NOW ENROLLING KINDY 2015

Principals Message

Murwillumbah Public School is known for encouraging an open relationship with parents and families.

Parents are invited into the classroom and school to provide support, assistance and expertise to drive the growth and performance of the students and help facilitate the school philosophy of providing quality education in a safe and stimulating learning environment.

Strong partnerships between the school and home greatly enhance student success. Effective communication is an essential part of this school-home relationship. In particular for the school, communication to the parents must be timely and relevant. Information must be shared about school events and initiatives and about the ongoing academic and social progress of each student.

A formal way to communicate student progress is via the written report which is issued towards the end of each semester. Academic achievement is presented according to limited, basic, sound, high, outstanding as are effort marks. Information is also provided about other school activities, social development and commitment to learning. There is also a general comment.

Our school report is presented in plain English with the comments concise and free of complex and unnecessary technical jargon.

The aim of the report card reform is so that parents and families can sit with their child and have a meaningful discussion about learning achievement.

The Semester 2 report card will be issued to all students in Week 10 on Thursday 11th December.

Parents wanting to discuss any issues or how they can help their child and to discuss what might be done in the following year to address
these issues can request an interview directly with the teacher or through the office. At Murwillumbah Public School the written report is part of the ongoing interaction that the school has with parents including processes such as conversations in the playground and on the telephone; and written comments in communication books and on student work. I would like to thank all staff who have devoted many, many hours and weeks to writing your child’s report.

The final Kindergarten Orientation session took place last Friday. The program was an outstanding success with all children settled in our routines and ready to start school on the first day of next year. The children were very well behaved, friendly and co-operative throughout the ten week program. We are certainly looking forward to seeing them next year.

If you know of any-one who still intends to enrol, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible, and if you know of anyone who won’t be returning to our school next year please ask them to let us know also, as this enables us to predict classes and organise class groups for the new year.

Next Monday our school leaders for 2015 will be presenting their speeches as to what qualities they believe a school captain should demonstrate. Speeches will be held in the hall commencing at 9.15am. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Last week invites were sent home to year 5 & 6 students to attend the year 6 Farewell. This will take place on Tuesday the 9th December in the hall commencing at 5.30pm. Students need to return their invites back by Wednesday 3rd December to enable us to finalise catering arrangements.

Parents are welcome to join us at 7.30pm for the presentation of graduation certificates. This night is always very enjoyable and we look forward to all children joining us on the evening.

Thank you to those parents who have spoken to me about class placements for 2015 involving children. I appreciate your time and effort. We will start to form the school structure in the next couple of weeks.

Our Presentation evening will be held on Friday 12th December in the school hall. As in previous years, there has been a lot of time and effort by both staff and students into the organisation of this evening. We hope that you can join us. It is also an opportunity for us to acknowledge the efforts of our students with class awards presented for English, Mathematics, Most Improved and Class Citizenship. The K-2 Presentation will begin at 5.30pm. This will involve the Kinder Nativity which will be followed by the year one and two musical item and class awards. The Judith Peisley Memorial Literacy Award will also be presented. Students from K-2 will need to meet their teacher under the lining up area at 5.00pm. At the conclusion of the K-2 Presentation, parents are invited to attend a BBQ under the morning lining up area.

Children in 3-6 will need to meet their teacher in the old hall at 6.00pm for a 6.30 start. Year 3/4 will present their musical first which will be followed by years 5/6. If a child in 3-6 would like to watch the K-2 Presentation, they must be accompanied by an adult. If you have a child performing in the 3-6 Item, you are welcome to wait and join us for a BBQ at the end of the 3-6 Presentation. There will be soft drinks and sausage sandwiches on sale.

No children will be allowed outside the hall during either Presentation, UNSUPERVISED.
Principals Message Cont

On Wednesday 17th December we will be presenting our music and sport awards at our normal Wednesday assembly in the hall commencing at 9.00am.

Congratulations
The following children have visited my office to show me their wonderful work
KR: Finnian, Kasen, William, Jordan
1W: Aurelia, Maighsi, Bree, Skyla, Jack, Rishabh.
1SA: Ruby, Apryl
4/5F: Hannah, Jade, Gemma.
5/6P: Kiki

This week I have included a thought from Stephen Covey, “Be a model, not a critic. Look at the weakness of others with compassion, not accusation. It’s not what they are doing that’s the issue. The issue is your own chosen response to the situation and what you should be doing”.

Maths at home
Kids’ early experiences with measurement are often based on watching their parents. Seeing mum or dad measure and pour ingredients for a recipe or weigh items at the fruit shop will often become part of their play.

Planning for the future
Throughout your child’s school life you’ll need to make choices about aspects of their education and future.
Here’s a selection of tips to help you plan for parent-teacher talks, subject selection, careers advice and back-to-school.

Tonight will be the final P & C meeting for 2014. At this meeting we will be discussing things happening in the school as well as the recent RAM funding allocation to schools.
We hope you can join us tonight in the Library at 6.30pm.

Urgent Message from the Canteen –
The Canteen is in desperate need of more volunteers if it is to remain open 3 days per week. If you are able to help out in our School Canteen please contact the school office on 6672 1467 or the Canteen Supervisor.

Les Daley
Principal

School Office News

Reminder:
Unfortunately the school office is unable to cash notes. School funds are banked on a daily basis. Please send the correct money in an envelope or sealed bag.
Thank you for your assistance.

Headlice
As infestations are particularly common in primary schools, it is best to choose a treatment that can be used over time. There is no single solution to eradication, only persistence.
• regularly check your children’s hair
• teach older children to check their own hair
• tie back and braid long hair
• keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair.
(The information from this article comes from the NSW Health Department’s Nitbuster Program)
Merit Awards

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 7 TERM 4:

KL: Riley, Abigail
KR: Ariana, Kasen, Robert, Ashleigh
1SA: Jordan, Jacob, Bruno
1W: Jack C, Narla
2/3G: Robert, Zali
2/3K: Zac, Toby
3/4H: Taylor, Daniel, Cooper
4/5F: Sid, Hannah, Cade
5/6K: Jahliah, Tahlia-Rose
5/6P: Charli, Taya, Chelsea, Emma
Library: Breanna J, Keira, Ben
Mr Stowe: Joshua, Kaitlyn
Computer: Jordan W, Abigail B

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 8 TERM 4:

KL: Hudson, Riley
KR: Abbey, Lacey
1SA: Ruby, Lily, Maisy
1W: Tahnis, Lincon
2/3G: Millie, Jahlow
2/3K: Nik, Thomas
3/4H: Lila, Thomas
4/5F: Geordie, Jorja
5/6P: Cedar, Kiki, Charlie, Therese
Library: Jorja, Gemma, Hannah
Mr Stowe: Kohen, Ruby
Mr Johnston: Jorja, Emma, Cate, Zali R
Mrs Anderson: Skyla, Charley

Community Notices

Free BBQ and Activities for young people aged 12-18

Murwillumbah Youth Centre Nullum St
Fridays fortnightly 4.00pm-8.00pm

Dec 5th–Xmas craft, screen printing and Sumo suits.
Dec 19th–Xmas Party!!! January 9th and 23rd

Look for our feet on Facebook
Like and share our posts
www.facebook.com/CoolHeadsTweed

Contact CoolHeads if you have any questions on
0439009850

PETER SHURLEY CONCERT
What a great way to begin the Christmas season!
EVERYONE is invited to hear Peter Shurley in Concert at the Murwillumbah Community Centre in Knox Park on FRIDAY, NOV 28 at 7pm. Come & enjoy Australia’s multi-award-winning gospel musician/instrumentalist/speaker. It’s FREE to attend, but an offering will be taken

Hyper Kids Family Fun Finale

Sunday 4-6pm
9 metre slide and dive, water games, byo something to get wet in, towel gold coin sausage sizzle, drinks on sale, parents and carers invited the christmas story (told with lollies)

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School Holidays: 22nd December 2014 - 27th January 2015
Students return Wednesday January 28th 2015

Canteen Roster

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Phone the school or Canteen Manager Debbie Lowe (0422 698 542) even if you are only able to help for 1 or 2 hours on any given day. Canteen hours are from 10am to approximately 2pm. Why not join our happy volunteers and have a coffee and a chat with other mums who are helping out for the day. If you are unable to do canteen on your rostered day please notify Debbie or the School ASAP, so a replacement can be found in time.
ARE YOU MOVING OR RETURNING LATE IN 2015?
We know parents in K-5 may have decided to move house, move interstate, change to a private school and have not yet informed the school for 2015. It is at this time of year the NSW DEC determines staff entitlements for every school for the following year. This is based on anticipated numbers. If your child is currently in Years K-5 in 2014 and you know that they will not be returning to Murwillumbah for 2015, would you please inform us by letter or email or returning the notice in this newsletter ASAP.
If you are planning a longer than expected holiday and will be late returning to Murwillumbah in 2015, I must also have this information on file for the DET so ask that you complete the appropriate notice too.
Les Daley
Principal

NOT RETURNING TO MURWILLUMBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN 2015

Child’s Name: ___________________________________ Class: __________________

This is to inform the school that my child/ren will not be returning to Murwillumbah Public School in 2015.
Next year my child will be attending:
_________________________________________________________

Parent: _______________________________

RETURNING LATE TO SCHOOL IN 2015

Child’s Name: ___________________________________ Class: __________________

This is to inform the school that my child/ren will be returning late to Murwillumbah Public School in 2015.
Next year my child will be returning by ______________________ (Due Date) as he/she will be ________________________________
_________________________________________________________
(Reason for late attendance)
Parent: _______________________________