



Murrurundi Public School

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 —Week 8

14 March 2022

Principals Message

Positive COVID Cases

We have had a high number of positive cases over the last week of school. We are asking parents to keep an eye on any symptoms and test immediately. Students and staff are required to isolate for seven days from the date of the positive test. Retesting occurs on the 6th day and if the results are negative students and staff can return to school. The classroom setting is no longer considered a place of close contact and that is why other students in the class are not required to isolate. Once your child recovers from COVID, they are not required to self isolate for up to 21 days if they experience another close contact. If you would like further information about this, you can contact Services NSW.

We will continue with essential cleaning and hygiene practices which includes frequent washing of hands, application of hand sanitiser and whipping down of frequently touched areas. All learning areas are well ventilated and have air purifiers in use. I thank everyone for their patience and vigilance.

The Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is back on. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is open to all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 10, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

Students in K-1-2 need to listen to at least 30 stories, which will occur in class and library time. Ms Mason will log the books as they go. Students in 3-4-5-6 need to read themselves or have read to them at least 20 books, which will be covered in class but also can include reading at home. Reading logs will be sent home for students to record their reading at home. Mrs Darlington, Mrs Jones, Miss Finlayson and Mrs Foley will log the books read.

All students have up until 19 August to complete this challenge. It would be great to see a high percentage of students participating in this challenge.

PINK Shirt Day

This Friday all schools are taking a stand against Bullying and Violence by wearing **pink** to schools. We are not asking for any donations; this is an awareness raising activity.

School Assembly

Due to the high number of students absent, we will postpone our scheduled assembly this week. We will notify everyone via Schoolstream when our next assembly will be held. We will be inducting our new SRC representatives at the next assembly.

Cross Country

Our cross country will be held at the Bill Rose Complex in Scone On Wednesday 30 March. The school is running a bus which will be free of charge to all students. If we have space, then parents are also welcome to join us. **Lunch orders** for students and attending parents need to be returned to school, with payment by **Friday 18 March**. Lunch orders have been emailed home to all families who have been recently absent.

Easter Hat Parade

We will be holding our Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 7 April (please note, this is not the last day of term). It will take place under the COLA at 9.30am. We will hold a whole school assembly first then conduct the parade. The preschool has been invited to join us. At the conclusion of the parade, the P&C will draw the Easter raffle.

P&C AGM

It was great to see so many people attend the AGM Meeting las week. I would like to thank the outgoing committee. They have worked hard through extraordinary times to continue to raise significant funds to support the school. I would like to welcome the incoming committee and look forward to working side by side with them this year. The next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 April at **6pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Mrs Darlington

Principal

Community Spirit

Thank you once again to Gary from Murrurundi Foodworks for the very generous donation of a cap each for every student at Murrurundi Public school. With such ongoing support to our school from community members and organistions the school runs on a constant positive vibe.



Thank You Gary!!

Year K/1/2

In the Dhinawan Room we've been enjoying the story Belinda by Pamela Allen. The students have been writing their own scenarios based on the book and learning about onomatopoeia. We've also begun reading stories listed on the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist and are well on our way to reaching our goal of 30 books read. I'm Mathematics we've been



measuring length using informal units and investigating position. We were all excited to be going on an excursion and everyone enjoyed our trip to Tamworth to see 'Guess How Much I Love You?'. After the performance the students had a lovely time picnicking and playing at ANZAC Park. What a wonderful group of students who did Murrurundi PS proud with their respectful behaviour!

Ms Mason and Mrs Leayr



Class 3/4

Week 8 Newsletter, Stage 2

In Mathematics recently, Year 4 have been learning to divide when there are remainders, and they played a fun game where they used 24 counters to share evenly into groups. The students could see that sometimes there were remainders (counters leftover), and sometimes the counters could be divided equally with no remainders. Each time they got remainders they got to reduce their counters by that many, and the winner of the game was the person that had the least counters at the end, or could reduce their counters down to 2. This game reinforces the students' knowledge of the inverse operations multiplying and dividing, and teaches mental strategies for division with remainders.



In Mathematics Year 3 have been learning about the link between multiplication and division by using arrays. They played an arrays game in pairs where they had to get the most squares covered on the game board, focusing on recalling their 10, 3, 5 and 2 times tables.

We were very lucky last Monday afternoon to have local artist, Anita Faulkner visit our school to conduct an art workshop with our Year 3 & 4 students. The focus of the students' artworks was the 150 years of Railway celebration, where the artworks will be displayed. Anita gave the students a small canvas, and a variety of art mediums to choose from, and the broad topic of all things trains or railways, or their choice of a local scene or landscape. The students really enjoyed getting in touch with their creative side again. The students will have another lesson soon to finish off their artworks.

Year 4 completed check in assessments for mathematics this week. We will use the results to track their progress and inform our teaching and learning programs.



Mrs Jones, Mrs Darlington and Mrs Gorst

Sport

What a busy month of sport our students have had! It is wonderful to be back being active and participating in sport and physical activity in our community. Students have had the opportunity to participate in trials for Upper Hunter PSSA teams in a variety of sports. Well done to Conner, Braiden and Tarquin who trialed for Touch football, Landon for basketball, Conner for cricket, and Conner, Tarquin and Cooper for Rugby League. Congratulations to Conner for being selected for the Upper Hunter PSSA Rugby League team. He will compete against other zones in a trial to be selected in a Hunter team on the 7th April.

Congratulations to our relay team, Abby, Braiden, Elsie and Cooper who travelled to Newcastle to compete in the Hunter swimming championships. They trained very hard with Mrs Coffey in preparation for their event. They finished 5th in their race. Well done students!

We look forward to competing in our Cross-country carnival on the 30th March and are currently training every morning during morning fitness to build our stamina.

Mrs Foley



Years 5/6

This fortnight in 5/6 has seen our afternoon swimming lessons wrap up with lots of new and improved swimming skills from our daily lessons. We'd like to thank the Push 48 team for their generous donation and all the teaching staff for making this opportunity possible.

In Mathematics we have been busy learning about mixed and improper fractions, number problems and division. This week in maths our class got out the counters to see the relationship between multiplication and division and to recognise the importance of remainders in division problems. Counters becomes quite time consuming when dealing with 3-digit numbers!



Week 6 in art we were looking at the colour wheel to establish a thorough understanding of primary, tertiary and complimentary colours and their relationships with one another.



Week 7 saw Art and English quite closely linked. We have been studying figurative language in English in particular focusing on Similes and Metaphors while in Art this week we had a look at another figurative language technique: Alliteration. After the class created their own alliteration sentences, we put them in alphabetical order and created a watercolour painting of each sentence. They look fantastic on display in our room. Such a great team effort!!!

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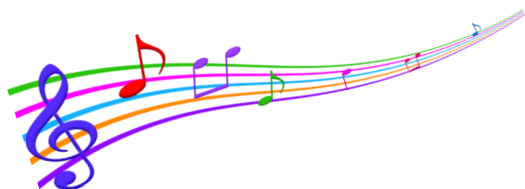


Keep it up Year 5/6!!

Mrs Foley and Miss Fin



Kyasha



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.**



BULLYING. NO WAY!

UPPER HUNTER
YOUTH COUNCIL



Upper Hunter standing together against bullying

Friday, 18 March 2022

Get your school, business or community group
to wear some pink to show your support.

#pinkshirtdayupperhunter

Coinciding with the National Day of Action Against
Bullying and Violence.

Go to www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

This event is proudly coordinated by Upper Hunter Youth Council
UPPERHUNTER.NSW.GOV.AU



**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**

Congratulations and thank you to the outgoing P&C committee of 2021 thank you for your ongoing commitment to Murrurundi Public School. Welcome to the P&C Committee for 2022.

President: Bec Willard
Vice Presidents: Mick Power and Steph McPherson
Secretary: Nikki Gorst
Treasurer: Rob Ashford
Canteen: Rachel Taylor
Fundraising: Kylie Arnold-Cross
Uniforms: Belinda Smith (school office)
Publicity Officer: Judith Wilson

Looking forward to another great year.

To our new families to the school any other parents or community members please feel welcome to join us at the next meeting
6:00 pm at school.



The P&C are running an Easter Fundraising Raffle which will be drawn on the 7th April after the Easter Hat Parade at Murrurundi Public School. We are seeking donations of Easter Goodies for the raffle - *if you are able to donate a prize please leave at the school office before the 4th April.* Tickets will be on sale soon.

Kylie (Fundraising Officer)