 80% of parents attend these meetings with two classes having 100% and one class 97%! Thank you for having input to your child's education and helping to establish learning goals for the year. As always, your input is greatly appreciated.

LEADERS' INDUCTION ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to our school leaders who were formally recognised at the Leaders' Induction Assembly held last week. School Captains, Counsellors, Sports Captains, Class Leaders, Library Monitors and Band Leaders all received their badges or certificates to recognise the responsibility they are accepting this year. Mrs

Johnson, our local Education Director also joined us to help with the presentation of badges. Thank you as well to the parents who attended to make the assembly special for our leaders

FRONT OFFICE WORK

Work on our new office space will be hopefully completed by next Tuesday. We are hoping to have the office back and running by next Thursday. Thank you for your support while the office has been undergoing a new refurbishment. I know our office staff are looking forward to getting back to some normality and I want to thank them enormously for their patience while working in such a confined space.

PARENT HELPERS

We are looking for a number of parent helpers to assist with a special reading fluency program. This will be run from years 1 to 6. Students work one on one with the parent helper, reading a short passage that takes one minute. This is an evidence based approach towards teaching fluency which we started late last year and witnessed positive results.

Mrs Ross will be running a workshop next Thursday afternoon (27th Feb) from 2.20-2.45 in Mrs Lacks room. We hope you are able to come along and assist the education of children in our school. All helpers need to have a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) which

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is available free of charge through Services NSW.

If you are available to help, please get in contact with Mrs Ross at school or by sending an email through to the school office.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

At Murwillumbah PS we are safe, respectful learners. This week all children have been learning about being safe respectful learners when in the Infants playground and 3-6 Sport. Teachers are rewarding students with green PBL chance cards for demonstrating the schools expectations of respectful, responsible learning behaviour.

PLAYGROUND BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS	
RESPECT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listen to and follow all directions• Use equipment appropriately• Use manners• Take turns
RESPONSIBILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Play safely• Wear hats• Keep your hands and feet to yourself• Put equipment away• Leave the playground promptly
LEARNING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keep sand in the sand pit

PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

I have been informed that Council have equipped a Toyota Camry hybrid which is fitted with a Sen FORCE technology system with all zones and parking rules for the Tweed Shire. Operators will patrol around the school throughout the day with this system taking pictures of cars that are illegally parked. The purpose is to ensure a consistent approach is taken to parking enforcement that meets the public's expectations and maintains the safety for all children in and around schools. If caught illegally parking, heavy fines may apply.

ALLERGIES AND ANAPHYLAXIS

Our school has a number of students who suffer from allergic reactions and/or anaphylaxis. Whilst this school minimises the use of nut products we also ask that families be aware and support us by discussing with your children the importance of NOT sharing food.

UNIFORMS

Murwillumbah students and staff are very proud of our school uniform and students are expected to be in full school uniform every day.

Our uniform unites us and creates equality and pride in our school and our achievements. Murwillumbah hat is part of the school uniform. If you need a new school hat they are available at a very reasonable price. Students are reminded that they need their school hat everywhere even during winter and especially if they are representing their school.

STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If you are having financial difficulties and need support for students to attend excursions, sports and events, parents are requested to contact the school office to receive an application form for financial assistance. The form will remain confidential and must be received before the due date of payment for an event/excursion to be considered. Please help us to support students to attend. Please contact Mrs King in the office for further information or clarification if needed.

COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

At the beginning of each school year, it is important to revisit the importance of regular school attendance. A copy of the Information for parents- Compulsory School Attendance has also been included in this newsletter. The information included outlines parental and school responsibilities in regards to attendance. This document clearly details the importance of arriving at school on time and the parental responsibilities regarding processes to be followed when a child is sick or absent from school. This document is also located on our school website. If you have any questions regarding attendance, ring the school office for clarification or speak to our Assistant Principals.

DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Dogs are not permitted on school grounds. We love our furry friends and they too become part of the family, however, please leave them outside the school gate when entering as some students have allergies, are frightened of dogs and of course, some dogs can become unpredictable when surrounded by large groups of people. Thank you for your respect of these guidelines.

Enjoy your week

Regards
Les Daley
Principal

Sports Report

PSSA Sport trials are well under way!

Congratulations to Hugo and Hudson who have been selected in the Murwillumbah District Boys Cricket team and will now go on to FNC Cricket trials next Monday.

Congratulations to Peppa, Alexys and Marlie who are now off to Coffs Harbour on March 2nd, to trial for North Coast Girls Cricket team.

Well done to Lachlan who trialled this week at District Tennis trials.

Good luck to all our swimmers this Friday at the District Swimming Carnival.

Mrs Hill



Merit Awards

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 3 TERM 1

KK: Barnaby, Taya, Ben

K/1W: Kohen, Emma, Freddie

1A: Paityn, Lochlan, Skarlette

1/2L: Tanika, Emily, Keira

2W: Kyah, Tobin, Zoe

3G: Damon, Natasha, Seth

3/4B: Ella, Lacey, Khya

4H: Ivy, Ilah, Aedan

4/5P: Eli, Rose, Amy

5/6H: Alyssa, Sienna, Chloe

5/6K: Abigail, Hudson, Nathan

5/6W: Riley P, Arden, Tyler

Mrs Power: Izabella, Nixon, Jayden

Mr Stowe: Grace, Ammarah, Jesse

Mrs Scott: Tanika, Liam

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 4 TERM 1

KK: Riley C, Chayse, Evy

K/1W: Peter, Elenin, Pippa

1A: Amity, Nixon, Eydi

1/2L: Lexie, Lynden, Lucas

2W: Annabelle, Indiana, Dakota

3G: Zarli, Amalia, Kalia

3/4B: Indiana, Cash, Lara

4H: Izzy, Cooper G, Oskar

4/5P: Zalee, Renee, Tyler

5/6H: Nate, Willow, Tahlia

5/6K: Georgia, Jayla, Lachlan

5/6W: Hugo, Martha, Amos

Mrs Power: Izzy, Alese, Annabelle

Mr Stowe: Lynden, Lochlan, Thomas G

Mrs Scott: Dylan, Kalia, Angelina, Sienna

Music: Chloe C, Amity, Callum, Ella-Grace

Around the School with 4/5P and 5/6K

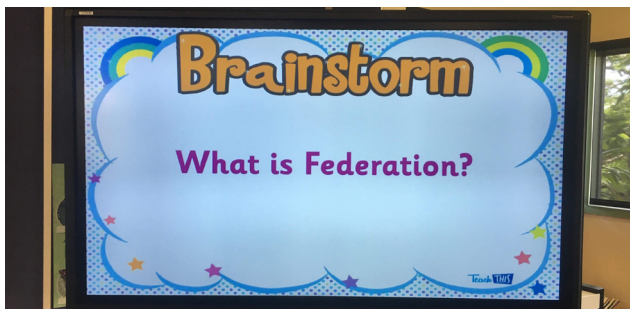
It has been a busy and eventful start to the 2020 school year. Both 5/6K and 4/5P have enjoyed getting to know their teachers and new classmates. Despite the heavy rain last week, routines have been firmly established and both classes are working conscientiously.

We are looking forward to learning about Australia as a Nation in History. Students will investigate Federation, democracy and citizenship, and how our government works. This unit will give students some valuable prior knowledge before our school excursion to Canberra in Term 3.

Ms Power and Mr Stowe are teaching Science to our classes this year. They are studying Earth and Space and have enjoyed getting their hands dirty in the garden.

Class laptops were distributed this week. They will assist students in their research projects. The balance of written and computer work is encouraged to give all students opportunities to succeed.

Well done to all the students who participated in the Swimming Carnival. We have made our Sport choices for Term 1 and, hopefully, will get out on the fields this Friday.



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)



Possy Pete in 3/4B

P&C NEWS

The AGM will be held next **Wednesday evening 26th February 6.30pm** in the staff room.

All current positions will be declared vacant. An ordinary meeting will follow after the AGM.

P&C meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of every month.

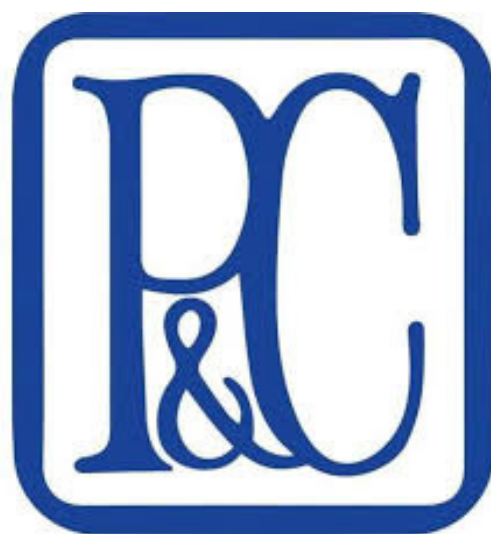
All parents, carers & community members are welcome to attend.

The P&C would love to see more parents & carers join us. We appreciate valuable input & any ideas that anyone may have.

We hope to see you there & have another successful year

Jade Juleff

President



Community News



INSPIRING EVERY STUDENT
EVERY DAY

YEAR 7 2021 INFORMATION EVENING TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY, 2020

6:00 pm in the Library

Principal's Welcome
Talking Technology
Bazarr
Panel

All parents and students welcome

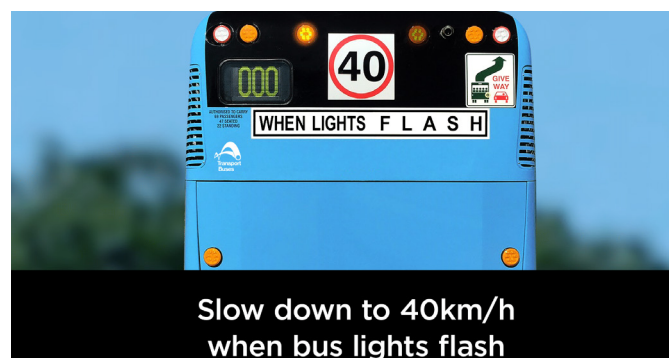
MURWILLUMBAH HIGH SCHOOL

- An innovative, future-focused approach to learning
- Specialist programs, including Music & Agriculture
- A supportive, student-centred learning environment
- Dedicated, expert teaching staff who inspire every student, every day

PRINCIPAL: PETER HOWES

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REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

*Join a friendly, family-oriented club
for a great season of soccer in 2020!*

All new players welcome!

Registration fees: 5-7 years \$130, 8-12 years \$150,
13-16 years \$180, 17-18 years \$200, Seniors \$390.

(You can use your \$100 NSW Active Kids voucher!)

**Register online now as
teams are filling fast!**

www.playfootball.com.au

For further information email
ukipythonsfc@ffnc.net.au

CALENDAR

Term 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4	17th February	18th February Recorder Group Auditions Parent/Teacher Meeting Stage 3	19th February Recorder Group Auditions Parent/Teacher Meeting Stage 2	20th February Parent/Teacher Meeting Kindergarten & Stage 1	21st February District Swimming Carnival
5	24th February 9.30 -MHS Visit for Yr5 & 6 11.30 -WHS Visit for Yr5 & 6	25th February	26th February Kindy Item Assembly 2:15 P&C AGM - 6:30pm FNC Swim Ballina	27th February	28th February
6	2nd March	3rd March	4th March	5th March	6th March
7	9th March	10th March	11th March	12th March	13th March
8	16th March	17th March Senior Citizens Assembly 10am	18th March Life Education	19th March	20th March
9	23rd March Life Education	24th March Life Education	25th March Life Education	26th March	27th March
10	30th March	31st March Tweed Rugby League Knockout	1st April	2nd April	3rd April
11	6th April	7th April School Photos	8th April	9th April SCHOOL X COUNTRY LAST DAY OF TERM FOR STUDENTS	10th April PUBLIC HOLIDAY GOOD FRIDAY

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