



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



Attendance is the key for a child to be successful in their school years. Vital things are missed if the child is absent even just one day. If children are unwell, of course they should not be at school, however research says that for every day away from school, you can add other day to the learning they lose.

It is for this reason we at Murrumburrah Public have a system in place to support student attendance. Teachers receive a notification through our SENTRAL system when a student in their class has an attendance rate that is becoming a concern. We will contact you to see if there is anything we can do to assist. The Department of Education also has resources that can help families with getting children to school on a regular basis. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can help.

Parents and Citizens Association
The P&C plays a vital in the school, not just to fundraise, but to help shape school plans and practices, and to select staff through the merit selection process. Last Tuesday the P&C held their annual general meeting and office bearers were appointed. I would like to congratulate everyone who so willingly put their hand up to support the school in such an important way.

Treen Brooker has a full list of the P&C executive in her report in this newsletter. I am so grateful to have such a wonderful bunch of parents and community members to work with.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
NAPLAN is a series of tests focused on basic skills that are administered annually to Australian students. These standardised tests assess students' reading, writing, language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. Each year students in Years 3,5,7 and 9 sit this test and the information obtained from NAPLAN helps schools understand the learning needs of students. There is more detailed information for families who have students in year 3 and 5 with this newsletter. If you would like more information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Enjoy the autumn while we have it!

From my desk...

Clare Crawford



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

EVENT	CLASSES	ACTIVITY DATE	COST	Notes / Money due
PSSA Cricket	Selected Students	Wednesday 15 March	\$5	Overdue
CRAZY HAIR DAY	All	Friday 17 March	Gold coin donation	On the day
SRC Assembly	All	Friday 17 March @ 12.30pm	Free	
Year 4 Questacon Excursion	Year 4	Friday 24 March	\$30	Friday 17 March
ICAS Assessments	Years 3 - 6	May, June, August See school website for dates	See note	Tuesday 28 March



25 Nights Home Reading Well done to Alicia Harcombe, Josh Guy and Harry Kemp.



New Kinder furniture arrives

New cooperative learning furniture arrived last Thursday for the Kinder room. As part of the school's long term plan, this style of furniture will be purchased for each class every year.



BRONZE awards ~ Well done to our bronze award recipients at last Friday's assembly.

CRAZY HAIR DAY

The SRC are very excited to be preparing for our first official fundraiser for 2017! **CRAZY** hair day, held this **Friday 17 March** when we celebrate the World's Greatest Shave.

We invite all students to make your hair look **CRAZY**. The day aims to raise funds for leukaemia sufferers and leukaemia research. Please bring a gold coin donation for this worthy cause.

Students are invited to wear casual clothes, however please keep in mind that is it sports day. We look forward sharing this fun day for a great cause!

The AMAZING Year 3!

A wonderful group of students have settled into Year 3 this year. They have had a very busy and productive start to the term.

In class, Year 3 are studying *The BFG* by Roald Dahl. The children have loved Roald Dahl's play on words and eagerly await a new chapter each day. They have been painting their own images of the BFG which has been integrated with their English unit. In response to their study of this text, the children are writing their own stories using inspiration and character traits portrayed throughout the book. The children have been working very hard during Literacy sessions to develop their reading, comprehension and writing skills.

This term, Year 3 is very lucky to be studying 'Chemical Science' and having a lot of fun with their experiments with Mrs Ward. Our first unit is "Melting Moments"! Every day we see or use things that have been melted or frozen, heated or cooled. All around us are items that we find both useful and attractive that have been moulded into different shapes using heating and cooling. Last week the chocolate experiment was very tempting!



Year 3 are very excited about their new surroundings and integration into Primary school.

Handball has been the highlight of this term and having the opportunity to challenge themselves with the older children has also been a huge hit. Congratulations on a wonderful start to the year, Year 3.



Jugiong Writers Festival

On Friday, Elyssa, Hayley, Heidi, Lola, John and I went to 'The Jugiong Too Cool Writers School' day, accompanied by Mrs Ford.

When we arrived we were surprised by how many schools and students were there. Miss Kate, one of the teachers, greeted everyone. There were schools from Bongongo, Brungle, Stockinbingal and Wallendbeen. There were approximately 126 students.

There were four lessons, Mosaicking, Cartoonist/Artist, Chinese Connection and Scintillating Stories. In mosaicking we got colourful squares to decorate our Too Cool folder with Joan Simpson. In cartooning we drew pictures with Brian Allen. We did Chinese Connections with Charles & Kate the Author & illustrator of the Poucher & Big Guy series. We did Scintillating stories with Miss Kate to finish off the day. It was a wonderful day. By Brody Steele.



P&C News

Last week the P&C held their AGM. The position holders for 2017 are
 President ~ Treen Brooker
 Vice-President ~ Nicole Woodhead
 Secretary ~ Carrie Giddings
 Treasurer ~ Sandra Weston
 Canteen Manager ~ Term 1 Nicole / Term 2-4
 Position not filled
 Uniform Shop Managers ~ Rach Coulton & Jules Lenehan
 Community Bus ~ Sam Flanery

We are looking forward to an exciting and productive year. I am very open to any ideas / issues that you would like to discuss. My number is 0411 045 630.

2nd Working Bee!

Thank you Felicity Bosworth, Peter Blair and Clare Crawford who helped complete the front garden.

Thank you to this weeks canteen volunteers

Monday 13 March

Michelle Sargent & Tracey Stone

Wednesday 15 March

Brianna Bramman & Tamara Bell

Friday 17 March

Jules Lenehan + (volunteer needed)

Treen Brooker

President



Uniform Shop

Open Thursdays from 3.00pm to 5.00pm, to assist you with all your uniform needs.

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Murrumburrah Public School Community News

Harden Truck & Tractor Show ~ Sunday 19th March, Harden Murrumburrah Showgrounds at 9am!

Kids Competition ~ build a truck or tractor out of Lego or Meccano, with prizes up for grabs!!

Entries will need to be in the Show Pavilion by 9am Sunday 19th March. Contact Ken McKay 0457 150 751 for more information.



Harden Soccer Club Information Afternoons

Registrations are still open for the 2017 outdoor season! Go to www.myfootballclub.com.au Our registration fee is \$60.00 per player. Registrations will close 31 March 2017.

Information afternoons will be held at the club house at Roberts Park, Murrumburrah on **Tuesday 21st March and Tuesday and 28th March** between **4pm & 5pm** to assist with any online registrations.

Birth Certificates can be cited and registration payments can be made. This is also an opportunity to meet the committee and ask any questions the upcoming 2017 season.

Creative Work shop for Young People

*Harden Murrumburrah Arts Council
 We acknowledge the Hilltops Council*

Small fee \$5.00 / Limited classes – 15 people
 Juniors / Kindergarten to year 4 - 9am to Midday
 Seniors - Year 5 & 6 & High School - 1pm to 4pm

Bookings — Michelle Kennett - 0429 862 066

Please bring drink & water bottle & snacks

Sunday 19 March 2017 - Ceramic 2 Glazing

'Learn to Live'

Voluntary School Contributions

Contributions gratefully accepted
 \$30 per child or \$50 per family

