



Murrurundi Public School



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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 — Week 6

Wednesday 6 March 2024

Date	Event/Activity	Who is involved	Further Information
7/3/2024	Scone High School Orientation	All year 6 students	Scone Bus 1 at 7.45am Royal Hotel
12/3/2024	Regional Swimming Carnival	Students who qualify	Note to follow
13/3/24-25/3/24	NAPLAN	All students in years 3 and 5	
15/3/2024	Celebration Assembly	Whole school and families	Starts at 3.00pm
20/3/2024	Responsible Pet Program	K-2 students	
21/3/2024	Combined Small Schools STEM Day	K-2 at Blandford PS 3-6 at Murrurundi PS	Note to follow
27/3/2024	Invermein Cross Country	All students – Scone Rose Park	Notes going home today – Due 20 March
28/3/2024	Easter Hat Parade	All students	Students will be required to make Easter Hats at home
3/4- 5/4 2024	Kia Ora Music Camp	3-6 Students	Notes sent out Via School Stream
9/4/2024	Newcastle Secondary Marching Band	K-6	Free performance
12/4/2024	Celebration Assembly	Whole School and families	Starts at 3.00pm
12/4/2024	Last day of Term 1	K-6 and Staff	

Wednesday and Friday – Sports uniform

Wednesday – Library for all classes (Please remember your Library Bag)

Wow, I can hardly believe we are already halfway through Term 1. Time sure flies when you are having fun!

Congratulations!

A big congratulations to our swimming relay team. We have just been notified that they have qualified for Region. We wish them all good luck.

New Staff

Last week we welcomed Ms Britany Houston to our school. Ms Houston will be working with both classes, and she completes training to be a Student Learning Support Officer. She will work with K-1-2 on Tuesdays and 3-4-5-6 on Thursdays.

This week we welcomed Belinda Denning who is our virtual APCI. She will work closely with staff to ensure all student needs are being met in Literacy and Numeracy. She spent some time with us this week, analysing data. We have set goals for all students, plan how we are going to meet these goals and set a short timeline of 5 weeks to achieve these goals. Starting next week, Belinda will work online with a small group of students from K-2 and 3-6 to do some intervention for students requiring extra support. She will also work with staff to deliver professional learning to increase staff capacity to cater for the larger range in classes. We look forward to working with her.

Parent Interviews

Over the next two weeks, both Mr Pulik and I will be contacting parents and carers to arrange meetings to prepare learning plans for Aboriginal students, students with learning needs and High Potential Students. These will be conducted either in person or via the phone. The meeting will include sharing current achievement data with parents and carers, celebrate success and setting learning goals for the remainder of Term 1. These plans will be reviewed every term for the remainder of the year.

Seat Belts

A quick reminder that all passengers in a car must be wearing a seat belt as your car pulls away from the kerb at school. We have had several incidents over the last few weeks, where it was evident that children in the back seat were not restrained correctly. It also as important to ensure that all car seats are correctly installed in the car to reduce injury in the event of an accident.

Helmets

All students riding bikes or scooters to school are required to wear a helmet. This includes children riding bikes with training wheels and children riding as passengers on bikes. The fines for not complying with the law is \$344. While the law does not cover scooter riding, school policy states that scooter riders must also wear helmets.

So, what happens if my child does not wear a helmet? First time offenders will be given a verbal warning by staff. After that the bike or scooter will be confiscated and will remain at school until it can be picked up by an adult. While this may sound harsh, it is about keeping our students safe and teaching them to follow the rules.

Mrs Darlington
Principal

Assembly Awards Week 5

Merit Award

Alyssa

Chase

Ayra

Angus

PBL Award

Responsible

Respect



Principal Award

Alyssa



Class K/1/2

We have well and truly settled into classroom routines. This week, reading groups have been introduced. This is the final component of English to be added to our routine. Kindergarten will also start working on singe sounds this week.

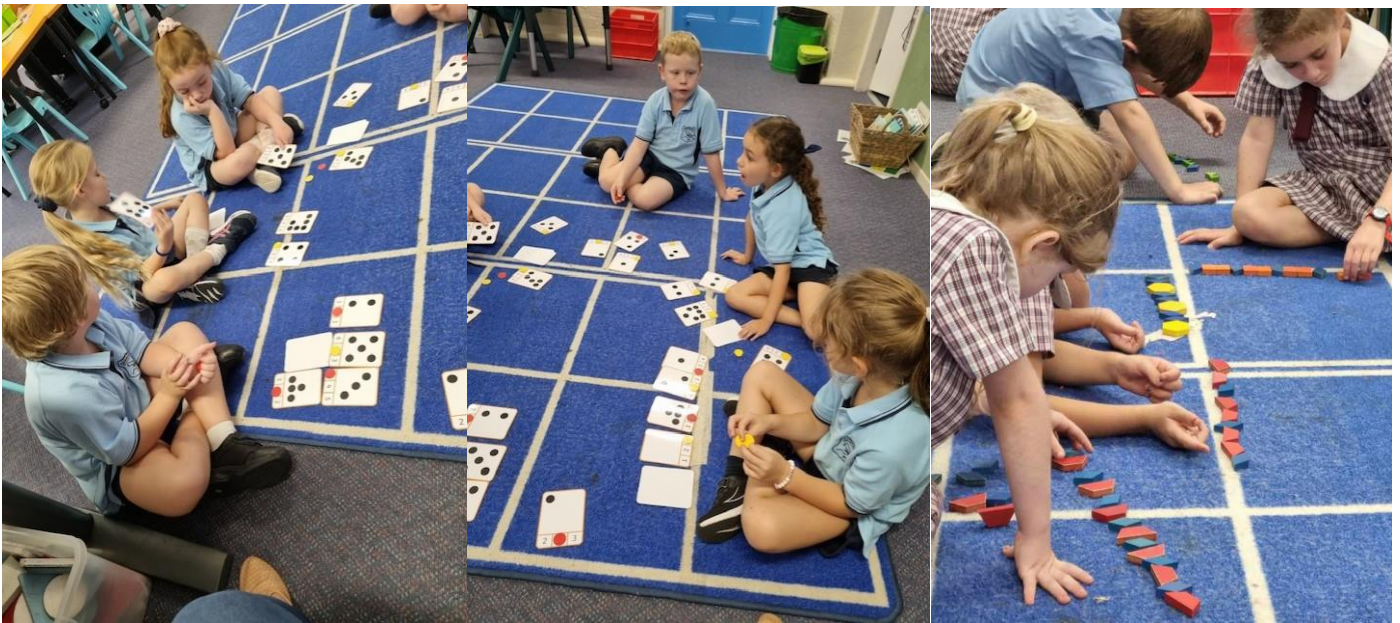
In literacy, we have been reading *Under the Southern Cross*. We have been focusing on prepositions (words that tell us where or when, e.g under, besides, next to) and using them in our writing to create prepositional phrases as modelled in our text (e.g under the night sky, behind the COLA, next to the gate). Students have used ipads to take photos of themselves in various locations around the school and will be using them this week to add the text. These pages will then be bound into a classroom book for all to enjoy.

In mathematics, we have been working on building number sense and patterns. Kindergarten are learning to subitise numbers 1 – 6, read and write numbers 1 -10 and counting to and from 30. Years 1 and 2 have been learning about adding to 20, 30 and 50, grouping items to make them more efficient to count and continuing and creating AB, ABC and AAB patterns.

This week in art, students are learning about shadows and creating silhouettes. They have had a great time posing while having their silhouette drawn.

A reminder that homework is due every Friday. Students are only rewarded if their homework is handed in on time and is complete. Students may return and change their home readers anytime during the week.

Mrs Darlington, Mrs Leayr and Miss Houston



Winter Uniform Orders

We are now taking orders for winter uniforms. Orders and payment can be made at the office via cash or Eftpos. 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 P & C committee.

Be prepared for winter and visit our clothing pool and uniform shop.

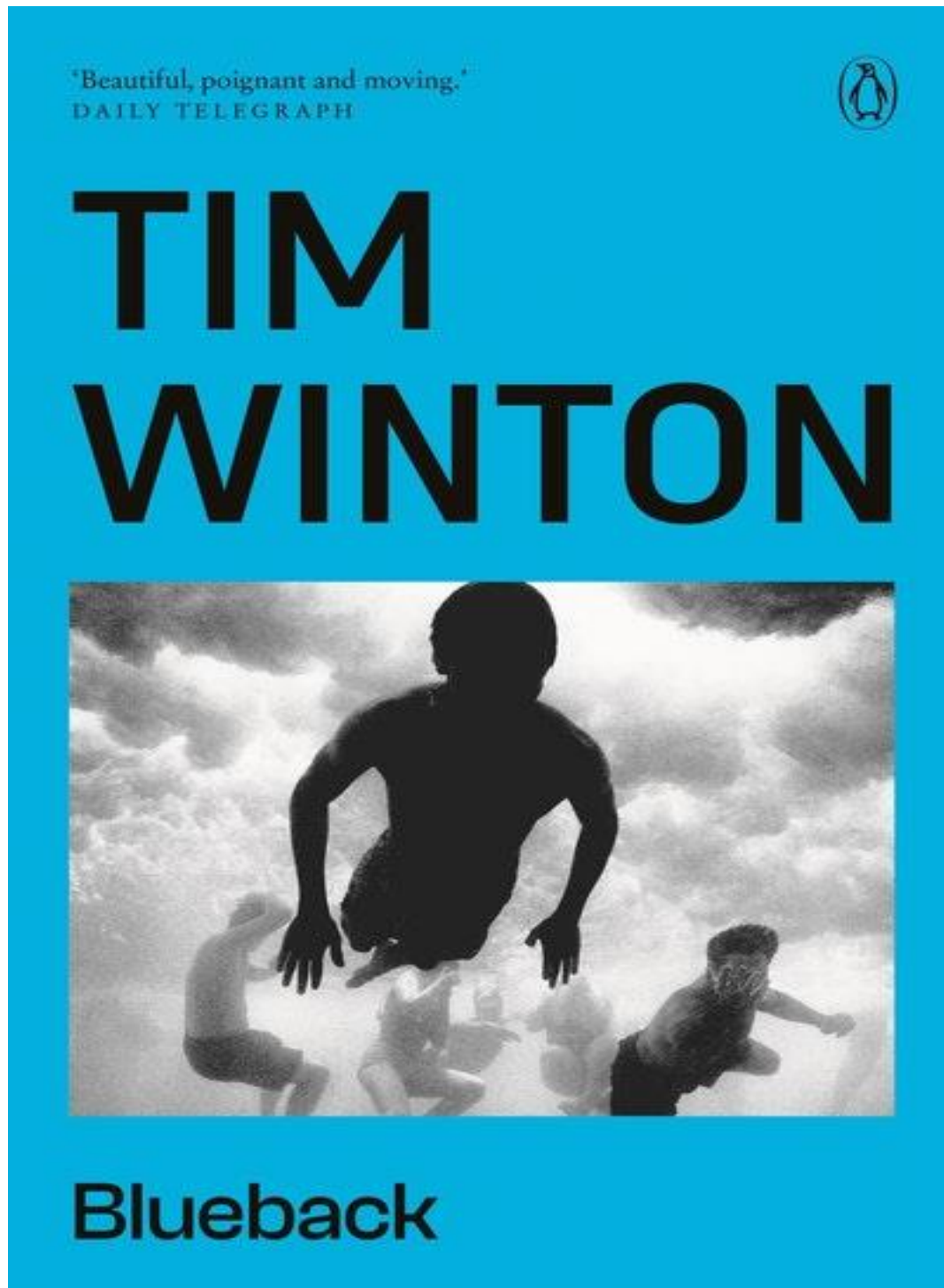
Orders need to be returned by Wednesday 20th March 2024.

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

Class 3/4/5/6

Throughout the term we have been studying the novel 'Blueback' by Tim Winton. The unit has studied the theme and morals of the story being marine conservation and environmental sustainability. Students have begun planning their own narratives which will follow the theme of human greed. In Maths we have been exploring whole number and place value concepts as well as efficient strategies for addition and subtraction.

This year 3-6 will be participating in the Home Aboriginal Art program where students will participate in workshops and virtual excursions to the NSW Art Gallery in Sydney. Students will learn the stories behind influential Aboriginal Artists pieces of work and will create their own original pieces, some of which will be selected to go on show at the Tamworth Regional Art Gallery in term 4 as part of the Home program showcase.



Mr Pulick and Mrs Gorst

Sunsmart Snippet

Create good sun protection habits.
Use a checklist to help incorporate sun protection into your morning routine!

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Wash my face					
Brush my teeth					
Get dressed					
Pack my school bag					
Wear my SunSmart hat					
Apply SPF30 or higher sunscreen					

- Wash my face.
- Brush my teeth.
- Get dressed.
- Pack my school bag.
- Wear my SunSmart hat.
- Apply SPF30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen.

Tip: Download and print the morning checklist from the SunSmart website and stick it on your fridge.



sunsmartnsw.com.au

Nutrition Snippet

EAT MORE FRUIT & VEG.



3 easy ways to get your family eating more fruit and veg

- 1) Start with breakfast and spread fruit and veg throughout the day
- 2) Make snacks based on fruit and veg
- 3) Pack fruit and veg in the lunch box

Check out our blog for more tips at healthylunchbox.com.au/blog/adding-fruit-and-vegetables/

