



# Murrurundi Public School

*Pride in our Heritage, Confidence in our Future*

*Be Respectful Be Responsible Do Your Personal Best*



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Term 1 —Week 10**

**31 March 2022**

### Principals Message

End of Term

Can you believe we are almost at the end of term 1? It has been quite a challenging term for students, staff and parents. I would like to thank everyone for doing their part. It has been quite difficult at times, especially over the last three weeks. School finishes on Friday 8 April. I hope everyone takes time to relax and unwind, ready to get going in Term 2. We already have a few activities planned, including ANZAC Day march, Science and Engineering Day (for Years 5 and 6), zone cross country, athletics carnival, Currabubula Art Show and a combined small schools creative arts day. Details for these events will follow.

### Term 2

Term 2 starts back on Tuesday 26 April for staff only. We are planning to join in with some training at Scone Public School. Our school office will be opened for inquiries, uniform purchases etc. **Students start back on Wednesday 27 April.**

### Update for COVID restrictions

The last three weeks have proved to be quite challenging, with many students testing positive for COVID 19. Thank you to all families who acted promptly by isolating their children and notifying the school. As new cases are reported, information will be sent out.

### Continuation of use of RATs for symptomatic testing

As part of the NSW Government's focus on minimising disruptions to teaching and learning, the department will continue to support the use of rapid antigen tests (RATs) for symptomatic testing until at least the end of Term 1.

***Another supply of RAT kits have been sent home with students this week.***

All schools should continue to implement our current layered (baseline) measures:

- Students, staff and visitors must stay home and test if sick
- Maximise ventilation and distancing where practicable
- Enhanced daily cleaning
- Focus on personal hygiene
- All school staff are required to be double vaccinated against COVID-19
- All students are encouraged to get the COVID-19 vaccine

At MPS, we are taking additional measures and are requesting all staff and visitors to wear masks.

**Reminder**  
**Please leave all Easter Raffle Donations and return all raffle tickets to school by 6/4/2022**  
**Thank You**

If there is a positive case in your child's class, year or other grouping, your child can continue to attend school in line with NSW Health advice. All positive cases of students or staff must be reported to the school and to Services NSW.

## **Isolation Requirements**

If a student or staff member lives with someone who has COVID-19 then they must follow the NSW Health COVID-19 guidelines and self-isolate for 7 days. The student/staff member must also follow the NSW Health Self-Isolation Guidelines for 7 days if they have been notified to do this by NSW Health.

Self-isolation means you must stay at your home or accommodation and remain separated from others. You can only leave to get medical care (such as a COVID-19 test) or in an emergency. You cannot have visitors.

You must self-isolate for the amount of time you are told to. Your self-isolation period starts from the day you were tested or exposed to someone with COVID-19. If you have to self-isolate for 7 days, for example, and you were tested at 10am on Tuesday, your self-isolation period ends at 10am on the following Tuesday. You must follow any health advice provided about when you can leave self-isolation.

If a student or staff member lives with someone who has COVID-19 then they must follow the NSW Health COVID-19 guidelines and self-isolate for 7 days. The student/staff member must also follow the NSW Health Self-Isolation Guidelines for 7 days if they have been notified to do this by NSW Health.

A household contact does not need to repeat isolation if another person in their household tests positive in the 14 days after their 7 day isolation period ends.

If another person in their household tests positive for COVID-19 more than 14 days after their 7 day isolation period ends, they will have to isolate again and follow the instructions for household contacts of people with COVID-19.

**Mrs Darlington**  
**Principal**

**We are seeking volunteers to collect gold coin donations for Stage Coach Rides at the Royal Hotel, both days over the weekend.**

**All money collected will be donated directly to the school.**

**We would like to thank the Royal Hotel for their ongoing support!**



## Year K/1/2

Wow! Can you believe how fast this Term has gone? Our Kindergarten students have had a fantastic first term and have settled into "big school" so well. They all deserve a well earned vacation. In the Dhinawan Room over the past couple of weeks we have continued to work very hard. Kindergarten have been doing some great work learning new letters and sounds, reading simple texts and writing jointly constructed stories. In Mathematics, across the whole class, our focus has been multiplicative strategies. We have been investigating fair sharing and being able share collections into smaller groups. During Fitness with Sam, we were excited to join the bigger students for a session last week. We all enjoyed it and had so much fun having the older students mentor us in games. Thank you to the whole school community for a wonderful first term and we hope everyone has a lovely, relaxing Easter break.



Ms Mason, Mrs Leayr and Mrs Dolbel

## Class 3/4

It is great to see most of the class back this week. COVID-19 has worked its way through the class over the last two weeks, but now we are nearly back to full class numbers. Students have been working with Annita Faulkner to create some 8 x 8 paintings that will be displayed over the weekend as part of the 150th celebrations of the Railway. Make sure you pop into the Railway Station and have a look at the wonderful artworks.

This week we welcomed Mrs Paterson to our school. She is working with 3-4 for the rest of the week and will be returning next term.

## Mrs Jones, Mrs Darlington and Mrs Gorst



## Sport

On Friday 25 March Conner, Tarquin and Cooper travelled to Scone to compete in the Group 21 All School's Rugby League Carnival. They very much enjoyed their day competing with other schools and getting in an early game of footy before the season starts! Well done to the boys who represented Murrurundi with great manners, behaviour and sportsmanship.

## Class 5/6

It is so wonderful to have students back in the classroom and getting back into our regular routines. We have certainly enjoyed picking up where we left off with our learning. We have also kept up with our Cross Country training, building stamina and we look forward to being able to compete at the carnival.

## Mrs Foley and Ms Fin



**FREE** **GLOW RUN** *IT STARTS WITH YOU' TH*

TUESDAY, APRIL 12 | 4PM - 8PM  
HARRISON OVAL AT JEFFERSON PARK, ABERDEEN

All attendees to register at the gate  
Buses will be provided (\$1 per person), permission form will need to be submitted by Tue 5 April 2022

All youth welcome, children under 12 years old will need supervision from a parent/guardian.

All attendees to wear clothing that can get UV paint on, and they will require a change of warm clothes.

RSVP for Bus pick-up, Tue 5 April 2022  
Early registrations close Thu 7 April 2022  
and receive a free showbag! Call 0428 971 208  
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UPPER HUNTER SHIRE COUNCIL  
NSW GOVERNMENT  
NSW YOUTH WEEK

Assembly Week 7 and 9

Merit - Academic

- Lilly H
- Ayaan
- Matilda H
- Xander
- Cooper
- Emmalyn
- Jett R
- Ryder
- Lilly Mc
- Hayze
- Tarquin
- Braiden
- Kyesha
- Billee



Principal Award



Matilda

PBL

Personal Best

- Xander
- Landon
- Angus

Responsible

- Conner
- Jessica
- Eloise

Lilly



NSW Department of Education

## Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

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## Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins per day



=

3 days



30 mins per day



=

18 days



Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

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Easter 2022 School Holiday  
**TENNIS CAMPS**  
 With Chris Herden, Tennis Australia Club Professional.  
 For ages 4-14 at Scone Tennis Club.

**Heaps of fun for beginners and experienced players**

Camp includes stroke development, drills, point and game play. You will also play a mix of cricket, soccer and t-ball to help develop hand-eye coordination. With prizes and competitions!

<b>CAMP 1:</b> April 11,12,13	Ages: 4-5 yrs Ages: 6-14	Time: 8.30-9.30 Time: 9.30-12.30	\$15 per day / \$45 per week \$25 per day / \$75 per week
<b>CAMP 2:</b> April 19, 20, 21	Ages: 4-5 yrs Ages: 6-14	Time: 8.30-9.30 Time: 9.30-12.30	\$15 per day / \$45 per week \$25 per day / \$75 per week

**Bookings essential!**  
 Call Chris on 0400 331 553 for details and bookings

After School classes, Term 2, at Scone, Denman and Merriwa.  
 Like Upper Hunter Tennis and Sports & Scone Hardcourt Tennis Association on Facebook

**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



## P&C General Meeting

Tuesday 5 April 2022

6.00pm

Held at Murrurundi Public School

**Winter uniforms are worn in Terms 2 and 3.**

**New and second-hand uniforms are available from our Uniform Shop**

**Be prepared for the changing weather.**

**Please contact our school office 02 65466057.**



The P&C are running an Easter Fundraising Raffle which will be drawn on the 7 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 5th April.*** Tickets have been sent home to school families.

Kylie (Fundraising Officer)