



# Murrurundi Public School

*Pride in our Heritage, Confidence in our Future*

*Be Respectful Be Responsible Do Your Personal Best*



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Term 3 — Week 3**

**Monday 1 August 2022**

### **Principals Report**

Term 3 has started with a bang! We've already participated in NAIDOC celebrations, World of Maths Day, an excursion to the Quirindi Theatre and Kindergarten celebrated 100 days of learning. We've had the Zone Athletics Carnival postponed twice and we are hoping that the third attempt will be our lucky attempt. The carnival has been rescheduled to Wednesday next week - 10 August. Notes went home on Tuesday. We still have many more learning opportunities coming up this term.

### **Education Week**

This week is Education Week, however, due to the restrictions placed on school events, we will be postponing our celebrations until week 6. The date and activities will be confirmed after the P&C Meeting this week. Watch this space.

### **Update for COVID restrictions**

Under a directive issued from the Department of Education, we are restricting events onsite for the first four weeks of term. While masks are not mandatory, it is strongly recommended that all staff and adults on site wear one. We are still receiving enhanced cleaning during the day. Any students showing symptoms associated with COVID are to stay home, even if they test negative. We have had a few positive cases of COVID over the last few weeks. We will continue to keep you updated on this situation.

### **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 will be sent home with students this week.

### **Child Protection**

All classes will be participating in Child Protection classes this term. They will cover a variety of topics including respect, responsibilities, bullying, changes that occur to the body and what to do when feeling unsafe or uncomfortable. There will be discussion regarding body parts using correct anatomical names. This content is a mandatory component of our PDHPE syllabus. We will be using units of work

devised by the Department of Education. If you have any concerns about the content being taught, please contact the school.

### **Making Time to Speak with teachers**

A quick reminder to all parents and carers that you need to call into the office and book time to speak to your child's teacher. We are asking that you respect the small amount of time teachers have for preparation in the morning by not turning up unannounced at the classrooms. Teachers will endeavour to meet with you as soon as possible.

### **Personal Hygiene**

It is wonderful to see our students take responsibility for their personal hygiene by bringing deodorant to school to apply as needed. Deodorant must be roll-on style as aerosol cans are not allowed to come to school. Unfortunately we often see aerosol cans being sprayed at other students without any thought to allergies, sensitivities or asthma. We thank you in advance for ensuring your child adheres to this request.

Mrs Darlington

Principal

Regular Events

| Day               | Event          | Who          | More info                      |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| Wednesday         | Library        | All students | Don't forget your library bag  |
| Thursday & Friday | Sport with Sam | All students | Wear sports uniform            |
| Friday            | Canteen        | All students | Don't forget your lunch order. |



# Free mental health education workshops for Parents/Carers



K/1/2

# 100<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SCHOOL

The 100<sup>th</sup> day of school is here  
It's time to celebrate and cheer  
But before we look too far ahead  
Let's think of all we've learnt instead  
Reading, writing, and science too  
History, maths and classroom rules  
We learnt how great a friend can be  
With kindness, trust and honesty  
We learnt to always give our best  
No matter how hard the hardiness gets!  
When you believe that you can grow  
A shining star is what will show!  
So, think of all we've learnt so far  
What's your all-time favourite part?  
**My favourite thing to learn so far is:**



K/1

We hope everyone had a relaxing holiday. It's lovely to see the students back refreshed and ready for another very busy term. In our classroom over the past 2 weeks, we have started a new spelling program with the Kindergarten class. The focus is on a different phoneme (sound) each week and we have been introduced to Milo the monkey and his animal friends. So far, we have met Leo the lion and Vicky the vulture. In Mathematics we have been collecting data about ourselves and thinking about the different ways we can display the information. As you can see from the picture, we used a human bar graph to display the student's heights. We had a great day at Blandford, taking part in some NAIDOC activities and working through a number of Mathematics problems through games. Everyone was so engaged and worked through the activities with their friends, completing some difficult tasks. Over the past two terms Kindergarten have been counting the days that they have been at school. On Tuesday 26th July we reached the huge milestone of 100 days at school. To celebrate, we had a class picnic with our toy friends and investigated the number 100. We all look forward to the next 100 days.

Ms Mason, Mrs Dolbell and Mrs Leayr



## Year 3/4

We have had a flying start to term 3. It was wonderful to see our students return and ready to learn. Even though we have had a number of events over our first two weeks, with World of Maths Day, NAIDOC celebrations and an excursion to Quirindi Theatre this week, students have very quickly settled into routine.

There has been a slight adjustment with staffing this term. Mrs Darlington will work with 3-4 Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Paterson will take the class on Thursday and Friday.

This term, we are studying Aboriginal artist and writer, Brownyn Bancroft. We are looking at the rich language in her books to improve our writing and using her artworks as inspiration for our own art. In maths, we will be focusing on chance, collecting data and displaying in table form and graph form and revising written methods for addition and subtraction.

In Science, we have started our unit on Forces. Students completed an experiment to devise how many different ways they could move a balloon and make it change direction and speed. This is helping to build our knowledge on the forces of pushing and pulling.

In PDH, we are completing a child protection unit called My Right to be Safe. We will spend the few weeks looking at respect, responsibility and support networks - adults that can help when we are feeling uncomfortable in any situation.

Mrs Paterson will work through the Geography unit with students. They are studying Australia and its neighbours.

New homework books have been issued to all students. It was wonderful to see so many returned last week. Let's hope we can keep this going. A quick reminder that 10 minutes of reading every night is also part of homework expectations. If you are having any problems with homework please contact Mrs Darlington during

**Mrs Darlington, Mrs Patterson and Mrs Gorst**

## Murrurundi P&C Pie Drive Fundraiser

- Orders and Money due back by 4 August
- Delivery will be 18 August

Thank you for supporting your local school through this yummy fundraiser!!!



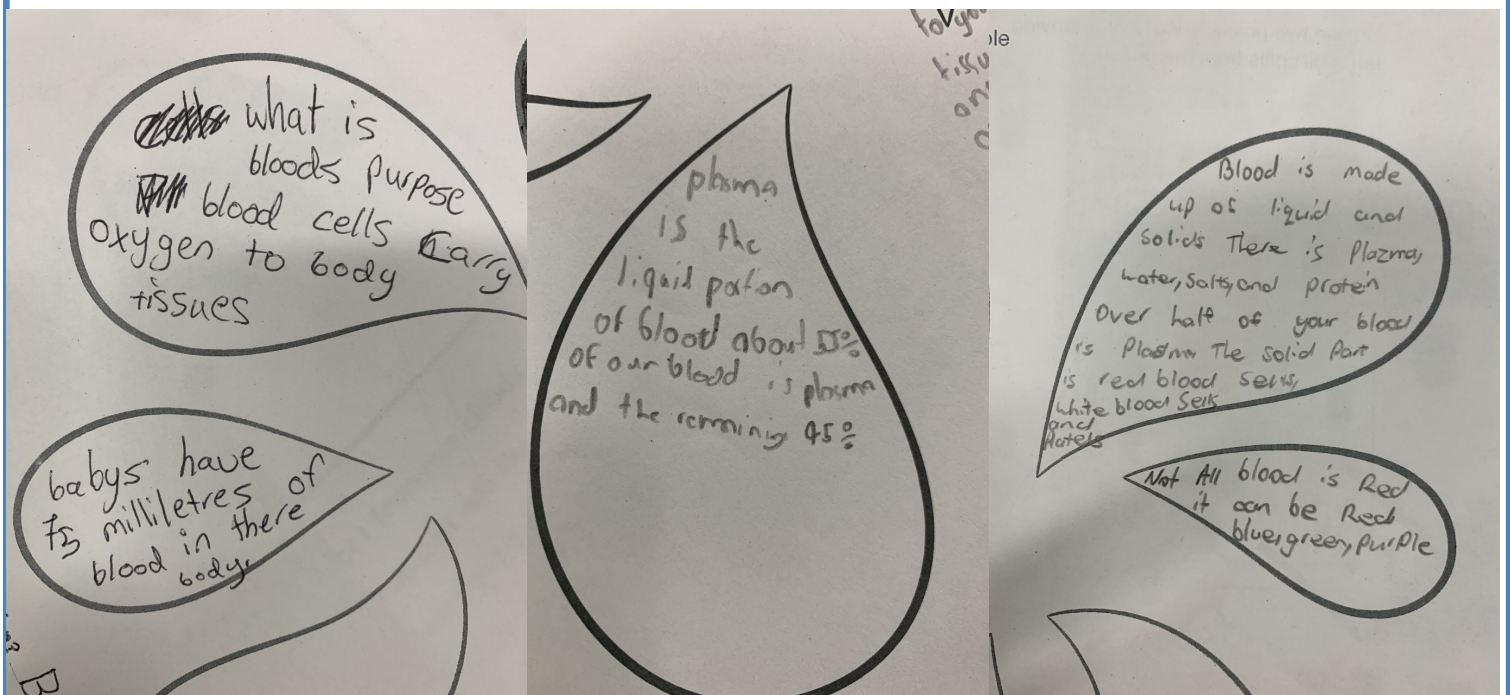
## Year 5/6

It has been a great start to Term 3 for 5/6! We have had a variety of fun and exciting opportunities such as World Maths Day, Naidoc Week activities and some students have been lucky enough to participate in a creative writing program. And of course we have welcomed Miss Finlayson's new bub!

In class we have started reading 'Sadako and the Thousand Paper cranes' as our class text and we are learning about our world and our connections with it in Geography. In Maths we have completed learning about Data and Division. We have learned 3 different strategies for division. Ask your children to show you some of them! In Science we found out some fascinating information about BLOOD!!

We look forward to being able to complete in the Zone Athletics carnival soon.

Mrs Foley



## Northwest Music

Northwest Music's School's Instrumental Music Program offers Schools Instrumental Music Programs. It is a comprehensive tuition program in which students learn orchestral band Instruments, Guitar and or piano. It provides an extra dimension to the school music program ensuring that educational outcomes are maximised for all students taking full account of individual circumstances such as their location, gender, socioeconomic situation, language and cultural background, and any impairment and special talents they may have. It provides the opportunity for musical development of students through instrumental instruction on a group basis and ensemble experience so that students develop ensemble performance skills as an integral part of their music education.

The program of instrumental music instruction is organised where possible to operate on a pyramid structure. As such, Northwest Music School Instrumental Music Students would have access to continue their learning at their future High School.

### The Instruments:

Northwest Music students are able to access tuition on guitar, piano, brass, woodwind or percussion instruments.

Brass: trumpet, trombone, baritone/euphonium

Woodwind: flute, clarinet, bass clarinet, saxophone

Percussion: drums, tuned percussion and auxiliary percussion instruments plus acoustic guitar, bass guitar, keyboard/piano.

### Tuition Fees:

Fees maybe paid monthly or in full at by week one of each School Term.

Monthly Instalment: \$37.00 (minimum 3 instalment)

Term Instalment: \$111.00

Annual Free: \$444.00

Payment is by Direct Debit.

Northwest Music offers private one on one lesson after school.

Monthly Instalment: \$ 116.67

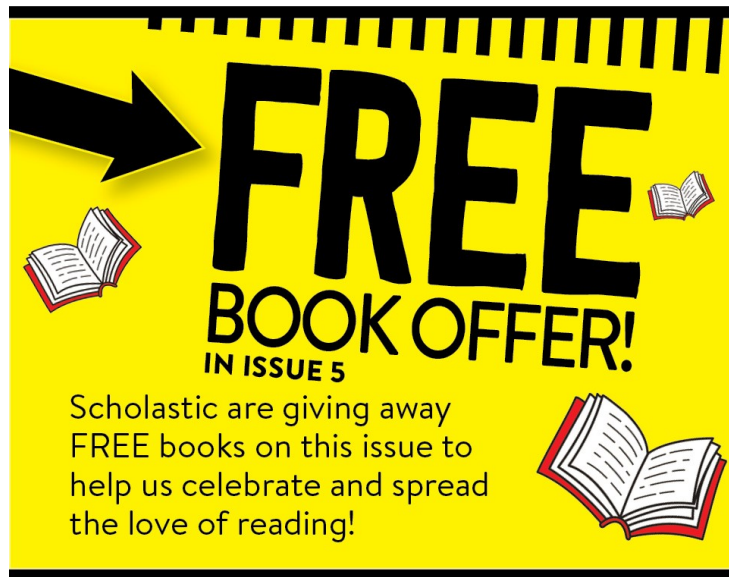
Term Instalment: \$ 350.00

Annual Fee: \$1400.00

**Contact us:** M: 0400 608 177 / [info@northwestmusic.com.au](mailto:info@northwestmusic.com.au) / [www.northwestmusic.com.au](http://www.northwestmusic.com.au)

For further information please contact the above address or phone number or contact the school for a copy of the full information brochure.

SCHOLASTIC  **Book Club**

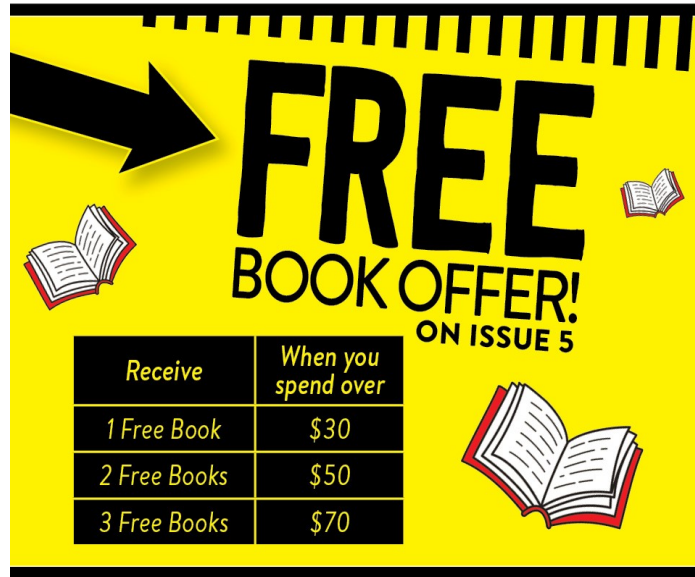


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| Receive      | When you spend over |
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| 1 Free Book  | \$30                |
| 2 Free Books | \$50                |
| 3 Free Books | \$70                |

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## Nutrition Snippet

### IS FRESH ALWAYS BEST?



Frozen and canned varieties are just as good as fresh in these expensive times. They:

- 1) are usually cheaper
- 2) are available all year round
- 3) can save you time
- 4) are just as nutritious

For more information read our blog [healthylunchbox.com.au/is-fresh-always-best](http://healthylunchbox.com.au/is-fresh-always-best)



## Nutrition Snippet

### WHAT A WASTE.

Did you know that the average household throws out 1 in 5 bags of groceries they buy?



Save money and help the planet by reducing your food waste.

For ideas on how to reduce waste check out our blog at [healthylunchbox.com.au/5-easy-tips-to-reduce-food-waste/](http://healthylunchbox.com.au/5-easy-tips-to-reduce-food-waste/)





NOTES TO BE RETURNED

- ◆ Payments Canberra Excursion
- ◆ Due 29 July - \$100
- ◆ 26th August-\$100

The next P&C Meeting will be held  
at Murrurundi Public school  
on Tuesday 2 August  
at 6.00pm.

All new members are always  
welcome.

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

Winter Uniforms

We have a large number of quality school winter uniforms available in our clothing pool which can be purchased with a donation to our P & C committee.

Our Uniform Shop has winter items available for purchase.

Beanies \$ 6.00 Scarves \$ 5.00

Be prepared for the cooler months ahead!



Matilda T  
29/7

Week 2 Assembly



PBL

Personal Best

Billee Rinkin

Angus McDonald

-Parker

Matilda Taylor

Merit - Academic

Benjamin Bell

Matilda Hockley

Mia Sevil

Sarah Rinkin

Cooper Taylor

Ryder Schrader

Silver Award

Emmalyn Hynes

Voluntary School Contributions 2022

Schools are seeking a contribution from parents/carers each year to supplement existing funding. Our school relies on these contributions to provide additional resources and learning programs for our students.

Contributions for the year:

1 Child = \$49.

2 Children = \$70.00

3 or More Children = \$90.00

*Please note that all contributions—no matter how large or small—are gratefully appreciated. Payments may be made in instalments if you require.*

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school.

Mrs Darlington

Principal

Ms R Willard

P&C President

Principal Award

