



Murrurundi Public School

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3—Week 2

Monday 29th July 2019

Principal's Message

Welcome Jen Purcell

Thank you and welcome to Jen Purcell who will be working in the office for the next two weeks while Mrs Wilson is on leave.

Aquis The Future is Bright Pre Kinder Program 2019

On Friday we welcomed Ben, Jaxon, Birdie, Matilda and Annabel to Pre Kinder 2019. I'd like to welcome their parents to our school community. The staff and I look forward to working with you to ensure the best educational outcomes for your children.

Public Speaking – Wednesday to Friday

All students will present their speeches in class between Wednesday and Friday this week. The two finalists in each stage (Early Stage 1/Kinder, Stage 1/Years 1 & 2, Stage 2/Years 3 & 4 and Stage 3/Years 5 & 6) will compete at the Belltrees Public Speaking on Thursday 8th of August.

PBL Rewards Afternoon – Friday 2 August

Students are invited to bring a bike or a scooter and a helmet to participate in the "Bikes and Scooters" session as their reward for reaching the target on Buddy's tree house with their Thumbs Up tickets. Students without bikes or scooters can borrow one from the school. Thank you to Miss Reeves for organising this reward.

CPR Awareness

Years 3-6 participated in CPR Awareness last Thursday with Lifeguard Cameron McFarlane from Tamworth. I'd like to extend an enormous thanks to Jeremy Taylor and Amy Barbour for kindly covering the \$3.50/student levy for all of our Years 3-6 students. The program is aimed at teaching the students the correct techniques and ensuring they are aware that quick identification and action can result in a life saved and in the hope that it will reduce the rise in drowning.

Oliver

Quirindi High School has invited our Year 3-6 class to see "Oliver" on Wednesday for free. Unfortunately, even with the use of The Royal Hotel's bus (thank you Kylie and Juls) we do not have enough

volunteers to transport the students to the performance. Please contact the school ASAP if you are able to assist. I would be a shame for the students to miss out on this opportunity.

Headlice

There have been quite a few incidents of headlice reported in the last week. Please check and if necessary, treat your child's hair. An information sheet is attached to assist you with this. It is a shame that the Nitbusters program was not supported by all parents last year – as this regular management ensures every child has their hair checked and "nit combed" on the same day, resulting in a more effective reduction of infestations.

P&C Term 3 Calendar

Thank you to the P&C for putting together a term calendar for parents. An updated copy is attached to this newsletter and additional copies are available from the school office.

Parents and Visitors Policy

Please find the Murrurundi Public School Parents and Visitors Policy in this newsletter. This policy aims to ensure that all visitors to the school conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. Please familiarise yourself with this policy. Unfortunately, some of the expectations listed in this policy have not been adhered to by some parents or visitors recently. It is of utmost importance for the welfare of all members of our school community that the rights of our students, teachers and parents are respected.

Picking up

Please note that children are not permitted 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 a parent/carers collects them from inside the grounds. As discussed at the most recent P&C meeting, I am currently writing a school procedure for picking up due to some recent incidents of students leaving with people that they did not have permission to leave with.

Teacher Chat

Teachers are available for an informal chat every afternoon at pick up time, outside the school office. Alternatively, you can make an appointment for a formal interview with the teacher or through the school office. Please note that before school, teachers are preparing to provide their classes with the best possible learning experiences and are unavailable, unless you have made an appointment with them.

Office Hours

Please note that the office does not open until 9.00am and that students, parents and visitors are not permitted to enter the school grounds, without prior consent, until this time.

Playground

The Playground/ Play Gym is closed to all children in the afternoons, as it is unsupervised.

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. Some changes are necessary as there are items that can no longer be sourced. All changes will follow the Department of Education School Uniform Policy Guidelines. Please complete the attached survey to assist with the decision making process.

Uniform Expectations

This term, students will receive a point each, each day of the week for their class (I will convert to a percentage) and the winning class will receive a reward at the end of the term. Please note that students who wear exercise tights will be issued with a pair of tracksuit pants to wear for the day. Lycra tights, shoestring straps, midriff tops, short/tight shorts or skirts will also be replaced with a more appropriate uniform item. Even on free dress days, these items are not acceptable school wear.

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Kindergarten

This term kindergarten have jumped straight back into work. The students are excited to have started guided reading and writing again. The students have been reminded to bring back their rocket word books each week for testing. On Friday we welcomed five Pre-Kinders into the classroom. Annabel Hopkins, Ben Bell, Jaxson Kent, Birdie Ahmad-Stone and Matilda Taylor. The students had a fun day playing together. Kindergarten especially enjoying sharing their knowledge of big school with them.

Miss Callaghan



Year 1 and 2

After such a great holiday period it was good to get back into the classroom for some more awesome learning experiences!

In writing this week, students have read the story '*Big Rain Coming*' and are writing a diary entry from the perspective of one of the characters in the story. In Mathematics, students have been improving their subtraction skills through number talks and hands on games. They learnt the 'adding up strategy' and realised how important it is that they know how to partition numbers to twenty!

In Science and Technology students began work on their new unit about Earth and Space Sciences. Students learnt what Earth's resources are and took photos of Earth's natural resources using the iPads around the schoolyard.

Miss Reeves, Mrs Quirk and Year 1 and 2



Years 3/4/5/6

What a wonderful way to start Term 3, with a thoroughly engaging and inspiring excursion!! On Friday 26th July 3/4/5/6 joined the other local small schools to visit the Scone Administration Building for a Radical Recycling show. We consolidated our knowledge of recycling and had a great laugh at the hilarious characters in the show, especially "Old Henry". Later, after lunch and a play on the beautiful green lawns of St Josephs High School we met Costa, from Gardening Australia. He was inspiring and passionate, and encouraged us all to change the world for the better by helping our own little piece of it. It was also very exciting to see his silver Logie! Thanks Costa and UHSC for organising a wonderful event.


Mrs Foley and Mrs Maxwell





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

Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID



MUSIC BY ALAN MENKEN LYRICS BY HOWARD ASHMAN BOOK BY GLENN SLATER DOUG WRIGHT

BASED ON HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSON STORY AND THE DISNEY FILM
PRODUCED BY HOWARD ASHMAN & JOHN MUSKER
AND WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY JOHN MUSKER AND RON CLEMENTS
ORIGINALLY PRODUCED BY
DISNEY THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS
LICENSED EXCLUSIVELY BY MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL (AUSTRALASIA).
ALL PERFORMANCE MATERIALS SUPPLIED BY HAL LEONARD AUSTRALIA.

26 JULY to 10 AUGUST 2019
TICKETS WWW.MATS.ORG.AU

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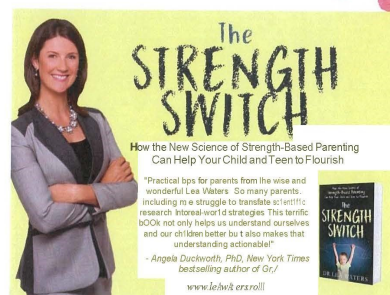


BHP

MACHEnergy
Mount Pleasant Operation



UPPER HUNTER WHERE THERE'S A WILL STRENGTH SWITCH FAMILY FACILITATION PROJECT PROFESSOR LEA WATERS



**FREE
ENTRY**

Join Professor Lea Waters as she launches the Strength Switch Family Facilitation Project that she has gifted to the Upper Hunter community.

JOIN US TO LEARN

- What is The Strength Switch?
- How Strength-based parenting can help your child and teen to flourish
- Why you need to do the Strength Switch Parenting Course
- Why you need to read The Strength Switch


Monday 12 August 2019
7.00pm - 9.00pm
Scone RSL, 71 Guernsey St SCONE

Purchase your copy of The Strength Switch on the night and have it signed by Professor Lea Waters

RSVP (click this link)
www.strengthswitch.com



Where there's a Will



Quirindi High School PRESENTS

Oliver!

Book, Music & Lyrics by
LIONEL BART

QUIRINDI ROYAL THEATRE
7.30PM THURSDAY AUGUST 1st - 7.30PM FRIDAY AUGUST 2nd
Tickets at the door - Adults \$10 Family \$20

*Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia*



BE YOUR BEST



REGISTRATIONS OPEN AUGUST 1ST FOR QDLA 2019 SEASON!

Held Saturday mornings at Golland Fields.
Season commences September 14 to December 14.
Register online at www.lansw.com.au

REGISTRATION COST INCLUDES COACHING, WEEKLY TRAINING SESSIONS, QDLA SINGLET & POLO SHIRT \$75 FOR TINY TOTS & \$100 FOR ALL OTHER ATHLETES.

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS AVAILABLE - GO TO WWW.SERVICE.NSW.GOV.AU TO REDEEM (TWO \$100 VOUCHERS A YEAR AVAILABLE)

for more details contact Helen on 0419253644 or contact us via our facebook page @QDILAC

QDLA strive to develop children of all abilities by promoting positive attitudes and a healthy lifestyle through family and community involvement in athletic activities.

We aim to provide our club members with skills to achieve personal athletic goals through fun and positive sportsmanship



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

We are learning how to be **Responsible** at **eating time** by taking everything we need at lunch time from our school bag the first time. This means taking out our lunchbox from our bag and walking to the eating area, devouring our yummy lunches, placing our rubbish in the correct bins and waiting patiently to be dismissed. Tweet, Tweet!



Thankyou to everyone who supported Murrurundi Public school throughout this campaign. The orders have been sent to redeem points for the school which will replenish the schools maths resources. A big thank you to Mrs Smith and her group of helpers who gave up their playtime to attach the stickers to the sheets. 121 sheets.



P&C Information

Canteen — Monday

Term 3 Canteen Roster

Date	Names
29 th July	Sarah & Julie
5 th August	Michelle & Rachael
12 th August	Nikki & Sue
19 th August	Max & Barney
26 th August	Camp Week – NO CANTEEN
2 nd September	Laine & Julie
9 th September	Michelle & Rachael
16 th September	Jane & Julie
23 rd September	NO CANTEEN AT THIS STAGE

If you are unable to do your rostered shift please try and swap with somebody.

Well Done.

Cooper Taylor for being part of the Scone Thoroughbreds Under 8's team that participated in the National Primary School Games in the school holidays.

Cooper played in the Rugby League tournament and the team placed third out of the 14 teams.



Notes to be returned please

- **Oliver** 3-6
- **Twits and \$15.00** K-6
- **Zone Athletics (qualifying students)**

Save the Date

Public speaking in classes K-2 - end of Week 2

8 August - Belltrees Public Speaking (Stage Finalists)

13 August - Science Day

14 August - Upper Hunter Public Speaking

22 August - Book Week

26-30 August - GABC Excursion

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday Week 2	Thursday	Friday
Canteen	Student Banking Naidoc Day	Zone Athletics Oliver Performance 3-6		Fun Fitness for Littlies
	Library	K-2 Choir	Assembly	