



Murrurundi Public School

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 — Week 10

Monday 14 December 2020

Merry Christmas

Christmas Message

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! With restrictions easing and borders opening, many families will take the opportunity to go on a well-earned holiday. Enjoy! We look forward to seeing everyone back in 2021.

Years 1 – 6 return to school on Friday 29th January and Kindergarten start on Monday 1st February.

The school office will be open on the 27th and 28th January.

Class Structure for 2021

We have been fortunate enough to keep our drought funding going into 2021. This means that we will maintain three classes next year – K/1, 2/3 and 4/5/6. The staffing for each class will be as follows:

K/1 – Mrs Quirk (Monday – Wednesday) and Miss Finlayson (Thursday and Friday)

2/3 – Mrs Jones (Monday and Tuesday) and Miss Reeves (Wednesday – Friday)

4/5/6 – Teaching Principal (Monday and Tuesday) and Mrs Foley (Wednesday – Friday)

Miss Reeves will also continue in her role as Instructional Leader on Monday and Tuesday.

Mr Ralston will be supporting students in literacy and numeracy three days a fortnight.

Mrs Coffey will return to assist with reading groups and continue the gardening program.

Finally, we wish Mrs Maxwell all the best as she takes up a position

Willow Tree Public School.

Mrs Darlington

Relieving Principal

2021 School Captains - Justice and Ally



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Remember to be respectful, responsible
and personal best during the holidays.
I wish you a safe and happy Christmas!

Tweet, Tweet!

Principals Speech 2020 Presentation Night

When I accepted the position of Relieving Principal on the 9th March, I had no idea how much our lives were about to change. COVID was just starting to raise its head and there were whispers of restrictions that could possibly come to into force. I visited Murrurundi on Monday 23rd March to meet with Mrs Coffey and the staff for handover. That night, the NSW Premier released a statement urging all parents to keep their children home from school. Overnight, our schools went from being fully attended thriving learning environments to just a handful of staff and only a few or in some cases no students in attendance.

This bought on a whole new set of challenges for us all. Suddenly parents were juggling work commitments, home duties and home schooling. They were expected to take on the role of teacher and supervise learning through digital platforms, while maintaining their day to day routines. Teachers found themselves trying to juggle the provision of work for students to complete at home and supporting families while learning new technology skills to assist in the delivery of lessons.

I am very fortunate to have had the opportunity this year to work with a very dedicated staff at Murrurundi Public School. Staff work very hard every day to ensure that the students do well at school. Teaching and non-teaching staff provide our students with so many opportunities to develop their knowledge and skills in a variety of areas. Please put your hands together and say 'thank you' to all the staff of Murrurundi Public School, who help and support our students every single day.

I would also like to thank parents for your understanding and hard work through this extraordinary year. I acknowledge that it was tough, but we made it through. Thank you to those parents who have supported the school through the P&C, the canteen and at fundraising events. Without your support, students would not have access some of the opportunities they enjoy now. Please put your hands together and say 'thank you' to our parents, who have continued to support the education of our students.

Let's hope that in 2021 we return to some sense of normal, where students can look forward to excursions, sporting opportunities, participating in events with other small schools and visits within the community. Where parents can look forward to attending assemblies, volunteering at the school and holding school functions.

Finally, I would like to say thank you at all our students. You have all worked hard to achieve wonderful results this year. Congratulations to you all.

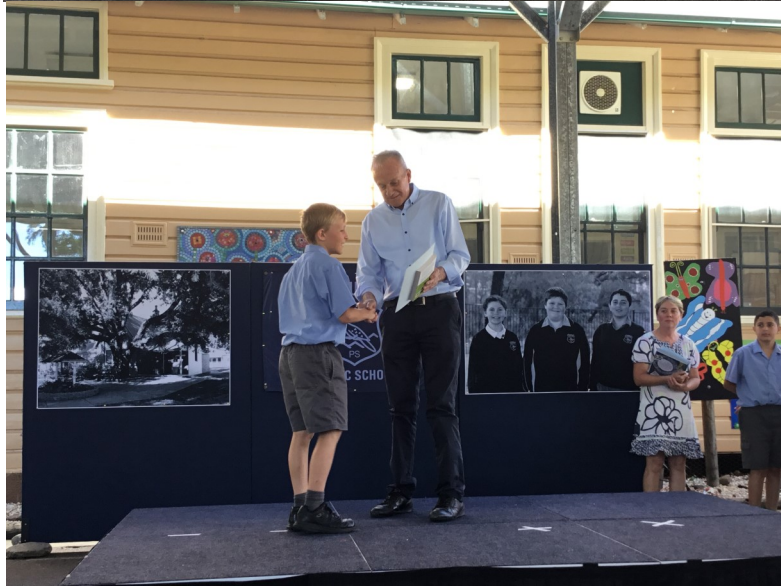
Mrs Darlington

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Coming Events - 2020			
Date	Event	Who	Further Information
15 December	Swimming	K-6	See Mrs Foley
16 December	Last day of term for students and staff PBL Reward Day – out of uniform – Christmas theme	Everyone	
17 th and 18 th December	Office only open		
Coming Events - 2021			
27 January	First day of term for Staff only	Staff	
28 January	Pupil Free day	Students	
29 January	First day of term	Students in Year 1 to Year 6	
1 February	First day of school for Kindergarten Small Schools Swimming Carnival	Kindergarten students All students over the age of 8	At Scone Swimming pool – further information to follow

Presentation Day 2020









2020 Scholastic Awards

2020 Class Awards

Year 1 –	Xander Hynes
Year 2 –	William Howard
Year 3 –	Henry Avard
Year 4 -	Abby Ashford
Year 5 –	Lynx- David Whitby

2020 Major Awards

K/1/2 Library Award	Mia Sevil
Junior Library Award	Charlie Power
Senior Library Award	Ally Sevil
Senior Primary Creative Arts Award	Blake McNab
Junior Primary Creative Arts Award	Zia Ahmad-Stone
K/1/2 Creative Arts Award	Jett Parker
English in the K/1/2	Lilly Hyde
English in the Junior Primary	Emmalyn Hynes
English in the Senior Primary	Ahmad Challak
Mathematics in the Senior Primary	Justice Richards
Mathematics in the Junior Primary	Henry Avard
Mathematics in K/1/2	William Howard
Citizenship in K/1/2	Mia Sevil
Citizenship in the Junior Primary	Angus Mcdonald-Parker
Citizenship in the Senior Primary	Ally Sevil
CWA Bursary Award	Zoe-Lee Power
DUX Award	Ahmad Challak
Effort in all Aspects in School in K-2	Lilly Hyde
Effort in all Aspects in School in the Junior Primary	Gracie Kedwell
Effort in all Aspects in School in the Senior Primary	Lynx-David Whitby
Leadership in the Senior Primary	Olivia Witchard
	Ahmad Challak
Leadership in the Junior Primary	Conner Hyde
Leadership in K/1/2	Eloise Avard
Sportsmanship in the Junior Primary	Jaylen Rinkin
Sportsmanship in the Senior Primary	Tarquin David Whitby
Sportsmanship in K/1/2	Corbin Richards
Sports Person of the Year	Justice Richards
NSW Premier's Sports Award	Cooper Taylor
Excellent Attendance Award	Angus McDonald-Parker

2020 Presentation Night Sponsors



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Murrurundi Arts & Crafts Council
Murrurundi Bushmen's Carnival
Mr Coffey

Muswellbrook RSL Sub-Branch

Upper Hunter Shire Council

B-G Tech Computer Services

Murravale Retirement Home

Murrurundi Pharmacy

Mr Leayr

The Rando Family

Mrs Judith Wilso

Flanagan Family

Take A Break Café

Scone High School

Hannah Rando

Murrurundi PS students and staff would like to take the opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday with family and friends.

Thank you for your support and friendship throughout the year.

IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM THE P&C

2020 Raffle Winners - 14th December

\$200	Bunnings Voucher	Olivia Witchard
\$100	Bunnings Voucher	Annie - Railway
\$50	White Hart Bistro Voucher	Geraldine
	Stone & Co Diffuser/Candle Pack	Kyesha
\$20	Nelliebelles	Ken
\$200	Stone & Co Gift Voucher	Di Hawkins
	Australian Reptile Park Admission Voucher	Justin
	1 Adult /1 Child	
\$100	Royal Hotel Bistro Voucher	Lee Taylor
\$50	Hunter Belle Cheese Voucher	Anita Crowe
	Be Chic Hair Care Package	Porchia
\$100	Woolworths Gift Card	Ness
\$60	Railway Hotel Bistro Voucher	Bram
\$30	Paddock To Plate Voucher	Porchia
	Michael Reid Gallery Gift Voucher	Phil Tinsey
	Crowded House Scone (Coffee & Cake for 4)	Jeff & Lee
	Aberdeen Nursery Gift Voucher	Toby Field
	Christmas Cake	Marlee McDonald

Thank you to the Raffle/Fundraising Committee and to everyone who supported the Murrurundi Public School P&C in 2020

We wish you all a safe and merry Christmas and a happy New Year!!