Another good week at Murwillumbah despite all the recent weather. Storms, rain, rain and more rain, then beautiful sunny, warm days. The children have certainly appreciated the chance to get back out in the playground and burn up some energy.

I am continually impressed with the number of children who are sent to my office to show me their terrific work. They take great pride and are excited to share their work with me. Whether it is reading, writing, spelling, maths, art work, projects or a neat book, I’m always happy to see them. No doubt, the children are settled in class and producing some fine results.

What a wonderful response we had to our new parent/student/teacher interview process. Around 80% of parents from each class were involved in the interviews. Individual goals were discussed and set for the remainder of the year. These goals will be discussed again in Term 4 to evaluate progress.

All teaching staff want to thank parents for being part of this home/school learning process. It is great to see the community and school working together.

As you are probably aware, our Year 3 and 5 students are currently sitting their NAPLAN tests this week. These are just one of many assessments that add to our knowledge of how students are performing in aspects of literacy and numeracy. Their importance tends to be given more weight than it should – the resulting report that you will receive in a few months is no more or less significant than any other provided by the school. They are very likely to tell you that your child’s academic performance is about where you thought it was.

Next week Kindergarten parents will receive a letter outlining our participation in the Australian Early Development Census. The AEDC is a nationwide census of early childhood development that measures the progress of children as they start their first year of full-time school. Census data is used by early childhood educators and health services, local councils, community groups, schools and governments to help plan and allocate the right type of services, resources and support for communities. The AEDC needs to be completed by 31st July, 2015.
In the last newsletter I mentioned that Our Annual Report (2014) is available for reading on our school website. Detailed in this report is information regarding achievements of our students, results of evaluations, educational targets and a range of school profiles.

This year’s Mother’s Day stall was held on Thursday, 7th May. Thank you to Mrs Hall and all the parents for organising this event and their efforts in wrapping and selling the gifts. On behalf of all the staff at the school, we hope that all the mums had a wonderful day on Sunday.

Information regarding the application process for students wishing to attend the Year 5 OC Class in 2016 is available from the website. www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

This class is for academically gifted students and is open to current Year 4 students only. Prospective students must sit an entrance test to be held on Wednesday 22nd July. Successful candidates will attend an Opportunity Class for Year 5 and Year 6. If you are interested in applying, please follow the directions from the website to complete the online form. The online form went live from Monday 27th April. All applications need to be finalised by Friday 15th May.

Congratulations to the following children who have visited my office recently with great work

KL: Martha
2/3G: Apryl, Jack, Koa, Ryleigh, Stella, Ben, Zac.
3P: Nara, Zali, Lachlan C, Lachlan D.
6W: Charlie, Joseph.

Well done to 4P and 6W for great work with science lessons

Congratulations to Avalon, who last Tuesday night, had the opportunity to be a part of the AFC Champions league match between Brisbane Roar and Urawa Red Diamonds. She was one of eleven children selected by the Murwillumbah FC as a ball person.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Cross Country held last Friday at Murwillumbah High. All our competitors displayed great school spirit and tried their best. The school finished 4th overall. The top eight runners in each age group will now represent the Murwillumbah District at the Far North Coast Cross Country next Friday the 22nd also at Murwillumbah High. Top eight finishers who will move to the next level are Nick, Cooper, Noah, Ben, Ruben, Joe, Anna and Maddi.

Les Daley
Principal

Merit Awards

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 3 TERM 2:

KL: Amy, Poppy
KP: Frankie, Mia
1K: Kasen, Caleb
1/2S: Cowan, Adriana
2H: Nino, Latoya
2/3G: Koa, Ryleigh
3P: Lachlan, Vinnie
4P: Matthew, Jake
4/5A: Lachlann, Ben
5/6K: Xanthia
6W: Jorja, Sid

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 4 TERM 2:

KL: Jayla, Poppy
KP: Nathan, Marlie
1K: Riley, Keiralee
1/2S: Kaitlyn, Robert
3P: Tilly, Josh
4P: Zack, Maddison
4/5A: Tlarra, Mikayla
5/6K: Xanthia
6W: Geordie, Emma
Library: Martha, Oliver
The next P&C meeting will be Wednesday 27th May at 6.30pm in the school library. Guest speakers will be attending to address us on ‘Teaching Writing in the Classroom’. The agenda will include P&C Incorporation and school uniforms.

Let’s face it - 5cent coins serve little purpose these days, apart from bulking up your wallet. That is until the P&C launched ‘Mad Money May’. Let’s see if we can collect 5000 individual 5cent coins this May. Send your spare 5cent coins into your child’s classroom where a money box is waiting. The class that collects the most 5cent coins win a small prize.

Thank you to all the families that supported the Mothers Day stall and thank you to the mums who helped at the stall. All monies raised this year from P&C fundraising will go towards a shade sail for the 3/4 eating area.

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Love those Legumes!!
What are legumes? Apart from nutritious AND delicious! They are:
• Dried or canned peas, beans and lentils.
• High in protein and fibre, and low in fat and cholesterol.
• Best for the land as they produce a higher yield of many nutrients than foods of animal origin.
• Cheap and very flexible in recipes.
• Good for freezing before and after cooking, and when made up into recipes.
• Are great meat extenders in any stew or mince dishes, as well as adding texture and mild flavour.

Buying and storing legumes
• Legumes are quite hardy and will store for a year in well-sealed containers.
• Look for uniform size, strong colour and a plump smooth appearance.
• There are many varieties available in cans, which means they require only minimal preparation.

Mexican Enrollada (Serves 6)
1 tbsp oil
1 large onion, chopped
1 med red capsicum, chopped
35 g packet salt reduced taco seasoning mix
810 gr can crushed tomatoes
750 gr can red kidney beans, rinsed and drained.
1 packet pita bread, halved
1. Saute onion and capsicum in oil until soft
2. add taco mix and cook 1 minute
3. stir through tomatoes, beans and heat through
4. Roll bean mixture into halved pita breads with chopped fresh tomato and grated cheese.
Music News

WEEK 5 MUSIC CHANGES DUE TO LAKE AINSWORTH CAMP

Bunyip Band has been cancelled Week 5, Wednesday 20th May due to the Lake Ainsworth Camp and will resume as usual the following week.

Mr Bryant’s lessons will be held on **Tuesday 19th May** instead of Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st. Please ensure your child has their instrument for their lesson on this day.

Recorder Ensemble will resume 8am Tuesday 19th of May.

Vivace Choir will resume at lunchtime on Monday 18th of May.

ICAS

ICAS is a highly regarded assessment program for schools which enables students to identify their levels of academic performance across the subject areas of Digital Technologies, 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](http://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

**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.

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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 ARE TO BE HANDED IN AT THE OFFICE.**

**The school sitting exam date is subject to change**
NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

In NSW public schools students are expected to:
• Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
• Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
• Strive for the highest standards in learning
• Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
• Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
• Comply with the school’s uniform policy or dress code
• Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
• Respect all property Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools
• Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools

Schools take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning.

Actions
Promoting the learning, wellbeing and safety of all students in NSW Public Schools is a high priority for the Department of Education and Communities. We implement teaching and learning approaches to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

Respect
• Treat one another with dignity
• Speak and behave courteously
• Cooperate with others
• Develop positive and respectful relationships and think about the effect on relationships before acting
• Value the interests, ability and culture of others
• Dress appropriately by complying with the school uniform or dress code
• Take care with property

Safety
• Model and follow departmental, school and/or class codes of behaviour and conduct
• Negotiate and resolve conflict with empathy
• Take personal responsibility for behaviour and actions
• Care for self and others
• Avoid dangerous behaviour and encourage others to avoid dangerous behaviour

Engagement
• Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
• Arrive at school and class on time
• Be prepared for every lesson
• Actively participate in learning
• Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning

The principal and school staff, using their professional judgment, are best placed to maintain discipline and provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments. The department provides a policy framework and resources such as Legal Issues Bulletins, access to specialist advice, and professional learning to guide principals and their staff in exercising their professional judgment. In this context the NSW Government and the Department of Education and Communities will back the authority and judgment of principals and school staff at the local level.
Welcome to term two which is now well under way. The canteen is running smoothly but we urgently need more helpers. Please, if you can spare a few hours a term please contact the canteen at School or leave a message at the front desk and I will get back to you ASAP.

There are a few new items on the menu that parents may not have noticed. We now have a meal deal that is very popular. A toasted cheese sandwich and a popper for $3.00 or a toasted ham and cheese sandwich with a popper for $3.50. These are very popular and at a very reasonable price. TNT ice blocks are now $1.00. We also now have a fruit TNT that is not sour, in flavours of blueberry, strawberry and lemon, also available in lemonade.

Also please note that Tomato sauce portions are 30c each.

I strive to have at least one fresh bakery item available for approx 20c per portion. Mostly fresh pikelets but we have recently had Anzac slice which disappears as well. Fresh fruit is always available.

Grilled cheese fingers on Turkish bread is also available but sells out very quickly. A reminder that you can pre-order recess which will help to avoid disappointment if items are sold out. Recess pre-orders need to be in a separate bag.

Thank you to all the class leaders who bring the lunch boxes in every day. They always greet me with a Hello Deb! And are so polite, it is great to see.

Don’t forget Hot Milo is a great warm drink in winter and is only 50c per cup. It does have a lid, so no spills!

Thank you to those parents who help out. It is very much appreciated. We still require helpers for the canteen to remain open 3 days a week.

Canteen Roster

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Hyper Kids

Hyper Kids
crazy fun together

3rd Sunday  each month
years K-6, 3:30-5pm
outdoor games,
hear about Jesus
craft activity
entry $3/child

5:30pm
sausage
sizzle

presbyterian
church hall
16 wollumbin st
Megan Lindsay
ph: 6672 1088
www.standrews.pc.org.au

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NAPLAN-  
Numeracy | **15th May**  
MHS students to  
assist with bush  
tucker garden |
| 5     | 18th May | 19th May  
9:30am Cricket  
KO at Kingscliff | 20th May  
Lake Ainsworth  
Camp 4/5/6 | **21st May**  
Lake Ainsworth  
Camp 4/5/6 | **22nd May**  
Lake Ainsworth  
Camp 4/5/6  
FNC X Country |
| 6     | 25th May | 26th May  
Yr5 M’Bah HS  
Science Visit  
Sorry Day | 27th May | **28th May**  
Rugby League  
Gaia Day | **29th May** |
| 7     | 1st June  
Dist. Softball  
Trials | 2nd June | 3rd June | **4th June**  
FNC Dance  
Festival Lismore  
7pm | **5th June**  
World Enviro Day  
Yr 5 SC Uni |
| 8     | 8th June  
QUEEN’S  
BIRTHDAY  
PUBLIC  
HOLIDAY | 9th June  
Legends Rugby  
League KO | 10th June  
Soccer Gala Day | **11th June**  
School Reports  
Home | **12th June**  
Athletics Carnival |
| 9     | **15th June** | **16th June**  
M’Bah Perf. Arts  
Verse Speaking | **17th June**  
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Primary Choir | **23rd June** | **24th June** | **25th June**  
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School Holidays - Monday 29th June to Monday 13th July  
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