

Murwillumbah Public School

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Newsletter

Week 3 Term 4

27th October 2022

Principal's Message

Dear Parents

I hope you and your child/children have settled into our final term of 2022. I want to provide you with an update on our COVID-smart settings, particularly with the latest change to isolation requirements and what this will mean for our school. Please review the following information and don't hesitate to get in touch if you have further questions.

On 30th September, National Cabinet announced that from Friday 14th October 2022, people who test positive to COVID-19 do not need to isolate. In line with this announcement, the NSW Department of Education have worked with NSW Health to support all schools to adapt to this change while continuing to prioritise student and staff wellbeing by minimising the risk of COVID-19 transmissions.

Students and staff should continue to stay home when sick.

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Students, staff and visitors should only attend school when they are symptom free. We strongly encourage all students, staff and visitors to follow the guidance issued by NSW Health. We will continue to send home students or staff displaying symptoms.

Anyone who believes they have been exposed to COVID-19 is strongly recommended to monitor for symptoms and test if they have any concerns, as well as wear a mask. We will continue to support our families to use rapid antigen tests (RATs) if symptomatic or if you believe you have been exposed to COVID-19. RAT testing may help identify the infection early and is important if you are in contact with people at greater risk of serious illness if exposed to COVID-19.

On behalf of our school, I want to thank you again for your ongoing support in helping to keep our students, staff and community safe. I'd like to wish all our students and their families a great start to Term 4.

School Gates

Due to safety reasons, school gates will be locked at 9.05am. The front gate will be closed with the gate arm pulled across. It will remain unlocked however, any children arriving after 9.05 will need to be escorted into school by an adult so that the bar on the gate can be moved into the open position. You will also need to sign your child into school as a late arrival. This is a NSW Department of Education requirement for all children. This measure will ensure the safety of all our children. If you have any questions around this matter, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Grandparents Assembly

Next Monday 31st we will be holding our Grandparents assembly. Open classrooms will take place from 9.15am for grandparents followed by our assembly at 9.50am and a morning tea at 10.45am. We hope to see as many grandparents as possible next Monday. I know the children are really looking forward to performing on the day including our dance groups and stage choirs. Normal awards will be handed out on the day as there is no Wednesday assembly.

School Development Days 2022

The Department of Education announced during the school holidays that students will now finish the year on Friday, 16th December. The school will be holding two School Development Days on the following Monday and Tuesday. Our focus will be professional learning for the new curriculum in English and Mathematics coming in 2023 for K – 2 and 2024 for Years 3 – 6. I have attached further information around these new documents on the following pages.

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Leave

Mrs Hill will be on leave for the next week. Mrs Johnson will be taking 5/6H during this time. Mrs Kester is currently on leave and will return next Monday. Mrs King will be taking leave on the 3,4 & 7th November. Mrs Williams will take 5/6K.

School Relay

Congratulations to Zarli, Arlia, Maddison and Kalia for their excellent efforts in Sydney last week at the State Athletics carnival. We are extremely proud that the girls made it through to this level. The girls placed 6th in their heat, running a new PB on the day. Fantastic work girls!



Planning for 2023

We are busily planning in preparation for next year. To allow us to plan as effectively as possible, we ask families who know that they won't be returning to the school next year, to notify us as soon as possible. Similarly, if you are aware that your child will return to our school after Tuesday 31st January 2023 due to an extended holiday or other reason, I ask that you notify us to confirm these details. If you have any special requests for your child next year, please contact me personally. This will remain confidential. While I cannot make any promises, I will certainly look into your requests.

Change of Student Family Information

Please remember to update the school when changes in address, phone numbers, court orders and medications occur. To provide for the safety and well-being of your child, we need the most current information available. It is vital we know how to contact you in cases of illness, injury or other school matters.

Attendance Matters

Consistent attendance improves student outcomes, increases life and career options, and helps students build relationships and confidence.

As we move out of the pandemic, all schools are focusing on improving student attendance and shifting student attendance rates to the expected rate of above 95% school attendance.

Principal's Message Cont.

Here is a snapshot of our student attendance data as we move towards the expectation that every student attends >95% of the time.

Students Attending >90% of the Time			
Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4 Week 1&2
57.4%	85.7%	45.4%	64.5%

Parents can support school attendance by:

- explaining absences when children miss school due to illness or any other reason
- limiting student late arrival or early departure to only genuine emergency needs
- booking holidays during school breaks
- seeking support from the school if having difficulty getting children to school and on time every day
- During Weeks 1-4 of term 4 students in Years 3-5 will participate in the Check-in Assessment
- The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online literacy and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning. All students complete a reading assessment and a numeracy assessment.
- The assessment can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs. Students with a disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment they would normally receive in the classroom.
- Any enquiries can be made through your classroom teacher.

Presentation Day

Our Annual Presentation Day will be held on Monday 5th December. The awards handed out on the day will be very similar to previous years. This is a time when we formally recognise the achievements of our students and all the hard work. The assembly will commence at 2.00pm and finish by 2.50pm. The **Sport & Music** awards will be held the following day, Tuesday 6th at 9.15am.

Curriculum

Next year, all public schools in NSW will be implementing the K-2 English and Mathematics syllabus. Our teachers have been very busy with preparing for this implementation. Years 3-6 will plan and prepare for the new syllabus to be implemented in 2024.

The new K-2 English syllabus supports students to develop an understanding of how language use is determined by different contexts, audiences and purposes. They establish their foundational literacy skills, including knowledge of the alphabetic principle. Students build understanding about the contexts in which they can purposefully communicate their ideas. They learn that there are similarities and differences between oral and written language and learn the different codes and conventions of language use. Students gain knowledge and understanding of the following areas:

Principal's Message Cont.

- Oral language and communication
- Vocabulary
- Phonological awareness
- Print conventions
- Phonic knowledge
- Reading fluency
- Reading comprehension
- Creating written texts
- Spelling
- Handwriting
- Understanding and responding to literature

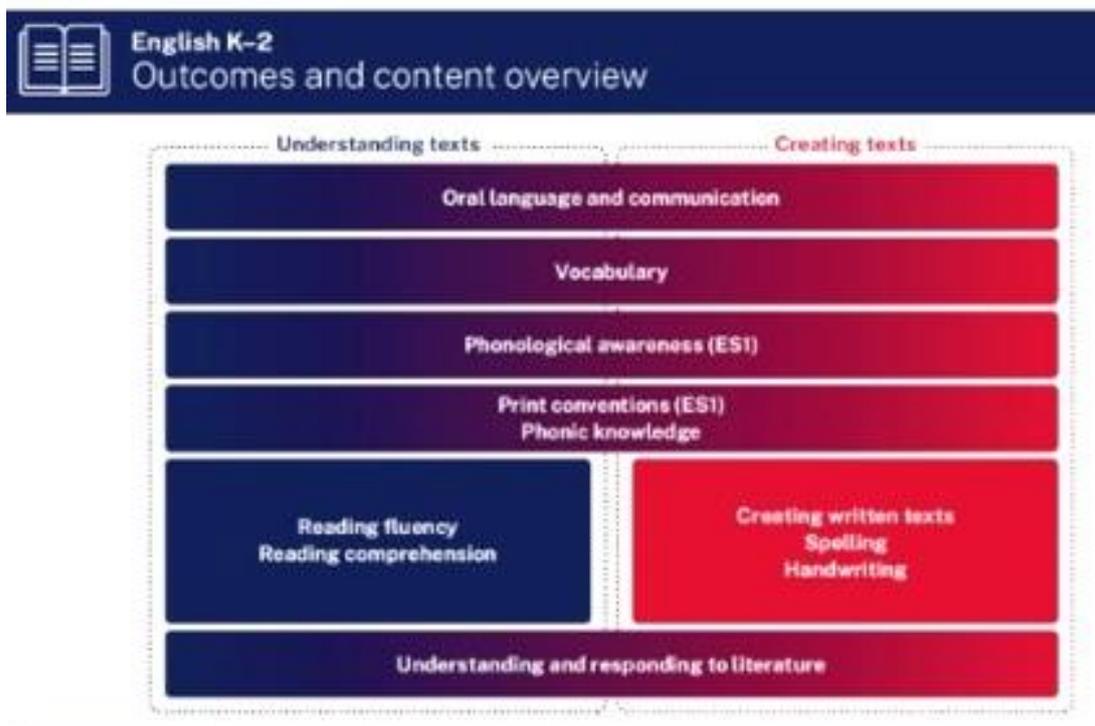
The new K-2 Mathematics syllabus supports students through the study of mathematics to develop

essential concepts and skills and apply them to deepen their understanding of the world.

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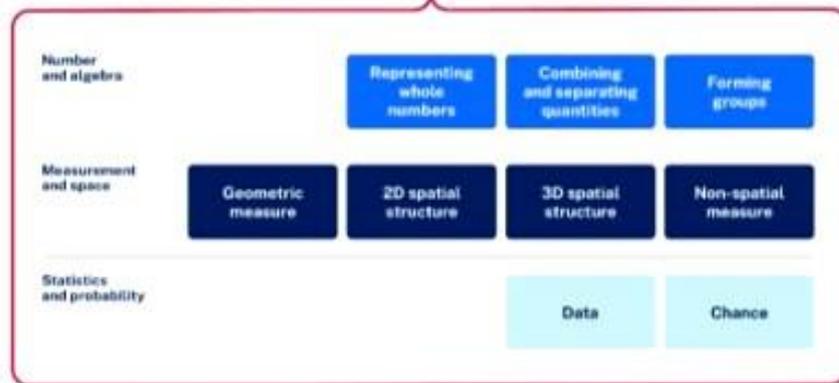
Mathematics K–2, students:

- develop essential numeracy skills and mathematical fluency
- identify, describe and apply patterns and relationships
- develop their reasoning and problem-solving skills
- apply their knowledge and understanding in practical situations and make informed decisions.





Working mathematically



Regards

Les Daley
Principal

Awards

Week 2 Term 4

Principal's Awards – Alicia, Kyran, Zaze, Sophie, Eydi, Maddi-Lee, Arlia, Liam, Thomas, Cooper, Sunee, Kalina, Olive-Jane, Ella, Renee & Katie

Silver Awards – Ashlee

Week 3 Term 4

Principal's Awards – Shayleigh x 2, Violet, Xanthe, Elenin, Ben x 2, Jah'zara x 2, Lochlan, Thomas, Danielle, Tyler, Seth x 2, Ella-Grace, Leila x 3, Edith, Gabriel, Cooper, Connor, Lara & Declan x 2

Silver Awards – Kyran, Zaze, Sophie, Liam, Ella, Olive-Jane & Sienna

Gold Awards – Ashlee

Merit Awards

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 2, TERM 4:

KL: Indy, Jake, Isla

1/2P: Ayla, Armani, James

1/2R: Ruben, Zaze, Sophie, Lilly

3B: Paityn, Lusky, Carley

3/4H: Flynn, Mahli, Alese

4W: Danielle, Tyler, Quentin

5/6H: Chloe C, Ella-Grace, Olive-Jane

5/6K: Renee, Kaden, Jonah, Sen

5/6S: Oskar, Lara, Izzy

Mrs Condie: Scarlett, Gabriel, Paityn

Quality Work: Arna, Katie, Alicia, Marnie, Saskia

Merit Awards cont.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 3, TERM 4:

KL: Issy, Isla, Violet

1/2P: Ruby-Jane, Alex, Evy

1/2R: Ruben, Charlotte, Ruby

3B: Kylan, Carley, Yolandi

3/4H: Quade, Bryce, Arlia

4W: Seth, Alexis, Keira

5/6H: Charlotte, Bohdi, Elisha

5/6S: Natasha, Katie, Callum, Scarlette

5/6K: Kye, Khylan, Leila

Mrs Williams: Cooper, Thaubaan, Willow

Mrs Condie: Callum, Keira, Arlo



Around the School with 1/2P & 1/2R

In History, we have been learning about The Past in the Present. The children have enjoyed learning about events in our local community such as the famous Murwillumbah Bank Robbery. They have also enjoyed comparing past and present artefacts, such as the old school roll, the telephone, the typewriter and old calculators. Some children have even brought in old artefacts from home to share with the two classes.

We have also loved having MiniFit back again this term. This ties in with our Healthy Active Lifestyles unit. Another positive experience is having the free pizza lunches on Thursdays. The pizzas have proven to be a huge hit. We have also been busy rehearsing for our end of year Musical performances.



Stage 2 Camp

It was with great excitement that all students in Year 3 and 4 returned back to school on Wednesday 12th October at 5pm for Year 3 and 4 camp. All the tents were erected in the COLA and students set up their beds with friends. After playing some games, we all sat down to a delicious dinner and we washed and dried our utensils. We played different games before having ice cream for dessert. Then it was time for the Teddy Bears Picnic! After a great sleep, we all got dressed in the morning and had breakfast. Packing up our beds and bags was much harder than unpacking! We all caught the bus to 10 pin bowling at Tweed Heads and had a fun time playing at the park.

Thank you to all the teachers for a fantastic camp.



Calendar

Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4	31 st October Grandparents Assembly 9.15	1 st November	2 nd November NO WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY	3 rd November Free Lunch Canteen Closed	4 th November Kindy 2023 Transition
5	7 th November	8 th November	9 th November	10 th November Canteen Closed	11 th November Kindy 2023 Transition
6	14 th November	15 th November	16 th November	17 th November Canteen Closed	18 th November Kindy 2023 Transition
7	21 st November Life Education	22 nd November All day Musical Rehearsal Musical Performance	23 rd November Life Education	24 th November Canteen Closed	25 th November Kindy 2023 Transition
8	28 th November Life Education Yr 5 Overnight Camp	29 th November Yr 5 Excursion Jack Evans Boat Harbour MHS & WHS Yr 6 Transition	30 th November	1 st December Canteen Closed	2 nd December Reports Home
9	5 th December Presentation Assembly 2.15pm	6 th December Sport & Music Awards 9.15am	7 th December NO WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY	8 th December Canteen Closed	9 th December
10	12 th December Yr 6 Farewell Dinner	13 th December	14 th December	15 th December K-2 Excursion Tropical Fruit World 3-6 Pottsville Excursion Canteen Closed	16 th December Yr 6 Bell Ringing LAST DAY OF TERM
11	19 th December Staff Development Day	20 th December Staff Development Day	21 st December School Holidays	22 nd December School Holidays	23 rd December School Holidays

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