



# Murrurundi Public School

*Pride in our Heritage, Confidence in our Future*

*Be Respectful Be Responsible Do Your Personal Best*



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Term 1 —Week 6**

**Monday 27 February 2023**

Date	What	Who	Further Information
16 March	NAPLAN— language conventions, numeracy	Years 3 and 5	
17 March	NAPLAN Catch Up Day	Years 3 and 5	
29 March	Tamworth Theatre Excursion	K-6	Notes to come
30 March	Invermein Small Schools Cross Country	K-6	Notes have been sent home Due 16/3/23
31 March	PSSA Soccer Trials	Those nominated	
29 – 31 March	Kia Ora Music Camp	Those nominated by parents Years 3 –6	
31 March	PSSA Soccer Trials	Those nominated	
6 April	Easter Hat Parade	K-6 Plus Pre School	Time TBC
6 April	Last day For Term 1		
24 April	Pupil Free Day		
25 April	ANZAC DAY March	K-6	Info To Come
26 April	Students Return to school for Term 2		
28 April	Zone Cross Country	Qualifying students only	
9 May	External Validation	Staff	
9 May	Jack Johnson Memorial Day	K-2	Info to come

### NAPLAN

#### Timetable

Wednesday 15 March – Writing

Thursday 16 March – Reading

Friday 17 March – Language Conventions

Monday 20 March – Numeracy

Tuesday 21 March – any catch ups

### Regional Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Elsie, Eloise, Lilly and Cooper who represented the school at the Regional Swimming Carnival in the PP5 Relay. They finished 4th out of 8. An awesome effort by all.



Please remember that NAPLAN is not the be or end all. It is simply one form of external assessment that we use to track student learning. We use multiple assessments, both internal and external to determine student achievement and growth. Students are asked to do their best – we can't ask for anything else.

Please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep before each of the assessment days and has a healthy breakfast. This will help calm nerves and put them into a good space to do their best.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

### **Feedback Survey**

It's not too late to have your say! The parent survey sent home last week is still open. Please let me know if you want the link re-sent. Thank you to the families who have already completed the survey. Your feedback and opinions will help guide out school planning for 2023 and beyond.

### **New Finance System**

We will be migrating to a new finance system this week. With expected teething problems and no Internet, we ask that you be patient as we familiarise ourselves with the changes.

**Mrs Darlington**

**Principal**

## **Murrurundi P&C General Meeting**

**The P&C AGM Meeting will be held Tuesday 4 April in the class 5/6 classroom at 6.00pm. Everyone welcome and invited to attend.**

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

**Looking forward to seeing you there.**

**Please let Leeanne Avarad know by Thursday 30 March if you would like anything added to the AGENDA**

### **2023 Committee**

**President: Dayna Vice President: Jennifer Secretary: Leeanne**

**Treasurer: Rob Fundraising: Kylie Canteen: Rachel**

**Uniforms: Mrs Smith (School)**

**A big thank you to the outgoing committee for supporting Murrurundi Public School and a job well done!!**

### Merit - Academic

Hunter Mc

Ben

Lilly H

Mia

Isabelle

Angus

### Assembly Week 7

PBL

Matilda H - Respect

Alyssa - Personal Best

Ayra - Personal Best



### Principal Award

Hunter A



### Bronze Award

Matilda T

Alyssa

Lara

### Bobadil House Grand Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday 9th April 2023

For Primary School aged children

Easter Egg Hunt commencing 10am sharp.

**RSVP is ESSENTIAL by Friday 31st**

**March....[infomurra@michaelreid.com.au](mailto:infomurra@michaelreid.com.au)**

Gold Coins Donation, with proceeds to Murrurundi Public School

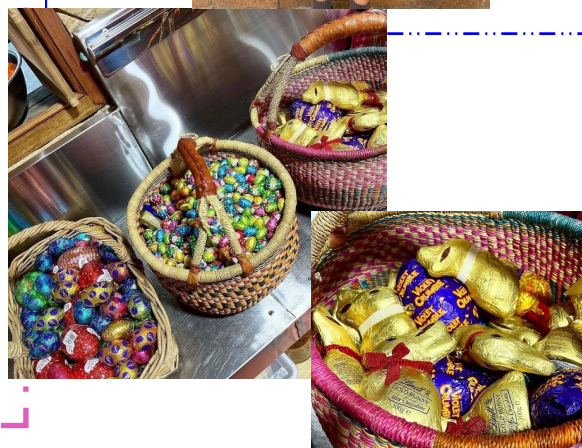
Breakfast and coffee available for parents

Bobadil House team will be hosting a most excellent and Grand Easter Egg Hunt. This event is free & for primary school aged children.

Please, parents or guardians must accompany the young ones.

**Those who have not registered will be unable to participate, so please note that you MUST RSVP the week before the Bobadil House Grand Easter Egg Hunt or 31st March.**

**We need to know numbers.**



## Winter Uniform Orders

We are now taking orders for winter uniforms. Orders and payment can be made at the office. If you are unable to visit the school office, order forms (with payment) can be sent to school with your child. Please ensure there is a name and contact number provided. We also have quality school uniforms available in our clothing pool which can be purchased with a donation to our wonderful P & C committee.

Be prepared for the cooler months ahead and visit our clothing pool and uniform shop.

**Orders need to be returned by Wednesday 22nd March 2023.**

**Order forms are available at our school office or on our school website calendar.**





## K-1 News

With great excitement last week, we had a visit from Ms Mitchell, who will take over teaching the K-1 class from the beginning of term 2. Students had a wonderful day working with her. Ms Mitchell also attended the P&C Meeting to Introduce herself and meet some of our parents.

Students have been busy working in all areas of the curriculum. Our classroom routines and expectations have been embedded and its pleasing to see so many of our students striving to do the right thing.

Kindergarten have started learning about sounds. They have excellent listening skills and can hear beginning and ending sounds. They have learnt to 'read' and write m, s, f and a. Now that they know a vowel, they will start blending to make simple words. Year 1 have started spelling groups and are learning about digraphs – two letters making one sound.

Over the last two weeks, we have been solving maths challenges set by Captain Beard and Pirate Bonny. Students have been learning about measuring mass, capacity, area and length through real life problems. This week, we move onto learning about estimation and number sense.

In Science, we have completed our first unit of work about Living Things. We are now looking at the External Features of Animals.

It is fantastic to see ongoing support with homework. Nearly all students return their homework at some time during the week, to change readers and story books. Keep an eye out for Nights of Reading Certificates. As students achieve the levels, certificates will be issued.

**Mrs Darlington, Miss Lloyd Jones, Mrs Leayr**





K/1





## Class 2/3/4

In Science & Technology, year 3 and 4 have been studying food and fibre production, looking at the journey of products from the farm to the consumer. In the last fortnight we looked at the impact of technology on agriculture. The students designed, built and tested a model of an irrigation system for a vegetable garden. It was interesting to see all the original and different designs that the students came up with, and how they realised the modifications they needed to make to their design along the way. We were really proud of how they worked together in their groups, and persisted when things didn't work the way they planned.

Mrs Foley, Mrs Jones and Ms Petrie

### Week 7 Assembly





5/6

This past fortnight has been very busy in 5/6. We have begun our writing pieces for our end of term assessment. Students have been allowed creative freedom to write a narrative of their own choosing, where they are able to demonstrate their understanding of the different structures and writing techniques that we have learnt this term. We have continued our exploration of numbers in Maths, learning about simplifying and converting fractions and different strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Our Art has been focused on the works of famous artist, Vincent Van Gogh. We have used chalk pastels to recreate our own versions of Van Gogh's famous Sunflowers. The class have been able to experiment with using pastels to blend colours together to create different effects on their art. In Science we've been researching sustainable eating, farming and packaging. We've looked at sustainable products like edible spoons as a replacement for plastic cutlery and the class had a go at coming up with their own concepts for sustainable packaging solutions for different products.

**Mr Pulik and Mrs Gorst**



**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 Friday



## Kite Making Excursion

