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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4—Week 9

Monday 5 December 2022

DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

Date	Event	Who	Further Information
5 Dec - 16 Dec	Swimming Lessons	K-6	Further Information to follow
6 & 13 December	Parent/Teacher Interviews	All parents/carers	Booking request have been sent
12 Dec	Year 6 Farewell & School Disco	Year 6 and Family K-6	Further information to follow
16 December	PBL Reward Day K-6	K-6	Further information to follow
17 Dec	Carols By Candlelight	Whole school & Community	Murrurundi Public School
19 Dec	Last Day of Term 4		

Term4 Week 9

I cannot quite believe that this will be our last newsletter for the year. And what a year it has been! I would like to take this opportunity to wish every one of you a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Take time out with your family and simply enjoy the break.

School resumes for Staff on Friday 27 January.

Years 1-6 return on Tuesday 31 January

Kindergarten starts on Wednesday 1 February.

We look forward to seeing you all back in 2023. Best wishes for our Year 6 who are moving onto High School next year. I'm sure you will find it all quite exciting.

2022 School term

The school term finishes for students on Friday 16 December

Staff will finish on Monday 19 December - please note, due to staff completing some training off site, the school and office will be closed from 12.30pm.

The school and office will be closed on Tuesday 20 December as this day is owed in lieu to all staff who completed training outside of school hours.

OOSH

I am pleased to announce that the tender for our Out of School Hours service has been awarded to Big Childcare. They are now in the

during the school holidays. It is anticipated that OOSH will begin on Tuesday 31 January. We will keep you informed of any updates.

Bushfire Plan

Recently, we worked with our WHS Advisor to update the school's Bush Fire Plan. While our plan has mostly stayed the same, there have been some changes to evacuation procedures. In the event that it is deemed unsafe to remain in Murrurundi, our first priority will be to send as many children home as possible. In the event that parents/carers are uncontactable, then we will be evacuated to either Scone Public School or Willow Tree Public School, depending on the advice given by the Rural Fire Service.

Principal's Address - Presentation Day

Who can believe we are at the end of another year? Once again, we have faced many challenges but in true Murrurundi spirit students have worked hard to gain some outstanding results. For the second year on a row, we have been recognised at State Level for our outstanding results in improving student outcomes in reading and literacy. This lead to our inclusion as a accelerator adopter school trialling the new K-2 syllabus in English and Mathematics; being invited to participate in the Ambassador's School Program and having the opportunity to work alongside researchers from Canberra University and Charles Sturt University as they delved into what success looks like at public schools; and finally the opportunity to work with Executive Director Megan Kelly and share our teaching and learning journey. All this is not possible without the input of many. We have many people to thank for this. Teaching and non-teaching staff provide students with so many opportunities to develop knowledge and skills in a variety of areas. 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 their understanding and hard work through another 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 to some of the opportunities they enjoy now. Finally, I would like to say thank you to all our students. You have all worked hard to achieve wonderful results this year. Congratulations to you all.

Mrs Darlington Principal



Year 6 2022 Gift to the School







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K/1/2

Wow what a year we have had in the Dhinawan Room! Is it just us, or does everyone feel like this year has flown? We are so proud of all the achievements that our students have accomplished this year. Watching each student grow, not just taller, but in their learning too, has been such a privilege. Over the past few weeks, we have been very lucky to have Miss Kaitlin Smith join us, and she has been teaching the students all about using descriptive language in their writing. The students have written some great narratives about being inventors as inspired by the book *The Imagineer* by Christopher Cheng and the movie *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*. They have also viewed the book *Colour Collecting* by Kylie Dunstan and learnt all about the pandanus plant. In Mathematics, students have been investigating 2D shapes and 3D objects and learning all about their attributes. We have learnt that shapes are everywhere. The students have also been using money and playing lots of games using play money. They even got to buy some lollies from Miss Smith which was exciting. We thank Miss Smith for creating some fun and challenging lessons while she was visiting us.

We hope you all have a safe and relaxing Summer break and enjoy Christmas time with family and friends.

Ms Mason, Mrs Leayr and Mrs Dolbel

I would like to say to every member of the Murrurundi school community, thank you for an amazing year. Everyone has made me feel so welcome and I have been very honored to teach your children this year. We have had some fun times in K/1/2, and I am sad to be leaving. I look forward to hearing from the teachers about how the students are progressing next year. Best wishes to everyone for a prosperous 2023, from Ms Mason.

Ms Mason



Merry Christmas 2022



CHRISTMAS CARDS



We have a collection of beautifully created Christmas Cards designed by the wonderful and talented students of Murrurundi Public School. 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.

Cards are \$2.00 per card or Pack of 16 for \$25.00.

Planned holidays and school break

As we head into the end of school year, please be reminded it is I mportant for your child to attend school every single day. Being at school is the best place for students to learn as well as to keep social connections and build life-long skills.

Students should be at school every day during school terms, including until the end of term, unless they are sick, have COVID19 symptoms or are absent for a justified reason.

Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up. When your child misses one day a week over a year, that's 40 days of school, 8 weeks of lessons and 2.5 years over their school life lost. As your child's education has already been interrupted through periods of learning from home due to COVID-19 over the last 2 and a half years, now is the time to prioritise faceto-face learning and making the most of every school day.

Days missed = years lost

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



3-4 Class News

We have had a very busy two weeks. Most of the class attended the excursion to Canberrra and had an absolutely fantastic time. Some of the highlights included visiting Parliament House, the War Memorial, the Zoo, the Dinosaur Museum and seeing Canberra by night from Mount Ainslie Lookout. Playing glow in the dark mini golf was by far the best night time entertainment. Students are to be commended for their fantastic behaviour.

We have also been enjoying the company of Mr Roberts. He has worked closely with students teaching a wide range of activities across all KLAs. Students were sad to see him finish up last Friday. We wish him all the very best in his chosen career as a teacher.

We are now at the pointy end of the year with Presentation Day, reports and swimming lessons. With only three weeks left, we will be completing units of work, finishing off assessments and doing some Christmas activities.

Mrs Darlington, Mrs Patterson and Mrs Gorst









3-4 Class News







Please remember we are always looking for volunteers for Sundays to sell raffle tickets at the Royal Hotel between 1-2pm. All proceeds go to Murrurundi Public School. If you able to give an hour on a Sunday please call the school 65466057 The next P&C Meeting will be held

at Murrurundi Public school

on Tuesday 6 December

<u>at 6.00pm.</u>

All new members are always welcome.

Please use the schools back gate as the front gate will be locked.

Year 5/6

What an amazing few weeks the students of MPS have had! 5/6 students have had the amazing opportunity to travel to Canberra and see their country's capital and some students have been lucky enough to also have had personal holidays with their families. It is wonderful to all be back on deck and hearing about their fun experiences. The students who were at school also had a fabulous time and had the opportunity for some fun and interesting experiences. It was such a pleasure to watch and learn about the amazing Pittwater High band. The music was incredible and the instruments were very interesting. We also had a paper plane folding and flying experiment, chocolate crackle cooking and a challenging decoding activity and treasure hunt. We are looking forward to the next few weeks as out term wraps up

Mrs Foley

Canberra Recounts

On Wednesday we went to the zoo. The zoo was going to be my favourite day of the week and the coldest day of the week. We waited in line for roughly 30 minutes and when we finally got through the line our guide wasn't there, so we waited another 20 minutes and we got to watch little monkeys jump from rope to rope, they were so cute and small. Our guide finally arrived and took us to the aquarium and showed us a snake and we got to pat it. Its scales were rough. Afterwards we went and fed otters it was a whole family, a mother a father and 3 children. After we had an emu eat food off our heads! Wednesday was so much fun.

By Elsie

On our second day we went to Parliament house and met the tour guide, his name was Matthew. During the tour we got to ask questions and it was one of my favourite places on the whole excursion. It was a great. We went to the room called the House of Representatives and the Senate room was so cool. After that we went to the War Memorial. My favourite part was the Remembrance room.

By Cooper

During the week we went to the Arboretum. To get in you had to sing, bark or hug a tree. Most people barked at a tree. Once we had walked in a lady told us we were going to do a treasure hunt! Me and Ruby were together. We had a little piece of paper which we had to get a stamp on. We found a stamp and then another and another. But we had a challenge, there was a nest of plovers where we had to get a stamp! Ruby was guiding them away while I got the stamp, but she got swooped. She was ok!

By Sarah

On Tuesday we went to Parliament House. On the way in, there was so much security it was like the king was Inside. Once we were all inside, I was admiring how everything was made from marble. As we waited for our tour guide, we sat next to a massive Christmas tree. Once the tour guide arrived, we started the tour. The first room we went to be the House of Representatives then the Senate. It was amazing to see where all the decisions for our country are made and where all the funny arguments happen. Parliament was so interesting and a great privilege to be able to go inside and see how amazing it is.

By Abby

Year 5/6



Kinder Orientation Final Assembly 2022







MURRURUNDI PUBLIC SCHOOL Scholastic Awards 2022

'NSW Public Schools - leading the way, learning for sustainability'

Lara Power

2022 Academic Class Awards Year 1 – Year 2 – Year 3 -Year 4 -Year 5 -Year 6 -2022 Major Awards K/1/2 Library Award Junior Library Award Senior Library Award English in the K/1/2 English in the Junior Primary Yvonne Winer Foundation English in the Senior Primary Mathematics in the Senior Primary Mathematics in the Junior Primary Mathematics in K/1/2 Citizenship in K/1/2 Citizenship in the Junior Primary Citizenship in the Senior Primary **CWA Bursary Award** Outstanding Effort in School in K-2 Outstanding Effort in School in the Junior Primary Outstanding Effort in School in the Senior Primary Sportsmanship in the Senior Primary Sportsmanship in the Junior Primary Sportsmanship in K/1/2 Sports Person of the Year NSW Premier's Sports Award Attendance DUX

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Braiden Harvey & Jessica Davis 98%

Jessica Davis

Abby Ashford