



Murrurundi Public School

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 —Week 4

Tuesday 15 February 2022

Best Start Assessments

Last week our Kindergarten students participated in the Best Start assessments. This will give our Kinder teachers a good starting point for each child's learning journey. Every student is different and will learn at their own rate. Our teachers differentiate learning to cater for all students. Over the next few weeks we will organise to meet with each Kindergarten parent to discuss individual results.

Learning Plans

During weeks 7 and 8, class teachers will contact parents to arrange meeting times to discuss individual learning plans and Aboriginal Personalised Learning Plans. Short term and long term goals will be set and review dates determined during these interviews.

Learn to Swim

Over the next two weeks we will be conducting learn to swim classes for all students in years 1 to 6. Permission notes need to be returned to school by Friday 18 February. There will be no cost to students as this program is fully funded thanks to funds raised by the Push 48 event held last year.

COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Tests

- Please test twice a week – Monday and Wednesday. You only need to notify the school if your child tests positive.

What happens if a staff member or student tests positive?

Any staff member who tests positive will isolate for 7 days. Staff who are household contacts will also isolate for 7 days.

- If I receive notification of a positive case, a note will be emailed out, explaining that we've had a positive case in the school community. Information will also be posted on Facebook. No individuals will be identified.

What we're doing to limit the spread.

- We're trying to identify positive cases early and isolate them.
- As you are aware we're using rapid tests to identify cases. All staff are testing at least twice a week and I encourage you to test your children too. While this is not mandatory, a bit of discomfort can go a long way to supporting the wider community.

Another thing we can do is look out for symptoms. Please be vigilant and check your children. Are they looking unwell? Do they look tired? Are they complaining more than normal? If you are concerned, keep them at home. Please do not send sick children to school. We will ask you to pick them up.

- Our staff are wearing masks inside
- We are ensuring good ventilation in classrooms - two out of three classrooms have air purifiers installed
- Our cleaners are continuing with enhanced cleaning
- All our staff are fully vaccinated
- We are also limiting the number of parents on school grounds at the moment. Please only come on to school grounds, if you have an appointment. Please call the office first if you require assistance.

We thank everyone for your assistance in keeping all our students and staff safe.

Murrurundi Public School Attendance Procedures

Parent responsibilities:

- actively encourage their children to regularly attend school
- inform the school when their child is away as soon as possible via School Stream, written note or telephone
- provide the office with an appropriate, justifiable explanation for arriving late or leaving early
- inform the school if an extended absence is likely or if they would like the school to arrange work at home for the student
- inform the school of any changes to their contact details
- ensure children are picked up promptly from school at the end of the school day
- contact the school if delayed for any reason or length of time when picking up children

Mrs Darlington



Assembly Week 3

Merit - Academic

Will
Cody
Huzayl
Angus
Henry
Corbin

PBL

Responsible

Abby
Mia
Matilda

We are learning how to be respectful and responsible when lining up and transitioning around the school. It is important to line up calmly and patiently in two lines and use our 5L's when an adult is speaking. Plus, we must remember to be on time! Tweet, Tweet!

We are learning how to be responsible respectful and at the canteen and during eating time. When we are at the canteen we need to remember to use our manners and to speak clearly so that the volunteers know what we would like to purchase. During eating time we need to sit on the silver seats, eat only our food and use quiet voices.



Chase - Hunter - Heidi -
Lilly Mc- Max - Rueben -
Ayesha - Jessica

Principal Award



Gracie

Year K/1/2

Welcome back to our Murrurundi School Community. It has been a busy start to the year. We've welcomed our new Kindergarten students, who have settled into the school routine like Pro's. We started the Year by celebrating the Year of the Tiger and creating our own tigers in Art. During Science we will be investigating Living and Non-Living things. This week we went on a schoolyard safari to check out the objects in our playground that are living and non-living. We can't wait to start planting some seeds and watch them grow. This year we are trialling the new K-2 Mathematics curriculum and we have started our investigations with sorting objects by discussing the attributes and classifying them into different groups.

Ms Mason, Mrs Leayr and Mrs Dolbel



K/1/2



Class 3/4

This week in our Stage 2 (year 3 & 4) classroom the students have been practising their skills in estimating length, in mathematics. The students had to estimate a 1 metre streamer and their estimates varied from 86 cm to 1.3 m. Then we joined all the streamers together to see if we had achieved our desired length of 17 m - we measured 17.1 m! Great work students! The students also explored the difference between estimating and measuring straight lines and curved or wavy lines. It was great to see the students discovering the features of length and measurement.

Students have also been learning about their rights, and responsibilities that go hand in hand with these rights. They have been reviewing classroom expectations and know exactly what is expected when we work at our desks, work in groups on the floor and work as a whole class. This is in line with our classroom PBL expectation matrix. It is pleasing to see that all students are trying hard to meet these expectations and many of them are earning thumbs up awards.

Homework started this week. All students have been given home readers, some spelling and their passwords to access Mathletics. Do not hesitate to contact either one of us, if you have any questions or problems with homework.

Mrs Jones, Mrs Darlington and Mrs Gorst



5/6 Week 4

What an amazing start to the year we have had in Year 5/6!! Congratulations to all those amazing swimmers who did their personal best at the swimming carnival during our first week back.

The last two weeks has seen 5/6 improving their hand eye coordination and team work during Morning Fitness. As a whole class we have managed to pass a tennis ball around the whole class in just 10 seconds!

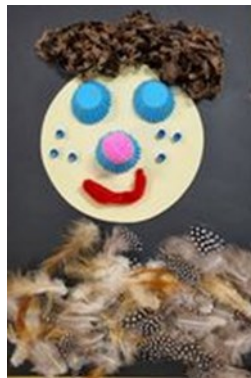
In English we have started our unit on the Moris Gleitzman novel "Boy Overboard" and we have already seen some very impressive spelling results from our first Friday morning test with almost 70% of the class achieving 100%.

During Maths our students have been looking at measuring the lengths and heights of everyday objects then converting those measurements into mm, cm, m and kms. They have also been learning about mass and how to measure and convert the mass of different objects using scales.



Our first week called for lots of creativity when the students were asked to create book covers for the year. Needless to say, our books and our classroom are looking awesome now!!! Keep up the good work 5/6!!!

Mrs Foley and Miss Fin



Invermein Small School Swimming Carnival Winners — Well Done Students !!

SPORT

Our 2022 Small school's Swimming carnival was a very different experience in many ways due to Covid restrictions and cold weather, however our Murrurundi Team Spirit and our student's determination was not dampened by either. Our students gave it their all, and their summer training well and truly paid off. We had huge success, most students taking out places in most events. We will now have a strong small school team to progress to the Upper Hunter Trials (Zone) on the 23rd February.

Congratulations to all swimmers who participated in the carnival

Mrs Foley



Murrurundi P&C

The first P&C Meeting will be held tomorrow Tuesday 15 March in the class 5/6 classroom at 4.00pm

**Year 6 2022 students received their specially designed Sports Shirts at the school assembly.
Thank you Murrurundi P&C for supplying the Year 6 shirts.**



Library Day - Wednesday please ensure your child has a library bag so they can borrow books from the school library .

Sport Days - Thursday and Friday - Please wear your sports uniform.

Canteen Day - Friday . Canteen order bags go home Thursday

Zone Swimming Carnival Wednesday 23 February