



# Murrurundi Public School

*Pride in our Heritage, Confidence in our Future*

*Be Respectful Be Responsible Do Your Personal Best*



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Term 1— Week 10**

**Tuesday 1 April 2025**

2/4/25-4/4/25	Kia-Ora Music Camp	Interested Students in Years 3-6	Nominations now closed
1/4/2025	P&C Meeting at 4.00pm	Everyone Welcome	Please enter school via back gate in classroom 3
10/4/2025	Easter Hat Parade	K-6 and Pre School	9.30am
10/4/2025	State Swimming	Nominated student	Good Luck Alyssa
11/4/2025	Last Day Term 1		
25/4/2025	ANZAC Day March @10.45am	K-6	All students Invited to attend to March in Full winter Uniform & School Hat
28/5/2025	Staff return to school Term 2		
29/5/2025	Staff only SDD		
30/4/2025	All Students Return Term 2	K-6	Winter Uniform
2/5/2025	Zone Cross Country	Nominated Students	Karoola Park Muswellbrook
13/5/2025	Jack Johnston Memorial Day	K-2	Travel via Howards Bus
16/5/2025	Scone Cup 1/2 Day Holiday	K-6 and Staff	All students must be collected from school by 12.00 O'clock
16/5/2025	Walk Safely To School Day	K-6 students	

### Big Congratulations !

**Mrs Darlington was acknowledged for her amazing 30 years in Education in 2024. She started off her career as a classroom teacher both in small and large public schools but is now a highly recognised principal. She was presented with her 30 Year Certificate by Mr Sean Andrews DEL. Congratulations Mrs Darlington for reaching this amazing milestone and thank you for your leadership and being part of the Murrurundi Public School community.**

# 30 YEARS



## **vAPCI Visit**

Last week, Belinda Denning, our virtual APCI visited the school for two days. She worked with staff, doing lesson observations, analysing data and working out our next focus.

Over the next two terms, we will be focusing on developing fluency when reading. This means we are looking at the speed that students read, whether they use expression and also use of appropriate intonation. All students have been recorded reading a familiar text through their class TEAMS. Staff have assessed this against a rubric and set our focuses for each class over the next five to six weeks.

Students will work through a number of different activities, in class with their teachers which will be supported online by Ms Denning. We look forward to seeing improvement in fluency as the weeks move on.

## **Communication**

There are a number of ways that we communicate with families. Our digital sign is updated every week, to display what is happening throughout the week. Notifications of all events are sent out via our school app – School Stream. If you haven't downloaded this, it is a free app that can be found in your digital store. Once you have downloaded the app, you search for Murrurundi Public School. We also send out a fortnightly newsletter which includes things that have been happening, and upcoming events, class news, awards plus lots of other information about attendance, healthy lunches etc. Our newsletter goes out via the school app. If you would prefer to receive it via email, please contact the office and we will arrange that for you.

Activity – the first student that comes to me this week and tells me their favourite movie, will be given a reward.

## **Cross Country**

It was wonderful to see most students attend the small schools' cross country last week. Everyone who attended gave 100% and finished their courses of 800m, 2km or 3km. I would like to congratulate all students on their behaviour as it was outstanding. It was great to see school spirit as those students not competing at the time, cheering their school mates on. Everyone should be very proud of their achievements.

The zone cross country will be held on Friday, the first week of term 2.

## **Explicit Teaching**

Last week, Mr Pulik visited a school on the Central Coast to have a look at what they were doing in the area of explicit teaching. He came back with some ideas that we are keen to put in place. Explicit teaching is currently a

focus area for the Department of Education. We are using elements of the explicit teaching model to improve student outcomes. We are working with the other small schools in the Upper Hunter on this initiative.

**Mrs Darlington**  
**Principal**

Assembly Awards Term 1- Week 9

*Merit Award*

Savannah

Ella

Sidney

Mylah

Sammy

*PBL Award*

Fletcher—Personal Best

Jett R—Responsible



*Principal Award*



Skylah

*Bronze Award*

Monty

Ayra

Alyssa

Max

Jett R

Eden

Mylah

Jessica

Matilda



Derrick

Jett R

**Notification Murrurundi Pubic School P&C Meeting**

**The next P&C Meeting will be the AGM to be today Tuesday 1st April (Not Joking)  
at 4.00pm**

**Everyone invited to attend.**

**Please enter the school via the back gate and the meeting will be held in**

## K/1/2 Class News – Term 1 Week 10

We were all very excited to welcome Ms Denning into the school last week for her face to face visit. Kindergarten in particular, were very excited to meet 'the lady on the screen' in person. We will continue working with Ms Denning for phonics retrieval practice online, but we are now also adding a fluency lesson twice a week. We look forward to seeing how our students improve with this support.

Over the last few weeks, we have been focusing on word play in writing. While studying the poem 'The Triantiwontigongolope' and the story 'My dog is as smelly as smelly socks', students have been learning about rhyme, alliteration, noun groups, onomatopoeia and nonsense words. They will be using what they have learnt to write their own descriptive sentences.

In maths, Kindergarten have been learning about combining and separating groups and broadening their number sense for numbers 0 -10. We will spend the next two weeks revising what has already been taught.

In History, our unit on Aboriginal history continues. We have been learning about Connection to country and some words from the Gamilaraay language.

In Science with Mr Broadley, the class has been learning about how things move. Last week's combined K-6 lesson on Tuesday afternoon with Mr Broadley involved students identifying objects made by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples as well as describing and exploring their movements. Students were able to create their own paper boomerang and test them out on the school oval. Some of them even came back like a real boomerang!

Well done to all students who participated in the small schools' cross country. Many students walked and then ran 800m but some Yr2 Students walked and then ran 2km. Everyone put in 100% and we are very proud of your efforts.

**Mrs Darlington, Mrs Foley, Mr Broadley and Mrs Leayr**



3/4/5/6 Class News – Term 1 Week 9  
Quirindi High School Taster Day



Keegan Pulik

Teacher | Murrurundi Public School  
Secretary | Upper Hunter PSSA



Cross Country 2025





**Winter uniforms are worn in Terms 2 and 3.**

**New and second-hand uniforms are available from our Uniform Shop.**

**Be prepared for the changing weather.**

**Proof of Current Drivers Licence/Car Registration for Parents Transporting Students to Events in a Vehicle.**

All parents who are transporting their own children or other students must supply to the school office their original Drivers Licence and their vehicle Registration Number before the event.

It only takes a couple of minutes.

Thank you for assisting in this Department compliance.

**Wednesday and Friday  
Sports uniform**

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

**175th Anniversary Pavers have  
arrived and been installed.**



**Attendance**

We know that it can sometimes be challenging getting your child to school, especially if they are experiencing anxiety or refusing to attend school.

They might be worried about their schoolwork, their friendship circles, playing sports or being away from their family. If you are concerned about your child's attendance at school or any other issues that may affect their attendance, please contact us.

We are here to support you and your child to make sure they are ready and engaged at school.

You can also access resources on the [department website](#) to support positive conversations with your child about attending school.