Principals Message

Last Wednesday evening the P&C held their 2016 Annual General Meeting. I would like to thank the 2015 P&C President, Natalie Hall and her executive for all their hard work throughout last year. Many thanks also to all parents who assisted the P&C at various events. Your support was greatly appreciated by the children and staff. The 2016 incoming executive include, Natalie Hall President, Sonia Greasley & Amanda De Lyon Vice Presidents, Rebecca Inglis Treasurer and Megan Lindsay Secretary. All parents are openly invited to attend P&C meetings which are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month commencing at 6.30pm in the Library.

Congratulations to all students, staff and parents for your efforts over the last four weeks! All students have been very productive, responding well to all learning tasks designed by their teachers. I have been very impressed by the standard of work that I am seeing each day.

Parents, teachers have spent the last four weeks instilling a set of work routines and habits for 2016. The work load and degree of difficulty will start to increase. Also note, children need to work neatly and quickly to complete work in the set timeframes.

Thank you to the teachers for their commitment to creating stimulating learning opportunities and stimulating learning environments and to all parents for your commitment to delivering your children safely and on time each day with their equipment for the day.

All students are reminded to place their bags outside their room, then to move to the COLA area to meet their friends and wait until the morning bell rings for play. The teacher on duty will then walk all children down to the back oval. All students are expected to go to the toilets before the bell. On the bell, children are expected to move to their class rooms and line up.

This week we have been holding our parent, student, teacher interviews. The response to these meetings has been outstanding with several staff needing to hold further interviews due to time restraints. Thank you parents! These meetings allow for a three way process between the student, teacher and parent to discuss individual goals and how children will work towards attaining these throughout the
year. A follow up meeting in Term 4, will allow a discussion on progress. If you missed out on attending please don’t hesitate to call your child’s class teacher to arrange another meeting. Similarly, at any time for any concern the class teacher is the first contact that should be made as they will have the most information about your child’s recent school activities.

As each new year starts and children change classes we would like to remind families that some children at Murwillumbah Public School suffer from allergies (including anaphylaxis) to peanuts/nuts, strawberries, fish and many more foods. These allergies can be very serious. We ask that children do not share or swap food that you have packed for them. We :-

• need a plan from your doctor if this is an area of concern for your child;
• give every anaphylactic student a red placemat on which to place their food and to remind others that they are not to share/accidently splash their food around, touch anything on the placemat;
• all students and staff know how to deal with this medical issue;
• go the extra mile by washing our hands thoroughly and rinsing our mouths after eating;
• ask you to prepare a batch of cakes/treats for freezing in the staff fridge for your child to eat in lieu of eating cake/sweet/treats provided by the birthday child’s parents. Place the treats in a sealed container suitable for freezing with your child’s name on the outside. Teacher’s defrost a treat and ensure your child enjoys their treat with their friends. Sometimes you will need to top up the treats as some classes celebrate more than 10 birthdays a year.

HIGH SCHOOLS FOR 2017
The application forms for Expressions of Interest for High School placement in 2017 were sent home last week to all parents of students in Year 6. It is important to check newspapers, websites and the school Newsletter for information regarding Open Days and Evenings, as most are held in Term 1. Parents of students in Year 6 are advised to attend these Days and Evenings at the high schools also, as the decisions regarding placement are made early in the year.

It is very important to promptly advise the school of any changes to your personal details. e.g. – address, phone numbers, custody, emergency contact numbers, etc. This is particularly important when the school is trying to contact the parents or emergency contacts of a sick or injured student.

A reminder to our Kindergarten parents that The Daily News newspaper will be at school next Monday to take a picture of all our Kindergarten children. This will then feature in the upcoming issue.

HOW WE SELECT STUDENTS TO TRIAL AT DISTRICT SPORTS
The Tweed Heads/Murwillumbah PSSA has very strict guidelines on selection to representative teams and sports. All trials are Open (except Rugby League) HOWEVER our school policy recommends that only students in Years 5 and 6 should trial due to age and size issues (there may be an exception to this rule for a student in year 4 who has outstanding skills).

At a school level, we are notified by the Convener when trials are to take place. The Sport Coordinator, approaches last year’s coaches regarding possible candidates. For sports where Murwillumbah does not have teams, the Sports Coordinator asks for interest from suitably experienced students who actually play the sport outside of school. Teachers will conduct skill sessions and use a checklist to ensure that students are capable of attending the next level. From there, the school may send students (as per Murwillumbah PSSA policy) they feel are worthy of representing at the next level. What
everyone must remember, is that District trials expect a very high standard of skill and each school is restricted to how many students can attend as well.

Golf also requires students to be members of Clubs or the Jack Newton Foundation with an official handicap.

At the recent P&C meeting I outlined our positive reward system that we have in place at Murwillumbah school. This includes Merit awards, certificates and other appropriate school based rewards.

- Merit Certificates – weekly 2 per class
- Key Learning Awards/Quality Work – presented at the whole school assembly
- Merit Awards are also presented to students to encourage participation in community events such as ANZAC Day March, Easter Hat Parade, NAIDOC Day, Education Week etc
- Principal, Silver and Gold awards presented at the whole school assembly
- Presentation of awards at whole school assemblies, presentation assemblies, special assemblies
- Chance cards - used by teachers/visiting teachers/canteen supervisor and office staff are to recognise positive behaviour by children in the playground and classroom
- Weekly canteen vouchers to chance card recipients drawn out at assemblies.
- Lunchtime computer passes awarded to students during class time for positive behaviour

Progression of Awards
4 merit certificates = 1 Principal Award
3 Principal awards = 1 Silver Award
3 Silver awards = 1 Gold Award

A comprehensive record of merit awards presented are kept by teachers. Names are also listed in our school newsletters and can be found on the school website.

Have a great week
Les Daley
Principal

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Merit Awards

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 5 TERM 1:**

**KA:** Hunter, Katie  
**KP:** Nathaniel, Ivy  
**1K:** Frankie, Izaak  
**1/2S:** Hudson, Ammarah  
**2P:** Finnian, Danika  
**3W:** Maisy H, Jack  
**3/4K:** Phoenix, Noah  
**3/4L:** Lilly, Kendell  
**4/5H:** Russell, Kiarn  
**5/6G:** Ruben, Evie  
**5/6P:** Ben, Keira  
**Mrs Taylor:** Ben M, Sam D  
**Miss Daley:** Lauchlan, Narla, Ava

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 6 TERM 1:**

**KA:** Emily, Khade  
**KP:** Khylan, Jayden  
**1K:** Poppy, Mathew  
**1/2S:** Riley, Danica  
**2P:** Coby, Thomas  
**3W:** Blake, Cree  
**3/4K:** Josh, Lincoln  
**3/4L:** Kodi, Emily  
**4/5H:** Zanda, Stella  
**5/6G:** Matt, Tristan  
**5/6P:** Cooper, Jerson  
**Miss Daley:** Dean, Russell
Stage Two

3W, 3/4K and 3/4L have all been enjoying our Science unit “Smooth Moves”. We are learning about forces and how things move. Students have been working in Collaborative Learning Groups to describe how they made objects move and to explore the effects of different sized forces on rolling cans. All Stage 2 students are participating and enjoying the different roles and responsibilities in the Collaborative Learning Groups. Science is fun!

P&C News

Thank you to the families that supported and contributed to the P&C in 2015, we look forward to your continued support in 2016.

The P&C AGM was held last week and saw a small change to the executives.

President: Natalie Hall
Vice Presidents: Amanda DeLyon and Sonia Greasely
Minutes and Social Secretary: Megan Lindsay
Correspondence Secretary: Courtney Cowderoy
Treasurer: Rebecca Inglis

Thank you to the outgoing executive members, your hard work and dedication to P&C is greatly appreciated.

P&C meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6.30pm in the school library.

EASTER RAFFLE
The P&C will be holding an Easter egg raffle this year. We are asking all families to please donate an Easter egg or Easter gift so we can have a number of prizes for the raffle. Please place your donations in the box in the office. A book of raffle tickets and more information will be sent home soon.
LIFE EDUCATION
Life Education is coming to our school in Week 9, from Monday 21st March to Thursday 24th March. Each class will spend 1-1/2 hours in the Life Education van during the week. The cost is $10 per child and includes the Life Education session, a student workbook and a sticker for each child. Life Education is clearly linked to the PD/H/PE syllabus, and is only offered to our school every 2 years. Each child is encouraged to participate in this worthy activity.

EASTER HAT PARADE
We will be holding our Easter hat Parade on Thursday, 24th March at 9:15 am. All students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 participate. Children in Years 3-6 are also welcome to participate. We are asking that hats are made at home and brought to school for the morning parade. The parade is for the students to participate in and enjoy themselves. There are no prizes handed out. The P & C will be drawing their Easter Raffle during the parade.

HEAD LICE
The school has been notified that nits/head lice are present in the hair of some students. The source of hair lice is almost impossible to trace, but we do know that the infestation travels quickly. Would you please check your child’s hair tonight and if you find any eggs or lice then please commence treatment as recommended as soon as possible.

CONDITIONER AND FINE TOOTH COMB METHOD
1. Apply conditioner to dry hair aiming to cover each hair from root to tip with a layer of conditioner.
2. Detangle the hair using an ordinary comb.
3. Immediately comb the hair with a fine tooth comb.
4. Wipe the conditioner off the fine tooth comb onto a paper tissue and look for eggs and lice.
5. Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least 5 times.
6. Also examine the comb for lice and eggs.

The Department of Education & Communities considers that the detection and treatment of head lice in children is a parental responsibility.
Community Noticeboard

The New Community Pantry is open Wednesdays and Thursdays 9.00am to 3.00pm at Nullum House, Nullum St, Murwillumbah. We provide low cost food for individuals and families finding it hard to make ends meet. Maximum spend is $35 (cash only).
P: 02 6672 3003
E: Communitypantry@mccentre.org.au

FutureTahs Camp

FutureTahs Camp is here in 2016 for U7s – U13s!
Camp includes 1 full day of rugby fun filled coaching and a FutureTahs sports pack, (Boot bag, water bottle and FutureTahs hat)
9am-3pm
Ballina – 12th April
Grafton – 13th April
Port Macquarie – 14th April
$95

To register please follow the link below. Please note: You will pass through the Rugby Learning Centre. Once you are in you will need to search NSW Rugby FutureTahs Camp

PARKS WEEK 2016
FREE DAY IN THE PARK
Sunday 13 March
10am - 12.30pm
Knox Park, Nullum St, Murwillumbah

Activities for everyone:
Skate Workshop, Yoga for all ages, Stories & Songs for Children, Free BBQ & Craft Activities
For more information visit www.tweed.nsw.gov.au
# School News

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**School Holidays**
Monday 11th April 2016 - Friday 22nd April 2016
Students return to school - Wednesday 27th April 2016

## Canteen Roster

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