Principals Message

Last Wednesday night was a wonderful night for our dancers and parents who attended the Gold Coast Arts Centre. Mrs King reported that she was “as proud as punch” of all our children. Not only did they look spectacular, their dance performance wowed the crowd and they were wonderful representatives of our school. The organisers commented that our children were the most well behaved students out of all the schools involved. We would like to thank all our parents who supported this initiative by providing transport, helping prepare costumes and make up. Our dance group will be performing at our Wednesday assembly in the first week back next term. We are certainly looking forward to seeing them.

Many thanks to those parents who took 10 seconds to thank our staff upon their return from taking your child away to the Sunshine Coast last week. I know they appreciated your support. Mrs Power informed me that the children were well behaved during their time away and really enjoyed the many attractions that were visited.

Mr Johnston told me that this year’s group were one of the best groups he has ever taken away. Thankyou to our staff and children for your terrific efforts.

I often promote the importance of the “Gonski” school funding model. It is without doubt the largest potential boost to Australian schools in many decades. If you are interested, go to the following link for a simple summary of what it is all about.

("http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xylDiOI7RGI" or do a search on YouTube for “What is Gonski?”)

If enough people talk it up with friends and family over the next few years, community support may well be enough to ensure that both sides of politics get on board by the next election.

Commencing every Wednesday next term, we will be running a Boys and Girls mixed group with Uncle Jimmy and Kate Binder. The group will explore relationships and culture, Aboriginal history, Elders stories and beliefs and gain
increased self-knowledge, awareness and resilience. They will meet every Wednesday morning from 9.30 to 11.00am. Staff will be selecting children during the next two weeks and notes to parents will be sent home with further information.

At our whole school assembly today and for the remainder of this term, I will be focusing on the value of ‘Fairness’ and what it means. As it is National Reconciliation Week it is an appropriate time to emphasise the meaning of ‘fairness’. Please reinforce the meaning of this value with your child. ‘Fairness’ means treating people equally without showing any favouritism and accepting that everyone is different. It means

- Always playing fairly
- Never criticizing or making fun of others because they are different
- Including everyone equally.

Due to many of our children being away at the Murwillumbah Performing Arts Festival on Monday 23 June, we will be sending home reports on Tuesday 24th June.

We have a couple of very busy weeks ahead of us. There are several activities where children are required to return permission notes. Please check our school calendar for upcoming events.

Yesterday we started sending home permission notes for children involved in the Murwillumbah Festival Of Performing Arts which begins next Tuesday with the Kindergarten Verse Speaking. We ask for your assistance by carefully reading all information and signing and returning permission notes so that children can attend these performances. A great deal of time and effort has gone into preparing our students for these performances and we appreciate your support.

Notes and information have already been sent home regarding the upcoming Visual Arts excursion to the Art Gallery which also begins next Monday for stage 1 children. Stage 2 children will be on the Tuesday and Stage 3 on Thursday. This is for selected children only.

Before our next newsletter goes home, our school recorder group will be travelling to Sydney to perform at the Opera House. Once again, our students are very lucky to be part of such a special event. They have given up a great deal of their own personal time and effort to be able to get this far. Many hours of rehearsing before and after school will ensure they are successful in the last week of term. Mrs Armour, Mrs Watkins and myself (Thursday only) will be accompanying the children to Sydney. Good luck kids.

Sometimes the most ordinary things can be made extraordinary, simply by doing them with the right people. Your child’s friends play such an important role in his or her life, it’s crucial that you do what you can to make sure that those relationships are positive ones. By staying informed and involved in your child’s life, you can ensure that you’re able to encourage positive relationships and help steer negative ones to a positive direction.

By getting to know your child’s friends, you can gain some insight into the relationships that your child is involved in—and keep an eye on those relationships to make sure that they stay positive.

Suggestions on how to do this.

Create an Inviting Home- Make your home a place where your children’s friends like to hang out. (Snacks and drinks in the fridge always help!) Get to know them while they are relaxed and open to conversation.

Know Their Names- Learn the names of all of your child’s friends. Some parents list their child’s friends in the family address book along with the names of their parents and contact information.

Do: Monitor how your child reacts to you getting to know his/her friends. Some kids are okay with their parents getting to know their friends’ names, but they may not be too happy if they become overly friendly.
Know Their Parents- Get to know the parents or guardians of your children’s friends. You will often find that they share your values and priorities and that you can work together to ensure that the friendships are positive for everyone.

Attend Their Events- Whenever possible, attend school events. Ask your child to introduce you to his/her friends. Spend a few moments asking his/her friends about their likes and dislikes. Show that you’re interested in getting to know them.

SCHOOL POLICY ON REFUNDS
Teachers plan excursions, Friday sport activities, guest speakers and various activities which supplement the educational programs being offered in classrooms. These activities usually have a cost associated with them.

Occasionally children are disappointed when they are unable to participate in the activity because they are sick on the day, or late to catch the bus etc. In such cases parents sometimes request a refund of the fees that have been paid.

In making a decision regarding a refund one issue has to be considered: Has the school already spent money for the student to participate in the activity?

If the school has already had to pay for the activity then a refund cannot be given. For example in the case of a live show, the seats had to be booked and pre-paid. In this case this money could not be refunded. When buses are used to transport children the total cost of the bus is divided by the total number of children expected to attend. It is therefore not possible to give refunds on bus travel.

EXCURSIONS
There is generally no more than one excursion for each class per term. Sometimes the excursion occurs at school (‘incursion’). Excursions supplement the learning taking place in the classroom. They are organised by class teachers to investigate some areas of study. They are not only social but valuable learning experiences. When an excursion/ performance is organised, every item has a cost – transport, venue etc. This total cost is then divided by the number of students attending the excursion/ performance. On occasions there may be unforeseen circumstances that may prevent your child from attending the event. If for any reason it is through a school error that your child cannot attend, your money will be refunded. If the fault does not lie with the school, it cannot be responsible for covering the loss of funds if your child does not attend, therefore there will be no refunds.

Wherever possible, all excursion money needs to be received five days before the excursion date. We endeavour to keep costs at a minimum.

Les Daley
Principal

School News
NAIDOC Week
Each year, during NAIDOC week, Australians celebrate the history and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This year NAIDOC week falls in the school holidays so we will be celebrating a little early, in the last week of school. Several activities are already taking place in classrooms, leading up to this special time. Colouring and writing competitions are being held, art lessons taking place and dreamtime stories read.

On Friday 27th June, from 9-11, the whole school will participate in rotations of cultural activities such as art, music, dance, sport and drama. We would love to invite Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parents to come and share your knowledge and skills with us, whether it be art, dance, storytelling or any other skill. We would love to hear form you and welcome you to be a part of this special event. A morning tea will be provided afterwards to thank our volunteers.
**Sports Report**

Last week our Netball and Basketball teams competed in their respective PSSA Knockout Competitions.

Our Netball team put up a valiant performance by winning their first match in the knockout competition. Unfortunately the team found the going tough in their second match as they competed without any substitutions available. The girls put up a wonderful performance under the circumstances and deserve praise for the effort that they put in. We are so proud of our students who continue to try their best at all times.

Our boys Basketball Team found the going tough from the start as they were confronted with the task of competing against the South Tweed team which was much taller and better skilled. This didn’t put the boys off as they also tried their best and never gave up and should be well satisfied with their effort. The girls followed the boys and they were prepared to go into battle to also do their best and this they did. The game see-sawed from one end of the court to the other with all players putting in their best effort. This game kept players on their toes and spectators on the edge of their seats right down to the final whistle. With our girls leading with seconds to go South Tweed managed to score to grab victory by one point. Congratulations goes to both teams for the way that they competed and demonstrated their sportsmanship qualities.

Last week also saw Ryan compete at the NSW 11 years Rugby League Championships held in Sydney. The weather wasn’t the best but by all accounts his North Coast Team put a creditable performance and once again we congratulate Ryan for representing our school.

On Thursday 10 June the boys soccer participated in the Gala Soccer Day. The boys played well with great passing of the ball and team play. Unfortunately the boys were defeated 7-0 against Pottsville in their first game and 2-0 against Kingscliff in their second game. Well done Boys!

Today our Rugby League team are competing in a 7-a-side competition and on Friday a group of students will be attending the Aussie Rules Gala Day playing their matches in the PSSA Knockout Competition.

Last Friday Ella travelled to Kempsey to compete in the North Coast Cross Country Championship. As expected, Ella once again competed well and represented the school with distinction. Congratulations Ella.

Yesterday, Tuesday 10th our girls participated in the PSSA Knockout Soccer Gala Day. The first game was against Pottsville and all girls played with enthusiasm and demonstrated...
Music News

Our children are busily rehearsing for the Murwillumbah Festival of Performing Arts, which will be held at the Murwillumbah Civic Centre. Please note the information below. An overview of the festival program can be viewed on www.murbahfestival.com.au

PROGRAM IS AS FOLLOWS:

Thursday 19th June
- 8.30am
  - Recorder Duets and Trios
  - Recorder Ensembles

Thursday 19th June
- 9.30am
  - Woodwind and Brass Solos, Duets, Trios

Friday 20th June
- Afternoon
  - Drum Solos

Monday 23rd June
- 9.30am
  - Year 5/6 Choir
  - Margaret Olley Choir
  - Year 3/4 Choir (if in Margaret Olley choir bring recess)
  - Sydney Choir

Tuesday 24th June
- 9.30am
  - Concert Band
- Later in the morning
  - Instrumental Ensemble (Concert Band students)
  - Drum Ensemble

Thursday 26th June
- 9.30am
  - Kinder-1-2 Choir

UNIFORM

Dress for all MPS students will be full school uniform. Hair is to be neatly groomed. All uniforms to be clean and ironed.

Girls
- White Cleo Blouse (no pockets)
- Tartan skirt or culottes
- Short white socks
- Black shoes – plain black only
- Royal blue hair ribbons

Boys
- Royal blue polo shirt with emblem
- Knee length grey shorts
- Short grey socks
- Black shoes – plain black only

Note: All socks are short – not ankle socks. Jumpers are not worn on stage.

If you do not own any item of uniform, please arrange to borrow from a friend who has a spare.

We will have a very busy week with our many entries. We would love as many parents and friends as possible to come and watch the children perform. An entry fee of $6 per session per adult is charged – season tickets are available. Competitors do not pay to attend the session in which they perform.
## Calendar

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School Holidays 30th June - 11th July 2014
Staff Development Day Monday 14th July
Students Return Tuesday 15th July

## 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.
Far North Coast Dance Festival

Sunshine Coast Excursion
Community News

Why not take part in a community event that’s lots of fun?
You’ll have to be quick
Tweed Valley Banana Festival is asking young people to be in it!

First outing 6th July 2014 - Please book NOW

Senior princess : ages 9-12
Junior princess : ages 5-8
Prince : ages 5-12

Have fun Meet friends
Be in the Festival

Forms and itineraries available from website
info@bananafestival.org
www.bananafestival.org
PO Box 33 Murwillumbah 2484
0266723309

Free BBQ and Activities for young people aged 12-18
Murwillumbah Youth Centre Nullum St
Murwillumbah 4.00pm-8.00pm
2nd and 4th of the Month
Fridays the 13th and 27th of June.
And the 11th and 25th of July

Look for our feet on Facebook
like and share our posts.
Contact coolHeads if you have any questions on
Tweed Valley Banana Festival
0439099850

June 15 Hyper Kids crazy fun together
3rd Sunday each month
K-8, 3-5pm, entry $3/child
hear about Jesus
old fashioned games theme
tug-o-war, sack races, egg and spoon, three-legged races, sponge-throw

presbyterian church hall, 16 wollumbin st
Megan Lindsay ph: 6672 1088