



# Murrurundi Public School

*Pride in our Heritage, Confidence in our Future*

*Be Respectful Be Responsible Do Your Personal Best*



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Term 3 — Week 2**

**Monday 31 July 2023**

Date	What	Who	Further Information
2 August	DOVE program starts	Stage 3 girls	
3 August	Education Week Reception - at Scone High - 5pm	Those who have been nominated for awards	RSVP to Mrs Darlington
3 August	NAIDOC Week	K-6	In school activities
14 August	School Photos	K-6 and Staff	
5 September	Touch Football Gala Day	Stage 3	Information to follow

### Weekly Reminders

**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

It was great to see everyone back at school after having a restful break. We have already hit the ground running with 100 days of Kindergarten, Education Week, garden days already occurring with other exciting things to follow.

### Attendance Matters

Targets:

- Increasing the number of students attending more than 90% of the time
- Reducing the number of unexplained absences

LAST WEEK		
Row Labels	Average of Percentage attendance	Sum of Unexplained absences
(blank)		
K-1	93	0
2/3/4/2024	89	1
5/6/2023	93	0
Grand Total	91	1

<b>49.1%</b>		
Students Attending >=90% of the time		
54.8%	52.6%	56.5%
DoE State	Network	SSSG

LAST WEEK		
Row Labels	Average of Percentage attendance	Sum of Unexplained absences
(blank)		
K-1	94	3
2/3/4/2023	96	0
5/6/2023	95	2
Grand Total	95	5

We have made a strong start to the term, with some classes being fully attended over several days. Well done everyone. Just a quick reminder that you must notify the school if your child is absent for the day. You can email us, phone us or use the absentee form on School Stream to do this. Please remember that even if you do send in an explanation, the role may still be marked as unjustified if the reason given is not acceptable under the attendance policy.

## NAPLAN Results

All students in Years 3 and 5 have now received their NAPLAN results. There has been quite a significant change to the way the results are now reported. Students now fall into 4 categories:

- Exceeding – results exceed expectations at the time of testing.
- Strong – results meet challenging but reasonable expectations at the time of testing.
- Developing – results indicate that they are working towards expectations at the time of testing.
- Needs Additional Support – results indicate that they are not achieving the learning outcomes that are expected at the time of testing. They are likely to need additional support to progress satisfactorily.

If you have any questions regarding your child's results, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher so that your concerns can be addressed.

## Education Week – 175 years of Public Education in NSW

Learning for our past

- We reflect and learn from policies and practices of the past 175 years.
- We engage in truth telling to have honest conversations about the past.

Celebrating our Achievements

- We celebrate the significant contribution public education has made to society over the past 175 years.
- We celebrate the work of teachers and support staff in developing and shaping the next generation.
- We celebrate all kinds of learning that occurs at all levels across our education system.
- We celebrate our shared responsibility in helping to shape the lives and futures of today's learners.

Embracing the Future with Confidence

- We are energised by the ways our education system is preparing young people to be agile thinkers and life-long learners from the first days in early childhood education to post school pathways.

## DOVE Program

Carlie Brown, from Upper Hunter Youth Services Inc, will be presenting the DOVE Free to Be Me Program over the next 6 -7 weeks to the girls in Years 5 and 6. They will cover a wide range of topics including: resilience, self-esteem, peer pressure, healthy bodies, healthy headspace, body image and the role the media plays in our lives.

## 175 Years

Next year, Murrurundi Public School will hit its 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary milestone. Planning is already underway. A meeting will be held at the school on Wednesday 9 August at 5.00pm in the 2-3-4 classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and share ideas on how best to mark this momentous occasion. Please enter the school grounds via the back car park. Thanks.

**Mrs Darlington**

**Principal**

**175**  
YEARS

**Public Education  
in NSW**



## Class K/1 Term 2 Week 10

K/1 have been learning about the difference between weather and climate. They know that in the Southern hemisphere Autumn is in the months of March, April and May. K/1 found out that weather can change daily, and climate is weather that stays the same over a long period. We recognise Autumn through its key qualities such as change in the weather and the browning of leaves. The trees lose their leaves because the amount of natural sun light they get is reduced. This gave K/1 a great opportunity to enjoy the leaves.

**Ms Mitchell and Mrs Leayr**



**The Beautiful Art Works are in Mrs Wilson's Office! Thank you K/1!!**



## K/1 Term 3 Week 2

K/1 and 2/3/4 spent a lovely morning buddy reading. Buddy reading is a great opportunity for students to practice reading, learn new words and improve their comprehension skills. For the older students it focuses on increasing students' fluency, comprehension and self esteem in their reading.

**Ms Mitchell and Mrs Leayr**





## Class 2/3/4

Term 3 has started with a bang, jumping straight back into learning! In English we are studying the concept of perspective through the texts "The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs" and "The Wolf's Story". We will be writing persuasive texts using this concept. During Numeracy we have been exploring counting in groups of 5, 10, 100 as well as Data. This term in Science we have started a unit all about Heat and Energy and in Geography we are learning about the Earth's Environments. We have also started a wonderful Wellbeing program called "Grow Your Mind". Ask your children about which animals "live" in their brain!

**Mrs Foley, Ms Fin and Ms Petrie**

## Jump Rope for Heart. Well done students at Murrurundi Public School!

Thank you for supporting the Jump Rope for Heart program! A total of \$874.00  
The funds raised for lifesaving research and programs.

**Mrs Foley**



## New Enrolments to Murrurundi Public School!

Seven new hobby horses have been donated to the students for play time.

**Pumkin Head - Patch - Gemma - Brownie - Mystic - Prue - Forest**



## Late Arrival to School

**Attending school on time, all day, everyday will give your child the best chance of succeeding at school and eventually graduating from high school. Daily attendance and active participation in each class is a critical part of the learning process. This helps students learn responsibility and increase their potential for success.**

**Students arriving late to school must report to the school office to be signed in, before attending class.**



## Class 5/6

In English this term, 5/6 are analysing a range of texts with a focus on informative texts and natural disasters. Over the first 2 weeks, we have explored the book *Pandemic* by Jackie French and made connections between the Spanish Flu and Covid 19 pandemics. In Maths we have explored a range of data displays and discussed the chances of specific events. This term's Geography focus is connected to our English focus on Natural disasters and determining the different types of disasters and their impact on people and the environment. This term in PDH we are looking at child protection and identifying safe and unsafe situations.

This term in Science, Year 5 & 6 will be learning about physical forces, such as; applied force, gravity, air resistance, buoyancy, tension and elastic force. In a recent lesson, the students enjoyed learning how to identify an applied force as push or pull, and how to label diagrams to represent these forces. The students got to create a model out of plasticine and then had to draw and label diagrams to show the applied force used in their creation. I loved seeing the creative models the students came up with.

Mrs Jones, Mr Pulik and Mrs Gorst



We wish Ayaan the best of luck at the PSSA Golf Trials today.



## We are an Eco-School!

Our school is committed to long term environmental projects and entrenching sustainability into the school culture, through democratic youth led eco-councils, curriculum built around sustainability and working closely with the local community.

<https://eco-schools.org.au/>





NSW Department of Education

# Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun



## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

**1** day per fortnight = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

**1** day per week = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed



Assembly Awards Term 3 - Week 2

Merit - Academic

Jett P

Hayze

Ayra

Cody

Henry

Elsie

PBL

Heidi - Respect

Samantha—Personal Best

Fletcher—Personal Best

Matlida H—Respect



Silver Award

Jessica

Cody



Chad

Matilda T Violet

Principal Award



Heidi

Gold Award

Violet

Wilson Memorial Hospital NAIDOC Colouring Competition

Congratulations Sammy and Kyesha!



Murrurundi P&C General Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be held Tuesday 1 August in the class 2/3/4 classroom at 6.00pm. Everyone welcome and invited to attend.  
Please enter the school via the back gate behind the Bowling club.



Assembly Awards Term 2 - Week 8

Merit - Academic

Jett R  
Emmalyn  
Lilly H  
Charlie W  
Hunter A

PBL

Louis - Personal Best  
Mia - Personal Best  
Tarquin - Personal Best



Silver Award

Alyssa  
Max  
Violet



Ayra Louis

Principal Award



Mia

Bronze Award

Elsie  
Eloise  
Lilly H  
Matilda  
Koby  
Cooper W

\*\*\*\*\*

## Summer Uniform Orders

We are now taking orders for summer 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 a large number of quality school uniforms available in our clothing pool which can be purchased with a donation to our P & C committee.

**Orders need to be returned by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

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

