



# Murrumburrah Public School

NEWSLETTER: 3 February 2020 ~ Term 1 Week 2

## Introducing Kinder 2020



Dear Families,

It is always exciting to start a new school year and this year in particular, it is wonderful to see all students and staff back at school safe and well. It has been a very challenging break for many families with smoke, dust and fires to contend with. For this reason, I think students are even more excited to greet their new teachers, see their friends and get back into the swing of school.

To those families who are new to our school I hope you have settled in well and I extend a very warm Murrumburrah Public School welcome to our newest 28 students in kinder.

Our student numbers continue to grow, we will have 10 classes across K-6 again this year. This year we welcome Ms King and Ms Davies and Mrs Guy to the team. We also have a trainee school counsellor, Danielle Sayers join Mrs Jacinta Ives at our school most Wednesdays.

You will notice that the work to improve disability access is almost complete. Our school grounds are just holding-on with the drought. I would like to make special mention of Mrs Maree Gosang and Ms Carrie Hay who have worked so hard to clean the school prior to our return. Never before has there been so much dust and ash to clean-up and we all appreciate your hard work!

### General Reminders

Home-school communication is very important and we make every effort to ensure a high standard. The newsletter is published each Monday and is uploaded to the Facebook page, Skoolbag app and school website.

Playground supervision commences at 8.55am. If it is necessary for your child to be at school before this time, students are to sit in the designated area.

Toys and sports equipment are not to be brought to school as they can become lost or broken, an exception to this rule may be when students would like to bring items for morning news.

The school day concludes at 3:15pm. Please use the pickup zone if you collect your child by car. It is not safe to use the staff car park at the front of the school.

If you would like to meet with your child's teacher please make an appointment to ensure your issue is given the attention it deserves. Contact the front office to make an appointment.

Please remember we welcome your voluntary school contribution this term. The cost remains at \$30 per child or \$50 per family. Please complete the reply slip with this newsletter and return it with your contribution to the front office. We accept online or EFT payments.

I am looking forward to an outstanding year at MPS and trust that I will see you soon.

From my desk...

*Clare Crawford*



## WHAT'S HAPPENING...

EVENT	CLASSES	ACTIVITY DATE	COST	Notes / Money due
Swimming for Sport	All students	Friday 7 February	\$10 or season ticket	DUE
P&C AGM	All welcome	Tuesday 11 February 6pm in the Meeting Room	Free	
K-6 Class Meetings	All welcome	Wednesday 12 February 3.30pm—6pm	Free	
MPS Swimming Carnival	All students	Friday 14 February	Refer to swim note	

## Home Reading

Today your child will receive their home learning and nightly reading program.

All children from K-6 will receive a separate reading log to record their nightly reading. Your child has the opportunity each night to record what book they have read.

**Please make sure you only record one book per night.**

Over the weekend your child will receive a reader, or may continue on with a book they are reading from home. They are more than welcome to read this book and re-read over the weekend, for example if they read it Friday, Saturday and Sunday then they can record the same book 3 times.

When your child has read for 25 nights, they will receive a reading award and yellow '5 Star' card!

### Is the book right for your child?

**Enjoyment**—Children should be encouraged to express their opinions on whether the book is suitable to them.

**Appropriate**—Students, parents and schools should all ensure that the book is the correct level.

**Challenge**—Students should, at times, extend their learning through reading more challenging texts.

**Variety**—Choose different genres and a range of texts.

The **MORE** that you  
**READ**, the more things  
you will **KNOW**.  
The **MORE** that you  
**Learn**, the more places  
you'll **GO**.

Dr. Seuss Reading Horizons



**Read and record  
in your log**



**25 Nights  
Reading Award**

### Home Reading Log

Reading records are used as a link to monitor reading between home and school.

We value any comments made by parents in relation to students learning.

### Reading at Home

**How often should my child read?** At MPS, we aim for children to read a minimum of 5 times per week.

### What should they read?

Your child should always have their reading book and home reading log with them at the end of the school day. The book they are reading is one they have chosen and is the appropriate level for them.

More able readers may prefer to read independently whilst reading with younger readers will encourage and support them.

### The Right Environment

Many people enjoy reading in a calm and quiet environment to try and avoid distractions. Why not try to build in reading time into your daily routines.

It is important to model the positive values of reading. If students find reading enjoyable, they are much more likely to engage.



# We are off to a flying start at MPS!



What a terrific start to term 1.  
Healthy lunchboxes, full school uniform  
and positive behaviour.  
We are all looking forward to the many  
exciting opportunities in 2020!



# P&C NEWS



## Murrumburrah Public School Community News



### MONDAY 10 FEB LUNCH SPECIAL Chicken Salad Wrap and Popper \$5



### Our Lady of Mercy Sacramental Program

Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist for Catholic students in Year 4 will commence on Tuesday 11 Feb at Trinity Catholic School Library, 6-7pm for 6 weeks.

The Program will conclude with the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday 25 March at 7pm and the Sacrament of First Eucharist on Sunday 29 March at 9am. Please contact Julie Doolan before Friday 7 Feb 2020 on 0428 862 448 if you wish to enrol your child.

### MPS UNIFORM SHOP

Open Mondays 8.30am to 9am or  
order forms are available at the Front Office

## We Sell

Hats & Beanies  
Polo Shirts  
Jumpers and Jackets  
Girls Skorts & Shorts  
Boys Shorts  
Girls & Boys Long Pants  
School Bags

Please support the Uniform Shop. all proceeds go  
directly back into the school.

### Young Mobile Playgroup

Tuesday 11 Feb: 1.30—3pm

In the Murrunyip room at MPS



### BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Please contact Bunyip Preschool  
on 6386 2631 or  
Murrunyip mobile 0418 581 357.



Please complete and return the slips below at your earliest convenience.

### SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

I would like to receive a hard copy of the weekly newsletter

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be added to the email list: \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternatively, you can view our newsletter via the Skoolbag app or MPS Facebook page & website.**

### VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions can be paid via the following options— EFTPOS at MPS front office / cash in money bag to front office / online via the school website – click on 'Make a payment' tab at the top.

School contributions are: **\$30.00 (1 child) or \$50.00 (2 or more children).**

Child/Children's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Online reference (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_