



# Murrurundi Public School

*Pride in our Heritage, Confidence in our Future*

*Be Respectful Be Responsible Do Your Personal Best*



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 — Week 9

Monday 7 December 2020

### Presentation Day Arrangements

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, we ask that family members attending our annual presentation ceremony on Wednesday adhere to the following procedures.

Plan to arrive at school between 9.40 and 9.55am.

Social distancing rules must be followed at all times.

Sign in at the Office – usual sign in page and COVID-19 sign in.

Make your way directly to the COLA and find a seat. Please remain seated until advised to move.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, we ask that all family visitors remain seated while students return to their classes.

All family visitors must leave the school grounds within 15 minutes of the ceremony concluding and sign out at the office on the way out.

If everyone follows these procedures, it will ensure the safety of all students, staff and visitors.

**Mrs Darlington**

**Relieving Principal**



This week we are learning to **be respectful** whilst showing our **personal best** during presentation day. Presentation day is a day where we celebrate our academic and sporting achievements from throughout the year. I know I have seen many amazing things from my tree house Tweet! Tweet!

## K/1

We said good bye to Miss Bettington on Friday. We have enjoyed all of the activities she planned for us during her four week stay. On Thursday we surprised everyone during afternoon recess and had a FLASH dance that Miss Bettington had taught us. Then we had afternoon tea with her and gave her a card we all signed. Swimming started with a splash on Wednesday. We have been put into groups and are working on front and back glides, floating and swimming with faces submerged. Thank you to all families for the support with homework. Especially this term where the majority of the class brought back homework each week. This has had given the students a sense of responsibility for their own learning. I am looking forward to meeting with all families on Thursday. Your children have worked very hard this semester and this will give me the opportunity to meet with you.

**Mrs Coffey**



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## Good for Kids good for life

### RECIPE: BEEF AND BROCCOLI PASTA

Serves 4

**Ingredients:**

- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 1 tsbp olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic
- 400g lean beef mince
- 1 medium capsicum, chopped
- 1 tin no-added-salt chopped tomatoes
- 250g wholemeal penne
- 1 head broccoli, chopped in to florets
- 1/3 cup grated cheese



**Method:**

1. Fry onion and garlic in oil for 2-3 minutes on medium-high heat. Add beef mince and cook, stirring until brown (about 5 minutes).
2. Add in capsicum and tomatoes. Reduce heat to low and simmer for 10 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, cook pasta in boiling water until al dente. Add broccoli for last 1-2 minutes of cooking. Drain. Stir pasta and broccoli in to beef and tomato mixture.
4. Serve and top with cheese.

**Variations:** Add in herbs such as basil, oregano, rosemary for extra flavour. Before serving, place in baking tray, top with cheese and bake 15 minutes at 180 degrees Celcius.

Recipe adapted from [healthyfoodguide.com.au](http://healthyfoodguide.com.au)



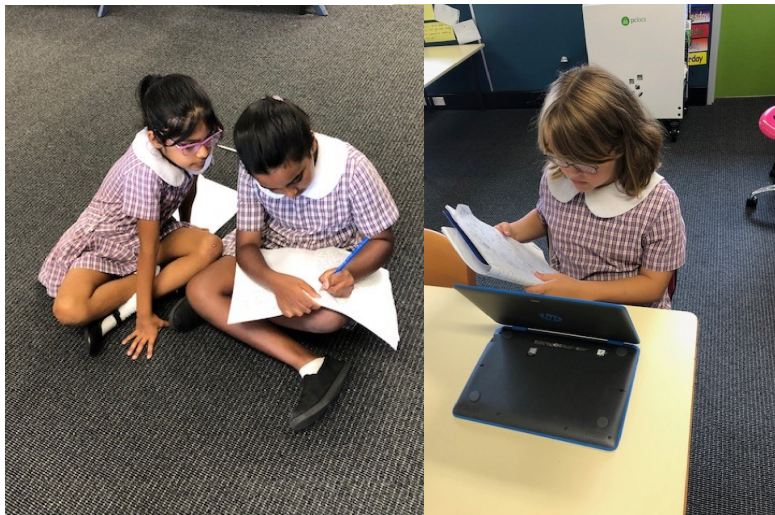
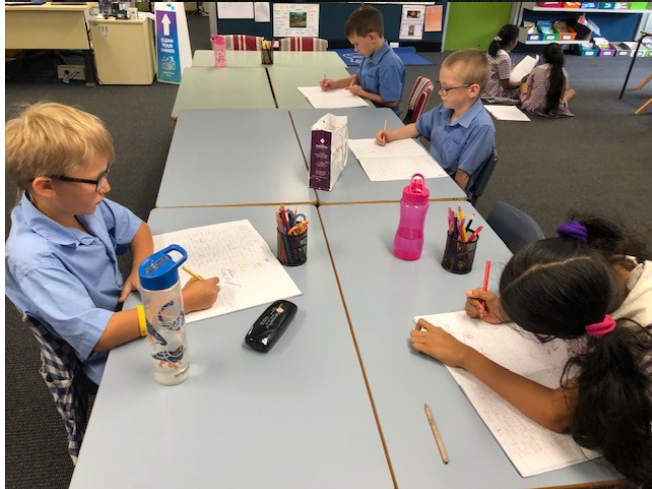
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2/3

2/3 have been working hard at school during our morning Literacy sessions. During our Daily 5 activities, we have been working on our comprehension skills using our Cars and Stars program. Our writing task is an imaginative story about "The Lost Ship. We are using adjectives and adverbs to create a more vivid description. The children have been working with a partner to reread, edit and then publish their work! What a fantastic start to school swimming. All children enthusiastically participated in their allocated groups. The weather has been super and the water warm and inviting.

Mrs Quirk and Mrs Foley





## More from Class 2/3





4/5/6

My goodness, the end of the school year is really closing in on us rapidly now! 456 had another busy week this week and are looking forward to the end of year events that are coming up.

Year Six enjoyed their High School Orientation Days at Scone and Quirindi on Tuesday. Of course, Covid 19 restrictions had an impact on these days, but it was wonderful that our students did finally to have the opportunity to visit their high schools. It is hard to believe that in another week we will be farewelling Year Six at our Year Six dinner. They are very busy in their free time at school working on the gifts they will present to the school at our Presentation Day on Wednesday.

This week was Sam's last visit to the school this year. The class had a great session practising their newly acquired cricket skills. As usual, they had loads of fun and have certainly demonstrated a huge improvement in skills.

Swimming kicked off on Wednesday and all students have settled into the busy routine very well. They have been organised with their belongings, responsible changing in and out of their swimming gear and have shown great determination to improve in the pool. We look forward to seeing their progress as swimming continues.

Mrs Maxwell and Mr Ralston



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**Our uniform shop is stocked with new summer uniforms. Please contact our school office to place an order.**

**A new supply of girls summer uniforms have just arrived in Sizes 4 – 16**

*Every day* 

**COUNTS!** 

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School success starts with attendance

**Students who attend school are more likely to be successful at school and have better career and life choices than students who are often absent from school.**



Where there's a Will Gratitude Quilts are now on display for the next week at Nelliebelles Cakes and Bakes Murrurundi. Thank you to the wonderful community members who contributed to these beautiful creations.

## WTAW Holiday Auction

Like most charitable organisations Where there's a Will has had a tough year on the fundraising front so you can only imagine our delight recently when Bengalla offered us 2x accommodation packages for a family of four to enjoy a five night stay at the luxurious Royal Pines Resort on the Gold Coast. Both of these packages are now up for auction, with online bidding closing at 9pm this Sunday 29 November. We would greatly appreciate if you could share this information amongst your networks so we can maximise the money raised to support our mission to improve mental health and wellbeing across the Upper Hunter.

This is a direct link to the online auction: <https://www.32auctions.com/wtaw>



## School Banking Program 2020

Thank you for supporting our Commonwealth School Banking program at Murrurundi Public School during 2020.

Murrurundi Public School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

**Our last day of school banking for the year will be Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020.**

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit [www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

# Murrurundi Public School - School Newsletter

## Coming Events - 2020

| <u>Date</u>                                     | <u>Event</u>   | <u>Who</u>       | <u>Further Information</u>               |
|---|--|------------------|--|
| 9 December                                      | Presentation Day ceremony<br>10.00am   | Everyone         | One invite per family                    |
|   | Swimming   | K-6              | See Mrs Foley                            |
| <b>10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> December</b> | <b>Parent / Teachers Interviews</b>  | <b>K-6</b>       | <b>Times to be confirmed</b>             |
| 10 December                                     | Swimming   | K-6              | See Mrs Foley                            |
| 11 December                                     | Swimming   | K-6              | See Mrs Foley                            |
| 14 December                                     | Swimming   | K-6              | See Mrs Foley                            |
|   | Year 6 Farewell Dinner   | Staff and Year 6 | At Nellie Belles – invitation only event |
| 15 December                                     | Swimming   | K-6              | See Mrs Foley                            |
| <b>16 December</b>                              | <b>Last day of term for students and staff</b><br><br><b>PBL Reward Day – out of uniform – Christmas theme</b> | <b>Everyone</b>  |  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> December  | Office only open   |                  |  |

## Coming Events - 2021

|                   |   |                                     |  |
|-------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| 27 January        | First day of term for Staff only            | Staff                               |  |
| 28 January        | Pupil Free day                              | Students                            |  |
| <b>29 January</b> | <b>First day of term</b>                    | <b>Students in Year 1 to Year 6</b> |  |
| <b>1 February</b> | <b>First day of school for Kindergarten</b> | <b>Kindergarten students</b>        |  |
|                   | Small Schools Swimming Carnival             | All students over the age of 8      | At Scone Swimming pool – further information to follow |

## LIBRARY NEWS



**With Week 9 now upon us please search for library books that need returning to school before the end of the year.**

**Overdue notices went home recently.**

**Please advise Mrs Smith if library books cannot be located.**





## IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM THE P&C

LAST CANTEEN DAY FOR 2020 is 11/12/20

Volunteers Required for 2021

FRIDAY SPECIAL

\$5.00

Includes

Meal/Drink/Ice Block

### Uniforms

Our uniform shop is stocked with new summer uniforms.  
Please contact our school office to place an order.

A new supply of girls summer uniforms have just arrived  
in Sizes 4 – 16.

Next P&C Meeting

February 2021

### FUNDRAISING RAFFLE - Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and  
volunteered their time to sell the tickets

Still time to return your tickets

The raffle will be drawn 14th December at 3.15pm

Good Luck Everyone !

A big thank you to all the businesses and individuals  
who kindly donated the wonderful list of prizes up  
for grabs!!!!

## CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE

The wonderful and talented students of Murrurundi Public School have created Christmas designs that have been made into beautiful original Christmas cards! The cards have the design on the front, a short message inside and the student's name on the back. These will be available for purchase from our school. Please place your order, including money, at our front office.

