What a great morning we had today. We were joined by friends, relatives, nans and pops, grandmas, grandpas, grannies, gramps, nanas and visitors from local nursing homes for our Seniors Concert.

All our children from Kindergarten to Year six performed in the morning which included singing, public speaking, band and soloists. I was very proud of our children and their spectacular performances.

We certainly do have many outstanding talented children at Murwillumbah! After our concert, a beautiful morning tea was provided for all our guests followed by visits to classrooms. It was a terrific morning and I want to thank all the staff and parents for supporting the day, and in particular Mr Lloyd Martin for organising the sound system and off course, our fantastic children!

Congratulations to Mr Gamble and our Junior Rugby League team who for the second consecutive year, took out the Tweed Heads All Schools Knock Out last Tuesday. They defeated Terranora four tries to two in the final. All players were presented with individual medallions and the school received a trophy for our cabinet. Many thanks to all our parents who supported the boys on the day.

Murwillumbah’s ANZAC Ceremony will be held on Friday April 11th, (Last Day of Term 1) commencing at 10.15am in the hall. The assembly will be run by our student leaders. Students are encouraged to bring flowers on the morning so that we can make a class wreath for each class to lay. Our school will also be taking part in the Murwillumbah RSL Community ANZAC march on Friday 25th April. All children taking part will need to meet outside the post office at 10.10am dressed in school uniform.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our school to show support for our community by supporting this event.

At 10.30am the children will march down the main street to the Cenotaph where a 20 minute service will take part. Parents may collect children at the end of this service. We hope to see many children at this event.

In the last newsletter, I attached a one page updated Family Details form that I asked parents to fill out.
to return.
Thank you to those parents who have sent this information into the school office.
The form takes about 2-3 minutes to complete and will help our school receive funding under the new school funding model. The more forms returned, the more accurate information we can provide which will see money spent on YOUR child.
Could I once again stress the importance of returning this information. If you require a new form please let us know and we will forward one home. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Well done to the following "Fantastic " students who have visited my office in the last two weeks to show me their great work.

**KL:**
Alyssa, Danika, Charlotte, Sienna, Finlay, Charlie

**1W:**
Sophie, Lily, Lincon.

**2/3G:**
Illie, Lilly, Archie, Jahlow, Skye, Brielle, Kathleen, Shakila, Nicholas.

**3/4H:**
Jerson

**4/5F:**
Hannah, Kayla, Jade, Dayman, Sid. Well done all 4/5F on their excellent Science experiments!

**5/6P:**
Charlie, Britney, Therese, Catherine

**School Expectations**
This week our focus is DO YOUR BEST. We can all show this in many ways including:

• Set goals and strive to achieve them
• Be a positive role model
• Be an active learner
• Produce quality work over quantity.

**Helping kids learn how to make friends**
If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. Teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.


**Homework for little kids**
Schools develop homework policies with the help of teachers and parents. These are used as a guide and are based on common sense. If you find homework is becoming too much or is too difficult for your child, have a chat with your child’s teacher.


**NAPLAN 2014**
These tests will be conducted in Week 3 of Term 2 from May 13th – May 16th. All students in Yrs 3, 5, 7 and 9 in schools across Australia undertake tests in the same areas, on the same days. Students have their skills assessed in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, punctuation & grammar. For more information about NAPLAN go to: www.nap.edu.au

**Helping your child to become a good speller**
What do you do when your child is struggling with spelling? Should you let your child use a spell checker, for instance? Here are a few tips and techniques to make spelling easier.

Merit Awards

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 9 TERM 1:

KL: Jayden, David
KR: Nikita, Melody
1SA: Shakia, Riley
1W: Thomas, Allan
2/3G: Millie, Zack
2/3K: Esther-Marlee, Mikelle
3/4H: Ruben, Tlarra-lee
4/5F: Taylah, Kayla
5/6K: Amy, Jahliiah
5/6P: Emma, Charlie H
Library: Mia, Chloee
Mr Johnston: Seth, Kyle, Kiarra, Jenna
Mr Stowe: Kohen, Bree
Computers: Lincon, Jacob

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 10 TERM 1:

KL: Caleb, Finlay, Noah
KR: Lacey, Ashleigh
1SA: Hudson, Apryl
1W: Riley, Blake, Skyla
2/3G: Lachlan, Noah
2/3K: Manaia, Vinnie
3/4H: Cooper, Maddi
4/5F: Seth, Jacob
5/6K: Shelby, Tahlia-Rose
5/6P: Charlie G, Danika
Library: Kasen, Jorja
Computers: Mia, David
Mr Stowe: Jordan, Blake
Mrs Anderson: Acer, Lincon

School News

EASTER HAT PARADE

Next Wednesday the 9th April is our Easter Hat Parade.

It starts at 9am, and each class will take turns parading their wonderful Easter Hat creations. This is for K-6, and each child will receive a participation award for entering.

We will finish the assembly with the P&C Easter raffle. Please don’t forget to bring in an Easter Egg or soft toy to donate to the Easter Raffle.

Each family has received a raffle book to sell. We ask that you please return ticket butts, or unsold tickets, by Monday 7th April. Parents all welcome!

SOFTBALL NEWS

The girls and boys softball teams travelled to Brunswick Heads Thursday 20th March, with Mrs. Kester and Mrs. Watkins.

The girls played well in the first game, but lost 12-6. They played superbly in their second game, winning 28-1! The boys played 2 close games, winning both 12-11. Well done to all the players, it was a fantastic day. The boys now play Kingscliff early in term 2. Thank you also to the parents who drove the teams on the day.
Sports Report

Fifteen students attended the Far North Coast Winter Trials yesterday and from all accounts, the students had a great day demonstrating their skill in a number of sports. From the day, Ryan and Chelsea need to be congratulated on gaining selection in their respective sports to attend the North Coast trials early next term. Congratulations and good luck.

Music News

Concert Band is cancelled for this Monday (7th of April) and Wednesday (9th of April). Recorder ensemble on Tuesday 8th at 8am and Sydney Choir at 6:30pm have also been cancelled. Bunyip Band will not run on Wednesday 9th of April.

SRC Report

A big thank you from the SRC for bringing in cans and boxes of food. Keep up the good work! The SRC has successfully fundraised $201 from the Harmony/Bullying? No Way! Mufti Day. Another thank you for your donations. The SRC will have their next meeting on the 2nd of April 2014.

P & C Information

The Easter Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 9th April. Thank you to parents who have brought in donations of soft toys or eggs to be used as prizes. You can continue to bring these donations in until Monday 7th. All raffle tickets must be returned to the office (sold or unsold) before Tuesday 8th April. Thank you for your support - P & C Committee

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!
R. Taylor
## Term 1

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### Calendar
- **7th April**: Year 1 Excursion to Murwillumbah
- **8th April**: Life Education
- **9th April**: Easter Hat Parade and P&C Easter Raffle
- **10th April**: Life Education
- **11th April**: ANZAC Day Assembly

**School Holidays**: 14th April 2014 - 24th April 2014

**Staff Development Day**: Monday 28th April 2014

**Students return to school**: Tuesday 29th April 2014

### Term 2

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### Community News

- Extensive playground
- Air conditioned classrooms
- Special needs support
- Inclusive, safe environment
- School Readiness Program
- Experienced, caring staff

### Rosellas Community Preschool

- Limited Vacancies still available for 3-5 year olds!
- Successfully meeting Nat. Quality Standards

### Hands-on Maths in the classroom

www.murwillumb-p.schools.nsw.edu.au