Principals Message

What a wonderful performance from our school dance group last Thursday evening at the Far North Coast Dance Festival held in Lismore. From all reports, the children were just outstanding and we are so proud of them. They looked absolutely magnificent in their costumes and make up and performed like true professionals. I know that Mrs King was delighted with the way in which all the children represented our school. We have already received glowing comments from outside our community about our students and the manner in which they conducted themselves both on and off the stage. Many thanks to all our parents for your support in the lead up to and on the day and evening of the performance. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to Mrs King for all her hard work in ensuring that our children will take away such positive memories from this special evening.

More great news yesterday. Congratulations to Mr Gamble on a fine coaching effort and to all the players in our Rugby League team who were successful in winning the Tweed Heads sevens knockout competition. Playing against a number of schools including South Tweed Heads (5 tries to 1 win), Kingscliff number 2 team (5-3 win), St Josephs (7-5 win) and Kingscliff number one team (4 all) our boys were declared winners as they were the first scorers in the final. The boys now have the opportunity to travel to Ballina to compete against winners from this area. Well done boys and thankyou to all parents who supported the teams on the day.

I would like to thank the staff at Murwillumbah Public for the time and effort they have contributed to half yearly reports which are about to be sent home this Thursday. A great deal of thought has gone into these reports which are informative, comprehensive and provide in depth, detail as to how your child is working at school. Please take the time to talk about the report with your child and in particular, the effort mark they have received.

In the upcoming weeks, a number of our children will be involved in performances at the Murwillumbah Festival of Performing Arts. This will begin next Tuesday with many children taking part in the verse speaking part of the program. There will also be several music and choir
performances both group and individual. We wish all our children the very best and again thank our teachers and Mrs Armour for their hard work in preparing our children for these events.

I would like to welcome to the Murwillumbah Staff, Kim Priest. Kim is our new school counsellor and will be here every Wednesday. Kim brings a great deal of experience and expertise in her area.

Please ensure you have downloaded our school App (School Stream) to your iphone or android phone. You will receive alerts and reminders from the school. Simply search for School Stream in the Play Store (android) or Apple Store (iphone) and add Murwillumbah Public School. You will receive your newsletter on your phone. Push Notifications will be sent from the school to parents. These notifications will be sent to appropriate grades. Notifications will also serve as reminders and cancellations of sport and updates regarding excursions. An excellent form of communication from our school to our community. Please upload the App to your phone – it’s free!

Cyber Safety- Occasionally I am approached by parents with concerns about their children’s online activities when at home. My advice to them is to very closely monitor the apps, games and social media that children are using. Often these have a minimum age requirement before joining, which is usually because the level of maturity in decision making that is needed. Parents often feel things are safe because they are aware of what is being said, however, they may not be aware that details are being harvested behind the scenes for other purposes. It is very wise to stick to these age limits.

The Education Act (1990) requires that parents ensure that children of compulsory school age are enrolled at and regularly attend school. Regular attendance plays a vital role not only in a child’s academic progress but also in their social and emotional development.

The Department of Education requires a valid reason from parents and carers when their child is away from school. These may include:

- an unavoidable medical/dental appointment
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances
- being sick, or having an infectious disease.

If your child has to be absent or is absent the school must be notified within seven school days of the absence occurring. This is usually by way of a doctor’s certificate or absence note but can also be a phone call or visiting the school to inform the class teacher or office.

Holidays

Changes to student absence for family holidays

Family holidays are no longer an accepted category for exemption from school attendance. Parents must now complete an ‘Application For Extended Leave – Travel’, available from the office. Travel for the purpose of a family holiday, family business, bereavement or other reasons should be specified on the application. Educational, social and participation reasons should also be specified on the application. If the application is accepted by the principal, a ‘Certificate of Extended Leave – Travel’ will be issued. Please note that parents are encouraged not to withdraw their children from school for family holidays.

Arrival on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- ensures that students don’t miss out on important learning activities
- helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- reduces disruption to the class.

Lateness is recorded as partial absence and must be explained the same way as other forms of absence.

As a Parent

- Commit to sending children to school each day.
- Make sure they arrive on time.
- Inform the school within seven days of an absence.

Have a great week

Les Daley
Principal
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

MUSIC PROGRAM IS AS FOLLOWS:

**Monday 22nd June 9.30am**
- Year 5/6 Choir
- Vivace Choir
- Year 3/4 Choir
- Margaret Olley Small Vocal Group

**Tuesday 22nd June 11.00am**
- Concert Band
- Recorder Ensemble
- Drum Ensemble

**Thursday 25th June 8.30am**
- Recorder Duets and Trios
- Yr 4 Recorder Ensemble

**Thursday 25th June 10.30am**
- Kinder- 1 -2 Choir

Woodwind, Drum and Brass Solos, Duets, Trios and groups are as advised by separate note

**UNIFORM**

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

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.

Merit Awards

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 7 TERM 2:

**KL:** Jarod, Hamish
**3P:** Talia, Lilly
**KP:** Amos, Hamish
**4P:** Kathleen, Nick
**1K:** Arden, Abbey
**4/5A:** Kolton, Bronte
**1/2S:** Skyla, Will
**5/6K:** Jacob, Sammy
**2H:** Maisy, Latoya
**6W:** Kayla, Daymen
**2/3G:** Shanay, Ellie
**Library:** Lachlann, Claire

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 8 TERM 2:

**KL:** Poppy, Kai
**3P:** Mikelle, Nik
**KP:** Mia, Izaak
**4P:** Belinda, Brielle
**1K:** Sienna, David
**4/5A:** Ruben, Griffin
**1/2S:** Jayden, Hailey
**5/6K:** Tu-wai, Avalon
**2H:** Phoenix, Lily E
**6W:** Jenna, Lilly
**Library:** Ayla, Lily
P&C News
The P&C will be running a canteen at the athletics carnival on Friday 12th June. We are calling for a donation of cakes, biscuits, slices etc to be sold at the canteen. Please send in a list all of the ingredients used and remember - no nuts.
Donations will need to be delivered by Thursday 11th June to school, or Friday 12th June morning to the carnival canteen.
A price list of canteen items can be found below. We are asking as many parents as possible to volunteer to assist with our P&C canteen.
Natalie Hall
P&C President

2015 Murwillumbah Public School Athletics Carnival Menu
Hosted by: The P&C

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## EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

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Your child’s best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

Check the time your school starts.
DON’T BE LATE!

## EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn’t seem like much, but...

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Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!
FNC Dance Festival
Last Thursday, 26 student from Years 2 to 6 travelled to Lismore for the annual Far North Coast Dance Festival. The dance group attended a technical and dress rehearsal in the morning. They were able to experience what it was like to be a part of a professional show rehearsal with real lighting and sound technicians. The students were able to practise their dance on the stage and find their spacing in preparation for the evening performance. The dancers arrived for the evening show looking professional complete with stage make up and costumes. Their performance was the highlight of the evening. Not only were the parents proud but other teachers from our local community commented on how well rehearsed and in time our dance group was. Standing side stage, I have to say I have never been prouder of the dedication and performance of my students. It was an exciting night for everyone. Well done to our talented students and thank you to all the parents who supported this wonderful experience.

SRC News
The SRC is holding a fundraiser for three of our Stage 3 students who are representing our school at a State level in soccer, rugby league and music. Wear your favourite sporting t-shirt and school shorts/skirt on Thursday 18th June. Donate a gold coin and help support Dominic, Zach and Avalon!

www.murwillumb-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
## CALENDAR

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**School Holidays - Monday 29th June to Monday 13th July**

**Students Return Tuesday 14th July**

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## Community News

[Image of Banana Festival advertisement]

- **Tweed Valley Banana Festival**
  - Is currently searching for candidates. [Book Now!]
  - Forms available from website. Post to PO Box 33, Murwillumbah
  - info@bananafestival.org • www.bananafestival.org
  - Senior Princess: ages 9 - 12
  - Junior Princess: ages 5 - 8
  - Prince: ages 5 - 12
  - First Outing: 28th June
  - 02 6672 3309
  - Call Eryn Young - 0422 264 086

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