



Murrurundi Public School

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 — Week 8

Monday 11 September 2023

Date	What	Who	Further Information
13 September	Public Speaking	Qualifying Students	Denman
13 September	175 Celebration Meeting @ 5pm	Staff, Parents and Community	In the 2/3/4 Classroom
15 September	Footy Colours Day	K-6	Gold Coin Donation
22 September	Bike Day - PBL Rewards Day	K-6	Please bring Bike, Scooter and Helmet if you have one.
22 September	Last Day of Term 3		
9 October Monday	Return to school Term 4	Students and Staff	
10 October	P & C Meeting	Parents and Carers	

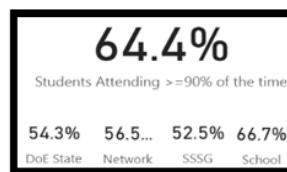
Attendance

LAST WEEK		
Row Labels	Average of Percentage attendance	Sum of Unexplained absences
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K-1	79	4
2/03/2004	76	5
5/06/2023	92	2
Grand Total	81	11

Week 6

LAST WEEK		
Row Labels	Average of Percentage attendance	Sum of Unexplained absences
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K-1	95	3
2/03/2004	92	6
5/06/2023	95	1
Grand Total	94	10

Week 7



Overall Target

It has been amazing to watch our growth in attendance, particularly over the last term. All class attendance has improved from last fortnight; however, K-1 have shown phenomenal growth. Well done K-1. 2-3-4 are just behind. Unexplained absences are steadily increasing as well. Next term, we will be introducing Freddo Friday. The class with the highest attendance rate over 90% will receive a Freddo Frog. Overall, our attendance percentage is creeping up and even though we haven't quite reached our minimum target set by State, our current attendance rates are well above State, Network and schools of similar context.

Last week attendance concern letters were sent home to all students whose attendance was sitting between 80% - 89%. All these students are just below the minimum attendance expectations and with an improvement of a day or two in attendance could easily see them reach that target. If you have concerns or would like to discuss your child's attendance,

SASS Recognition Week

At Murrurundi, we are proud to join in the celebration of School Support Recognition Week. This special occasion provides us with the opportunity to express our gratitude for the invaluable contributions made by our dedicated school administrative and support staff (SASS) and other non-teaching team members to the world of public education.

At MPS, we understand the significance of the roles played by our SASS and non-teaching staff members. Their tireless efforts are evident each day we walk through our school's doors. They warmly welcome parents and caregivers, provide essential support for our students' learning journeys, ensure the smooth maintenance of our facilities, and aid our teachers, enabling them to focus on their vital task of teaching. Their daily efforts are the backbone and glue of our school's effective functioning.

We want to take this moment to express our profound gratitude for everything our SASS and non-teaching staff members do for us.



Bike Day

Next Friday we will be holding a bike day at school. This will be our PBL reward for term 3. All students are encouraged to join in. They will need to bring a bike, scooter, and an appropriate helmet. During the day, they will complete some bike safety activities as well as have the opportunity to ride our bike course.



Preschool Visit

All preschoolers who are heading off to big school next year, came for a quick visit on Wednesday. Ms Mitchell read the story Possum Magic and then they did some PE activities outside, making the most of the beautiful weather. This will become a regular activity in Term 4, with fortnightly visits. Kindergarten Orientation starts on Monday 16 October, for those children zoned for Murrurundi Public School.

Personal Hygiene

Attention parents - as the warmer weather approaches, we need to remind our students about their bodies and how to keep clean and smell fresh. We know as parents, kids often don't use soap or wash their hair, they just stand under the shower without cleaning themselves properly! Please remind and teach your kids how to keep clean. Brush your teeth with toothpaste. Wash your bodies with soap. Wash hair with shampoo. Use deodorant every day. Put clean clothes on. Students are encouraged to bring roll on deodorant to school to reapply throughout the day as needed. (No Spray can thanks.)

Mrs Darlington

Principal

Dear Parents and Families,

Our school is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in Term 4 Week 2.

Our Book Fair is a family event and we would love to see you there!

You and your child will have the opportunity to explore a huge range of affordable books featuring characters and subjects kids love and want to read about. From newly released books and bestsellers to award-winning titles and perennial favourites.

This is also a great way for you to learn about and discuss your child's interests and every book sold benefits our school, adding resources to our library and classrooms.

Scholastic Book Fairs help us show students the wonder of reading. After all, when kids choose their own books, they will be more excited to read, and they will naturally read more!



Fight Cancer
Foundation™

**FOOTY
COLOURS
DAY!**

Murrurundi Public School SRC is holding a **Footy Colours Day Next Friday 15 September 2023. Students can wear their favourite footy team colours to support children and their families with cancer. You are invited to donate a gold coin to support this very important cause.**

A big thank you to Rob and Nikki for organising the BBQ from the P&C to celebrate Fathers Day. The egg and bacon rolls were delicious. It was lovely to see the dads and students playing together.



Murrurundi P&C General Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be held **Tuesday 10 October** 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.

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

K/1 enjoy Art lessons every week. They are encouraged to be creative, learning different ways to manipulate materials and mix colours. Students make pictures and other art works representing both real and imagined situations. They recognise that artists create works for different audiences. The finished products are displayed around the school.

Ms Mitchell and Mrs Leayr

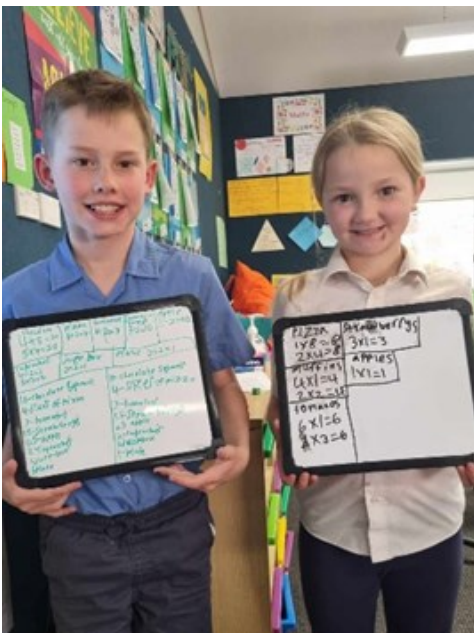
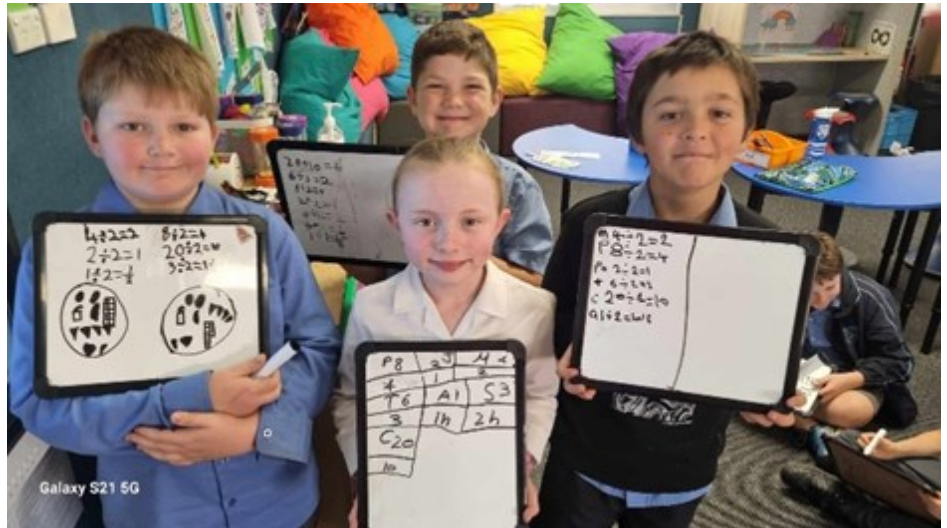


Class 2/3/4

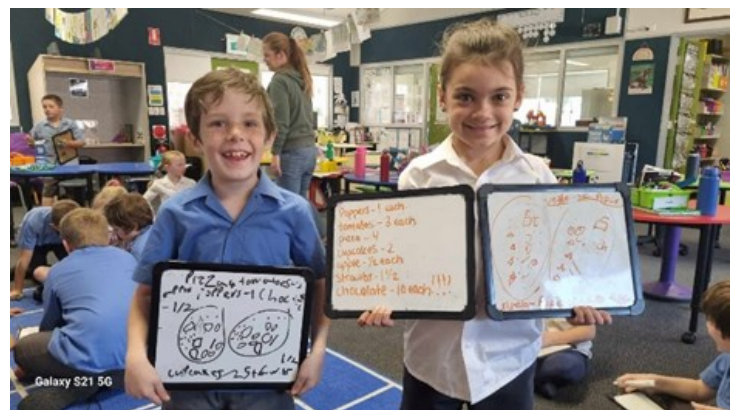
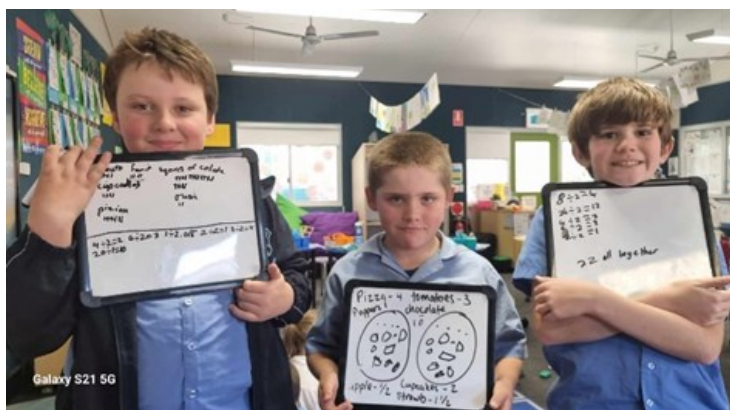
This term in 2/3/4 we have been really focussing on our handwriting with Year 4 striving to achieve their pen licences. We have seen some real improvement across the board and would like to congratulate Max, Kyeshia, Chad and Luke for their effort and focus they displayed in handwriting last Monday.



This week in Mathematics we have been looking at doubling and halving numbers as well as sharing numbers equally. We enjoyed an activity on Monday where we had to share all the food at Pedro's Picnic between 2 plates, especially when we found that each person got 10 pieces of chocolate!



Music for this term is all about recorder, which makes for a very noisy but enjoyable Monday afternoon. We are very lucky and grateful to have the musical talents of Ms Petrie with us who has proved most valuable in the past 7 weeks, helping us learn "Hot Cross Buns", "Mary Had a Little Lamb", "Eye of the Tiger" and "Baby Shark". 2/3/4 are now working towards our Presentation Night Performances. Stay tuned!



Keep up the great work 2/3/4.

Mrs Foley, Ms Fin and Ms Petrie

Class 5/6



Over the past fortnight 5/6 have worked hard to complete their informative writing, researching and summarising information about a natural disaster of their choosing. In maths, we have been doing some project-based tasks, exploring the concepts of volume and area. To explore volume, we discussed how structures are built to withstand a certain volume of water in the event of a natural disaster. Students were placed randomly into groups and asked to design a Lego City which could hold its own against 5L of water being tipped towards it. Students used their design thinking skills to identify the problem, plan their design and then execute their design effectively.

Last week was Mr Mitchell's final days with us. As a parting gift he donated a number of seeds and seedlings towards our school garden project. This donation was doubled by Plants on Main in Scone. Thank you to Mr Mitchell for all of your efforts over the past 4 weeks and your donation and assistance with our project. Thank you to Plants on Main for your generous donation. Last week also saw 9 students compete at the Scone Touch Football Gala day. Despite being a mixed team, the side was placed into the Senior Boys competition. The team showed great sportsmanship and skill to be competitive in a number of the games played.

We also have some congratulations for 5/6 with Tarquin, Elsie and Emmy all being a part of the relay team which has qualified for the State Athletics Carnival in October. We also wish Ayaan the best of luck as he competes at the State Golf Championships in Bateman's Bay this week.

Mr Pulik and Mrs Gorst

Assembly Awards Term 3 - Week 4/6

Merit - Academic

Angus
Reuben
Heidi
Xander
Will
Tallow

PBL

Cooper W - Responsible
Ben - Responsible
Tarquin - Respect
Ryder - Personal Best



Silver Award

Koby
Hunter A
Kyesha
Samantha

Gold Award

Lara
Piper



Cooper T
Will
Emmalyn
Piper

Assembly Reminder

**All parents and
visitors must sign in
at the school office
on entry to the
school.**

Principal Award



Eloise



Attendance and Absences

Missing school means your child misses out on vital information and maintaining learning routines. This can result in a loss of confidence and missing out on forming vital friendships.

Attendance is recorded each day. As a parent or caregiver you are responsible for ensuring your child attends school every day, including sports days unless your child:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably these should be made after school or during holidays)
- is required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- is required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)

is sick, or has an infectious illness.

If you are having difficulty getting your child to attend school regularly, you may like to contact our school principal, Christina Darlington.

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please notify our school office.

If your child arrives late to school or is leaving early from school, you will need to sign your child in or out from the school office.

FATHERS DAY BBQ BREAKFAST

