



Murrurundi Public School

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 —Week 6

Monday 28 February 2022

Lifting of Restrictions

As most of you are aware, some restrictions have been lifted this week, with further restrictions to be lifted next week.

Rapid Antigen Testing is no longer recommended twice a week; however, it is recommended when students are symptomatic. Every student will be supplied with enough tests to see them through to the end of term.

Visitors on school sites – today we welcome parents back into school. You do not need to be double vaccinated, however, we ask that you check in with the QR code and wear a mask. Volunteers and workers must comply with double vaccination requirements.

Please note: if you want to speak to teachers about any issues, please contact the office first. Most teachers are in their classrooms between 9.00 and 9.30am preparing to ensure their day runs smoothly.

Masks – staff will continue to wear masks at all times indoors for another week. Masks are still recommended for students as well.

Hygiene and cleaning – students and staff will continue to regularly wash their hands and apply hand sanitiser as needed. Enhanced cleaning will continue for all high touch areas, hard surfaces, door handles, light switches and handrails.

Sound Scouts

We are running our next round of Sound Scouts hearing assessments. Sound Scouts is an app that allows for the screening of potential hearing loss. The sound Scouts hearing check is a simple way to ensure hearing issues do not restrict a child's ability to learn and socialise. The test incorporates the science of a hearing test in a fun interactive game. It is easily accessible with immediate results.

Children need to be able to hear clearly in order to learn. If children can't hear their teacher in a noisy classroom environment, they struggle to learn. Consequences of undetected hearing loss for a child can include:

- Delays in speech and language development
- Lack of phonological awareness and difficulty reading
- Struggling in social situations
- Increased risk of academic failure

Permission notes were sent home with all students who have enrolled since the test was administered in 2020. Please return these as soon as possible so we can get started on conducting the assessments. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Darlington.

Mrs Darlington

Principal



Assembly Week 5

Merit - Academic

Max
Jett P
Gracie
Sarah
Heidi
Zaroon

PBL

Respect

Elsie
Hunter
Ayesha



We are learning how to be respectful and responsible in the toilets. We should always give others privacy, use the toilet paper sensibly, flush the toilet and wash our hands before leaving. Remember, straight in, straight out. Tweet, Tweet!



Abby
Ayaan
Xander

Principal Award

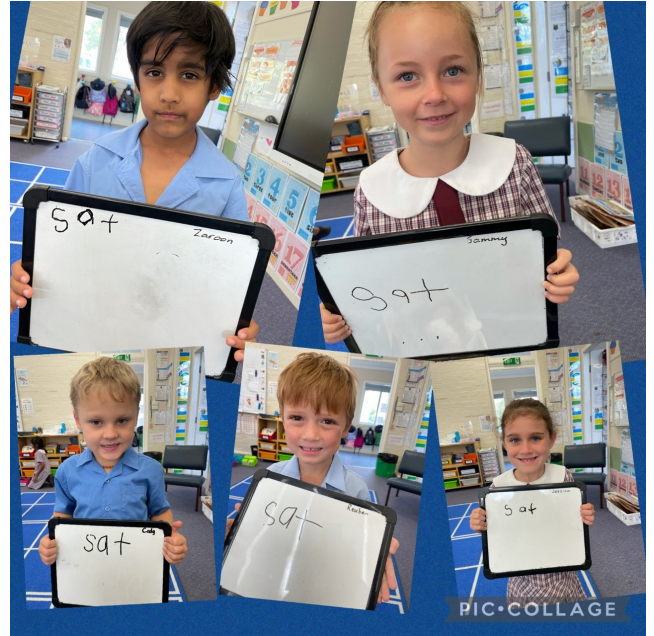
Sarah



Year K/1/2

In the K/1/2 classroom this fortnight we've been busy learning about patterns in Mathematics. We have been skip counting by 2's, 5's and 10's and creating patterns with colours and shapes. Our Kindergarten students have begun to learn about letters and sounds and have had fun writing a story about Sally the Snake in her shiny silver shirt. The grapheme 's' has been our focussed letter. We are all very proud of their writing skills. Everyone was excited to start fitness with Sam again on Fridays and we look forward to this continuing throughout the term.

Ms Mason, Mrs Leayr and Mrs Dolbel



Class 3/4

Stage 2 has been very busy over the last few weeks. Everyone is settled in well and working hard. In writing, we have been using the Hiding Henry text to complete a number of writing tasks. Students have produced an information poster about egg teeth and are currently publishing escape plans for Henry's family. This is all building up to a narrative piece of writing we will start this week. I look

forward to sharing these with you.

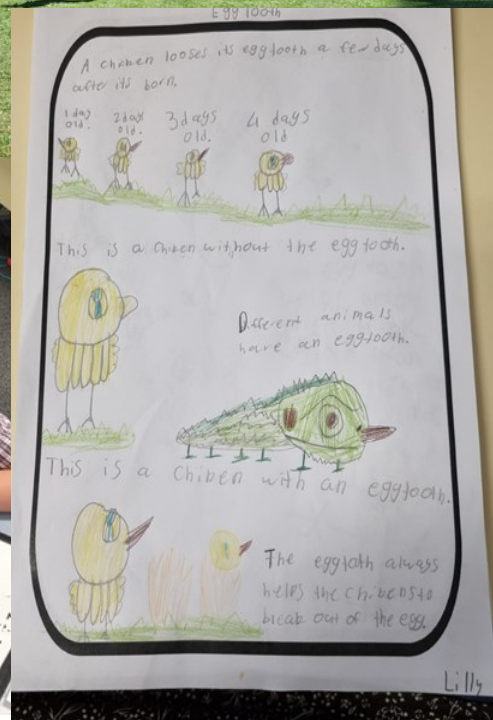
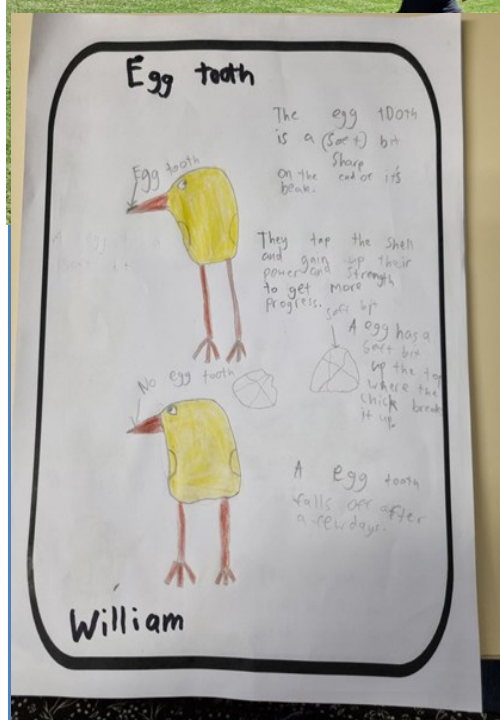
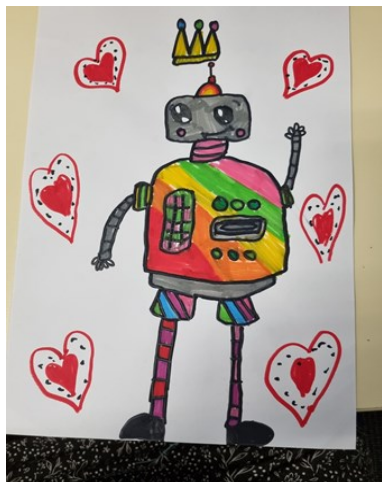
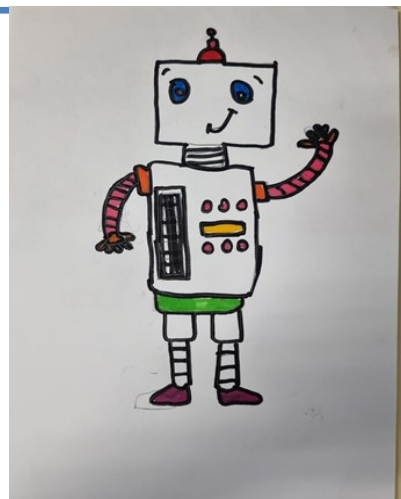
In mathematics, students have revised skip counting; multiplying by 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s and 10s; and partitioning numbers in standard and non-standard forms. They have also been looking at recognising and following patterns created through addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. This week we move onto fractions and more opportunities to learn our times tables.

With swimming lessons taking up our afternoon sessions, there has been little time for much else. We are working with Sam on Thursday mornings for sport. It has been wonderful to see how much all students have improved their swimming skills.

The students who did not go to the zone swimming carnival enjoyed a robot themed day. All literacy activities were based on a picture called 'The Arrival'. In the middle session, students completed an escape room style maths lesson. They managed to solve all clues with only 9 seconds on the clock. It was quite a nail-biting end to the session. The afternoon was used for art. Through a directed drawing activity, students produced some wonderful robots.

Homework is now up and running for stage 2. Each week, they will get spelling activities to do each night and home reading. Completing Mathematics activities is optional. All homework is due on Fridays.

Mrs Jones, Mrs Darlington and Mrs Gorst



Years 5/6

We have had a busy fortnight in the 5/6 classroom with homework starting, lots of PSSA trials for various students including Basketball, Touch Football, Cricket and Rugby. Swimming lessons have also commenced and are running smoothly with students enjoying the opportunity to hone their skills in the pool. We had 8 members of our class away on Wednesday the 23rd February to represent our school at Zone Swimming and on top of all this, we have had 2 students achieve their pen licence!

Congratulations to Landon and Abby for their impeccable handwriting, from now on, these lucky students have the freedom to write in pen whenever they desire.

During Maths our students have been applying their problem-solving skills to make towers that are exactly 1 metre in length as well as becoming familiar with prime and composite numbers.



Our KLAs such as art, history and science have taken a backseat this week with our swimming lessons taking up the afternoon sessions, however we have launched into our new English Unit and are really enjoying Morris Gleitzman's "Boy Overboard" which is our focus text this semester. The rich language throughout the text is really inspiring some great imagery for our students to explore.



Keep up the good work 5/6!

Mrs Foley and Miss Fin



Recycle at MPS

Murrurundi Public school has set up their recycle station for 2022.

Recycling of cans - plastic bottles - poppers and flavoured milk containers are all welcome.

Only containers that are redeemable for 10c .

Please no glass or alcohol containers to be brought to school.

A big thank you goes out to Karen for her continuing support to the school by taking the recycling containers to be cashed in.

Winter Uniform Orders

We are now taking orders for winter uniforms. Orders and payment can be made at the office. If you are unable to visit the school office, order forms (with payment) can be sent to school with your child. Please ensure there is a name and contact number provided. We also have a large number of quality school uniforms available in our clothing pool which can be purchased with a donation to our wonderful P & C committee.

Be prepared for the cooler months ahead and visit our clothing pool and uniform shop.

Orders need to be returned by Friday 18th March 2022.

Order forms are available at our school office or on our school website calendar.

HEARING AWARENESS WEEK

1-7 MARCH 2022

WORLD HEARING DAY 3 MARCH

#screenwithsoundscouts

This year, the World Health Organisation is amplifying the message

"To hear for life, listen with care"

focusing on the importance of safe listening to maintain good hearing throughout your life.



Late Arrival to School

Attending school on time, all day, everyday will give your child the best chance of succeeding at school and eventually graduating from high school. Daily attendance and active participation in each class is a critical part of the learning process. This helps students learn responsibility and increase their potential for success.

Students arriving late to school must report directly to the School Office on the late arrival register, before attending class.





MURRURUNDI P&C Association Incorporation

135 Mayne Street
Murrurundi NSW 2338

Notice - Murrurundi P & C Association Incorporation

Please be advised the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the organisation is to be held on

Date: TUESDAY, 8th MARCH 2022
Venue: At the Murrurundi Public School
Time: Commencing 4.00pm

All Officer positions will be declared vacant.
Nominations are called for the following positions:

President
Two Vice-Presidents
Secretary
Treasurer

Sub-committee representatives

Canteen subcommittee
Fundraising subcommittee

Members must be financial to be eligible for nomination.
Members must have attended a minimum of two (2) monthly meetings in the past year, ie The period being March 2021 to February 2022, to be eligible for nomination

The ordinary monthly meeting for March will follow at the conclusion of the AGM

Murrurundi P&C - AGM Notice 24.02.22

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



A fresh start in 2022

Our school is proud to be a SWAP IT school—encouraging students to eat everyday foods to help them grow, learn and play!

Start the year strong by packing lunchboxes full of everyday foods and drinks.

What's in an everyday lunchbox?

- **Crunch&Sip®**: vegetable sticks or fruit
- **Recess**: ready to eat vegetables or fruit and one other everyday snack e.g. popcorn, yoghurt, rice crackers
- **Lunch**: a sandwich, wrap, roll or alternative such as pasta salad or leftovers
- **Drink**: water or reduced fat plain milk
- + Something to keep the lunchbox cool e.g. an ice brick.



<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/primary-schools/swap-it/packing-an-everyday-lunchbox>



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good for life