



# Murrurundi Public School

*Pride in our Heritage, Confidence in our Future*

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 — Week 9

Thursday 20 September 2018

### Newsletter Week 9

#### Principal's Message

##### Important 2/3/4 Parent Meeting Friday 9.30am

All 2/3/4 Parents are invited to attend an important meeting about Term 4 changes that will affect the 2/3/4 class.

##### Bell Times Trial Term 4

The bell times will change in Term 4 to trial a longer lunch (45 min) and a shorter afternoon tea (30 min) so as to give students enough time to eat their lunch and still have time to play.

**Lunch:** 11.30am-11.45am eating time, 11.45am-12.15am play time

**Afternoon Tea:** 1.45pm-2.00pm eating time, 2.00pm-2.15pm play time

##### Teacher-Parent-Student Conference Night and BBQ

Please book a time/s for your TPS conference at the office for the afternoon/evening of Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> of September beginning at 3.30pm. The P&C will be providing a BBQ for families. Students will be leading the conferences about their learning... Why? Student-led conferences take the form of a conversation between the student, their parents and their teacher. This approach gives students an opportunity to share with their parents their growth as a learner. They accept accountability and responsibility for their progress and achievement, and demonstrate a growing understanding of their development as independent learners.

##### Lost Property

The lost property is mounting and can be found in a

white tub on the verandah. Please ensure your child's clothing (especially jumpers, jackets and hats) are clearly named so that they can be easily returned to their owner.

##### Fire Station Opening

The Commissioner of Fire & Rescue NSW has invited our school choir and their families to attend and participate at the Murrurundi Fire Station Opening Ceremony located at **42 Mayne Street MURRURUNDI on Wednesday 3 October 2018 at 3pm**. Please ensure you have returned the tear off section of the note that was sent home recently, to advise us of how many students to expect at the opening.

##### Climb for Motor Neurone Disease Free Dress Day

To support our Murrurundi Fire and Rescue team to raise money for motor neurone disease research, we will be holding a free dress day on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> of September. Each child is asked to bring a gold coin donation with funds raised going to help fight the terminal neurological disease of MND.

##### NAPLAN

NAPLAN results for Years 3 and 5 will be sent home today. I am awaiting the whole school data as there is a delay due to some schools completing NAPLAN online and others on paper. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement.



NAPLAN tests are one aspect of each school's assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance. If you have any questions regarding the NAPLAN results, please don't hesitate to ask.

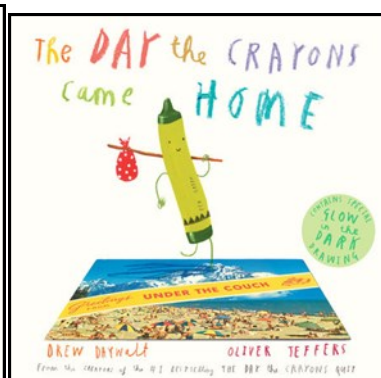
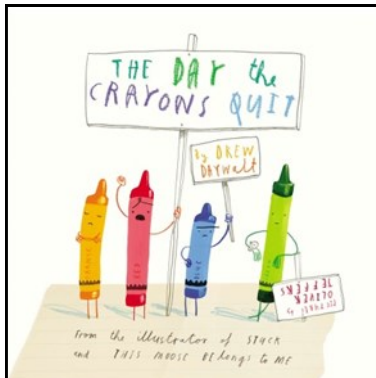
**Mrs Hopkins**

**Relieving Principal**

## Week 9 in K/1

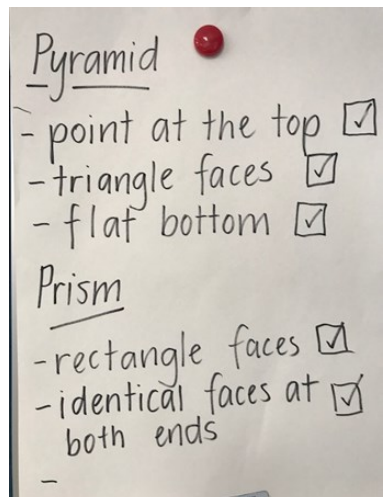
All Things Crayon!

Over the past couple of weeks K/1 have been enthusiastically reading and exploring the books: 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and 'The Day the Crayons Came Home' by Drew Daywalt. We have written letters, postcards, designed special places to keep crayons and the students even got to make their own favourite colour crayon! It has been a wonderful way to combine a love of reading with the learning of text types such as letters and postcards.



In Maths, we have continued to explore 3D shapes by learning about rolling and sliding shapes (Kinder) and the difference between prisms and pyramids (Year 1).

**Ms Hurst** 😊

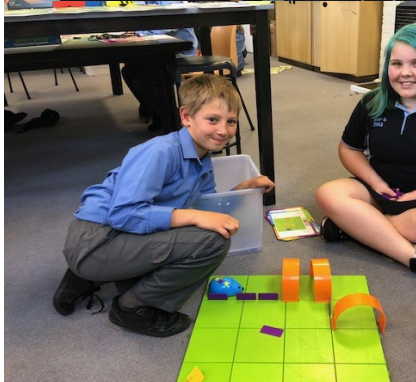


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5/6 have been using the schools new laptop computers to research information to write an informative text on a subject they have chosen. The students have enjoyed researching their topics and writing their reports. Last week we enjoyed a visit from Jess Stimson from the CSIRO. She was particularly excited by the knowledge and enthusiasm our students showed during science. This term the students have been studying a CSIRO indigenous inquiry based science unit that ties scientific knowledge and skills to indigenous culture. Miss Stimson was particularly impressed with the students' knowledge of scientific process and their detailed explanations of the changing states of matter.

Thanks to the support of Premer Public School we now have robots to use during coding club. The students have enjoyed coding a robot mouse to find the cheese and playing 'Robot Turtles' a coding board game where students have to code their player around the game board to find their gemstone. Students have also enjoyed working through lessons on Tynker and are beginning to code simple animations.

**Miss Callaghan**



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This week in Numeracy 5/6 have been focusing on vertical subtraction with "borrowing". The students have strong skills in this area so have worked well on this tricky concept. During literacy we have been writing amazing imaginative pieces using the following visual stimulus.



**Diamond  
Visual Stimulus**



On Tuesday we had a visit from Miss Jen Stock, who will be the 2019 Year 7 advisor at QHS. The students had a fabulously fun Drama session with her for the afternoon. Thanks Miss Stock.

**TEAM COLOURS DAY!**

Next Wednesday 26th September, students are invited to dress in their favourite sports team colours and bring a gold coin to raise money for kids with cancer.

**Mrs Foley**



**Coles Sport for Schools**

The sports equipment has finally arrived and was presented to the students of Murrurundi Public School by the SRC at last week's assembly. A big thank you to the families and community members who donated their vouchers to our school, both at school and to our school box at Coles in Scone. We would like to thank Ruth Roser who delivered our vouchers on a regular basis throughout the promotion.

The sports equipment chosen by the students included —AFL - and soccer balls badminton equipment - hoops - Scooter Boards and gator tennis balls.



Hosted by  
**UPPER HUNTER YOUTH COUNCIL**  
A Mental Healthy Event



# COLOUR FUN RUN

FRIDAY 5 OCTOBER 2018

- Time:** Registrations open 9.30am  
**Venue:** Bill Rose Sports Complex  
**Ages:** Everyone welcome, toddlers to grandparents  
**Courses:** 1km, 3km and a 'whatever you can' distance around the oval. Run, walk or skip the distance that suits you!  
**Cost:** \$5 per child, \$8 per adult, \$15 per family. Includes BBQ and water  
**RSVP:** By Wednesday 3 October. Call 0439 090 891 or email [youthevents@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au](mailto:youthevents@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au)  
**Transport:** Buses departing from Merriwa & Murrurundi.

**FIND OUT MORE AT [WWW.UPPERHUNTER.NSW.GOV.AU](http://WWW.UPPERHUNTER.NSW.GOV.AU)**





## Library day is Tuesday

All students are expected to use a library bag to help protect our books

Students are encouraged to change books on a weekly basis.

New books available now for borrowing

SCHOLASTIC  **Book Fairs**

**Coming once again to Murrurundi Public School Term 4 Week 2**

Hand selected from over 50 publishers by Scholastic—the global experts on getting more children reading. A huge selection of Australian authors and illustrators. A Scholastic Book Fair is the perfect place for your child to discover new books and ignite their love for reading.

**All purchases benefit our school.**



## CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 3

If you are unable to do your day please try and find a swap. If not please contact me on 0472778340.

**24th SEPT Maxine & Barney**

### TERM 4 Roster

**15th OCT Steph & Julie**

**22nd OCT Sarah & Michelle**

**29th OCT Nikki & Sue Stone**

**5th NOV Maxine & Barney**

**16th NOV Steph & Julie (Friday) Special Day Pre-Kinder**

**19th NOV Sarah & Michelle**

**26th Nov Maxine & Barney**

**3rd DEC Nikki & Sue**

**10th DEC Steph & Julie**

**19th DEC Special last day of School treat —  
sausage sizzle \$1.00**

**Thank you, Steph**

## P&C Uniform

The Uniform shop is open on Mondays between 9:00 am and 9:30 am and Friday afternoons between 3:00 pm and 3:30 pm. Please see one of us during these times if you require any uniforms. With any uniform purchase it is a requirement that money is paid in full or a 10% deposit prior to uniform being taken.

There are still outstanding amounts owing. Please attempt to finalise these payments as soon as possible.

## Uniform Orders

**Orders for Summer Uniforms are required by Monday 24th September to guarantee delivery and correct sizing for your child/children. There is limited stock in the uniform cupboard and the next lot of orders will not be placed until later in Term 4.**

**Please complete the order form in the school office so you do not miss the deadlines.**

## News from the P&C

### Traffic Lights Petition

Please be aware that we have a petition to try and get some lights put on our crossing out the front of the school. This is located at the office and we would be grateful if you could sign it. Also if you have any close calls on the crossing please report to the office as we are compiling evidence to prove that the crossing is not safe.

### Leanne Avard

#### NEXT P&C Meeting

**Monday 22nd October 9.30pm at Murrurundi Public School**

**You are all invited to come along to continue our discussions on Term 4 events :**

**Presentation Night**

**Year 6 Farewell Dinner**

**Carols by Candlelight**

**Christmas Raffle**

**“Many hands make light work”**

**Always a cuppa, snacks and friendship!**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday WEEK 10	Thursday	Friday
Canteen	Student Banking	Fun Fitness For Littlies Footie Colours Day for Kids with Cancer gold coin donation		
Music—Mr Garret	Library	Fine Art Choir—Mr Leayr	Religious Instruction  Sport	Assembly  Dance Computer Coding Drama