



Murrurundi Public School

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 — Week 6

Monday 28 August 2023

Date	What	Who	Further Information
1 September	Fathers Day Breakfast 8.30-10.00	Students, Parents and Staff	
1 September	Regional Athletics	Relay Team	
5 September	Touch Football Gala Day	Stage 3	
13 September	State PSSA	Rep Only	

Attendance Update

Week 5

TERM SO FAR		
Row Labels	Average of Percentage attendance	Sum of Unexplained absences
(blank)		
K-1	90	18
2-3-4	89	26
5/6	93	2
Grand Total	90	46

Target (>90%)

63.0%

Students Attending >=90% of the time

55.4%

DoE State

59.3%

Network

54.2%

SSSG

Week 7

TERM SO FAR		
Row Labels	Average of Percentage attendance	Sum of Unexplained absences
(blank)		
K-1	90	18
2/3/4	89	30
5/6	93	3
Grand Total	90	51

It is very exciting to see that the number of students attending school at 90% or more of the time is slowly increasing. It was not all that long ago that our statistics were in the low 40s. We are now above current State, Network and Schools with Similar Size percentages. Congratulations everyone, this is an amazing effort. Let's keep this going. Our classes seem to be holding their percentage levels as well. Sadly, unexplained absences have increased slightly. This is something that we need to keep working on. If your child is absent for the day, you can notify us via a School Stream notification, phone, email or in person at the office. Weekly notices are sent out to all students who have unexplained absences. Please return these filled in, so we can amend the roll.

We have had a few busy weeks this term. School photos, Education Week, open classrooms, Burn Bright, Book parade and the DOVE program. This week we have our Dad's Big Breakfast on Friday, touch football gala day, Check in assessments for Year 6 and a visit from the Director. Plenty of things to keep us on our toes.

Staff have busy participating in professional learning about the new 3-6 English and Mathematics syllabus that will become mandatory in 2024. The research and evidence that drive the new documents is a bit of a shift in thinking for teachers. We are currently trialling new units of work that not only consider what needs to be taught, but also where our students are currently achieving – a tricky balancing act at times.

Office staff are about to begin WHS training to use the new and improved assessment tool which will feed information directly into the yearly management plan. We look forward to not only being brought up to date with current practices, but also checking our procedures against State expectations.

We recently had a whole school phone upgrade. All learning areas now access to a phone. We are waiting on the staffroom to come online, so we can test our new system. We will notify you when we have a practice lock down and evacuation.

Students are reminded that they are expected to wear their full school uniform every day. We understand that sometimes uniforms get dirty and need to be washed, but some students are coming to school day after day, out of uniform. Wearing a uniform show that we belong to a group and that we are proud to represent that group. If you need assistance to purchase uniforms, please do not hesitate to call into the office to see what arrangements will suit you best. Please don't forget to label your child's clothing!!!!

Some students are arriving late to school on a regular basis. Coming to school on time helps students to have some time with their friends, have a little play and stretch legs and gives them a chance to get into the right mindset for the day. Arriving late, often after classes have started means that your child is missing out on crucial learning time. They are often unsettled and want to talk to their friends instead of working. If you are having difficulties in the morning, call into the office for a chat with Mrs Darlington. We will try as much as possible to support a good start to the morning.

Mrs Darlington

Principal



Mrs Wilson has had more beautiful Art work from the talented students in K/1 to display in her office space.

Thank you Ms Mitchell, Mrs Leayr and K/1 Class.



Sandwich filling inspiration

Sandwiches are a great everyday lunch option! Looking for inspiration to try some new sandwich fillings? Try these!

- Bulk out the sandwich with vegetables. Try using carrot, tomato, lettuce, baby spinach, avocado, beetroot, cucumber or pineapple.
- Try using leftover lean meats, boiled eggs, reduced fat cheese, BBQ chicken (skin removed), canned fish, turkey, roast vegetables, falafel or tofu to switch-up fillings!
- Swap your spreads! Instead of butter or margarine try cream cheese, cottage cheese, avocado, hummus or tzatziki.



Scan the QR code or find more ideas at:
www.swapit.net.au



Murrurundi P&C General Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be held **Tuesday 5 September** in the class **2/3/4** classroom at **4.00pm**. Everyone welcome and invited to attend.
Please enter the school via the back gate behind the Bowling club.

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.

Orders need to be returned by Friday 8th September 2023.



You are invited to the next meeting to discuss the organisation of the school's 175 years of operation in 2024. The Meeting is the 13 September at 5.00pm in the 2/3/4 classroom. Please enter the school via the back gate. We are looking forward to hearing your ideas.

175
YEARS

**Public Education
in NSW**

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

Class K/1

Kindergarten celebrated their 100 days of learning on July 25th. They were 100 days smarter. We had a fun day filled with activities that covered our Literacy and Numeracy requirements. Some of the things we did were, counting to 100 in a song for assembly, drawing a picture of what we thought we would look like when we are 100 years old. We had 10 outdoor activities that we had to complete 10 times to make 100.

We Celebrated throughout the day with yummy party food. A big thank you to our wonderful K/1 parents for the food.

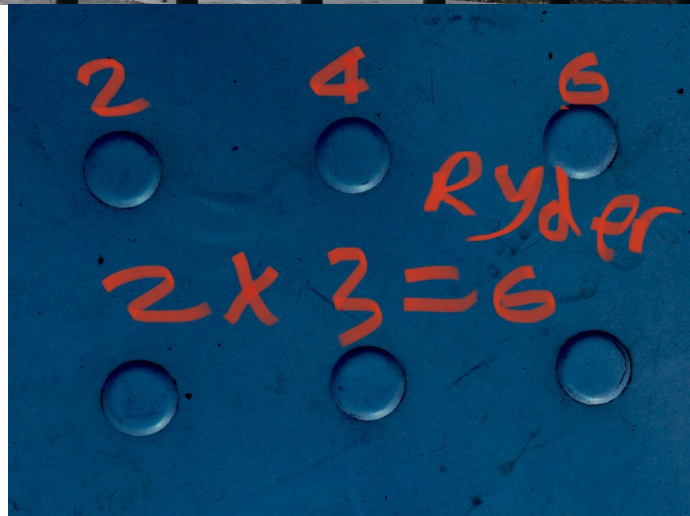
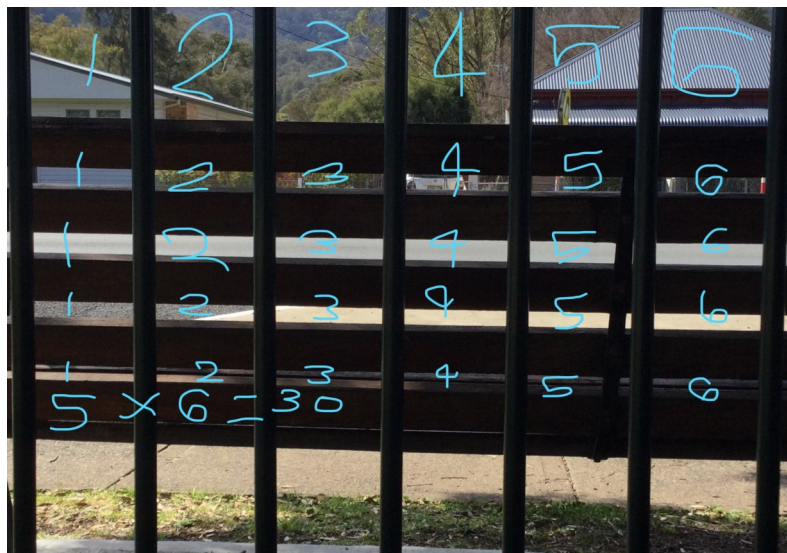
Ms Mitchell and Mrs Leayr



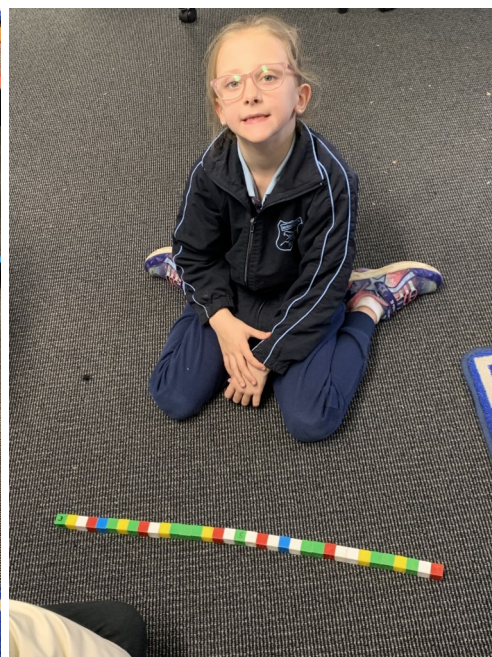
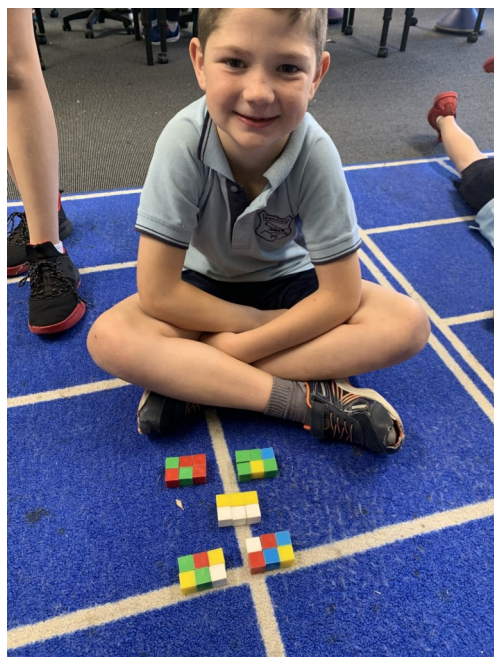
Class 2/3/4

2/3/4 have been working very hard in Literacy to improve their writing through using noun groups and complex sentences with a focus on paragraph structure. It has also been wonderful to see so many students improving in their spelling due to many students completing their homework regularly. In Numeracy we have been examining number patterns and learning about multiplication through arrays. In Mindfulness/Health we have recently learned about our "Sensitive Octopus" and will be focusing on kindness and empathy in the coming weeks. We had a very fun morning at our Book Week Parade and thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as our favourite characters.

Mrs Foley, Ms Fin and Ms Petrie



Class 2/3/4



Class 5/6

Over the past fortnight 5/6 have been working hard in all areas. In English, we have continued our informative writing units on Natural Disasters focusing on Droughts. Students have explored authors perspectives and representation discussing how authors and readers are able to draw from their own experiences to relate to texts. In Maths we have explored multiplying fractions and have continued our focus on identifying efficient strategies for multiplication and division.

Kung Fu Fighting by Carl Douglas has been our class theme tune for the last couple of weeks, with Mrs Jones teaching 5/6 a choral performance of the 1974 classic. Week 5 saw 5 of our Year 5 students attend the Burn Bright Leadership day in Scone with a number of other schools in the area. Students were able to engage with students from other schools to build communication and leadership skills.

Mrs Jones, Mr Pulik and Mrs Gorst



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/>



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Assembly Awards Term 3 - Week 4/6

Merit - Academic

Cooper W

Ella

Charlie P

Matilda H

Billee

Cooper T

Emmalyn

Jett P

Chad

Violet

Sid

Charlie W

PBL

Isabelle-Personal Best

Will - Respect

Max - Personal Best



Bronze Award

Henry

Charlie P

Cooper T

Principal Award



Silver Award

Ayra

Mia

Lilly McN

Luke

Chase

Hunter McP

Wyatt



Mia Eloise

Ben Ryder



Gold Award

Matilda T

Sid