



Murrurundi Public School

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 - Week 9

Monday 24 June 2019

Principal's Message

Share Our Space

We are a participating school in Share Our Space this school holidays. This means that our school playground will be open from 8am-5pm Monday 8th June to Friday 19 July.

Toys

Please ensure all toys are kept at home. They are a distraction and students risk losing them or having them broken at school.

Picking up

Please note that children are not allowed to leave the school grounds with adults or friends (or on their own) unless written or verbal authorisation has been provided by the parent or carer. This is in the interests of child protection and safety. All students must wait outside the office until their parent or carer arrives.

Change of Date Belltrees Sports Carnival – Thursday 27th of June

The annual Belltrees Sports Carnival is now being held on **Thursday 27th of June at Bill Rose Sporting Complex, Scone**. This was a difficult decision for the organising school, but was made in the best interests of the students and the carnival. There is a **\$4 participation levy** for all students that will be collected on the day. This is an increase of \$1 due to the extra fees charged for the preparation and use of the grounds at Scone and the hire of equipment. The **bus will still depart from the front of the school at 7.30am**, returning approximately by 3.30pm (check Facebook for updates). There will be no supervision at school on this day and students are expected to attend the carnival. Parents are invited to attend the carnival which is sure to be an enjoyable day. Thank you to the Principals, Staff and P&C of Belltrees and Ellerston Public Schools for their organisation of this event.

Aquis The Future is Bright Pre Kinder Program 2019 Information Session

Parents of students who will be enrolling in Kindergarten in 2020 are invited to an information session on **Tuesday 2nd July at 9.45am** in the school library.

This year the program will be slightly different, in **Term 2**, the Pre Kinder students will join in the day's activities with the Kindergarten students in the Kindergarten classroom. The focus will be on learning the rules and routines of school, building relationships with

the staff members and other students and becoming confident and comfortable in the school environment. There will be lots of play based learning around school readiness. In **Term 3**, the Pre Kinder students will have their own teacher for the day and will begin to learn early literacy and numeracy skills.

Uniform Review

The first uniform review meeting will be held on **Wednesday 7th August** at the August P&C meeting. Please join us to discuss your concerns and ideas for updating the current Murrurundi Public School uniform. All changes will follow the Department of Education School Uniform Policy Guidelines:

"Each school's uniform must be the result of formal consultation with students, teachers and other staff and parents/carers (including the Parents and Citizens' Association). Parents/carers must be given sufficient time to purchase items and schools may need to give parents/carers up to three years where there have been changes."

Reports

Teachers are currently writing student reports. Semester 1 student reports will be sent home on **Friday 5th of July** and will be in a slightly different format than those of last year. Once you receive your child's report, you are invited to make an appointment through the office for an interview to discuss the report and your child's progress.

Musica Viva – Wednesday 26th of June

The bus departs for Musica Viva (Wallabadah Public School) at 12pm and will return by 2.30pm.

Great Aussie Bush Camp with Upper Invermeil Small Schools

K-2 26th-28th August 3-6 26th-30th August

Now that numbers for the camp have been finalised, an updated cost for the camp has been calculated at less than first estimated:

K-2 \$320 3-6 \$425

The permission note and a \$50 non-refundable deposit are due by the **21st of June**. You are welcome to make as many part payments as you would like up to the **9th of August** when payments must be finalised.

SOURCE Water

Due to the shorter days, the SOURCE water is not producing as much water as it did in the summer months. During this time we will limit our water for students only. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Visible Wellbeing Message from Sharon Garro

Why Knowing Our Character Strengths Can Help Us Do Better Academically And Emotionally

Why does it seem to be easier to focus on what is not going well as opposed to what is going well? Or the bad things that have happened rather than the good? One reason is because we all have a negativity bias, which is *designed* to help us filter out possible threats to us. Being aware of how a person continues to put us down is a threat to our confidence and our brains are wired to help us feel annoyed and frustrated by this. Our negativity bias is intended to help keep us safe, but it can get to the point where it is in overdrive and we only see what can possibly harm us (physically, emotionally or mentally). Psychology has for many decades focused on relieving the effects of possible threats or actual threat by focusing on how to address anxiety, depression, post traumatic stress and the like. However, it is just as useful to also focus on things that help us feel safe, secure and calm, as when we are in this state, we are wired to learn and to build positive relationships. This is where the research of Character Strengths comes in.

55 social scientists spent 5 years researching different cultures, religions and moral codes to find out what characteristics people display when they are happy, thriving, confident, calm and doing well. Through this research, the 24 most cited characteristics were those listed as the VIA Character Strengths-things such as kindness, honesty, gratitude, perseverance, teamwork etc. We now use the language of Character Strengths to help young people know what resources they have inside of them to help them be their best. When we help them identify these and find ways to use them, they begin to feel more competent, know their own unique identity and be happy to contribute things that they value. When we experience wellbeing, research also shows that not only are we more resilient but much better able to learn and do our best academically. Use the VIA Character Strengths website to help you understand those traits that lead people to be their best and help your children identify what makes them unique.

Mrs Rebecca Hopkins
Relieving Principal

Classroom Awards

Week 8 - Merit Awards

K Xander & Zachariah

1/2 Lilly & Eloise

3/4/5/6 Ally, Justice, Olivia & Braiden

Principal's Award

Angus McDonald - Parker



PBL Thumbs Up

Kyesha

Blake

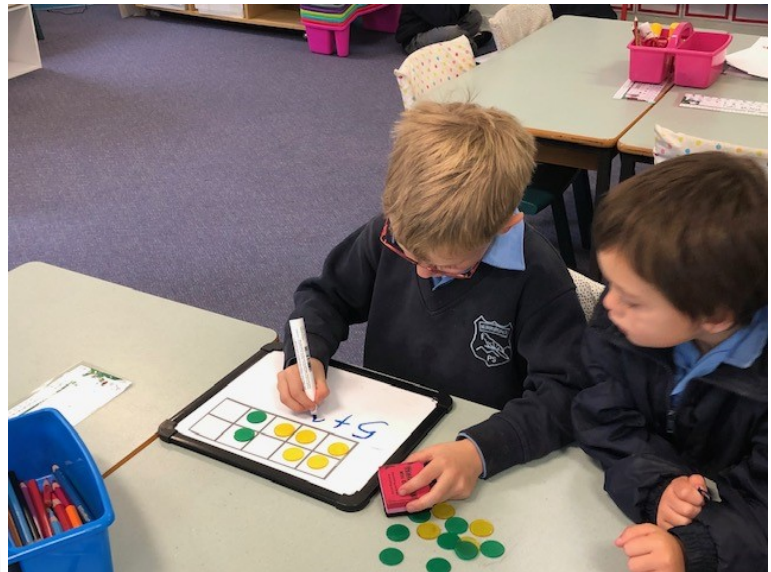
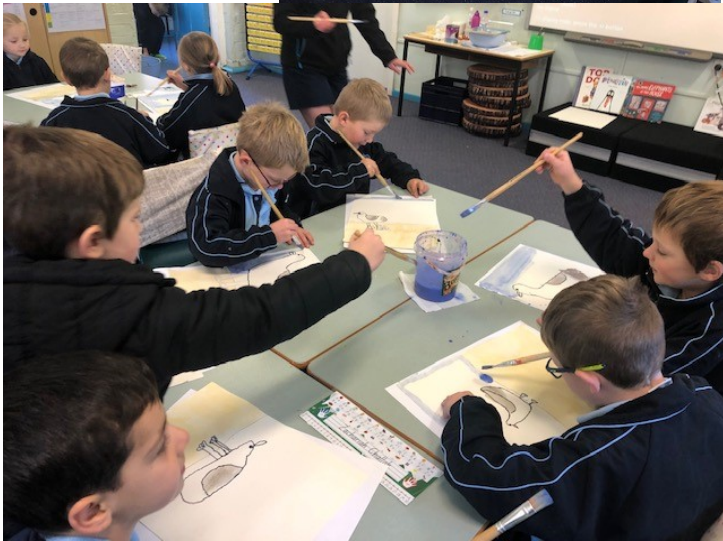
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Kindergarten

Kindergarten have been building their number sense. We have looked out how we can show addition by using counters and tens frames. In literacy we read the book "Seagull" by Danny Snell and drew and painted a seagull. In music we have been learning traditional dance moves from the Torres Strait Islander culture. The students have enjoyed learning about different musical instruments and costumes of the Torres Strait Islander people.

**Ms Callaghan and
Mrs Coffey**



Year 1 & 2

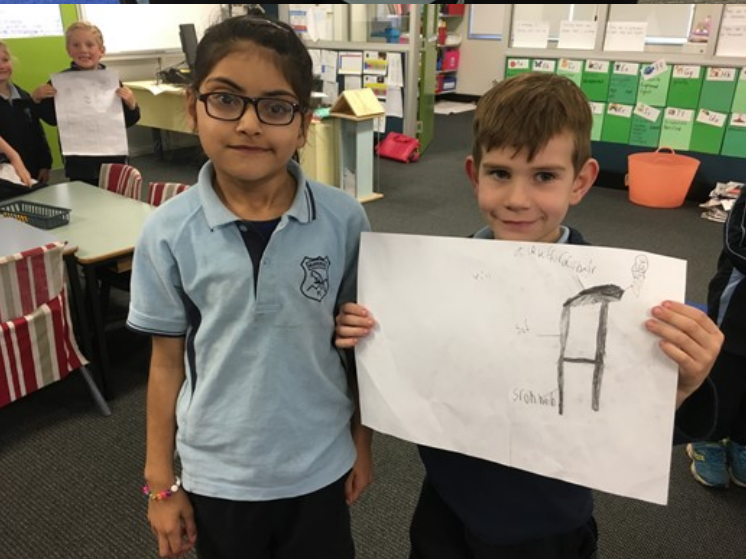
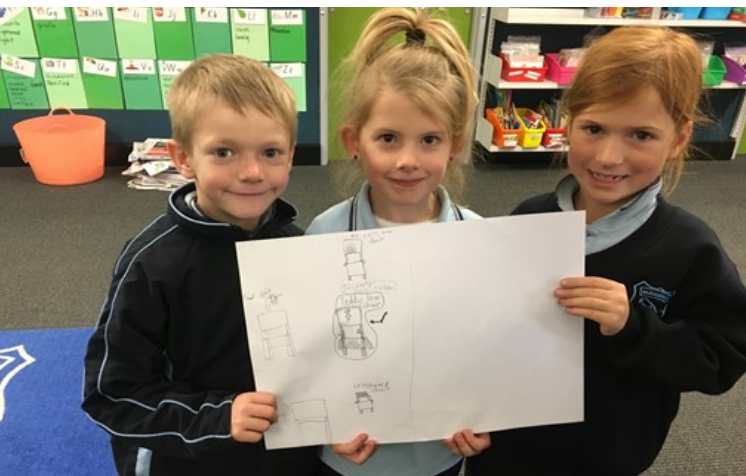
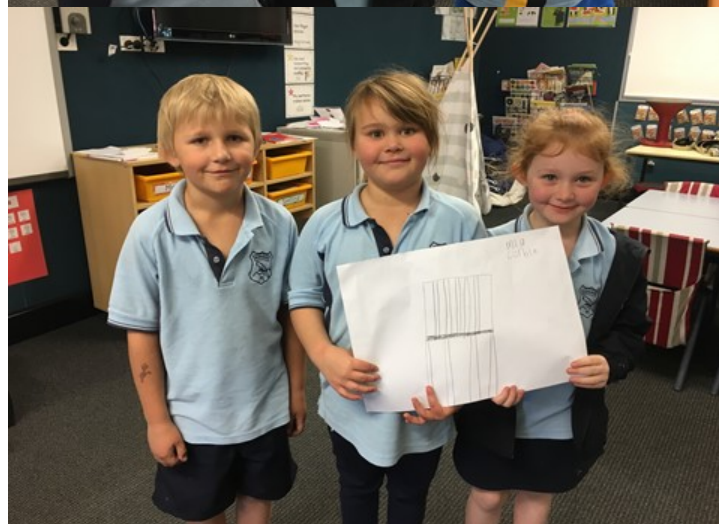
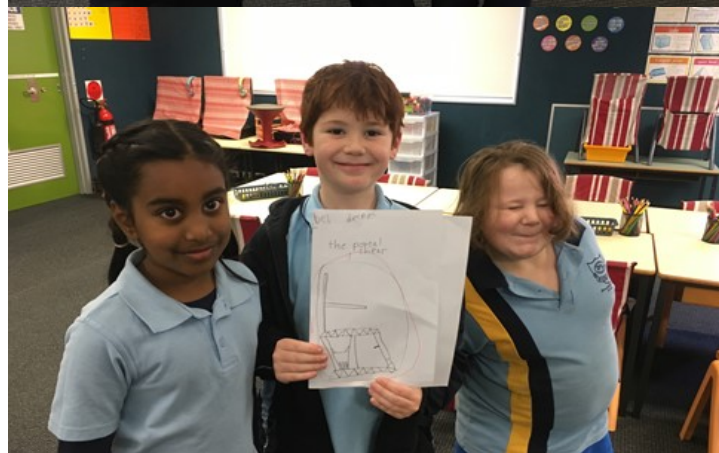
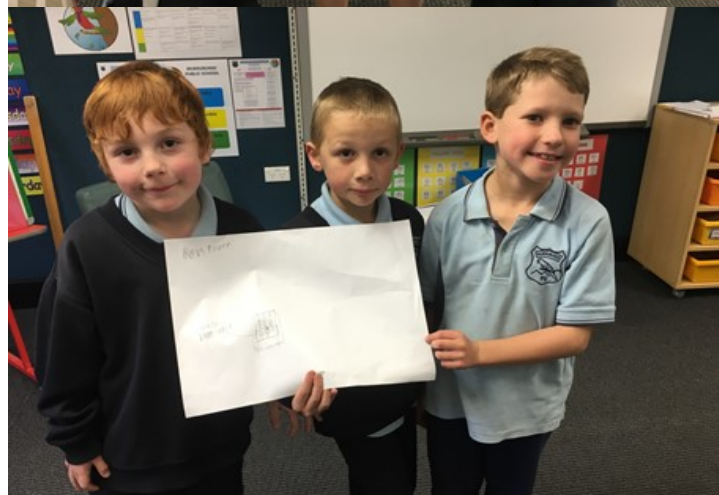
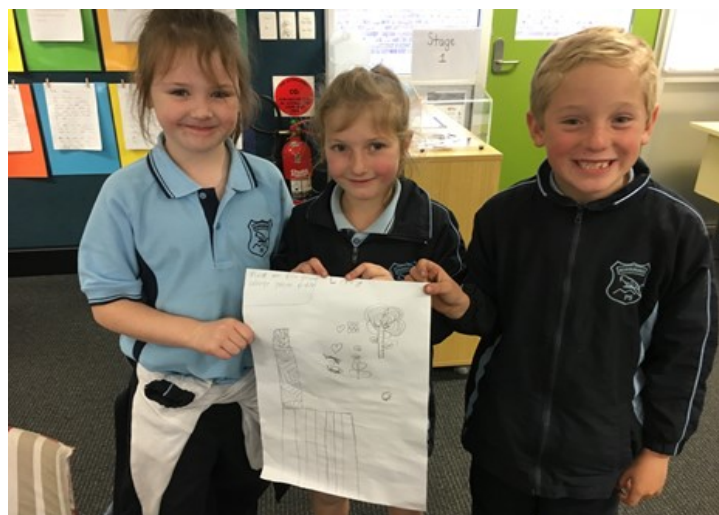
For physical education we have been playing and practicing ball games ready for Belltrees Sports Day. We have been learning how to play over and under, tunnel ball and captain ball. We still need to work on our passes in captain ball because we don't throw the ball as far as we need to and hurt our team mates! Oops!

This week in science and technology we have been given this problem:

"Goldilocks broke Baby Bear's chair. Luckily, Goldilocks bought him a new one, but what if she hadn't? Could you design one for Baby Bear? What kind of chair would you make if the only materials you had were newspaper and sticky tape to put it together?"

We formed small groups and each designed a chair. We also watched a clip about how to make paper into strong structures. From this clip, we learnt that a cylinder shape, or triangular prism is the best/ will be the strongest way to physically change paper. Over the last few weeks of term we will be building our chairs and testing them out with our own teddy bears.

Miss Reeves, Mrs Quirk and Year One and Two

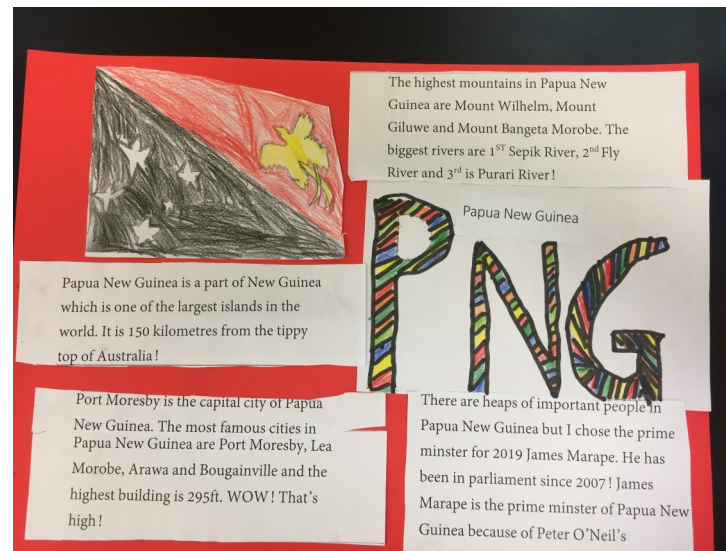
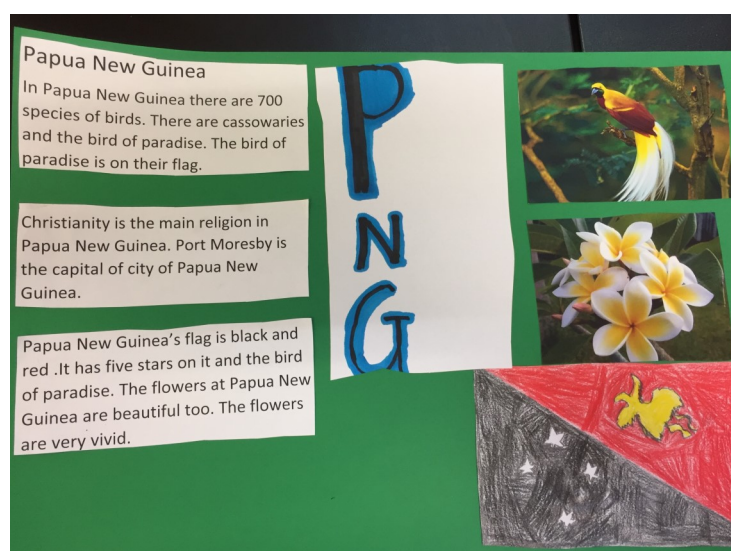
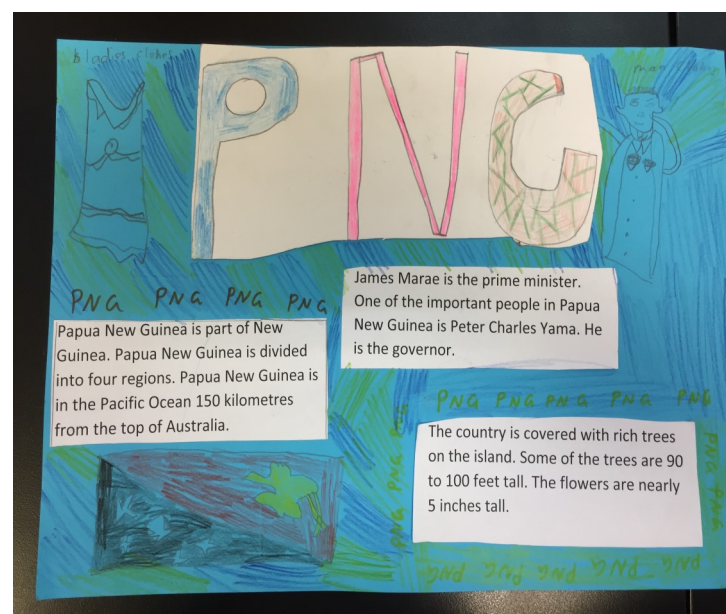
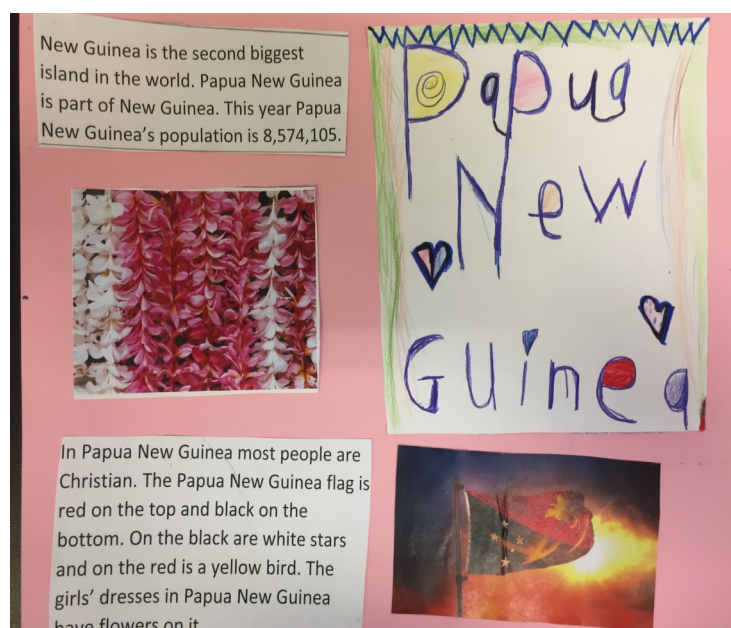
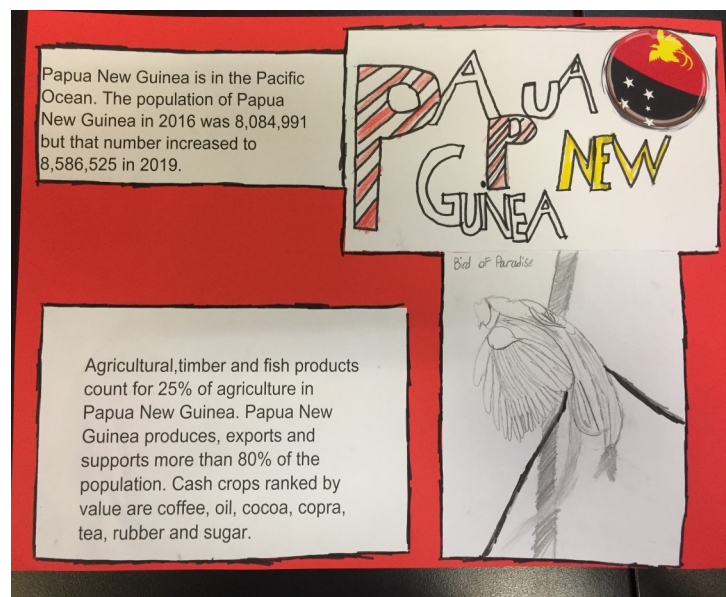


3/4/5/6

For the past month, 3/4/5/6 have been researching and learning about Papua New Guinea for the CWA's International Day project. The students read books and used the internet to read and research information, after which they then collated their findings and wrote an information report. They then chose some of that information to display on a poster. You may like to ask us about the enormous amount of interesting information we have now learnt about one of our country's closest neighbours. The students have enjoyed learning and practising the skills of researching.

On Tuesday 25th June, 5/6 will attend the morning tea held by the CWA where they will see their projects displayed and hear the results of the judging.



Mrs Foley & Mrs Maxwell






Charlie won the Peoples Choice Award and Blake won the Encouragement Award at the recent 2019 Murrurundi Arts & Craft Show. Well done Blake and Charlie!

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Aquis The Future is Bright Pre Kinder Program 2019

Who: Students enrolled to attend Kindergarten at Murrurundi Public School in 2020

When: Every Friday in Terms 3 & 4 (beginning 26 July 2019) from 9.15am – 3.30pm

Where: Murrurundi Public School

To register your interest, please contact the school office on 6546 6057. A completed enrolment form must be received by the school office prior to the student beginning the Pre Kinder program. Enrolment packs are available from the school office.



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Heart Foundation

Jump Rope for Heart



We're skipping through the term!

Jump Rope for Heart is well underway and it's great to see so many children out in the playground skipping and continuing to develop amazing skills. **Murrurundi Public School has already raised \$180 so far!**

Thank you to all families and friends who have donated!!

It's not long until our Jump Off Day on **Thursday 4th July 12:30-1:30** where all families are welcome to come join in the fun of skipping!! And don't forget to share your online fundraising page with friends and family to raise money for a great cause! Still need to sign up online? It's easy just follow this link and enter your details.

<https://jumprope.heartfoundation.org.au/register>

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

We are learning how to be **Respectful, Responsible** and **do our Personal Best** in the toilets. Always remember to give people privacy, use the toilet paper sensibly, flush the toilet and wash your hands before leaving. Tweet, Tweet!



1st May to 25th June

Please remember to bring your reward stickers in to school or place them in the Murrurundi Public School box at Woolworths Scone

SCHOOL FEES 2019

Each year we ask our families to make a voluntary contribution to the school.

The contribution for 2019 is

1 child	\$45.00
2 children	\$70.00
3 or more children	\$90.00

School fees assist in providing extra resources and student extras on excursions.

Payment can be made by cash or cheque to the school office or online at the school webpage

www.murrurundi-p.school.nsw.edu.au

Payments can be made at anytime and in any amount e.g. \$15.00 per term.

P&C Information

Term 2 Canteen Roster

July 1 Michelle & Rachael

• Attention

The canteen is in desperate need of volunteers for Term 3. If we do not have the volunteers the canteen will be reduced to opening fortnightly instead of weekly. Please let Steph know before the end of Term 2 so a roster can be put together.

- Thank you to everyone who has kindly given their time in Terms 1 and 2.

P&C MEETING

Wednesday

3rd July

Notes to be returned please:

Musica Viva K-6 / payment

GABC - plus deposit / payment (due by 21/6/2019)

School photograph envelopes / with correct money

Canteen volunteer note

Save the Date

26 June - Musica Viva

27 June - Belltrees Athletics Carnival

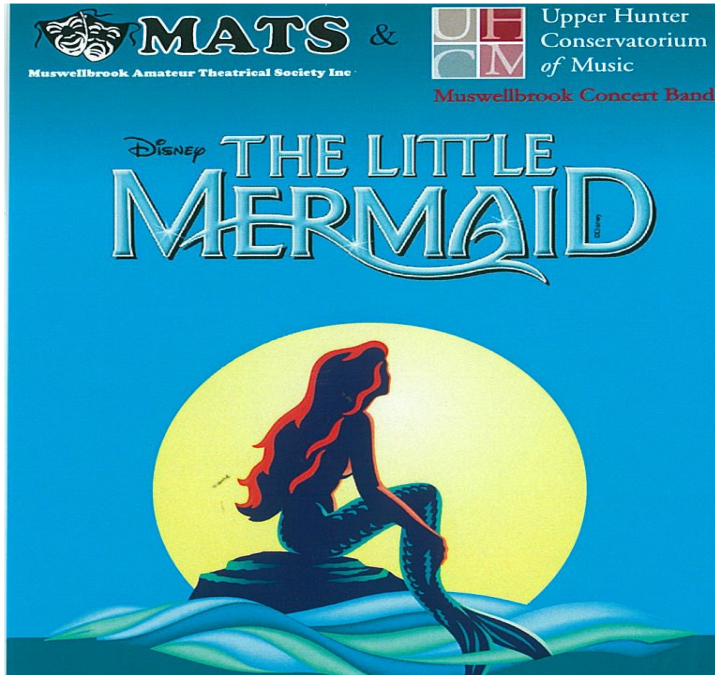
4 July - Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off

5 July - Last day of Term 2

23 July - Students return Term 3

Royal Hotel Meat Raffles

Tickets can be purchased from the school office - 3 for \$5.00. Monies raised from this fundraiser will be used to purchase new home readers for students.



MATS & **UHC** Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music
Muswellbrook Amateur Theatrical Society Inc. Muswellbrook Concert Band

Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday Week 9	Thursday	Friday
Canteen	Student Banking CWA International Day		Belltrees Sports Carnival	
	Library Choir K-2	Musica Viva @ Wallabadah		Fun Fit 4 Littlies