



Murrurundi Public School

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 —Week 3

Monday 6 February 2023

Newsletter – Week 3

Welcome to 2023! We were very excited to see all our students return to school and were equally excited to welcome 11 new kindergarten students. It's going to be a wonderful year full of friendships, fun and learning.

I would like to extend a big warm welcome to our new families, including parents, caregivers, grandparents and friends. You will soon see that Murrurundi Public School is a school that nurtures children to thrive and grow.

As we settle into the new school year, I would like to remind/inform our families that our doors are always open. Please don't hesitate to contact the school via phone call, email or in person (at a mutually agreeable time) if you have a question or concern. We are here to help.

Staffing for 2023

Mr Keegan Pulik – Year 5/6 teacher

Mrs Meghan Foley – Year 2/3/4 teacher (Tuesday to Friday)

Mrs Laura Jones – Year 2/3/4 teacher (Monday – until Miss Fin returns later this term) and RFF (Tuesday)

Mrs Darlington – K/1 teacher (Monday to Wednesday – until approx week 8)

Miss Kerry Lloyd Jones - K/1 teacher (Thursday and Friday – until approx week 8)

Mrs Karen Mitchell – K/1 teacher fulltime from approx week 8

Mrs Linda Dolbell – SLSO with year 2/3/4 (Monday to Thursday)

Mrs Nikki Gorst – SLSO with 5/6 (Tuesday and Wednesday)

Mrs Heather Leayr – SLSO with K/1 (Wednesday to Friday)

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Smith will continue in their roles in administration

Mr Reid will continue in his role as General Assistant

School Activities:

Library – all classes will participate in a library lesson on Wednesdays. Students are reminded to bring their library bags with them.

Sport/PE - our sport and PE days this year will be Wednesday and Friday. Students will be expected to wear their sports uniforms on these days only.

History/Geography/Science/PDH – on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons, year 2 will join K/1 for units of work in these subject areas. This will ensure they are covering appropriate content for their stage level.

Crunch and Sip – will take place in classrooms every morning. Please make sure you pack something appropriate – some fresh fruit or vegetables.

Canteen – is switching to Mondays this year. Our first canteen day will be Monday 13 February. Lunch order bags and a new menu will be sent home this week.

Assemblies – will commence this week. They will be held in the 2/3/4 classroom at 3.10pm. Year 6 will be given their shirts at the assembly this week.

Best Start

Children start school with a range of early literacy and numeracy skills, knowledge and understandings developed from connecting with the world and people around them. The Best Start Kindergarten assessment includes a literacy and numeracy component and provides teachers with information on a student’s individual strengths and needs.

The assessment supports teachers to develop teaching and learning programs that build on what students know. Teachers sit with each student individually, focusing on what they can do. Your child does not need to prepare or study for the assessment. As children learn at different rates there is no need to be concerned if your child cannot answer all the questions.

Shortly after the assessment, teachers will provide you with information about the skills, knowledge and understandings your child demonstrates during the assessment.

The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment is inclusive of all students. Mrs Mitchell will visit this week to conduct Best Start Assessments with all Kindergarten students on **Thursday and Friday**.

OOSH

There have been many questions surrounding the commencement of the Out of School Hours Care that was scheduled to start last week. Information from the company has been at best challenging, with last minute changes being communicated to parents who have little to no time to make other arrangements. At this point in time, Big Childcare is working on appointing and training staff. They also need to set up their equipment.

This service is not supervised by the school. We have no input into how or when they run their business. We are just as much in the dark as you are. Please be patient. Direct all communication directly to Big Childcare.

Date	What	Who	Further Information
9 February	Small Schools Swimming Carnival	All students 8 years and over	Mr Pulik, Mrs Foley and Mrs Dolbel will meet students at the pool.
9 – 10 Feb	Best Start Assessments	Kindergarten only	
13 Feb	UHPSSA Touch Football Trials	Those nominated	Notes to come
13 Feb	Mobile Dentist	K-6	Notes sent home—Due 10 Feb
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		

Every Monday - canteen

Every Wednesday – sports uniform and library day

Every Friday – sports uniform

Mrs Darlington

Principal