



Murrurundi Public School

Pride in our Heritage, Confidence in our Future

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1—Week 11

Monday 8 April 2019

Principal's Message

The Great Aussie Bush Camp, Tea Gardens

HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR EOI?

Save the date for our K-6 camp with Blandford, Ellerston and Belltrees Public Schools. K-2 students will attend Monday 26th August – Wednesday 28th of August (3 days), while Years 3-6 will attend from Monday 26th August – Friday 30th of August (5 days). EOI's are due by the end of this week.

Easter Hat Parade

Join us for our Easter hat parade, Wednesday 10th of April at 9.30am. Easter hats are to be made at home. We look forward to seeing you and our Preschool friends on this special day.

Murravale Visit

Students from K-6 will visit the residents of Murravale Retirement Home at 12.30pm on Wednesday 10th of April (the same day as the Easter Hat Parade). Students will show their Easter hats, perform some songs and read to the residents.

Cooler Weather

With the cooler weather comes the wearing of jumpers and jackets. Please ensure these (and hats) are clearly named so that if lost, they are easily returned. The Winter uniform is worn from the beginning of Term 2. Please ensure that you have placed any orders for new Winter uniform items at the office.

ANZAC Day – save the date

We would love to see as many students as possible

representing our school at the Anzac Day ceremony on Thursday the 25th of April (2nd week of the school holidays).

Choose Water as a Drink

Please send water as a drink for your child (or a drink bottle for them to fill up with our SOURCE water). Save soft drinks for special occasions as they are a “sometimes” food.

Upper Invermein Small Schools Cross Country

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the UISS Cross Country last Friday 5th of April. All students proudly represented Murrurundi Public School by displaying good sportsmanship and behaviour. Congratulations to Sophie Luscombe, Lynx Whitby, Zai Ahmad-Stone, Gracie Kedwell and Chase Barton for placing in their events.

Term 2 commences Tuesday 30th of April

To all of our students, enjoy your holidays and we look forward to another term of learning, beginning Tuesday the 30th of April.

Save the Date – Wednesday 1st of May

It's coming! Make sure you save the date... What could it be?

Mrs Rebecca Hopkins

Relieving Principal

Kindergarten

Kindergarten have been working hard learning the sounds (not the letter names) through "Jolly Phonics".

Jolly Phonics is a systematic phonics scheme that teaches children the alphabetic code of English. Children are taught the 42 letter sounds, how to blend them to read words, and how to read the first few 'tricky' keywords.

The main 42 letter sounds of English are taught – one sound every day and in the Jolly Phonics order.

1. s a t i p n
2. c k e h r m d
3. g o u l f b
4. ai j oa ie ee or
5. z w ng v oo oo
6. y x ch sh th th
7. qu ou oi ue er ar



A multi-sensory method is used to introduce the children to the letter sounds. There is a storyline, action and 'Sound Sheet' for each sound. By doing an action associated with the sound, e.g., rub tummy and say "mmmmm" for the /m/ sound, the children remember it more easily.

As well as learning the sounds the letters make, the children are taught how to blend them together to hear a word. The aim is to enable the children to hear the word when the teacher says the sounds, e.g., "What word am I saying ... 'd-o-g'?"

It is essential that children are taught to hear the individual sounds in words, especially for helping them to spell words. Initially, the children are asked to listen carefully and say if they can hear a given sound in words. for example, "Is there a 's' in 'sun'? Where does it come – the beginning, middle or end?"

Each Kinder student has a Jolly Phonics keyring so that they can practice recalling the sounds at home.



Mrs Hopkins

Year 1/2

What a busy first term we have had! We think we are all ready for a short break to refresh our minds so that we are ready for another big term of learning. Miss Reeves and Mrs Quirk can't believe the improvements we have made in literacy and numeracy throughout the term.

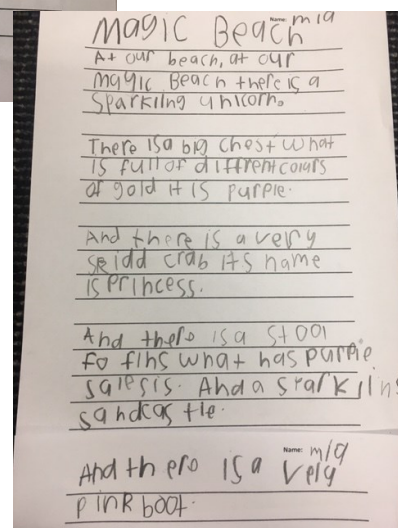
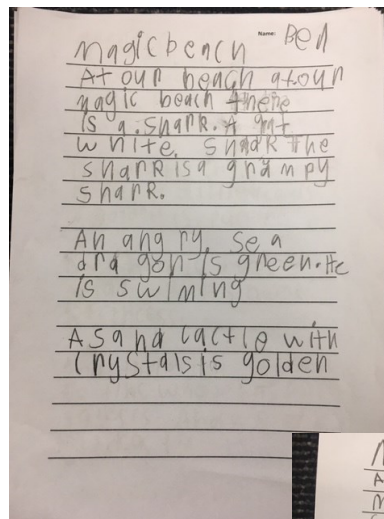
This week we have been writing descriptions of our own 'magic beach' after reading "Magic Beach" by Allison Lester. In Science we observed the parts of a plant and planted some seedlings which we will be observing over the next week, hoping for a flower!

Some tips to stay busy and learning over the holidays:

- ◆ Continue reading each night
- ◆ Keep a journal of your holidays and what you do each day. Include drawings as well
- ◆ Play card games such as Draw 4 and 21

We look forward to another term of learning in Year One and Two

Miss Reeves, Mrs Quirk and Year One and Two



Year 1/2

Name: Will

Magic Beach
 At our beach at our magic beach
 we swim in the great big
 scary waves scaring
 people away.

We build a glittering
 sandcastle.

We can see pirates on the
 pirate ships.

At our beach at our magic beach
 we make great big waves
 and there is fire.

Name: Henry

Magic beach
 At our beach at our magic
 beach a damaged shipwreck is
 singing in the sand.

Water is getting sucked
 up by a sparkly portal
 which was surrounded by
 a hotel truck.

a ticklish clam washed
 up by a wave. The clam
 has a giant pearl.

A misty hat is
 lying on the beach.

A tinkling chest
 full of roopie diamonds and
 emeralds.

Name: Elsie

At our beach at our
 magic beach there are
 shimmering jewels of fish
 that swim from your
 legs.

Under the water is shining
 mermaids that we kid.

We fish for scary
 fish z cott one wans
 + heg are very scary.

On the sand on
 our magic beach
 there is a shiny
 necklaces.

We build sparkling
 castles on our magic
 beach.

Name: Emily

Magic beach
 At our beach, at our
 magic beach the Rainbow
 Sea unicorn swims in the
 salty waters.

The Sea shell castle
 shines in the reflection
 of the sun. It sparkles
 so brightly.

The glitter checker
 tailed mermaid princess
 collects sea shells
 from the ocean
 floor and makes sure
 no little sea creatures
 live in the sea shell.
 Will the little princess
 find her tiara?

Magic beach
 At our beach at
 our magic beach there
 is a rainbow
 there are chest
 sparkly water are
 very sparkly fish

There are horses in
 the water we are
 riding them in the
 water.

Look over there.
 there is a big sand
 car so it is cool
 sell can so there
 is a moat
 around the car so
 to keep the car so safe.

Is it a bird...?
 is it a plane...?
 Something BIG
 is coming May
 1st

Year 3/4/5/6

This week in 3456, we have been writing persuasive texts about whether it is better to live in the city or the country. Students overwhelmingly thought country was better than city, although a couple did try to convince us of the benefits of city living.

Those that preferred country wrote about the beauty of the countryside, the peace and quiet, and the safety of knowing your neighbours. Below are a few examples of the students' arguments.

Conner

The country is better than the city. The country is so quiet that you can relax in the bath tub, but in the city you have to put a pillow over your head when it is day time. This is why the country is better than the city.

Ally

The country is better than the city because it is beautiful because it has mountains. That's why the country is better than the city.

Thea

The country is quieter than the city. There is not that many people in the country so it is quieter. That's why the country is better than the city.

Cassie

The city is better than the country because you can live in tall buildings. You get to be up high and look out the window. That's why the city is better than the country.

Braiden

The country is better than the city. The city is so noisy. I can't even hear myself think in the city. It is so quiet at my house in the country. I love the country, it is way better than the city.

Blake

The country is definitely better than the city. The traffic in the city is horrible. The traffic in the country, on the other hand, is awesome. You never get stuck in traffic. That's why you should live in the country.

Mrs Maxwell

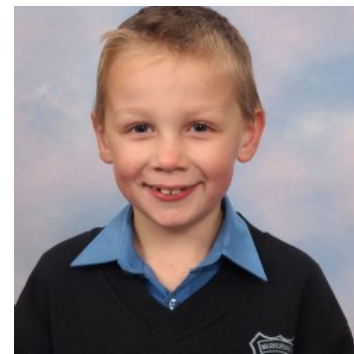


Coming Soon—commences May 2019



Thumb Up Award

Ben & Ryan



*Save The Date
Easter Egg Hunt
And Family Fun Day*

*Easter Sunday 21st April
Michael Reid Art Gallery*

9.30am Register

10:00am Egg Hunt

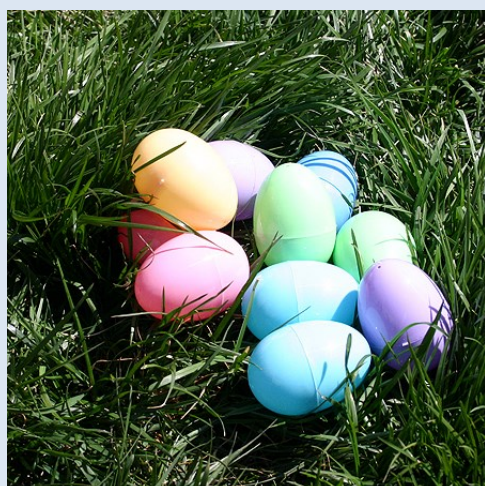
Food Available

Gold Coin Donation

*(Donated to Murrurundi & Blandford
Public Schools)*

*For further details
call Steph McPherson*

0472778340



*Please ensure you register
your name.*

Tabloid Sports with Sam



SRC

The SRC will be running a special day on the last day of school, Friday 12th April, selling Zooper Doopers from the canteen for 50c each. The SRC are hoping to raise money to add some fun elements to our playground such as a cubby house or a sensory garden.

Upper Invermein Cross Country 2019

SPORT

Touch Football Trials

Well done to Rachel and Madison C who travelled to Singleton last week to participate in the trial for the Upper Hunter Touch football team. They both participated very well in wet and cold conditions, Rachel making it through to the second stage of trials. Great work girls!!

Cross Country

Well done to all students who participated in the Upper Invermein Small schools cross country last week. The course was a fantastic challenge for our students.

Congratulations to the following students on their placings;



Murrurundi Public School Students

Cross Country Placing's 2019

- Gracie Kedwell 2nd - 8/9 yr Girls
- Zai Ahmad-Stone 3rd—8/9 yr Boys
- Lynx Whitby 3rd—10 yr Boys
- Sophie Luscombe 3rd 11yr Girls
- Our students aged 5/6/7 years tried very hard and placed very well too in their events.

Congratulations to all students who participated and did their best.

Notes for students going onto Zone will be sent home this week.

P&C Fundraising

GET INVOLVED! The Murrurundi Public School P&C needs YOUR help NOW!

After our recent AGM, unfortunately we were unable to fill all positions. We need two community minded people to assist the P&C committee by taking on the roles of Treasurer and Secretary. Information on these positions is with Jude in the office. If these roles aren't filled urgently, we cannot continue to run the school canteen, the school uniform shop, fund school excursions, and many more great activities OUR children enjoy at school. Please consider if you want to help out on the P&C committee. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday each month at 6pm at the school.

We have some major fundraising events coming up on us very quickly and need as much help as possible. Funds raised from these activities benefit OUR students and THEIR school. There will be information on the notice board at the front office for each event – Please find some time to help out where you can. Many hands make light work!

Please see Steph McPherson and Mick Power if you can assist or put your name on the info sheets.



let's go
to school



Every Day Counts

| When your child misses just | that equals per year | and therefore from Kindy to year 6 | and therefore from Kindy to Year 12 that is | Your child has missed |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|------------------------------|
| 1 day each fortnight | 20 days per year | 9 months of school | 1 ½ years of school | 260 days |
| 1 hour per day | 40 days per year | 1 and ¼ years of school | Over 2 ½ years of school | 520 days |
| 1 day per week | 40 days per year | 1 and ¼ years of school | Over 2 ½ years of school | 520 days |
| 2 days per week | 80 days per year | 2 and ½ years school | Over 5 years of school | 1,040 days |
| 3 days per week | 120 days per year | 4 years school | Almost 8 years of school | 1,560 days |

Give your child every chance to succeed.....

P&C Information

Canteen — Monday

Term 2 canteen roster coming soon.

Thank you to the parents and community members who assisted in the canteen this term.

Steph

From The Uniform Committee

All orders of uniforms now need a deposit and full payment must be made before uniforms will be given out.

Bunnings BBQ

Please save the date Saturday 19th May for our Bunnings BBQ fundraiser. A roster is available in front of the school office. So if you can spare an hour or two please place your name on the preferred time spot.

Next P&C Meeting 1st May at 6.00pm

Easter Raffle Donations

Please leave your Easter goodies in the school office.

Raffle drawn Friday
12th April.



Easter raffle tickets available at :

- School office
- Murrurundi Pharmacy
- Take a Break Café

Thank you for your support.

Notes To be Returned Please

- Family Update /Information
- Life Education (Rescheduled Term 2) - Current note still needs to be returned.
- EOI Aussie Bush Camp Note—Expression of Interest—Before the end of Term 1
- Shake A Leg
- Scone High School Orientation

Save the Date

- 10 April - Easter Hat Parade 9.30 / Murravale 12.30
- 1 May - P&C Meeting 6.00pm
- 19 May - Bunnings BBQ—Tamworth
- 30May - Biggest Morning Tea
- 13 June - Life Education - Term 2

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday Week 10 | Thursday | Friday |
|---------|----------------------|--|-----------|--|
| Canteen | Student Banking | 9.30 Easter Hat Parade 12.30 Visit to Murravale Year 6 Scone High School | | Last day Term 1 Easter Raffle Drawn |
| | Library K-2 Choir | Music 3-6 | Scripture | Fun Fitness For Littlies Tabloid Sports |