

Murrurundi Public School

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 — Week 7

Monday 25 November 2024

Date	Event/Activity	Who is involved	Further Information
2-13 December	Swimming	All students	More info to come
3 December 2024	Last day of Kinder Early Birds	Kindergarten children enrolled for 2025	
4 December 2024	Presentation Day 2024—	Whole School , Families and	Morning Tea Provided after
	9.30am	community	Ceremony
16 December 2024	Year 6 Farewell Dinner -	Year 6 - Invited family and staff	Invitations have been sent RSVP 9
	Murrurundi Golf Club		Dec
16 December 2024	Whole School Disco 7.00pm –	All students	More information to come
	8.30pm - Murrurundi Golf Club		
17 December 2024	MUGS Cup - T-Ball	Year 6 students / parents & carers	9.00am Please note change of date
Tuesday			and Time
18 December 2024	Rewards Day—Tamworth	K-6	More information to come
18 December 2024	Last day Term 4	Students and Staff	Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

Principal's Report

I cannot believe that we are drawing near to the end of another year. This Term has surely flown by. We have been very busy so far, but still have lots of things planned between now and the end of the year.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons started this week. Students will be visiting the pool in two groups, due to availability of staff. They will get changed into their swimmers just before recess and will change back into their school clothes upon their return to school. Please make sure you pack an extra towel so they have something dry back at school. Students will be expected to wear their school hats to and from the pool. Students without a hat, will not be allowed to go swimming. The children who are not swimming will remain at school with a teacher.

Prac Students

Our two student teachers from Newcastle University have completed their four weeks at our school. We have enjoyed having both Miss Crump and Miss Gould. We wish them all the very best in their upcoming careers as teachers. I am sure they will find it very rewarding.

Early Birds

This week we farewell our Early Birds, who have been working with Miss Fin over the last seven weeks to accustom themselves to "Big School". They have been learning about where things are, the areas they are allowed to play in, getting to know the staff and working with their buddies. We look forward to their first day of Kindergarten on Thursday 6 February, 2025.

Reward Day

Our end of year reward day will be a trip to Inflatable World in Tamworth. Students have been booked in for a two hour session on Wednesday 18 December. Thanks to the continued support of the P&C, there will be no cost. They have generously covered the cost of the bus and the entry fee for every student.

Staff Development Days 2025

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, all public schools will hold four pupil free days at the beginning of term 4. Staff will return to school on Friday 31 January. **All students will start on Thursday 6 February**. This includes Kindergarten who will start on the same day as everyone else.

Our office will be open from Friday 29 January if you wish to make an early start on uniforms.

Last day for 2024

Both students and staff will finish on Wednesday 18 December. Out office will be closed as of this date as well.

Staffing for 2025

There will only be a few minor changes to staffing next year.

Mr Pulik - 3-4-5-6

Mrs Darlington/Mrs Foley - K-1-2

Mrs Jones - casual teacher

Mrs Leayr – supporting K-1-2

Mrs Gorst - supporting 3-4-5-6

Mrs Smith – office assistant – 3 days per week

Mrs Wilson – office manager – 4 days per week.

2025 school development days

- Term 1:
 - o Eastern division Friday 31 January to Wednesday 5 February
 - o Western division Friday 7 February to Wednesday 12 February
- Term 2: Monday 28 April and Tuesday 29 April
- Term 3: Monday 21 July
- Term 4: Monday 13 October

Mrs Darlington Principal



Attendance requirements and student absences

We are committed to working with you to offer support and remove any barriers that may be preventing your child from regularly attending school.

This is a reminder that all student absences must be explained within 7 days of the first day of them being away from school. Please contact the school promptly whenever your child is absent and let us know the reason for them being away. This allows us to provide the right support and make sure your child's absences are recorded correctly.

In the event your child has repeated or ongoing unexplained absences, we will continue to try to contact you about each absence.

We know that for our students every day of school matters.

Days missed equals years lost. There's approximately 200 days in a school year. When a child misses one day a week over a year, that's 40 days of school, 8 weeks of lessons and 2.5 years over their school life lost.

If you have any questions or if you need support with your child's attendance, please contact our school office on 02 65466057.



Thank you to everyone that supported our recent

Scholastic Book Fair

Over the week our Book Fair was held \$880 of books were purchased. This event is a terrific fundraiser for our school. Murrurundi Public School will receive approx \$132 in Scholastic vouchers to purchase much needed resources for our school.

Advanced Notice

Wednesday 4 December - Presentation Day 9.30am

Monday 16 Dec - Year 6 Farewell 5pm

Monday 16 Dec - Whole School Disco 7pm - 8.30pm

Change of date Tuesday 17 Dec - MUGS CUP—Year 6 students verse parents in T-Ball— 9.00am

Assembly Awards Term 4 - Week 7

Merit Award

Skylah

Eden

Mvlah

Jett R

Hayze

Bronze

Skylah

Patrick

Gold

Ella

Cooper

PBL Award

Jett R—Personal Best Angus—Respect

Isabelle - Personal Best



Silver

Savannah

Fletcher

Bianca

Isabelle

Koby

Briella

Cody



Principal



Award

Díamond

Sidney

Jessica

Happy Birthdays

November - Lilly, Alyssa, Isabelle, Bianca December - Poppy, Samantha

100% Attendance Term 4 to week 5

Jessica - Cody - Ella - Ayra - Patrick - Bianca - Skylah - Matida T

90% and Above Attendance Term 4 to week 5

Ayla - Poppy - Zavier - Savannah - Violet - Charlie - Lilly - Cooper

The next P&C Meeting to be Tuesday 3 December at 4.00pm

Everyone invited to attend. We need to discuss end of year celebrations.

Please enter the school via the back gate and the meeting will be held in the 3/4/5/6 classroom.

K-1-2 Class News

Miss Crump has finished her four weeks with us. She has learnt many new things and I know the class will miss her. We wish her all the very best. As we draw to the end of the year, we will spend the next few weeks finishing off assessments, completing any unfinished work and doing some fun Christmas activities.

With swimming lessons starting this week, you may find your child coming home a tired and maybe a bit grumpy. This is the usual as being out in the sun is often quite taxing. We will spend out afternoons focusing on quiet and calm activities.

Over the next two weeks in literacy, we will finish off our unit on Voices in the Park. Students will be completing an assessment task based on describing a new character for the story. We will also continue doing our daily phonics retrieval practice with Miss Denning.

Next week will be our last week for home work and library. Thank you to all parents for your support in developing and maintaining weekly homework habits.

We hope everyone has a wonderful break. We look forward to seeing everyone return to school on Thursday 6 February and hearing about all the holiday adventures the students have had.







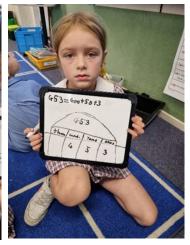














K-1-2 Class News





Early Birds Last Day Today











Class 3/4/5/6

The middle of term is always a busy time, not so more than in Term 4. 3-6 have had the pleasure of welcoming Miss Gould into our classroom, engaging with her lessons across a range of Key Learning Areas. We have focused on sentence level grammar and types of language over the past couple of weeks in our writing, with students using their time in class over the next couple of weeks to write information reports about Aboriginal weather patterns. Miss Gould has also taught a number of lessons on chance, data and whole number topics, expanding stage 3's knowledge of negative numbers and stage 2's ability to find the average of given data sets. Now that she has finished her time with us, we wish Miss Gould the best as she finishes her university studies.

The past fortnight also saw Years 2-6 head to Great Aussie Bush Camp. Over these three days at camp, students were challenged to get out of their comfort zones, tackling testing activities such as high ropes, giant swings, canoeing, flying fox and many more. Students thoroughly enjoyed their time at camp with many putting their bravest foot forward to complete all of the activities. We are on the home stretch but with plenty of things still to come for the remainder of the year in 3-4-5-6.

Mr Pulik Classroom Teacher



More photos on the Murrurundi Public School Facebook Page.





