NOW ENROLLING KINDY 2015

Principals Message

Once again, Murwillumbah students are in the spotlight for all the right reasons.
Last Sunday, seven of our year five and six children represented our school at the regional finals for Tournament of Minds (TOM) being held at St John’s College Woodlawn.
Our team were entered in the Language Literature category.
Our team of students had been working together during their recess and lunch to create a 10 minute scripted story that answers a complex question.

On Sunday, whilst they competed against other primary schools in the area, they also had to perform their production in front of a panel of three judges, other students, families and friends.
The students were also judged on their performance and teamwork skills during the Spontaneous section, where they were given two minutes to come up with a unique idea based on a given stimulus, discussion point or picture. TOM tests the thinking skills of students and aids in building teamwork skills. It is designed to make students think outside the box and open their minds to new ideas and experiences. It is a showcase of what amazing thinkers our students are.

I am proud to announce that our team received Tournament Honours which placed them runners up. Competing against ten other Independent, Catholic and Public schools, this is an outstanding result. The teamwork they displayed throughout the day gained them many valuable points and their presentation was brilliant.

Next Monday Kindergarten students, our record-setting ensemble, Margaret Olley/Sydney Choir, and a number of children from 4/5/6 will be performing at the Legacy Widows Luncheon at the RSL Club.
Our children will entertain the ladies during their lunch. I know that these ladies are looking forward to seeing our children. Our first performers will begin at 11.00 with Kindergarten verse...
speaking taking place around 12.15pm.

This weekend a number of our children will be involved in the Opera Australia Magic Flute Performance in Murwillumbah. The students are part of the children’s chorus which will perform as an integral part of the Magic Flute along with the Opera Australia singers and Chamber Orchestra. They are very excited about this special performance.

This year has been very busy however, such a rewarding year with so many positive results. I continue to be amazed at what our children achieve. Classrooms are always busy and productive and everyone seems pretty happy—Murwillumbah is a great school.

The very colourful book character parades were held on Friday last week. It was wonderful to see so many students and teachers getting involved and having fun connecting to reading by dressing up as a character from a favourite story.

There was Spiderman and Ironman, Cinderella and Snow White, Cleopatra and Harry Potter, to name just a few.

We would like to sincerely thank all the parents and carers who helped create and prepare for the parade, to help make it an enjoyable day for all. Also, a big congratulations to the students for their eager participation and enthusiasm.

NAPLAN has been in the media this week. We haven’t received any results at school as yet, and when we do we will pass them on straight away. I’d like to recommend a recent newspaper article to you. It provides some insight into Literacy Education and is good food for thought.


I would like to give some clarity to some things mentioned in the newsletter that some parents aren’t always sure about.

Today I’d like to let you know a little more about PSSA. This is the Primary School Sports Association.

Whilst the association has a few paid employees, it largely runs on the goodwill of teachers and it is not compulsory for schools to belong to the association.

It operates at the local or zone level. We are in Murwillumbah Zone. The next level up is Tweed Heads/Murwillumbah and then Far North Coast and North Coast Region, and the next level is NSW State.

Children can compete in Gala Day sports teams at the zone level, they can also be selected to trial at zone and regional levels and gain selection to State teams.

There are also carnivals at all of these levels in Athletics, Cross Country and Swimming. Children are able to participate from Years 3 to 6, and children over 8 are in some cases allowed to compete in carnivals when they are in Year 2.

Staff also has the opportunity to coach at all levels and this year our own Mr Gamble was trainer of the NSW Rugby League Team.

This week I will be addressing the assembly about DOING YOUR BEST in and around our school. We can display this by:

• Setting goals and striving to achieve them
• Being a positive role model
• Being and active learner
• Concentrating on our work and allowing others to learn

Have a great week

Les Daley
Principal
Merit Awards

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 6 TERM 3:

KL: Riley, David
KR: Mia, Robert
1SA: Acer, Ava
1W: Maighsi, Rishabh
2/3G: Nick, Ellie
2/3K: Vinnie, Sunny
3/4H: Xanthia, Maddi
4/5F: Kolton, Tu-wai
5/6K: Matilda, Ryan, Emyleigh
5/6P: Danika, Britney
Computers: Xanthia, Xanaia
Mr Stowe: Jayden, Abigail

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 7 TERM 3:

KL: Abigail, Noah
KR: Jack, Will
1SA: Emily, Rory
1W: Lily, Jack
2/3G: Zali, Robert
2/3K: Esther-Maree, Toby
3/4H: Ruben, Evie
4/5F: Jade, Taylah
5/6K: Jahliia, Will
5/6P: Ella, Avalon
Computers: Noah, Ben
Mr Stowe: Anna, Robert
Mrs Anderson: Lincoln, Lily
Music: Avalon, Charles
Charlotte, Alyssa
Therese

School News

STORY DOGS
In 1990 Murwillumbah Public School was the first school in the area to introduce Story Dogs into their reading program. We give a warm welcome to Stephanie and her dog Boo Boo who have began working with selected students on Mondays. Story Dogs is a unique reading support program that allow individual students to read to a very well trained dog. Students chosen are Jahlow 2/3G, Jorja 4/5F, Cowan 1W and Mikelle, Anthony and Ebony from 2/3K.

ICAS - WRITING
The NSW University’s International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) results for Writing were distributed at today’s morning assembly. Congratulations to all students for the efforts and the results are as follows:

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DENTAL NURSE VISIT
On Thursday 28th of August, two community Dental Nurses are visiting our school. They will hold a free information session for all students in K-6, in the new hall. K 1 will start at 9am, then years 2,3,4 will follow at 9.30, and Yrs 5 and 6 at 10am. All parents are welcome.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE MONTH
The last 4 weeks of this term are Fruit and Vegetable month! At MPS, we are committed to providing your children with a wide and interesting range of learning activities each day. During Fruit and Vegetable month, teachers will promote eating a Rainbow of fruit and vegetables each day. Classes will participate in a range of activities over the next month, including taste testing delicious locally grown fruit and vegetables. If your child has any allergies, please contact your class teacher.
Photos

Our Year 3 & Year 4 students enjoy their gymnastics with Michele in Friday Sport

Tournament of Minds Competitors with their certificates - an outstanding achievement

NBN News came to do a story on our talented musicians in “The Magic Flute”

Sports Report

On Friday 15th of August thirteen students attended the Far North Coast Athletics Carnival at Byron Bay. Weather was kind although the grounds were a bit wet. All students put in an excellent performance making finals, and in some cases, placing in their events. From the day, three students were successful in qualifying for the North Coast event in Lismore. Zach placed first in the Junior Long Jump, Ryan was 1st in the 11yrs Discus and Emyleigh 2nd in the 11yrs shot put. Congratulations and good luck. The North Coast carnival to be held in Lismore this Friday, 29th of August unfortunately has been POSTPONED due to the conditions of the grounds and expected wet weather. This carnival will now be held NEXT TUESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER.
## Term 3 Calendar

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### School Holidays -
Monday 22nd September to Monday 6th October
Students Return Tuesday 7th October

## Canteen Roster

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If you are unable to do canteen on your rostered day please notify Debbie (0422 698 542) or the School ASAP, so a replacement can be found in time.

## Community Notices

**TWIN TOWNS DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB**
Saturday 6th September 8:30am - 2:30pm at Tweed Heads Civic Centre. Entry $3. Judged exhibits, plant sales, stalls, workshops, raffles

**COOLANGATTA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB**
Sign on for season 2014/15 South Tweed Indoor Pool.
Sunday 7th Sept. 10am - 1pm
Sunday 14th Sept. 1pm – 4pm
New members welcome – ages 5-13
For more information contact Coolangatta SLSC on 07 5536 8474 or visit www.coolangattaslsc.com.au
The beach is your classroom!