

Murrumburrah Public School

NEWSLETTER



Term 4 Week 6

13 November 2017

MPS Excelling into the Future!

It is hard to believe that we are now past the half way mark of our final term for 2017! We have lots of programs and events to look forward to and we understand life will be very busy for all of our students, staff and families. Keep an eye on our calendar updates through the newsletter, as well as our SkoolBag and Facebook updates as we head into this very busy period of the school year.

Last week, MPS held a ceremony for Remembrance Day. Students worked with their teachers to gain a greater understanding and appreciation for the many sacrifices others have made to enable us to lead the very fortunate lives we do. Thank you to Anna Glover for her organisation and coordination.

As some of you would be aware, we have begun drafting our 2018 – 2020 School Plan. All public schools in NSW work within their communities to create this key document as part of a three year planning cycle. To complete the process, schools refer to the departmental School Excellence policy and use software to monitor progress, gather evidence, self-assess and produce our Annual School Report. The School Excellence Framework's purpose is to facilitate the consistent improvement of student outcomes and to narrow the achievement gaps between students. It aims to maximise learning and ensure that all students achieve at least one year's worth of learning growth each year.

The framework is divided into three key domains (*Learning, Teaching, Leading*) and these areas will form the basis of our 2018-2020 School Plan Strategic Directions. Part of the planning process is that the school undertakes rigorous self-assessment measures on an annual basis and this involves analysing a range of external and internal data such as NAPLAN trends, PLAN data movement (individual student tracking), student, staff and parent surveys, PBL data trends and many other forms of data collation. Every five years, school's adhere to an external validation process during which their self-assessment findings are analysed by an external panel of principals and departmental staff.

Murrumburrah Public School has recently completed its second year of this self-assessment process and we are pleased to inform families that we have seen a positive shift in many of the elements across each of the three domains; *Learning, Teaching, Leading*.

Learning Domain:

Element	2016	2017
Wellbeing	Sustaining and Growing	Excelling
Assessment	Sustaining and Growing	Excelling
Student Performance Measures	Delivering	Sustaining and Growing

Teaching Domain:

Element	2016	2017
Effective Classroom Practice	Sustaining and Growing	Excelling
Data Skills and Use	Sustaining and Growing	Excelling

Leading Domain:

Element	2016	2017
Educational Leadership	Sustaining and Growing	Excelling
School Resources	Delivering	Sustaining and Growing

As we work together to create the 2018-2020 Murrumburrah Public School Plan, we will use these findings of where we sit within the School Excellence Framework to determine the three key Strategic Directions for our school's future.

If you would like more information with regards to the School Excellence Framework, self-assessment strategies and implementation or the external validation process, please do not hesitate to pop in and ask.

From Clare's desk...

Letitia Beal

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

EVENT	CLASSES	ACTIVITY DATE	COST	Notes / Money due
Backyard Footy	All classes	Monday 20 November	Free	
P&C Xmas Party	All welcome	Tuesday 14 Nov 6.30pm @ The Light Horse	RSVP 10 Nov	
Kinder Orientation	New kinder students	Wednesday 15 Nov 12.20pm to 3.15pm	Free	
Intensive Swimming	All classes	Thursday 16 November 2.00pm to 3.15pm	Free	

...Around the school...



Last Tuesday Heidi O'Connor and Hayley Hambrook represented MPS at the Hilltops Council Youth Future Leaders forum. The forum is one of council's strategies to engage with the youth of the community for the Community Strategic plan.

Remembrance Day Service



Congratulations Phoenix Daries and Bianca Burns for raising the most amount of money for the school Walkathon.



Congratulations Malachi Whittington, awarded a distinction in Spelling from University of NSW as part of the ICAS assessments sat earlier this year.



Thank you to the students who represented MPS at the local Remembrance Day service on Saturday.

What's happening in the BOOST Room...



The Boost Room has been operating since Term 2, 2017 and offers opportunities to students to work in small groups to assist with literacy, numeracy, sensory programs and social skills.

Some of the activities include town/ten maths programs as well as a differentiated maths curriculum to suit each student, small group literacy support, touch typing and social story writing. Sensory activities have included obstacle courses in the classroom, kinetic sand, cooking, craft activities, brain gym activities, scooter boards, various textured ball activities, body suits and making slime and squish balls.

As part of my role as the Boost Room teacher I also write social stories for students and work in classrooms supporting their literacy and numeracy curriculum. During some lunch times, students have helped paint murals in the Boost Room, played board games or just come and had a chat.

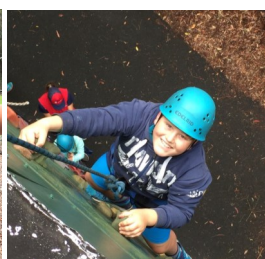
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Year 6 Camp ~ Point Wolstoncroft

On Sunday 5 November Year 6 left for Point Wolstoncroft. We arrived at about 5:00pm Sunday afternoon and went for a walk up to the point with Stockinbingal students who joined us for the week. On Monday it was our first day of fun activities. The first thing we did was high ropes and in the afternoon we went sailing. Tuesday we went on the giant swing and BMX riding out to the point, Wednesday we went rock-climbing and for the afternoon we went kayaking. First thing Thursday morning we went paddle boarding and after lunch we done archery and the wombat hole. All activities were great fun and we met people from other schools.

By Sam and Molly



P&C News

Canteen

For the next 2 weeks we will **not be selling milkshakes**. Strawberry and Chocolate Milk Poppers are still available.

Thank you to this weeks canteen volunteers

Monday—Nikki & Peggy

Wednesday—Tash & Clare

Friday—Tamara & Brianna

Monday Special Lunch— 20 Nov

Ham, cheese, tomato pizza bun \$4.00



P&C Christmas Hamper Fundraiser

After much success and many generous donations last year, the P&C is organising the Christmas Hamper Raffle again this year.



This involves students from each class bringing in selected items to donate to the hampers.

The hampers will then be put together by the P&C, raffle tickets sold and the lucky winners drawn during Presentation Night.

To ensure the hampers have an interesting range of goodies, we have come up with the following suggestions...

Kinder—Christmas wrapping, decorations, bonbons;

Year 1— bubble bath, soap, hand cream;

Year 2—non-alcoholic drink, lemonade, cordial;

Year 3—garden items, seeds, gloves;

Year 4—sweet snacks;

Year 5—savoury snacks;

Year 6—non-perishable food, jams, relish, sauces

Each classroom will have a box for donations.

Thanks for joining in the fun...



Murrumburrah Public School Community News

Swimming Club ~ Today

4 - 4.30pm Juniors and 4.30 - 6pm Seniors

If you are unsure which group your child is in please call Sarah Bunt 0418 868 424

It's not too late to sign up!

Young Mobile Playgroup

Every second Tuesday at MPS in the Meeting Room
1pm—3pm. Next one Tuesday 21 November



'Learn to Live'

INTENSIVE SWIMMING REMINDER
Begins this Thursday

2pm to 3.15pm

Children will depart MPS on bus and be dismissed from the pool
Bus children will catch buses at MHS.
Don't forget, towel, hat, sunscreen, swimmers and rashie.



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