NOW ENROLLING KINDY 2015

Principals Message

Last week schools across NSW participated in SAS Staff Recognition Week. SAS includes our office staff, the SLSO (School Learning Support Officers) and our General Assistant. These staff members do a range of work around the school including administration duties, meet and greet visitors at the office, assist students with disabilities in their learning, conduct programs to further student academic and social development such as tutor reading programs, Camp etc. and general maintenance of the school grounds and buildings.

These dedicated workers are essential to how our school functions, often responding to requests on the hop and ensuring Murwillumbah is a welcoming school.

Although we recognise and appreciate the work done by these staff members every day, Recognition Week gave us an opportunity to thank these people on behalf of the whole school community. You may have seen their photo in the local “Weekly” paper where we also recognised their wonderful efforts.

What a fantastic start to our 2015 Kindergarten transition program last Friday. Students arrived excited and ready to commence their first day at “Big School”.

Each child received a nice bright pink shirt and school hat and quickly settled into the Kindergarten room for an exciting day of activities.

Mrs Lack and Mrs Parkes were both very pleased with how settled and enthusiastic the children were.

The program will run for ten weeks each Friday commencing at 9.30 and finishing at 2.30pm for any Kindergarten child commencing in 2015.

Last Thursday reports on your child’s performance in the National Assessment Program Year 3 & 5 – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests, held on May 13-15, 2014 were sent home with your child in a sealed envelope.

NAPLAN assesses aspects of literacy including
reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar and writing, as well as numeracy. The results are shown in skill bands which indicate levels of achievement.

The report shows the national average and the school’s average and will allow you to see how your child’s performance compares with that of others who complete the NAPLAN tests. Please remember that these results provide a snapshot as to how the students performed on the day of the assessment – the school uses a variety of other methods to track the achievements of each student.

If you would like to discuss your child’s results, please arrange a time to meet with the class teacher. The school will provide a summary of our results in our Week 10 Newsletter.

As a follow up to demystifying some school terminology this week I’d like to explain ‘Stages’. The primary school years are divided into 3 stages, and the curriculum is also divided accordingly by the Board of Studies. Kindergarten is Early Stage 1. Years 1 and 2 are known as Stage 1. Years 3 and 4 are Stage 2, and Years 5 and 6 are called Stage 3. The children move onto High School where they complete Stages 4, 5 and 6 of the curriculum.

Australian parents received a bit of negative criticism recently regarding their parenting skills and in particular in regard to their inability to say no.

I’m not sure if you saw the article in the news by Dr Michael Carr Gregg. It makes for interesting reading. He especially comments on the need for boundaries to be set for children.

Andrew Fuller responded by saying that parents were doing a pretty good job, and said that on the whole we were raising a nation of pretty good children. So who should we believe? I think that it is dangerous to generalise, and that every child and every family is unique. Parents are the best experts on their children usually, and they tend to know what works best for their children.

When parents partner up with interested and concerned teachers they can achieve even better results. We always need to remember that we are the adults and we have lived life for a little bit longer than our kids and it is ok to set boundaries and allow children to experience disappointment at times as this will help build resilience.

Last week our Aboriginal Cultural group with Uncle Jimmy and Kate finished their eight week program. The topics covered during this time included cultural identity, values and social skills. The group participated in an interesting brainstorm session showing their thoughts about conflict and conflict resolution. We have included this on the last page of the newsletter.

The group travelled to Tweed Heads last Wednesday to celebrate the success of the program. We want to thank both Uncle Jimmy and Kate for their wonderful support throughout the term.

This week our focus expectation is to STAY SAFE. We can demonstrate this in many ways in and around the school.

• Due to the wet weather we can ensure we are walking on hard surfaces.
• When entering the school grounds, ensure you are using the correct pathways.
• If you ride your bike or scooter to school, ensure you walk it sensibly in the school grounds.
• At recess and lunch, always be in the right place at the right time.
• If you are sent on a message from your class teacher, walk directly to complete the message without disrupting any other classes.

Have a great week

Les Daley

MUSIC REMINDER- THERE WILL BE NO BUNYIP BAND OR CONCERT BAND FOR THE REST OF THIS TERM.
Merit Awards

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 9 TERM 3:

KL: Finlay, Charlie
KR: Keiralee, Ashleigh
1W: Josh, Cowan
2/3G: Arnya, Rose
2/3K: Matthew, Bronte
4/5F: Jordan, Kiarra, Kayla
5/6K: Izac, Jade
5/6P: Chelsea, Kiki
Library: Avalon, Kaitelyn
Mr Stowe: Jahlow, Ellie

Footy Colours Day

Come dressed in your favourite sports team colours or as your favourite athlete this Friday 12th September. The SRC will be collecting a gold coin, with proceeds going to assist Ryan, Zach and Emyleigh with their State Athletics trip in Week 2 of Term 4. We ask that students wear a shirt with sleeves and their sports shorts on this day.

Canteen

The Canteen will be having a Magical Monday Meal Deal On Monday 15th September. Students can purchase an array of magical goodies from Rainbow Jelly, Frogs in the pond, Watermelon stars, Rainbow cupcakes, glitter cookies and Deb’s famous multicoloured pikelets!

Meal deals will also be available and include –
Sushi – Orange juice – ice block and treat $5.50
Sausage Roll – Orange Juice – ice block and Treat $6.00
Pizza – Orange juice – ice block and treat $6.00
Lge Pie – Orange juice – ice block and treat $6.50
Spinach Triangle – Orange juice – ice block and treat $6.00
If your child does not like orange juice please let me know and an alternative will be provided. Meal deals do not include LOL’s.
Tomato sauce is 20c extra.
All lunch orders to be pre ordered, an order form will go out today with this newsletter. Please make sure these are handed in by Friday (one order form per child) so that numbers can be arranged. We don’t want anyone to miss out!
Debbie Lowe – Canteen Manager
FRUIT AND VEGETABLE MONTH

Fruit and Vegetable Month is in full swing at MPS!! Last Wednesday Kindergarten and Year 1 enjoyed a morning picnic of locally grown fruit and vegetables such as watermelon, mandarins, capsicum, bananas, beetroot, baby corn, passion fruit and kiwi fruit. Year 1 have also learnt how to make apple juice! It was delicious! Every day in class during Crunch Sip News, we aim to have a Rainbow of fruit and vegetables. Purple and blue have proven to be the least represented colour. Surprise your teachers by bringing in lots of purple/blue coloured fruit for your Crunch Sip this week! At Assembly this morning, all the remaining produce from our vegetable garden was picked and sold at our market garden. We even made tabouli!! I am sure all the parents who bought something will enjoy the fresh produce. We will finish Fruit and Vegetable Month next Wednesday by having an Art Gallery display from K and Year 1!! They are designing and making a fruit/vege person or face. We would love all parents to come and view these amazing creations Wednesday 17th September 9am under the COLA.

Making apple juice

You will need
juice maker
peeler
knife
chopping board
23 apples
1. peel the apples
2. cut the apple into quarters.
3. cut out the core
4. push the apple piece into the juicer
5. put the juice into the cups
6. drink it!

By Lily E

Fruit and Vegetable Month

Fruit and vegetables make us very strong. I have fruit and vegetables after school. I have pineapple after school.

I had a banana and a mandarin and beetroot and capsicum at our picnic, at the start of the day. We have a sticker picture on our whiteboard. It is on our rainbow fruit and vegetable month.

Fruit and vegetables make us very healthy.

Will - KR
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**School Holidays -**
Monday 22nd September to Monday 6th October
Students Return Tuesday 7th October

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## 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

**TWEED HEADS & COOLANGATTA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB - NIPPERS SIGN-ON DAY SUNDAY 14TH OF SEPTEMBER 9AM - 11AM OASIS POOLS, BANORA POINT**

* Must be 5 yrs at the 30th of September 2014 *
* Please remember to bring togs and goggles *
* Entry-$3.50 applies for swimmers only *

**WORLD EDUCATION PROGRAM (WEP) AUSTRALIA** is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation. We are now looking for volunteer host families interested in welcoming an exchange student into their home and family in January 2015.


**TWEED VALLEY RELAY FOR LIFE MARCH 7th & 8th 2015** General meeting Wed. 17th September Cudgen Headland Surf Life Saving club 6pm. If you think you can offer a little or a lot of your time, please come along to our first official Relay For Life Committee meeting for the 2015 Relay. Contacts Dot 0438742637 or Lynn 07 5599 2175
Conflict Brainstorming

What is Conflict?
- Bullying
- Fighting with words
- Blaming others
- An argument
- A disagreement
- Verbal abuse
- Fighting with actions
- It could just be a misunderstanding

How do we manage conflict?
- Go and do something else
- Tell someone how you feel
- Try to work it out
- Go and play with other people
- Take time out to think
- Don’t fight back (retaliate)
- Talk to family or friends
- No put down’s
- Walk away – go and sit under a tree
- Tell a teacher
- Be careful what you say
- Don’t be mean back to them
- Manage it with our mum
- Say Sorry

What is good about dealing with conflict well?
- You can get over it quickly and it’s not on your mind anymore – let it go!
- More relaxed
- You will feel relief and you will feel good
- Feel better – me and the other people
- No stress at all
- It will stop me from feeling sick
- happy
- It can save you or someone else from getting hurt.
- proud