



Murrurundi Public School

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 —Week 4

Monday 13 February 2023

Best Start Assessments

Ms Mitchell visited last week to conduct the Best Start Assessments with all Kindergarten students. Reports will be printed this week in preparation for parent/teacher interviews next week. We look forward to Ms Mitchell's return when she takes over the K-1 class from the beginning of term 2.

NAPLAN

This year NAPLAN has been brought forward to term 1. The assessments will take place from 15th – 27th March.

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake.

As students progress through their school years, it's important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards and over time.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It doesn't replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

Schools have transitioned from paper-based to computer-based assessments. All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

Online NAPLAN tests provide more precise results and are more engaging for students. One of the main benefits is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test presents questions which may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses.

Tailored testing allows a wider range of student abilities to be assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions challenging; they may be taking a more complex test pathway.

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum.

Students sit assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The questions assess content linked to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics.

All government and non-government education authorities contribute to the development of NAPLAN test materials.

Attendance

Every day matters, right until the last day of term.

Even though we have just started the year, it is really important for students to not only come to school every single day, unless they are sick and/or displaying COVID-19 Symptoms, but to also be on time.

We understand that students and families have various commitments but being at school every day boosts student learning and confidence and helps them build and maintain friendships.

A reminder that holidays should only be booked during school breaks and students should be at school every day during school term, right from beginning to end.

Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up. Every day matters and we are here to support all students in attending and engaging with their learning every day of the term.

Mrs Darlington

Principal

Class K/1 2023



Merit - Academic

Eloise
Cooper
Piper
Mylah
Cody
Violet

Assembly Week 3

PBL

Elsie - Personal Best
Matilda T - Respectful
Jessica - Personal Best



Principal Award

Jett



Chase - Hunter - Heidi -
Lilly Mc- Max - Rueben -
Ayesha - Jessica

Library Day - Wednesday please ensure your child has a library bag so they can borrow books from the school library .

Sport Days - Wednesday and Friday - Please wear your sports uniform.

Canteen Day - Monday . Canteen order bags go home Thursday



Let us know if your child is absent

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The health and safety of our students is extremely important to us. One way we protect the wellbeing of your child is by fulfilling our responsibilities as both parents/carers and school staff by reporting and monitoring student absences.

Please remember to contact the school if your child is absent. This is best done early in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child's absence can be recorded correctly.

Mrs Smith

K-1 News

We have made a wonderful start to the year. Kindergarten have very quickly settled into school routines and are trying hard to follow school and class expectations.

Ms Mitchell visited last week and conducted Best Start Assessments with every Kindergarten student. A note will go home soon to organise parent interviews, where the results of the assessment can take place. The data from Best Start will now inform our teaching programs as we move into more formal programs over the next two weeks. Ms Mitchell will take over the class from the beginning of term 2.

Already lots of learning has taken place. In literacy we have been working on the text, "The Wild Guide to Starting School". This text has not only supported our writing but also school expectations.

In numeracy, we have been learning about patterns, sequencing, counting, shapes and time. Kindergarten have been focusing on the numbers 1 – 5.

In our other KLAS, we are learning about living things, family life and making friends. We are also participating in daily fitness, Tuesday to Thursday and sport with Sam on Fridays.

Last week, after much nagging from the students, homework went home. Year 1 have all week to complete their spelling. Year 1 and Kindergarten can return their books for home reading daily to change them. Although this is a new routine for many, it has been pleasing to see all the homework come in this last week.

Mrs Darlington, Miss Lloyd Jones, Ms Mitchell and Mrs Leayr



K/1



Murrurundi P&C AGM

The P&C AGM Meeting will be held **Tuesday 7 March** in the class 5/6 classroom at **4.00pm**. Everyone welcome and invited to attend.

Please enter the school via the back gate behind the Bowling club.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

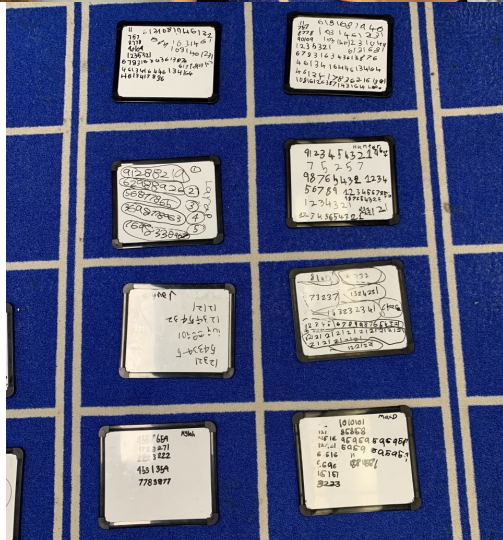
Class 2/3/4

Our amazing class has settled back into life at school, in a new classroom and with new classmates very, very well. It has been a delightful 2 weeks.

We have had a wonderful fortnight, getting to know one another and some new class routines. We have also launched straight into most of our lessons, especially Maths and Literacy. In Maths we have already learned about palindromic numbers, the attributes of 2D shapes, and worked with place value. In literacy we have been reading "Welcome to Country" by Auntie Joy Murphy. Also, most of our class got to have a wonderful day out at the swimming carnival.

We look forward to a positive term packed full of learning and fun experiences together.

Mrs Foley, Mrs Jones and Mrs Dolbel



5/6

We have had a busy start to the year in 5/6. Over the first 3 weeks, we have begun our narrative writing units, focusing on allowing the students to develop their abilities to construct quality writing pieces, worked hard to broaden our knowledge of decimals and converting units of measurement as well as starting our migration and living off the land units in History and Science.

Last week, a number of our class members competed at the Small Schools swimming carnival and produced some very impressive results and times across all swimming strokes. On Friday, we will have Lilly and Cooper both trial for the Upper Hunter Touch Football teams. We wish all students going to zone swimming and Cooper and Lilly the best of luck competing at their respective trials and carnivals over the next couple of weeks.

Mr Pulik and Mrs Gorst

Date	What	Who	Further Information
21 Feb	Zone Swimming Carnival	Qualifying students only	Venue - Scone
1 March	UHPSSA Rugby League Trials	Those nominated	Notes to come
15 March	NAPLAN starts	Years 3 and 5	Notes to come
29 March	Tamworth Theatre Excursion	K-6	Notes to come
29 – 31 March	Kia Ora Music Camp		

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