



Murrurundi Public School

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4—Week 3

Monday 18 October 2021

Welcome Back

It is so wonderful to see all our students back at school. They have settled in well, with routines and expectations being re-established over the last two weeks. We have a very busy term to look forward to, with lots of activities planned including PBL rewards days, swimming, presentation day, Year 6 farewell and reports. We will be focusing on improving attendance this term.

NAPLAN Results

I am very pleased with our 2021 NAPLAN results. Even with all the disruptions, both year 3 and year 5 have achieved excellent results. 40% of students achieved in the top 2 bands for reading and 33% of students achieved in the top 2 bands for numeracy. This is a significant improvement. Well done to all our hard-working teachers and students. You should be very proud of your efforts.

School Visitor Check

A single School Visitor Check-in system for every school across the state is coming from 18 October!

The Department of Education has partnered with Service NSW to provide a streamlined, digital school sign-in system for visitors and contractors at every NSW government school.

Benefits of the new system include:

- Accelerating your check-ins to as fast as 20 seconds!
- Linked to NSW Health's COVID-19 contact tracing ensuring every school is compliant with the NSW COVID-19 mandate. External link - <https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases/covid-check-mandate-expanded>
- Giving every school greater access to streamlined NSW Government services. Watch our short parent video External link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g2LKZxKpxBo> to see how it works for parents or our contractor video External link. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g2LKZxKpxBo>

Who can use School Visitor Check-in:

- Visitors such as parents and carers, contractors, service providers and volunteers.

Students or visitors under the age of 18 are not required to use School Visitor Check-in.

School Visitor Check-in will be ready from 18 October at all NSW Government schools. For more information visit School Visitor Check-in on the department website.

Child Protection Units This term our classes will be completing units of work in the area of child protection. The NSW Board of Studies Personal Development, Health and Physical Education K–6 Syllabus for use in all primary schools in NSW, covers a wide range of issues and topics. They include the family, relationships, self esteem, human sexuality, drug use, nutrition, active lifestyle, skill development related to physical activity, child protection and safe living. Students will cover a variety of topics including:

- How are we the same and different
- I am unique
- Naming body parts
- Safe and unsafe situations
- Appropriate and inappropriate touching
- Physical and sexual development

If you have any questions regarding these units of work, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Attendance

We will be focusing on improving attendance this term. Each week, there will be a reward for the class with the highest percentage of attendance for the week. Every five weeks, we will be sending home letters to inform all parents of their child's attendance rate for whole days and also partial (late arrivals and early leavers). We anticipate that this provide parents with clear communication regarding attendance. We will also recommence publishing our targets in the next newsletter.

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.



School success starts with attendance

Mrs Darlington
Principal

K/1

It is sooooo great to have everyone back at school again for Term 4!! Here in K/1 we have been getting straight back into our classroom routine. We have been hitting the books hard and doing lots of reading. Reading at our desks, reading on the floor, reading in our tent, reading with a teacher, reading with a friend, reading by ourselves, reading, reading everyday!!!



During Maths so far this term we have been using equal arm balances to demonstrate things that are the same as.

We would like to wish Lilly a special congratulations for passing her Golden Words and Piper for reading 100 Home Readers so far this year! Keep up the good work K/1.

Miss Fin and Mrs Quirk

Year 2 and 3

It is so lovely to have our students back in the classroom learning! We're in for a bumper term! Over the last couple of weeks, we have been catching up on some of the work we missed out on last term like our handwriting and CARS and STARS. We have decided to continue with our poetry unit that we started last term and have been planning and writing our own cinquain poems about sea creatures and beasts. Students have extended their knowledge of nouns, verbs, adjectives and synonyms after completing these tasks. Homework this term remains the same as last term. All homework folders are given out on a Monday and are due back each Friday. Students are responsible for reading their books each night as well as putting their homework in their bag at home to return to school.

Miss Reeves and Mrs Jones

Sloths

Sloths
lazy slow
lurking, hanging, climbing
moving slowly in the rainforest
Snuggle.

By Kyesha Schrader

Binturong

Binturong
shaggy, cuddly
gripping, swiveling, climbing
scratching at enemies
bearcat.

By Corbin Richards

Armadillo

Armadillo
tough, hard
rolling, digging, shuffling
licking up ants as quickly as possible
hard ball.

By Eloise Avard

Rhinos

Rhinos
large, grey
poaching, wallowing, grazing
taking a mud bath to take good care of
their skin

crash.

By Luke McNab

Wolves

Wolves
Glowing, blue eyes
hunting, prowling, growling
hunting food in the woodlands
pack.

By Billee Rinkin

Porcupines

Porcupines
rattle, spiky
scaring, charging, spiking
charges backwards into enemies

pin cushion.

By Xander Hynes

Baboons

Baboons
intelligent, quarrelsome
strutting, grinding, barking
grinding its teeth to scare enemies
troop.

By William Howard

Brown Bears

Brown Bears
long tongue, dark den
sleeping, loping, licking
raiding and eating honey from beehives
sleuth.

4/5/6

It has been magnificent to have our students back learning from the classroom. We have certainly enjoyed the regular routine and learning with our classmates. Students have also been able to enjoy and participate in the full range of subjects and forms of learning available in the classroom. So far, 4/5/6 have been learning more about fractions, Order of Operations and honing their overarm throwing skills. They loved playing "Tic Tac Throw". This term Stage 3 Science are learning about natural changes to the earth's surface and were fascinated to learn about earthquakes. They especially enjoyed Mrs Foley's recount of her first-hand experience in the Newcastle earthquake. We look forward to learning about other forms of natural phenomenon which change our earth.

Mrs Foley

Hippo

Hairy and fat,
He swims through the majestic lake.
His skin is rough and dry,
Pink as a pig.

Hungry and angry,
Raging like a powerful wave.
Ears as small as baby ears,
Crawling through the green limey lake.
Gracie

Cheetah

Cheetah black and yellow,
Like a bumblebee.
Running down the savanna,
Like he needs to flee.

Stalking his prey at night
Attacking out of nowhere
Giving his prey a fright
Its meal doesn't have a chance

After his stomach is full
His belly is as big as a bull
He lays on the cold hard rock
Looking at the stars and moon
And nods off to sleepy land
Angus

Magnificent and loud
She slowly runs through the jungle
Fur as grey as the bright moon
As plain as the grey sky

Cold and lonely
She knowingly leaves her territory
Teeth as pointed as a dagger
Walking through the misty jungle

Skinny and weak
She slowly pounces on her prey
paws weak and sore
A roar to family

By Abby

Bull

Angry and starving,
He rages through the field.
Red eyes blazing as he looks at his next victim,
Searching to find if the person has a shield.

Charging at his victim,
Fire rages through his eyes,
man is pierced, the bull tricked him
his victim's done, now the bull is
now on the run.

Braiden.



WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE OUR 2021 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR WILL BE HELD - TERM 4 WEEK 7

Our 2021 Scholastic Book Fair will operate under strict COVID19 restrictions. Due to COVID19 limitations parents will be unable to attend our Book Fair this year. To assist families with Book Fair purchases, photos of items available for sale will be uploaded onto our Murrurundi Public School Facebook page. Online and cash payments are welcome.

It's a fun reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair online and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Remember, all purchases benefit our school.



Assembly Term 3 Week 10

Merit - Academic



PBL
Respectful

Mylah

Mia

Ryder

Henry

Principal Award

Lynx

Lynx

Corbin

Chase

Matilda

Sarah

Phillip

P&C Meeting

Tuesday 19th October 2021

St Pauls' Church Hall

4.00pm

**Reminder to following
COVID-19 regulations**

Double Vaccination Status rules apply.

Canteen back in operation Term 4

School Banking -Tuesdays

Library

Wednesday—K/1 and 2/3/4

Thursdays—4/5/6

Voluntary School Contributions

2021

Schools request a contribution from parents/ carers each year to supplement existing funding. Our school relies on these contributions to provide additional resources and learning programs for our students.

Contributions for the year:

1 Child = \$49.

2 Children = \$70.00

3 or More Children = \$90.00

Please note that all contributions—no matter how large or small—are gratefully appreciated. Payments may be made in instalments if you require.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school.

Mrs Darlington

Ms R Willard

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Captain Speech—19th November - No Parents staff will video** * **Healthy Harold - 22 October**
- **Presentation Day - 8th December - Details to come** * **Sport with Sam - Thursdays - Weeks 1-6**
- **Year 6 Farewell - 13th December**
- **Swimming—29 November—10 December**