Principals Message

There’s lots of important news today – please take a few minutes to digest it and act if needed.

Last Saturday, members from our school choir had the honour to perform at the opening of the Margaret Olley Art Centre. Over 800 guests attended this opening including the Governor of NSW Mrs Marie Bashir and the Federal and NSW Minister’s for the Arts.

Our students were simply BRILLIANT! They performed an Australian Folk Medley and then led the audience in singing the National Anthem. I have never heard a group of children sing so well. I lost count of the amount of people who approached me and congratulated our children on their performance. The Governor General herself, congratulated our children and told them how wonderful they sounded and how she herself remembered learning the folk song. No doubt, our children will take away a special memory of this event that will stay with them for many years to come. Congratulations to all children and thankyou to Mrs Armour.

Under a new school funding model introduced by the State government, part of the school budget is allocated based on the occupation and education details of parents. More money is allocated to schools where parents are unemployed or employed in jobs requiring fewer qualifications, and ditto if parents have experienced lower levels of formal education. When you completed your children’s enrolment forms you should have answered a few questions that give us the information we need in these areas. However...some parents did not complete these questions upon enrolment, so they will be sent a form this week requesting the missing informa-
tion. Other parents’ employment status may also have changed. For example, you may have become unemployed since enrolling your child – if so, we also need to know. Having this information may make a significant difference to Murwillumbah’s finances, so please help if you can.

I know that it is hard to keep track, but the above is separate to the debate over Federal government school funding that is currently underway. Details on that issue are available at www.igiveagonski.com.au.

At a recent whole school assembly, I spoke to the children about one of our values—Responsibility. This week our focus is on RESPECT. Students at Murwillumbah can display respect in many ways, including:

• Allowing others to learn
• Listen and communicate with courtesy
• Respect the property of others
• Actively accept the rights and differences of others

This Friday, 21st March is the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. At Murwillumbah Public School we take the issue of bullying seriously and as such, Mrs Power has registered the school to support this campaign. On Friday, students will be issued with a wristband that visually identifies them as people who take a stand against bullying and violence. All children will be involved in a number of tabloid activities from different countries to help stamp out bullying. These activities will be done from 9.30 to 11.00am. As well, students will take part in lessons and discussions in the classroom that will build on their knowledge and skills in identifying and taking a stand against bullying. I have included a sheet at the end of the newsletter about bullying. Please take time to read these facts. If you would like further information on this topic, visit the Bullying, No Way! Website via the link below. It has some fantastic information and ideas.


Year 7 2015 – Advance Notice
‘Expression of Interest for High School in 2015’ forms were sent home with Year 6 students recently. The forms provide details of the High School zoned for your individual address and will need to be completed, indicating which High School preferences you wish to apply for. Please note that completed forms will need to be returned to school on or before March 21st. If you would like further information regarding this, please contact Murwillumbah school office.

Late Pick Ups
Any student who is waiting for a parent running late after (3.00pm) must wait on the brown seats near the office. At no time are students to wait / play in the playground, or wait on the street for a parent who is late. If you are going to be late PLEASE contact the office before 3.00pm so we can let your child know. When you collect your child from the seats, you must let a staff member know. This is for the safety of your child. Thank you.

Maths A to Z
Brush up on some of the maths terms your child uses in the classroom. The Maths A to Z glossary provides straightforward explanations and illustrated examples. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/maths/maths-a-to-z

Congratulations to the following students who have visited my office recently to show me their wonderful work. Well done kids!

KL: David, Caleb, Jayden, Noah
1SA: Kohen
1W: Maighsi, Thomas, Dean, Cowan, Ryleigh, Skyla, Blake, Riley, Molly, Sophie, Jack.
2/3K: Logan, Vincent, Benjamin, James.
3/4H: Ruben, Daniel, Benjamin, Jamie, Jerson, Blake.
4/5F: Tu-Wai
5/6K: Ella
5/6P: Charlie, Joseph, Catherine, Ava, Ella, Thomas.

Have a great week.
Les Daley, Principal
Merit Awards

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 7 TERM 1:

KL: Abigail, Charlotte
KR: Mia, Abbey
1SA: Bruno, Maisy
1W: Sophie, Cowan
2/3G: Lilly, Kiam
2/3K: Logan, James
3/4H: David, Jamie
4/5F: Tu-wai, Hannah
5/6K: Monique, Jahliah
5/6P: Ava, Thomas
Library: Rhiannon, John
Mr Johnston: Mikelle
Mr Stowe: Anna, Lilly R

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 8 TERM 1:

KL: Finlay, Caleb
KR: Robert, Ariana
1SA: Ava, Adriana
1W: Aurelia, Rishabh
2/3G: Archie, Arnya
2/3K: Bronte, Ebony
3/4H: Lila, Jamie
4/5F: Daymen, Kiarra
5/6K: Riley, Jackson
5/6P: Mackenzie, Zach
Library: Claire, Finnian
Computers: Robert, Kayla
Mr Stowe: Danika, Riley

School News

BULLYING? NO WAY! IT’S HARMONY DAY

Both the Bullying, No Way Action Day and Harmony Day occur on Friday, 21st March this year. Our school will be celebrating both by having a series of activities. These will be:

- K-6 tabloid - 9:30am Friday 21st March. The focus will be on playing cooperative games from around the world.

- Colouring competition for K - 3 and for 4 - 6 a ‘Design A Poster’ competition advertising these days.

- Class lessons on Harmony Day and Bullying, No Way!

- MUFTI Day on Friday 21st March. Children are encouraged to wear brightly coloured T-Shirts on this day. The children will still need to wear their sports shorts, school hat and joggers. We are asking for a Gold Coin Donation.

- Each child will receive a Bullying, No Way wrist band.

CRUNCH AND SIP

The Crunch and Sip program is well under way in all the classrooms at MPS!! Well done to all the students (and teachers!) who are bringing in a healthy piece of fruit or vegetable, and a drink of water, each day. Remember fresh fruit and vegetables are the best choice, and students should still bring in another piece to have with their recess or lunch.

I like Crunch and Sip because...

- It’s healthy for you. Breanna J 3/4H
- It’s juicy and it helps us to learn. Kaitelyn 3/4 H
- Fruit gives us nutrients to learn. Jamie 3/4H
- You get to eat fruit in class. Karsha 2/3K
- It’s yum! Rhiannon 2/3K
- It makes you healthy. Dorian 2/3K
- Fruit is good for you. Rishabh 1W
- We have lots of fruit. Blake T 1W
- It is healthy for our minds. Jahlow 2/3G
- It gives us energy. Zali 2/3G
School News

AMBULANCE VISIT
On Friday 7th, Year One students had a very exciting morning. They were given the opportunity to learn more about the Ambulance Service and what they do for the community. Peter Larsen, an Intensive Care Paramedic from Murwillumbah Ambulance Service (Maisy, Luke and Charli’s grandad) explained the roles and responsibilities of an ambulance officer. Some of the equipment was used on the children who became patients for the morning. In the past few weeks the children have become more aware of the importance of knowing their own phone number and address, particularly in an emergency. The children have also learned how to make an emergency call and the questions they will be asked if they should ever have to make a 000 call. To finish off the visit, Peter allowed all the children to walk through the ambulance vehicle. Maisy turned the sirens and flashing lights on and we waved goodbye. Thankyou, Paramedic Pete.

PSSA SPORT - LIFE MEMBERSHIP
At the last FNC PSSA meeting, Geoff Johnston and Graham Rosenbaum were awarded “Life Membership of the Far North Coast Zone PSSA” in recognition for their tireless efforts and contribution to primary school sport in the Far North Coast over the last 25 years (plus!). This certificate will definitely make it to the “Pool Room” wall.
While many of us were still in primary school Geoff and Graham were doing their bit to promote sport and provide opportunities for children to participate and excel in school sport. Graham still can’t help himself and continues to volunteer at district and zone carnivals into his retirement. Without the effort from people such as these gentlemen, school sport on the Far North Coast would not be where it is today. Congratulations Graham and Geoff.

SUNSHINE COAST EXCURSION
The date for our excursion to the Sunshine Coast is fast approaching and it is great to see the commitment with payments being made on a regular basis. With our numbers at the moment we are certain of one bus and possibly two making the trip. I would like to encourage parents to take the opportunity to continue to pay off their child’s fare in small amounts on a regular basis.
Murwillumbah Public School has been very busy in the early part of the year with quite a number of our students being involved in many and varied sporting activities.

Our year began with our Annual Swimming Carnival which saw some of our students progress to the District and then onto the Far North Coast Swimming Carnival. All students represented our school admirably.

We saw Emyleigh represent our school at the State Cricket Carnival and then with her young brother Charles, attended the Far North Coast Tennis Trials. Emyleigh attended the North Coast Tennis trials on Monday (17th March). The competition was very strong, and unfortunately Emyleigh did not make it through to the next round.

Ryan has also represented the school well when attending the AFL Trials. He was selected in the district team that attended the FNC Trials in Bangalow last Thursday (13th March). Although Ryan put in a sterling effort, he was unable to go to the next level but we congratulate him on his performance.

Not only did we have individual participation we have also seen a number of our teams being involved in early rounds of the PSSA Knockout competition. Both our boys and girls Cricket teams have completed their first round in this competition. Although unsuccessful, both teams under the guidance of Mrs Scott and Mrs Watkins, had a great time and played with enthusiasm.

We have also seen a group of boys being involved in an introduction to Hockey Gala Day. From all accounts this was a huge success with all the boys having a great time while acquiring new sporting skills that may not have had the opportunity to gain.

This Thursday 20th March our two softball teams will be travelling to Brunswick Heads to play their first rounds in the Knockout competition. We wish both teams all the best. Friday this week also sees quite a number of our students attending the District Winter Trials in Soccer, Hockey, Rugby League and Netball. These students will endeavour to gain selection in the District teams to participate in the Far North Coast Trials to be held on Tuesday 1st April.

Coming up on the 4th April will be our Annual Cross Country in which all students are expected to participate.
Relay for Life

Last weekend teachers and students from Murwillumbah Public School took part in the Relay for Life. They walked around Cudgen oval for many hours and had a great time. A total of $139 was raised for the Cancer Council.

Library News

Help Wanted!

Volunteers to cover Library books

Our Library has a large number of books that need covering with contact and we need your help! You will be supplied with contact that you need and the books to be covered. The volunteer work will be done either in the Library office or in the Library itself if it is not in use. Please contact either myself or the ladies in the front office if you are able to help—ideally a group of people would be great as the book-covering work would be easily completed. Thanks so much for your time!

P & C News

Just a reminder that our next P&C Meeting will be held on:

Wednesday 26th March @ 6:30pm in the School Library

On the agenda are:

• Fundraising Ideas – looking for the new & unusual! Dates / Requirements
• Establishing a Facebook Page
• P&C Funds & improving the school
• Government Grants
• P&C Federation and what is happening in the media

We hope to see you there!

Sonya
P&C President

Community News

Come and try our

INDOOR JUNIOR CRICKET FREE TRIAL DAY

Wednesday 16TH April 5.00pm-6.30pm
BOYS AND GIRLS Ages 7 – 13
Call Brian on 02 6674 4733 / 0415 436023
TWEED SUPER SPORTS
14 – 18 Chinderah Bay Drive, Chinderah
Canteen News

ST PATRICKS DAY

The kids loved the effort we made and we had lots of wonderful compliments and thank you’s from the students for making such a fun day. One boy complimented us on our artistic talent! We had fun and so did the children. Deb Lowe

Canteen Roster

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If you are unable to do canteen on your rostered day please notify Debbie (0422698542) or the School ASAP, so a replacement can be found.
The First Day

The day has come, it’s time to go.
There’s probably no-one there I know,
   I wonder what I’ll have to do?
I think that everyone else is new,

I’m afraid of what it’s all about,
But I’m sure that someone will help me out.
   After all I know some have survived
   Even from the first day they arrived.

   Yes I’ll be brave and off I go,
   I’m not even going to put on a show.
   The day seems long and it’s only a lunch
   But I think there will be time to eat some lunch

The work’s not hard I’ve done it before
I’m sure I’ll be back to do some more.
   Well I’m home again and I’ve made a friend,
   And none of the children did offend.

The day is over and I’m glad I’ve been
It’s not so bad when you do canteen!
Thank you Dr. Kettle for visiting Year 1 at Murwillumbah Public School!
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School Holidays 14th April 2014 - 24th April 2014
Staff Development Day - Monday 28th April 2014
Students return to school Tuesday 29th April 2014

### Community News

**YOU ARE INVITED -**
- To find out about employment service providers in the Murwillumbah area: what they offer and how they can assist you in finding employment.
- To participate in a ‘Question and Answer’ session with representatives from Salvation Army Employment Plus, Tursa and New Horizons Ostara.

**WHERE?** Murwillumbah Community Centre, Meeting Room 1

**WHEN?** Thursday, 27th March, 10.30 a.m.

RSVP: Wednesday 26th March to Vanessa Thomas
Ph. 02 6672 3891 or 0400 007 834

Light refreshments will be available
## Family details

This section is for the parents/carers with whom the student normally lives.

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### Educational qualifications

What is the highest qualification completed?

- [ ] Bachelor degree or above
- [ ] Advanced diploma/diploma
- [ ] Certificate I to IV (inc. trade cert.)
- [ ] No non-school qualification

### School education

What is the highest level of schooling completed? For persons who never attended school, mark ‘Year 9’ or equivalent or below (mark one box only)

- [ ] Year 12 or equivalent
- [ ] Year 11 or equivalent
- [ ] Year 10 or equivalent
- [ ] Year 9 or equivalent or below
## Parent occupation groups

### Group 4
**Machine operators, hospitality staff, assistants, labourers and related workers**
- Drivers, mobile plant, production/processing machinery and other machinery operators
- Hospitality staff [hotel service supervisor, receptionist, waiter, bar attendant, kitchenhand, porter, housekeeper]
- Office assistants, sales assistants and other assistants
- Office [typist, word processing/data entry/business machine operator, receptionist, office assistant]
- Sales [sales assistant, motor vehicle/caravan/parts salesperson, checkout operator, cashier, bus/train conductor, ticket seller, service station attendant, car rental desk staff, street vendor, telemarketer, shelf stacker]
- Assistant/aide [trades’ assistant, school/teacher’s aide, dental assistant, veterinary nurse, nursing assistant, museum/gallery attendant, usher, home helper, salon assistant, animal attendant]
- Labourers and related workers
- Defence Forces ranks below senior NCO not included below
- Agriculture, horticulture, forestry, fishing, mining worker [farm overseer, shearer, wool/hide classer, farm hand, horse trainer, nurseryman, greenkeeper, gardener, tree surgeon, forestry/logging worker, miner, seafarer/fishing hand]
- Other worker [labourer, factory hand, storeman, guard, cleaner, caretaker, laundry worker, trolley collector, car park attendant, crossing supervisor]

### Group 3
**Tradesmen/women generally have completed a 4 year Trade Certificate, usually by apprenticeship. All tradesmen/women are included in this group**
- Skilled office, sales and service staff
  - Office [secretary, personal assistant, desktop publishing operator, switchboard operator]
  - Sales [company sales representative, auctioneer, insurance agent/assessor/loss adjuster, market researcher]
  - Service [aged/disabled/refuge/child care worker, nanny, meter reader, parking inspector, postal worker, courier, travel agent, tour guide, flight attendant, fitness instructor, casino dealer/supervisor]
- Other business managers, arts/media/sportspersons and associate professionals
  - Owner/manager of farm, construction, import/export, wholesale, manufacturing, transport, real estate business
  - Specialist manager [finance/engineering/production/personnel/industrial relations/sales/marketing]
  - Financial services manager [bank branch manager, finance/investment/insurance broker, credit/loans officer]
  - Retail sales/services manager [shop, petrol station, restaurant, club, hotel/motel, cinema, theatre, agency]
  - Arts/media/sports [musician, actor, dancer, painter, potter, sculptor, journalist, author, media presenter, photographer, designer, illustrator, proof reader, sportsman/woman, coach, trainer, sports official]
  - Associate professionals generally have diploma/technical qualifications and support managers and professionals
  - Business/administration [recruitment/employment/industrial relations/training officer, marketing/advertising specialist, market research analyst, technical sales representative, retail buyer, office/project manager]
  - Defence Forces senior Non-Commissioned Officer

### Group 2
**Other business managers, arts/media/sportspersons and associate professionals**
- Owner/manager of farm, construction, import/export, wholesale, manufacturing, transport, real estate business
- Specialist manager [finance/engineering/production/personnel/industrial relations/sales/marketing]
- Financial services manager [bank branch manager, finance/investment/insurance broker, credit/loans officer]
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### Group 1
**Senior management in large business organisation, government administration and defence, and qualified professionals**
- Senior executive/manager/department head in industry, commerce, media or other large organisation
- Public service manager [section head or above], regional director, health/education/police/fire services administrator
- Other administrator [school principal, faculty head/dean, library/museum/gallery director, research facility director]
- Defence Forces Commissioned Officer
- Professionals generally have degree or higher qualifications and experience in applying this knowledge to design, develop or operate complex systems; identify, treat and advise on problems; and teach others
- Business [management consultant, business analyst, accountant, auditor, policy analyst, actuary, valuer]
- Air/sea transport [aircraft/ship’s captain/officer/pilot, flight officer, flying instructor, air traffic controller]

### Please note
- If the person is not currently in paid work but had a job or retired in the last 12 months, please use the person’s last occupation.
- If the person has not been in paid work in the last 12 months, please write ‘8’ in the box.