



Murrurundi Public School

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 —Week 2

Monday 3 May 2021

COMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Who	More Information
5 May	Total Excursion	K-3	Ms Reeves
12 May	Dinosaur Show @ Preschool	K-1	Note to follow
14 May	Scone Cup Half Day Holiday	Whole School	School concludes at 12.00pm.
17 May	Sean Andrews visiting		
19 May	National Simultaneous Reading Day	K-1	RSL Hall at 10.30 – note to follow
26 May	RAW Art workshop	K-6	Note to follow

Sam will be at school every Thursday for sport for the whole of term 2.

Sports uniform is to be worn every Thursday and Friday for the remainder of the year, unless advised otherwise. School caps are no longer part of the sports uniform. All students are expected to wear a broad brimmed or bucket school hat.

Attendance Policy Update:

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for home schooling. Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time

- ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- gives students time to greet their friends before class
- reduces classroom disruption. Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance e.g. attending a funeral.

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence. Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you

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have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

My child won't go to school.

What should I do? You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school. Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences - You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.
- Application to the Children's Court - Compulsory Schooling Order If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.
- Prosecution in the Local Court School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

Mrs Darlington

Principal



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Class K/1

WOOHOO!!! What an amazing start to Term 2 we have had!!! Kindy and Year 1 are doing an amazing job of getting back into our school routine with nearly everyone putting in an amazing effort with homework. I'd like to congratulate Ben and Lara for completing their Green Words and moving up a level in their Magic 100 Words, and I would also like to congratulate the following people:

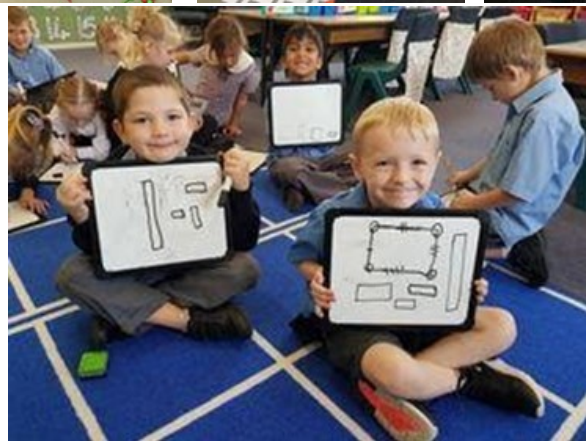
Ben, Birdie, Huzayl, Matilda, Phillip, Piper, Heidi, Lara and Ryder for completing 10 home readers,

Ben, Piper, Lara and Ryder for completing 20 home readers and finally a massive well done to:

Ben, Lara and Piper for completing 30 home readers!!!! Well done keep it up!



In maths we have been working with 2D shapes and 3D objects and are getting really good at naming them, drawing them, making them, making patterns and pictures with them and even knowing their features.



Sam has been with us for Sport each Thursday and we have loved practicing athletics and all the different skills like running, jumping and throwing. We have some serious sporting talent in our class and absolutely love being able to get outside and use our bodies.

Great work K/1 keep up your effort and energy! Miss Fin and Mrs Leayr

Year 2/3

Last week in Mathematics our focus was on lines, position, angles, 2D shapes and 3D objects. Year 2 practiced their skills at listening to and giving clear instructions, whilst applying their knowledge of lines, position and 2D shapes. They got to play a game with a partner where they had to take turns to draw a simple picture made out of shapes and simple lines, for example a house and a tree. Their partner had to follow instructions to replicate this drawing, without seeing the original, only following the artist's mathematical instructions, such as - draw a large square in the bottom middle of your page, draw two parallel lines to the left of that square, etc. For the students that received good mathematical instructions, it was amazing how close their drawing came to matching the original!

This week the class moves into learning how to read and tell the time. Our focus will be on quarter to and quarter past both on analogue and digital clocks. On Monday, we made a large clock on the floor and learnt the different parts of the clock and what they mean, as well as how it all links to fractions! Crazy!

Don't forget that this Friday, students will start presenting their speeches they have been working on at home. This week's topic is about explaining how to make or do something. We look forward to hearing these speeches.

Miss Reeves and Mrs Jones.



Collection of students

If your child needs to be collected by another person please kindly phone our school office to advise our staff of this change in collection of your child.

Class 4/5/6

It is wonderful to see everyone back at school. We have already had a busy start to the term with the cross country, zone cross country and a leadership camp. The next few weeks are going to continue to be very busy.

It was also wonderful to see so many of our students represent the school at the two ANZAC day ceremonies and serving lunch afterwards. It has been long time since we have been able to join in with community events. Our school leaders did a fantastic job at all events.

4-5-6 have been learning about what it was like to be at Gallipoli. They participated in a variety of activities to help them develop an understanding of just how difficult it was for everyone who went to war. Part of their experiences included trying some bully beef. This was met with mixed reactions. Some students didn't like the smell or taste, while others loved it. Charlie declared that he could eat it every day if he was allowed to. Students then used their experiences to write letters home to their families. These will be on display in the classroom this week.

At the end of last week, Angus and Braiden attended a Year 5 Leadership camp at the Warrumbungles. They joined in with approximately 70 other students from school further west. They participated in a wide variety of activities including a project that they will work on when they return to school. We look forward to hearing about their adventures.

Mrs Darlington



Cross Country

Friday 23rd April saw all students from Murrurundi Public School join students from Ellerston, Blandford and Belltrees Public Schools to compete in the Cross Country. Under a beautiful clear blue sky all students demonstrated persistence and a healthy competitive spirit to do their personal best in their races. Congratulations to the following students who achieved a place in their races.

Lilly Hyde 1st 8/9yr girls.

Cooper Taylor 2nd 10yr boys.

Charlie Power 3rd 10yr boys.

Gracie Kedwell 1st 10yr girls

Elsie Bell 3rd 10yr girls.

Conner Hyde 1st 11yr boys.

Zai Ahmad-Stone 2nd 11 yr boys

Abby Ashford 2nd 11yr girls

Justice Richards 2nd 12yr boys.

Lynx Whitby 3rd 12yr boys.

Zoe-Lee Power 2nd 12yr girls.

Touch Football Trials.

On Monday 26th April 6 students, Justice, Lynx, Gracie, Conner, Braiden and Zai, travelled to Singleton to trial for an Upper Hunter Touch Football Team. They all played extremely well and enjoyed the experience of playing with other students from other schools in the Upper Hunter. We look forward to finding out if any of our students are selected to join the Upper Hunter team.



Cross Country 2021



Assembly Week 2

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

PBL
Responsible

Inaya

Birdie

Conner

We are learning how to be
Respectful to our peers in the
classroom and playground by
distinguishing between ok touch
and not ok touch, especially
when we are playing games.
Tweet, tweet!



Bronze Award -

Tallow - Chase

Eloise - Hunter

Inaya

Lilly H. - Corbin

Lilly Mc.



Zoe-Lee

Blake

Ally

Principals Award

Ally and

Justice



Awards

Merit - Academic

Zoe-Lee

Phillip

Hayze

Eloise

Tallow

Sarah

Get involved in the School Banking program.

Our school is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way to help teach your child about money. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2021 are:

o Terry Denton's Activity Book	o Scented Stackable Highlighters
o Mini Soccer Ball (size 2)	o Icicle Slapband Ruler
o Treetop Stationery Set	o Snowy Origami Set
o Treetop Handball	o Water Skimming Bounce Ball
o Tomato Seed Kit	o Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers
o Emoji Wallet	o Scratch Art Cards
o Snakes & Ladders Game	

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year. For more information about contribution payments, visit www.commbank.com.au/sbinfo.

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is **Tuesday**.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2021 School Banking program parent guide from the school office or visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Mrs Smith



P & C INFORMATION

Next General Meeting
Tuesday 4th May 4.00pm
In the Art Room

Canteen will be open

FRIDAYS for Term 2

Commencing Friday 7th May

Good for Kids good for life

START THE DAY RIGHT WITH BREAKFAST



We've all heard that breakfast is the most important meal of the day and it's true! Research has shown that children who eat breakfast before school have higher levels of concentration and are less likely to feel lethargic.

Below are some ideas for a nutritious breakfast:

- Wholegrain cereal such as Weetbix, Porridge and Sultana Bran
- untoasted muesli topped with low fat yogurt
- Wholegrain toast topped with avocado, tomato or low fat cheese
- Raisin toast
- Fruit & vegetable smoothies

If you're short on time, some quick ideas to send to school with your child includes: a tub of low fat yoghurt, cereal to munch such as fruity bites, breakfast drinks such as Up & Go or some fruit.

NOTES TO BE RETURNED

Could all parents and carers please check that the following notes due in Term 1 have been returned to the school office!

***Student Collection Form**

***Walking Local Consent Form**

***Family Information Details Form**

***Birth Certificates / Proof of Residence and Immunisation Certificates**

Please call the school Office if you are not sure!



Lest We Forget.

ANZAC DAY LUNCH

Thank you to Abby, Gracie and Ally for their assistance at the ANZAC Day Luncheon. We had many lovely comments on the way the girls carried out their roles on the day.

