



Murrurundi Public School

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 - Week 5

Monday 1 November 2021

Principals Message

WHEN	WHAT	WHO	MORE INFO
Nov 1	Kinder Orientation	New Kinders	10am – 3pm
Nov 4	Colours Your Threads Day – out of uniform	Whole School	Gold coin donation – note has been sent out
Nov 4	Captains Speeches	Year 5 Nominees	See below for Details
Nov 5	School Counsellor visiting	As required	
Nov 5 – Dec 6	Art Exhibition at Tamworth Art Gallery	Artworks submitted by 4-5-6	See Art Gallery website for visiting hours
Nov 8	Kinder Orientation	New Kinders	10am – 3pm
Nov 12	PBL Reward Day	Whole School	Bring bikes or scooters to school for a fun day
Nov 11	Remembrance Day	4-5-6	Ceremony will take place at 11am at the Memorial Gates. Students must be dressed in full school uniform.
Nov 11	Audit Training	Mrs Darlington and Mrs Wilson	
Nov 15	Kinder Orientation	New Kinders	10am – 3pm
Nov 22	Kinder Orientation	New Kinders	10am – 3pm
Nov 25	Academic Reports go home	Whole school	
Nov 26	School Counsellor	As required	
Nov 29 – Dec 10	Parent/Teacher Interviews	Whole school	Further details to come
Nov 29 – Dec 10	Learn to Swim	Whole School	Further details to come
Dec 8	Presentation Day	Whole school	10am start – further details to come
Dec 13	Year 6 Dinner	Year 6, their parents and staff only	Invitations have already been sent out.
Dec 16	Last day of term 4	All students and staff	

Students need to wear their sports uniforms every Thursday and Friday

Attendance

Its great to see so many students at school each day. A big thank you to all our parents and caregivers for ensuring students are at school on time every day and ready to learn. Each week we will be rewarding the class with the highest weekly attendance average.

Our attendance heroes for Week 4 were 4-5-6 with an attendance average of 98%.

Well done everyone. I can't wait to see this week's attendance data.

We are also targeting students who arrive late to school or leave early. Letters will be sent home at the end of the week to all families communicating your child's current attendance level. This is an in-school initiative which is part of our attendance action plan. We are all working hard to achieve our target of 70% of students attending school greater than 90% of the time. Currently we are sitting at 57.4% of students attending school more than 90% of the time. With our attendance improving this term, I am confident that we will reach our target.

Acceptable reasons for keeping your child/ren at home include:

- Being sick or having an infectious disease
- Religious holidays and celebrations
- Funerals
- Unavoidable medical appointment

Unacceptable reasons for keeping your child at home include:

- Shopping
- Haircut
- Birthdays
- Looking after younger siblings

Captain Speeches


Due to unforeseen circumstances, we are moving the Year 5 Captain speeches forward by one day. Students will now give their speeches on Thursday 4 November. As previously planned, we will video the speeches so that families can view them later in the day. I thank you for your understanding in this matter.

All absences must be explained either via a phone call to the school or through the School Bag App. Whether they been explained or not, any unacceptable reasons for not attending school are marked as being unjustified on the roll.


NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters


When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn




Make friends






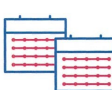
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Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	they miss weeks per year	and years over their school life
<p>1 day per fortnight</p> 	<p>4 weeks</p> 	<p>Over 1 year missed</p>
<p>1 day per week</p> 	<p>8 weeks</p> 	<p>Over 2.5 years missed</p>

Waylaabaa Art Exhibition

Most students in 4-5-6 have submitted artworks for the Waylaabaa Art Exhibition. This is the culmination of several months of creative art activities studying a range of Aboriginal artists including Elaine Russell, Mervyn Bishop and Brook Andre. Students participated in some online lessons as well as lessons conducted at school. The class visited Tamworth Regional Art Gallery where they worked with Uncle Len Walters who taught them about ochre painting and Aunty Pearl who shared her skills in eco dyeing. It has been a wonderful experience for all students to learn about different types of artmaking. The artworks will be on display at Ray Walsh House Community Exhibition Space from 5 November through to the 6 December. If you are travelling to Tamworth. Please make some time to visit the exhibition.



Walaaybaa / HOME

EXHIBITION: Ray Walsh house, Community Exhibition Space, 5th Nov. - 6th Dec. 2021
Gunnedah Bicentennial Creative Arts Gallery, 17th Nov. - 1st Dec. 2021

Developed in partnership between the Department of Education, the Art Gallery of NSW and Tamworth Regional Gallery Walaaybaa (Home) is a regional outreach education program that delivers sustained educational content and experiences introducing local Aboriginal art practice to primary school teachers, students and their wider communities.

PARTICIPATING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Attunga	Currabubula
Dungowan	Gunnedah South
Duri	Murrurundi
Somerton	Timbumburi
Woolomin	



Visiting the School

This is a friendly reminder to parents and carers, that unfortunately at this time, you are NOT permitted on school grounds. This advice has been issued by the Department of Education. We kindly ask in the event you are required to pick your child up from school early to please stop at the gate and phone the office on 6546 6057. Mrs Smith and Mrs Wilson are always more than happy to help. Please note this rule also applies to dropping your child/children off in the morning and collecting them in the afternoon, please stand outside the school grounds and adhere to the social distancing guidelines. If you have any questions in relation to the above advice please phone the office on 6546 6057 and make an appointment to speak with our Principal, Christina Darlington.

Mrs Darlington
Principal

Year K-1

We are already in Week 5!!

Kindy and Yr 1 have been working hard in class, by doing lots of reading, writing and spelling. We have been learning about equals and balancing during maths and working on our friends of 10 and 20 knowledge.



K/1 have been having so much fun in Drama this year when they get to let their imaginations run wild!! And Science last week had all of Kindy, Yr 1 and Yr 2 be miners and excavate minerals in the form of rocks, gems and metal.



Well done everyone!! Keep up the hard work!

Miss Fin, Mrs Quirk and Mrs Leayr

Year 2 and 3

Over the past 2 weeks in mathematics students have been undertaking loads of measurement activities in length, volume and capacity and mass. Students have learnt how to accurately estimate using centimetres, metres, millilitres, litres, grams and kilograms. At the beginning of the two weeks our estimation skills were way off, but we have slowly gotten better!! Year 3 students have also learnt how many centimetres are in a metre, millilitres in a litre and how many grams are in a kilogram.

Miss Reeves and Mrs Jones



4-5-6 Class News

Students have well and truly settled into Term 4. We are back into routine and working solidly in all areas. Over the last two weeks students have had some unique opportunities.

Lynx, Tarquin, Sarah and Cooper have participated in an online camp organised by the NSW AECG. It was about traditional instruments. They learnt about how instruments such as clap sticks, didgeridoos and rainmakers are made. They watched the process from beginning to end. This week, they will make their own rainmaker to share with the rest of the class.

On Thursday we had a visit from Raegan Schofield, English teacher from Quirindi High. She spoke to all of year 6 about what to expect at high school. She showed some videos footage of some different programs and initiatives run at QHS and was great to see some familiar faces of past MPS students. All Year 6 students are looking forward to starting high school next year.

This term, we will be focusing on drama for creative arts. 4-5-6 have started working their way through a drama program called Inclusive Learning Through Drama. Each week they will focus on a different area. Last week we looked at an Aboriginal story The Three Brothers and did some thinking about jealousy, having favourites and jumping to conclusions. This week we will look at body language and facial expressions.

And now for some very exciting news. Most students in 4-5-6 have had a piece of artwork from the HOME visual arts program selected for display in the Tamworth Regional Art Gallery. The exhibition, Walaaybaa (HOME), will be set up in the Ray Walsh House Exhibition Space. It will open on the 5 November and close on the 6 December. If you are heading to Tamworth make sure you call in and have a look at our wonderful artworks.

Finally, a quick reminder about homework. Students are expected to bring their homework in every Friday. This give us a chance to make sure they are on-track. Spelling and reading are the only components of homework that must be completed every night. The homework grid is optional. Students are rewarded for completing the grid, but there are no consequences if they don't do it. Completing homework daily helps to establish good study skills which will ne needed in high school. It also gives students a hance to revise concepts that are being taught in the classroom. If you have any questions regarding homework, please do not hesitate to contact me during school hours.

Mrs Darlington.

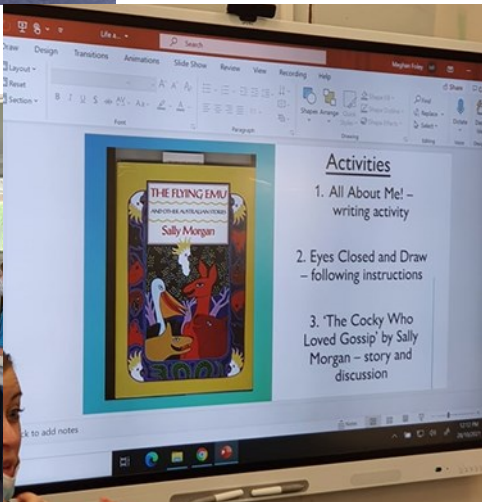
Drama Lessons – Re-enacting: The Three Brothers



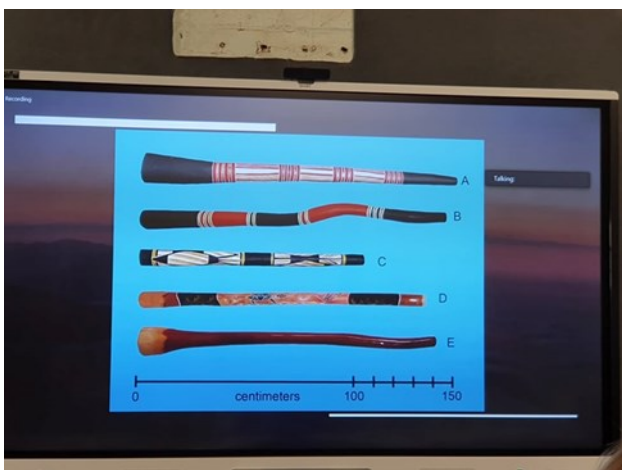
4-5-6 Class News



QHS Visit



AECG Online Camp – Traditional Instruments



Assembly Term 4 Week 4

Principal Award

Merit - Academic

PBL

Corbin

Tallow

Personal Best

Silver Awards

Gold Awards

Xander

Billee

Huzayl

Ryder

Matilda

Zai

Ryder

Gracie

Sarah

Hayze

Lara

Saveen

Phillip

Piper

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)



Mylah

Luke



We are learning to be **responsible** by being in the right place at the right time as it is critical for our safety at school.
Tweet, tweet!



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.



P&C Meeting

Tuesday 9th November 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

Pre Kinder 2021—Getting Ready for Kindergarten 2022



Private Music Tuition

Melissa Lowe is a classically trained musician who has been successfully teaching music privately for 20 years, specialising in Piano & Flute. The majority of her clients have been exam students & her students have always passed with honours & credits. Melissa also has extensive experience preparing students for eisteddfods & end of year concerts.

Melissa's students enjoy a fun & structured approach to learning that is based on quality tuition, understanding & a dedicated enthusiasm that is second to none.

Fees are reasonable per \$20 per half hour lesson.

For further information & bookings please contact

Melissa directly on : 0427980025