As you are aware our Years 3 and 5 students are currently involved in NAPLAN testing. Our students seem to be coping pretty well with the experience. This is probably because we treat them for what they are – a moderately useful diagnostic test that generally confirms what teachers and parents already know about student capabilities.

When results become available in a few months it is generally interesting to see how student results compare to their peers around Australia. At this point we will encourage you to contact your child’s teacher if you need any clarification.

Thank you to all parents who have returned their request for a Parent/Teacher interview which are being held next week for all classes except for 4/5 F (as Mrs Price is on leave).

I encourage you to return your request if you have not already done so. If you are unable to make it on the specified day please let your child’s teacher know so they can arrange another time for you.

The interviews will be held on:

- **Tuesday 20th May** for KL, 1SA, 3/4H and 5/6 K
- **Thursday 22nd May** for KR, 1W, 2/3G, 2/3K & 5/6 P
- **Tuesday 17th June** 4/5F

Our teachers are busy assessing the achievement outcomes of students in all Key Learning Areas (KLAs). The information from these and other assessments will form the basis of Semester One reports, which will be sent home to parents in the last week of the term.

Congratulations, to the ten children who made it to the FNC Cross Country event to be held on Friday, 23rd May and also to Ryan who was selected to play in the North Coast Under 11 Rugby League team. Well done. Good luck to our girl’s hockey team who are playing numerous local teams in the PSSA competition on Thursday, 22nd May.

Twenty of our Year 5 & 6 children enjoyed the leadership conference that was held at Twin Towns last week. I know that each and every one of them has learnt something from attending this “awesome” day (as described by some of the children who attended).
School News

On Monday, 26th May we will be having a special performance in recognition of National Sorry Day. Yulluburri bacunnijel will dance and tell a Dreamtime story. This will begin at 9:30 am and runs for about an hour. You are welcome to attend this performance.

Also on Monday 26th May, from 10am until 2pm, we welcome children from Cudgen and Maclean Public Schools for a recorder workshop as part of the rehearsal for Sydney Opera House Concert. Our students will have the opportunity to listen to these talented musicians at 1:40pm.

Mr Johnston is presently finalising arrangements for the Sunshine Coast excursion. You will be receiving a note regarding the itinerary and requirements later this week.

Please ensure that your child only brings a small soft bag as explained on the note as there is limited luggage space on the bus.

Barbara Power
Assistant Principal

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS) 2014

ICAS is an assessment program for schools which enables students to identify their levels of academic performance across the subject areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. Each participating student also receives individual diagnostic reports in both hard copy and online, as well as a certificate to recognise their achievement. You may visit the website for further information. www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/cas/about.

This year, Year 2 students can participate in Science, English and Mathematics.

Please return the entry form with money to the school office.

Practice Online is available for use at home. Go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/practice-online

COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

I would like my son/daughter …………………………………….in class ……….to be entered in the following University of New South Wales Competitions. I enclose the entry fee for each of the competitions that they have entered. Please use a separate entry form for each child.

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Note: Entries for the above will close on the stated closing date so that the entries can arrive at the Testing Centre in time. There can be no exceptions.

ALL MONEY WITH THE ACCOMPANYING ENTRY FORM TO BE HANDED IN AT THE OFFICE.

Signed Parent / Caregiver
SUNSHINE COAST EXCURSION
Please note that final payment for the Sunshine Coast excursion is due this Friday 16th May. All payments must be finalised by this date.

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
On Friday the 9th of May, our 10 school leaders and 10 students from Year 5 travelled to Twin Towns Services Club with me to attend a leadership conference called GRIP Leadership.

We participated in a variety of fun, practical and inspiring activities designed to promote and enhance leadership skills in our youth. Some students from our school were showcased on the stage. The more memorable appearances were from Emyleigh and Charles. Their acting and dancing skills proved to be very entertaining.

The students created and shared many ideas they will bring back to our SRC to ensure our school remains a safe, caring and proactive environment.

When I asked the students what they liked about the day, the response was that they enjoyed learning about leadership skills while having fun and that they would be able to use their new skills at school.

I was inspired by the conference speakers, our students and the other students who attended the event. In an auditorium filled with over 1000 Primary students, I was proud to be with the students from our school.

They represented MPS responsibly and maturely.

Mrs King

HEAD LICE
Tips for parents in reducing the spread of head lice.
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.

Treatment
You’ll need:
- a bottle of cheap hair conditioner
- a fine tooth comb
- a roll of paper towels
- a towel
- a thick tooth comb

Steps
- Apply a cheap, pale coloured conditioner generously to your child’s hair. Work it through to coat every strand of hair.
- After you have applied the conditioner, use a fine lice comb and run through each section several times. Eggs are often found behind the ears and toward the back of the head.
- After each comb out, wipe the conditioner on the paper towel. If your child has head lice, you will see them on the towel (they are a little like small, brown sesame seeds.)
- Keep combing each section of hair until no further lice or eggs appear on the paper towel.
- Head lice often congregate on the crown of the head, so it is not until you reach these last sections of hair that you will find adult lice.
- Repeat at least twice over the next few days, until you can’t find any more in the conditioner.

(The information from this article comes from the NSW Health Department’s Nitbuster Program)
Sports Report

Term 2 has started where we left off at the end of Term 1 with many students being involved in a number of PSSA Trials.

Chelsea began with the North Coast Girls Soccer Trials on Friday 2nd May in Grafton. Although not successful in making the North Coast team, the school is proud of the way that she had represented the school, the skills and sportsmanship she displayed in her attempt.

Chelsea backed up on Monday 5th May, with Shelby, Britney, Zach, Riley and Zane to attend the Touch football trials. All students showed exceptional skill and determination in their efforts. Chelsea once again was able to gain selection to attend the Far North Coast trials on Friday 30th May in Ballina.

Last Thursday 8th May, 28 students attended the Murwillumbah District Cross Country which was held at the Murwillumbah High School Oval.

From all accounts students put in a great effort with many excellent results being achieved. From this day Zach, Noah, Ben, Jacob, Joe, Riley, Maddi, Ella, Anna and Cate all gained selection to attend the Far North Coast Cross Country in Bangalow on Friday 23rd May. The whole school wishes all students the best in their attempt to qualify for the North Coast event.

Last Friday, the North Coast Rugby League trials were held in Grafton. Ryan attended these trials in the 11 years division and came away extremely pleased with his effort. Ryan demonstrated the skills necessary to be selected as a member of the North Coast 11 year Rugby League team. Ryan now will attend a number of lead-up training camps before competing in Cronulla at the State Championships in the week beginning June 2nd.

Congratulations Ryan and good luck at the State Championships.

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.
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**Community News**

**FREE DENTAL SERVICE**
Children between 0-18 years who have a Medicare card are eligible for FREE dental services at any of the NSW Health public dental clinics located at the Tweed Hospital, Pottsville Health One and East Murwillumbah Public School. Please phone 1300 651 625 to register for an appointment.

**FIRE AND RESCUE OPEN DAY**
Fire & Rescue NSW is hosting it’s Annual Open Day on Saturday 17 May 2014 between 10am and 2pm. Join us at Murwillumbah Fire Station, 133 Murwillumbah Street. (Opposite the Post Office)