



Murrurundi Public School

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 —Week 3

Monday 9 May 2022

NAPLAN

This week all students in years 3 and 5 will complete their NAPLAN assessments. All assessments are online except for Year 3 writing. The assessments will commence on Tuesday, where students will do writing first. On Wednesday they will do Reading, Language Conventions is on Thursday and Friday will be numeracy. The NAPLAN testing window is open until 13 May, so if students are away for any reason, we have time to catch them up.

Please talk to your child about the assessments. There is no reason to feel anxious. They are only one form of data that is used to track student achievement. All we ask is that each student tries their best. Make sure your child/ren have a good night's sleep and a balanced breakfast each day. This will help to make sure they are ready to concentrate.

Arriving at School

Just a friendly reminder about morning bell times. Students are not expected to be at school before 9.00am. Before this time, there is no supervision available. Even though staff are at school, their day does not start until 9.00am. Teachers arriving before this time are usually in their classrooms setting up for the day. We understand that sometimes there are extenuating circumstances with work commitments, appointments etc. We ask that you please contact the school and make prior arrangements for those days when you need to drop your child to school early. Thank you.

Relieving Director

Our Relieving Director, Joanne Edwards has announced that she was successful in gaining the permanent position for Director for the Great Lakes area. We wish her all the very best as she takes up this role. We don't know at this stage who is replacing her, but I'm sure we will know very soon.

Gazetted Holiday

A reminder that Friday is a gazetted half day holiday for Scone Cup. The school will be closed from 12pm. You can pick your child/ren anytime from 11.30am. Students will not be marked as absent for the half day.

Parents should have already received notes about this. Please ensure you have returned the note to the school.

Important Dates

13 May - Half day public holiday

20 May - Whole school assembly

27 May - Combined Small Schools Creative Arts day - lunch orders need to be returned by **Thursday 19 May 2022**

9 June - Athletics Carnival at Scone

21 June - Belltrees Public Speaking

Sports Uniform

A friendly reminder that students need to wear their sports uniforms on both Thursday and Friday.

Library Day - Wednesday for all classes. (Remember to bring a library bag).

Mrs Darlington - Principal

K/1/2

Welcome back to all our school community, hope you all had a lovely Easter break.

In the Dhinawan class this past fortnight we have been busy investigating the Area of closed shapes and discussing what the term Area means. We compared the size of shapes and Kindergarten have been using the words 'biggest' and 'smallest' to make comparisons. During Literacy lessons, we have been reading the picture book *The March of the Ants* by Ursula Dubosarsky. We learnt new facts about ants and have discussed the different ways authors represent topics using Non-fiction and Fiction texts. As part of our ANZAC commemorations, we cooked ANZAC biscuits and used the experience to explore measurement and division. The students worked out how we could make more biscuits by doubling the ingredients and arranged the biscuits in an array to ensure we were sharing fairly.

Ms Mason, Mrs Leary and Mrs Dolbel





Week 2 Assembly

Merit - Academic

- Rueben
- Chase
- Luke
- Landon
- Gracie
- Lara
- Henry

PBL
Respectful

- Tally
- Cooper
- Samantha
- Principal Award**
- Will



The next P&C Meeting will be held
 at Murrurundi Public school
 on Tuesday 7 June
 at 6.00pm.

All new members are always wel-
 come.

Please use the schools back gate
 as the front gate will be locked.

Year 3/4

Week 3

It is wonderful to see all our students back at school. Everyone has returned after having a good break and have settled quickly back into school routines. This term, we have a few changes to staff for the 3/4 class. Mrs Darlington will take the class on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Patterson will take the class for the rest of the week. Both teachers will work closely together to ensure continuity of learning.

Both grades have been working on completing NAPLAN practise tests online. Year 3 are preparing for NAPLAN which commences this week. Year 4 have also been doing the practice tests so that we can track their growth from last year. Students are being assessed in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy.

In Science, students are continuing their unit from last term on Life Cycles. They are learning about the life cycle of plants and seed dispersal. The unit will conclude with an experiment to demonstrate how seed dispersal occurs.

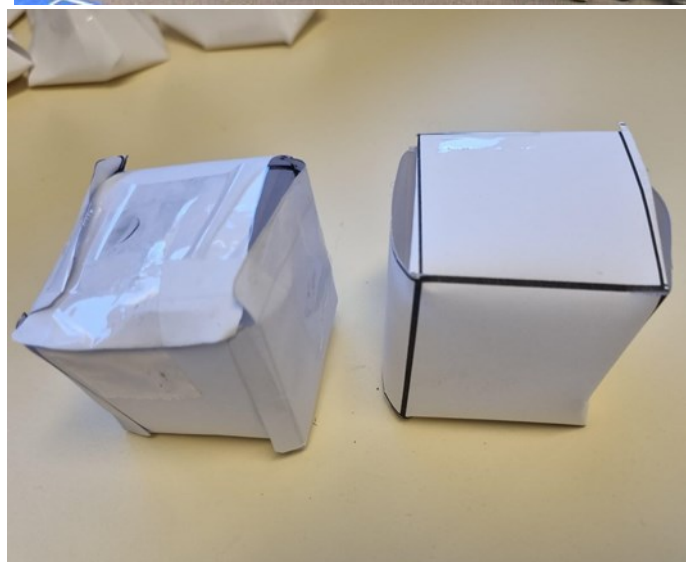
In PDHPE, students are learning about nutrition - healthy eating habits, balanced diet and developing healthy lifestyle choices. They will continue to work with Sam this term to cover athletics skills and PE games.

With the Belltrees Public Speaking competition coming up in June, students will start preparing and delivering speeches as part of their homework. Two students from the class will be chosen to represent Murrurundi at the Belltrees Public Speaking competition.

Mrs Darlington, Mrs Paterson and Mrs Gorst



Maths Activities this week- students learnt about the properties of 3D shapes, they built models and investigated nets.



Year 5/6

It has been a hectic couple of weeks for 5/6 jumping straight into Term 2!

We began the term proudly representing our school at the Anzac Day March then a couple of days later hit the road to Muswellbrook to participate in the wonderful Science and Engineering Challenge Day. What a fun and educational experience it was. A group of students had the opportunity to represent MPS at the Zone cross country carnival. They all participated very well. Congratulations to Conner who will now progress to the next level and participate in the regional carnival in Tocal mid June. This week we have enjoyed getting back into our classroom routines and our learning.

Mrs Foley/Miss Finlayson

A Recipe For A Fabulous Holiday By Braiden

Ingredients

- 10 cups of Fun
- 5 cups of Happiness
- 1 Ton of Cars
- 1 pinch of Family
- 1 Truck load of Money
- 1 sprinkle of music
- 1 country full of sleep
- 1 small cup of swimming
- 1 cup of animals
- 3 cups of technology



Equipment

- 7X Mansions
- 2X Pools
- 1X Zoo
- 2X Houses

Method

1. Combine 10 cups of fun to 5 cups of happiness.
2. Grab a pinch of family, add it to a truckload of money
3. With the technology mix it into the mansions
4. With all mixtures add sleep to them
5. Add swimming to music, mix it with the 2 pools
6. Remove the animals and add them to the 2 houses
7. Add all mixtures to 1 ton of cars then mix all with the zoo
8. If you combined everything right you should have a great perfect holiday



A Recipe for a Fabulous Holiday

prep: 8 min, cook: 10 min

Ingredients

- 1 cup of happiness
- 1 cup of fun
- 1 cup of family
- ½ cup of travel
- ½ cup of animals
- 1kg of money
- 500g of food
- 500g of water
- 500g of sleep
- 100g of technology



Equipment

- 1x car
- 1x plane
- 1x boat
- 1x house
- 1x Nintendo switch
- 1x aquarium
- 2x dogs
- 5x books

Method

1. Combine the cup of happiness and fun together.
2. Put the car, plane and boat together to hold the fun and happiness to make enjoyment.
3. Mix the enjoyment with the ½ cup of travel, 1kg of money and 1 cup of family to make the base of the holiday.
4. Now combine the 500g of food, water and sleep to get the second base of the holiday.
5. Add the house, Nintendo switch and books to get the finishing touches to the holiday layers.
6. Sift the ½ cup of animals into the dogs and aquarium to make the icing.
7. Now cook each layer at 175c for 10 min.
8. Let them cool down for five min until you put it all together for a fabulous holiday.

By Henry

NOTES TO BE RETURNED

- ◆ SRE
- ◆ Scone Cup Holiday
- ◆ Combined Schools Creative Art's Day
- ◆ Canberra Excursion Years 3-6



BOOK CLUB ORDERS TO BE RETURNED BY
WEDNESDAY 11TH MAY.

Good for kids

good for life



Active travel to and from school

Active travel involves walking, bike riding, scooting or catching public transport when travelling between home and school. It can be all or part of the way!

Tips:

- Plan your route ahead of time – what way is safest?
- Practice the journey as a family on the weekend
- Join up with other families in your neighbourhood
- Park your car further from school and walk the rest of the way
- Children under 10 should always hold an adults hand when crossing the road



If your child can't safely walk or ride to school incorporate physical activity into your day another way.

Source: Healthy Eating Active Living - Active travel to school (nsw.gov.au)



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Screen-free Saturday

Challenge your family to dedicate one day a week to turning off screens. Reducing screen time will give your kids more time to play and connect as a family.

Tips

- Decide what 'screen free' will mean for your family.
- Be a role model for your kids – commit to the challenge too.
- Plan some screen-free activities to do together.
- Let your kids come up with their own ideas – start a new tradition.



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