

Term 1 Week 4

16 February 2015

Student attendance improving



Those of you with good memories (and read the newsletters carefully), will remember that last year we had a focus on improving students attendance. The good news is that we have achieved a 3% improvement in our student attendance rates between 2013 and 2014. Teachers and families working closely together have produced these positive results, however our attendance rates remain slightly below state average.

We will continue our focus on improving attendance during 2014. One of the changes we have made is a letter that will be sent home to all parents following up absences. These

letters will be sent home each Monday, with the newsletter, if no explanation has been received.

Teachers will continue to encourage students to attend school every day unless they are sick. The best teachers in the world can only make a difference when students are at school.

From my desk

Clare Crawford
Principal



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Due to a change in arrangements all library classes and K-2 Thursday sport will be held on Wednesday this week.

K-2 students need to wear their sports uniform Wednesday (not Thursday) and also bring their library bags.

Year 3 to 6 students need to bring library bags on Wednesday. This is unchanged for Year 4/5/6 students.

These arrangements are for this week only.

What's Happening

Event	Classes	Activity date	Cost	Notes / Money due
Interest Groups start for Years 3 to 6	Year 3 –6	Monday 16 February	Free	
Gardening Working Bee	Everyone Welcome	Monday 16 February 3.30pm to 4.30pm	Free	Come along and give a hand
SRC Assembly	All students	Friday 20 February 12.30pm	Free	All welcome
Swimming for Sport	All students	Friday 20 February	Pool entry	
District Swimming Carnival	Qualifying students	Friday 27 February	\$4 PSSA levy	
Student Workbooks	All students	Payment due Friday 27 February	\$10 per student	

Exciting new readers to support students!!

Literacy Pro is a new reading program that was introduced at the end of last year to measure students reading comprehension. Murrumburrah Public School has purchased licences for children in classes from Year 3 to Year 6 and other children in K-2 who have completed reading levels 1-30 to take part in a reading program run by Scholastic. This computer based assessment has allowed teachers to measure student's ability after they have completed benchmark reading levels 1-30.

and additional awards online when they have read for 25 nights.

Children will be assessed by the end of the week and reading logs will go home with their Lexile number and reader.

If you would like more information please don't hesitate in seeing Renee Ford or Nicole Ward or visiting www.mylexile.com.au

WHAT IS LITERACY PRO?

The Literacy Reading Program (formally known as Lexile) endeavours to match readers to books. Children are able to sit a reading test on line to determine their Lexile reading level. Library books which have a Lexile number assigned to them have been labelled to encourage children to select books at a suitable level for their reading ability. Many books also have a quiz attached to them which the children may complete online after reading the book. Points accumulate in the child's reading record and certificates are awarded. Children in Year 3-6 will receive a 5 star card



Paying online

A reminder payments to the school can be made online via the schools website. To access the online payment method go to the schools website: murrumburrah.p.schools.nsw.edu.au and click on the 'make a payment' tab on the top of the home page. Please remember to complete all details and ensure you indicate what the payment is for.

Fridges in classrooms for lunches

Over recent years the SRC have purchased refrigerators for all classrooms.

If your child has a lunch which requires refrigeration they are able to do this by using the fridge in their classroom.

K-2 Music and Sport Program

K to 2 students have begun their music and sports program each Thursday with Mr Lindsell. Take a look at their activities from last Thursday.



District Swimming Carnival helpers needed

Our school will be hosting the district swimming carnival next Friday 27 February and the P&C will be organising and running the BBQ. They would greatly appreciate any volunteers who are able to assist on the BBQ from 8.30am to 2.00pm. If you are able to help please complete and return the reply slip below.

District Swimming Carnival Helpers

Name: Phone No:

I am able to assist at the following times:

Thank you, your support is appreciated.

Photos from last weeks assembly



Bronze Class Award recipients



5/6L were presented with Cathy the Caterpillar



Swimming Carnival 25m events winners



Student Leadership Award recipients



Swimming Carnival event winners

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'Learn to Live'



Pictured are the record breakers from the school swimming carnival