



Murwillumbah Public School

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Newsletter

18th November 2021 Term 4 Week 7



Principal's Message

Dear Parents

Unfortunately, I had to take some unexpected leave in the last few weeks but am back on deck and looking forward to the many opportunities we have planned for our students before the end of the year. It is certainly a busy time ahead with many exciting events taking place and I know the students are looking forward to the planned activities. Congratulations to staff who are working extremely hard to ensure students have a great end of year.

I want to thank everyone for your continued support this term especially around COVID guidelines. Our children have continued to embrace the changes demonstrating great resilience and flexibility. Our weekly online zoom assemblies have been well received and I thank our staff for the great work with this initiative. As I have stated previously, as a staff, where we could, we made a decision to postpone certain events in the hope that parents would be able to join us on or off site to celebrate different events (Book Parade, follow up goal setting meetings, Year 6 Farewell) with other activities the decision was made for us by the health department (Canberra Excursion, Cenotaph Remembrance Day Service, Return

Services performance at the RSL, Nursing home visits, Intensive Swimming Program along with a number of sporting events). Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, parents are still unable to join us for many events so we will push ahead with a number of these activities in the next few weeks. As I have always said, for us to manage the COVID situation it is absolutely vital that we approach this as a community with both the school and families having a part to play ensuring that our school and your child remain safe, avoiding any possible further interruptions to our students education. Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

Murwillumbah Education Campus

Due to personal reasons, I recently made a decision not to apply for the Principal position at the new Murwillumbah Education Campus due to open in 2024.

Last week, you would have received information that Mrs Joanna Henderson (substantiative Principal at Murwillumbah East Public School) has been appointed as the Principal of the new K-6 campus along with Peter Howes 7-12.

I have worked closely alongside Joanna during

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the last 18 months and have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to work with her. She is a hardworking and dedicated colleague who along with Peter, will do a great job at the new campus.

Leave Requests

If you plan on taking any leave before the end of this term or will not return day 1 next year, please make sure you request this in writing addressed to me. Thank you to those parents who have followed this procedure.

A reminder as per our school information handbook, if taking holidays with your children, they will be marked as explained but unjustified as per DET policy on attendance. Thank you for your support.

End of Year Award Ceremonies

End of year award ceremonies will be organised on a stage basis. Students from Kindergarten will be presenting their Kindergarten Nativity at the commencement of both presentations.

K-2 Monday 6th December 9.30am

3-6 Tuesday 7th December 9.30am (this also includes sport and music presentations)

Unfortunately, with the current restrictions, we are unable to safely accommodate parents attending. Following the assemblies, videos and photos will be uploaded on the school's Facebook site, acknowledging the recipients of the awards. Parents will be able to view the Nativity once we are able to upload onto the school website.

Year 6 Farewell

I am pleased to inform parents that we are going ahead with our Year 6 Farewell. It will be held in the school hall for Year 6 only on Monday 13th December. In accordance with guidelines, we can only invite two parents

from each family between 7.30 and 8.00pm for the presentation of graduation certificates. Proof of vaccination, social distancing and mask wearing rules must be followed. Any parent without the above, will not be permitted to enter. Thank you for your understanding and acceptance of our responsibility to follow Department guidelines.

End of Year Class Celebrations

This year, the students will participate in planned activities at school (unfortunately the pool is fully booked and unavailable to us). These will differ for each stage, ensuring age-appropriate activities. As we do every year, notes will go out in the next few weeks.

Semester Two Reports

Teachers are currently engaging in preparing and writing student reports. A lot of time and effort is given to this process to ensure our parents/carers are presented with valuable information about their child's progress. Our Semester Two reports provide valuable information about your child's achievements and future learning goals. Reports will go home Friday 10th December. If you are planning on finishing school early, could you please advise the office in writing, and we will do our best to prepare your child's report in time for your departure.

We had postponed follow up parent goal setting meetings hoping that restrictions would be eased so that parents could attend face to face interviews however, with restrictions still in place we have organised dates and times below for you to follow up with your child's teacher if you have any concerns or questions about the end of year report or your child's learning goals this year. 15-minute Interviews will be held over the phone (this is optional not compulsory).

Staff from early stage 1 & stage 1 will be available Monday 13th December

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Stage 2 Tuesday 14th December from 8.00 -12

Stage 3 Tuesday 12th December from 12- 4.00

Please contact the office by phone to book an appointment time.

2022 Starting Date

In order to support a strong start to 2022, there are two School Development Days (SDD) at the beginning of Term 1, 2022. Consequently, there will only be one SDD at the end of Term 4. Students will finish school on Thursday 16 December.

For Term 1, 2022, School Development Days are scheduled for Friday 28 and Monday 31 January. This means **students in Years K-6 return Tuesday 1 February 2022**

Cyber Bullying

Online bullying can have a profound negative impact on children and young people. Signs to watch may range from being very obvious to quite discrete. These signs may include : being upset after using the device, changes in personality, appearing lonely/distressed, unexpected changes in friendship groups, decline in school work, changes in sleep patters, avoidance of school or clubs or becoming secretive about there online activities.

A couple of handy tips and key points from the – **e-safety commissioner** include:

- Removing your child's phone or computer could be really unhelpful. Cutting off their online access does not teach them about safety or help build resilience and could alienate them from their peers, and is also an essential tool for them to communicate and connect with friends.
- Does the cyber bullying exist in a peer group or is it more widespread? Is it a few

remarks here and there? Or is it more serious? Empathise with your child and let them know that you understand how they feel. If the bullying itself is not very intense, but you child seems quite seriously affected, this could be a symptom of something larger. In this case you may need to seek help, from a school counsellor, a helpline, or an external professional.

- If your child is being threatened, or they indicate a wish to harm themselves, you should get professional help. Call Triple Zero (000) immediately, if you feel they may be struggling to open up to you, connect them with other trusted adults or with professional support.
- Wherever possible, try to build your child's confidence and help them make wise decisions for themselves, rather than telling them what to do. Connect them with professional support.

Year 6 High School Orientation

Information has been sent home to parents around Year 7 orientation for both Murwillumbah and Wollumbin High Schools.
Murwillumbah HS – Tuesday 23rd and 24th November
Wollumbin HS 30th November.

Individual Learning Plans (ILP's)

Many thanks to parents that have been contacted by Mrs Watkins in regards to phone interviews that will take place this week for individual learning plans with identified students. These plans were sent home with your child yesterday.

Have a great week

Regards

Les Daley
Principal

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

5/6H and 5/6S have engaged with learning in term four with enthusiasm.

Explicit comprehension lessons have started on Inference and Main Idea and a new Speaking and Listening program is focused on developing listening skills and building confidence speaking in class.

Our Science unit, "The Physical World" has a focus on different types of energy sources. The students have loved the hands-on activities using electrical circuits.

Our Geography unit is "Factors That Shape Places". In this unit of work, we have investigated how people change the natural environment in Australia, and other places in the world, and how the environment influences the human characteristics of places.

P.E. has involved lessons with "Mini-Fit", who provide a range of fun games coupled with Personal Development topics.

We look forward to the rest of the term.

Mr Stowe and Mrs Hill



Around the School with 5/6K



Term 4 has flown by with lots of productive lessons taking place. All students have adapted quickly to being back in the classroom and are trying hard to do their best work each day.

In Geography, students are working on an in-class research assignment about how humans have shaped their environment over time. This includes investigating the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander farming techniques and comparing them with another Indigenous culture.



Our school was able to hold a commemorative ceremony for Remembrance Day. We made crepe paper poppies to wear. The school leaders did a great job leading the ceremony.

The Year 6 students are excited to have their special school shirts which were held up due to the Sydney lockdown. The shirts look fantastic on all the Year 6 students.

There has also been some talented artwork displayed in our classroom this term. We are all looking forward to the end of year Christmas craft.



Mrs King

P&C News

The P&C will hold the last meeting for the year on the 24th November, 6.30pm in the library followed by a Meet & Greet at 7.15pm with the appointed Principals for the new MEC - Peter Howes and Joanna Henderson.

It is a great opportunity to meet the new principals, ask Peter and Joanna questions & have a friendly discussion about the MEC project. We encourage parents & carers to come along.

Light refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to murpspandc@gmail.com no later than Monday 22nd November.

Please note parents who wish to attend need to be double vaccinated, show proof on arrival and wear a face mask in accordance with the Department of Education policy.

Jade Juleff
President

Merit Awards

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR TERM 4 WEEK 6

K/1L:	Chayse, Ben, Scarlett	5/6H:	Rylee, Izaak, Frankie, Cash
K/1W:	Oliver, Charlotte, Emma	5/6K:	Ardan, Jayden, Amy
1/2A:	Lewis, Maddi-Lee, Lucas	5/6S:	Chloe D, Chloe C, Willow
2W:	Blake, Alese, Lochlan	Mrs Kester:	Indi, Eydi, Kylan
3/4B:	Tobin, Gabriel, Liam		
3/4P:	Olive-Jane, Alexis, Kyah		
3/4G:	Lachlan, Sen, Thaubaan		

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR TERM 4 WEEK 7

K/1L:	Scarlett, Kobie, Oliver N	5/6H:	Jyles, Hayden, Ivy, Zalee
K/1W:	Evy, Hemi, Oliver M	5/6K:	Hunter, Marlie, Martha
1/2A:	Codie, William, Kylan	5/6S:	Poppy, Kirra, Ilah
2W:	Grace, Lynden, Carley	Mrs Kester:	Chloe, Quentin, Carley
3/4B:	Alec, Emily, Seth	Library:	Kaylee, Kalia, Elizabeth
3/4P:	Khuzaymah, Jonah, Kalia		
3/4G:	Zoe, Kaylee, Arlo		

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) News

In week 6 the PBL lesson was "Waiters". To show Respect, children wait for the teacher to tell them when they can go to their parent. To demonstrate Responsibility, children go directly from the classroom to the assigned waiting area. Learning includes patience and quiet waiting.

The PBL lesson in week 7 is "Recess Eating". The children can demonstrate responsibility by sitting in the designated eating areas and placing their things in the right place. Respect can be shown by the children using quiet voices and putting their rubbish in the bin. Learning occurs when the children understand the importance of eating healthy food.

In weeks six and seven, Posy Pete took up residence in K/1L. The boys and girls in K/1L caught the attention of the school leaders for their respectful listening and responsible behaviour during the zoom assembly on Wednesday.



Tell Them From Me Survey

The Tell Them From Me survey is a key tool to measure student engagement and wellbeing. The information collected allows us to understand the factors involved in providing a safe and nurturing learning environment, as well as improving outcomes to establish a strong and positive school climate.

Years 4, 5 and 6 will complete the Tell Them From Me survey this week in class. All information is anonymous. Staff will also complete the survey.

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day marks the anniversary of the resolution (end) of the First World War (the Armistice) on 11th November, 1918.

Every year, nations around the globe fall silent for one minute at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month to remember those who have served their country during war.

The Flanders poppy was one of the first plants to grow on the blood-soaked battlefields of France and Belgium. After WWI, silk poppies were sold on Armistice Day with proceeds going to a charity for French children and to the Returned Soldiers League (RSL).

This year, all students and teachers at MPS wore a poppy at our Remembrance Day Assembly. Thank you to our school leaders and captains who led the Assembly and to all students who participated respectfully.



Book Parade



The Book Parade is coming!

Now that some restrictions have eased, we are able to hold our annual Book Parade. Unfortunately there will be no parents allowed onsite for this. Like last year, there will be photos shared of the day, to see all of the characters.

On Tuesday 14th December, week 11, 9.15- 10.15am students are encouraged to come dressed as a book character for our Book Parade. If they have a copy of the book that their character is from, it would be great to have it on the day to carry for the parade.

This year students are able to keep their costume on for the day if they want, however if the costume does not have sleeves, they need to bring a different t-shirt to get changed into. Also, they must have closed in shoes to wear throughout the day.

I can't wait to see our books coming to life!

CALENDAR

Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7	15 November	16 November	17 November	18 November	19 November Kindy Transition
8	22 November	23 November MHS Orientaion	24 November MHS Orientaion P&C Meeting 6.30pm	25 November	26 November Kindy Transition
9	29 November	30 November WHS Orientation	1 December	2 December Captain Speeches	3 December
10	6 December K-2 Presentation	7 December 3-6 Presentation Sport & Music Presentation	8 December	9 December	10 December Reports sent home
11	13 December ES1 & S1 Interviews Yr 6 Farewell	14 December S2 Interviews Book Parade	15 December S3 Interviews Yr 6 Bell Ringing	16 December Last Day of School for Students	17 December Staff Professional Development Day

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

Community News



MURWILLUMBAH SWIMMING CLUB

Come join us at Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre (TRAC) for some races and great fun!!



Club night every Monday
Night from 5:30pm

**Season Starts
11 October 2021!!!**

Join us to
make new friends,
get PBs and
have a great time.

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Murwillumbah NSW 2484

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