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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 —Week 1

Wednesday 27 April 2022

Welcome Back

It's great to see everyone back at school. The students have shared their holiday stories and it sounds like many families took the opportunity to go away and had some great adventures and experiences.

It was wonderful to see so many students and staff attending the local ANZAC Day services in Murrurundi on Monday. Students looked amazing in their winter uniforms. Our captains did a fantastic job laying the wreath and reciting the Prayer for Thanksgiving. Well done Conner and Landon.

Thank you to the members of the P&C who catered for the luncheon following the service and the Year 6 students who assisted with service. Your time and effort was greatly appreciated by the attendees of the luncheon.

We have a busy schedule for the start of this term. Today our senior class is attending the Upper Hunter Science and Engineering Challenge Day. This is backed up by the zone cross country on Friday - Good luck to all students competing. Sam will return this term for sport and will focus on athletics skills. Students in Years 3 and 5 will sit for NAPLAN in weeks 3 and 4. All assessments will be completed online, except for the Year 3 writing, which will be a paper test. We also have some other activities planned such as the small schools creative arts day, a visit from Royal Lifesavers, Athletics Carnival and Belltrees Public Speaking Competition. We will keep you informed of these events as they come up.

We have a few changes to staff and staff roles this term. Mrs Paterson is joining us and will share the 3/4 class with Mrs Darlington. She will take the class on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays. Mrs Jones will be taking on an intervention role and will work with students requiring further support in reading and numeracy.

Changes to COVID-19 Restrictions

As many of you are aware, restrictions for close contact have been revised.

Close contacts attending school (including residential settings such as boarding schools) will need to adhere to the following in addition to the [NSW Health guidelines](#):

- They must notify the school and/or early childhood education (ECE) service provider (including their outside of school hours care provider) if they are intending to return under this provision. Schools will need to maintain this record on their local management systems.
- They should conduct a daily rapid antigen test (RAT) and return a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 school days.
- Primary school students are recommended to wear a mask indoors (except when eating or exercising).
- No student or staff member identified as a close contact will be permitted to participate in overnight excursions, including school camps.
- No apprentices, trainees or students on placement or staff member identified as a close contact will be permitted to attend settings identified as high risk by NSW Health (healthcare, aged care, disability care or correctional facilities)
- Any visitor to a school site who is a close contact is required to advise the school that they are a close contact before they come on site. These visitors should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result before attending. They must also wear a mask indoors at all times. Schools should consider if the visit can be conducted virtually.

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The department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing case management team will continue to work with schools around temporary use of additional COVID-smart measures for short periods of time based on localised risk assessments.

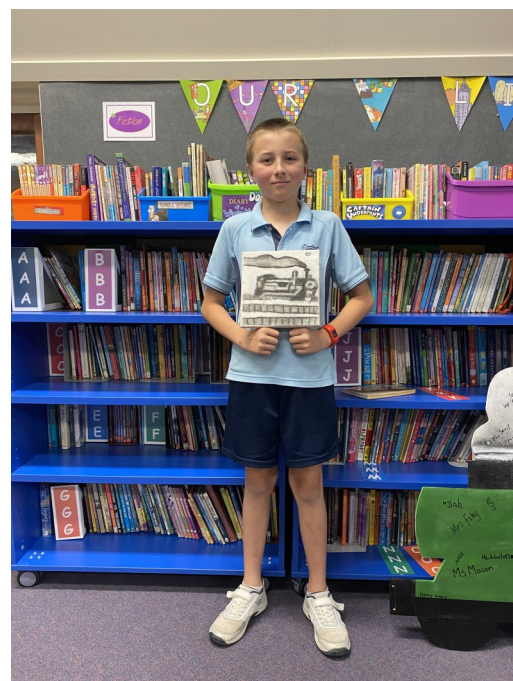
Staff and students at greater risk of serious illness, if they were to contract COVID-19, should speak with their health care professional to review their health support plan or COVID-19 action plan and speak with the school about any local considerations.

RAT kits will be sent out over the next two weeks to all families. These are being provided in the event that students become close contacts.

Mrs Darlington
Principal



ANZAC DAY 2022
And
Train Festival Art
Winners /Highly Commended



P&C Meeting
Tuesday 3 May - 4.00pm
At Murrurundi Public School