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I am safe, I am respectful, I am a learner



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PARENT MEET & GREET

Last night was our yearly Meet & Greet, we try to organise these evenings to allow families access to the school and staff; to discuss important matters regarding the education of your child and to plan out one-on-one interviews (where needed) with class teachers and parents to ensure the best outcomes for your child.

Unfortunately we had only 3 families come along to this evening. We understand how busy families are, however these are key events for you to come along and have an input into the education of your child. It was very disappointing for staff to not have such a small turnout of families.

If any families would like to now organise a one-on-one meeting with your class teacher a suitable time to discuss the important role you can play in your child's education – this is the key to their success!

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations we are currently keeping up with the 0 unexplained absences – however this only works when parents let us know. You can contact the school in the numerous ways outlined in the previous newsletter.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE

I will be on Long Service Leave from next Monday 19th February through to Friday 16th March. My replacement is Sharon Westbrook. Feel free to come for a visit and meet Sharon whilst she is here.

EVERY CHILD ATTENDING EVERY DAY!



DISTRICT SPORT

Every year we participate in District Sport Carnivals against the other primary schools in our cluster. The students aged 9 – 12 are eligible to participate in the carnivals and any students who turn 10 – 12 years old are available for selection in our District teams that go to the Peninsula trials.

This term we have already had the District Swimming Carnival – we had 4 students represent us at the carnival and on an aggregate points systems we came 2nd overall.

The next carnival is on 2nd of March – both the Netball and Rugby League trials will happen on this day. Later in the term there will be the Touch Football Carnival.

All of these events are an extra-curricular activities and the students need to show excellent behaviour whilst at school to participate. If parents have any questions or concerns regarding these events please don't hesitate in contacting us.

SCHOOL HOURS

Our school day begins at 9am – the students are expected to be in class ready to learn by this time.

We have a staff member on duty at school from 8am every morning – students should not be at school prior to this time. Our final bus leaves at 3:30pm and staff are only expected to be on duty until this time – if you are going to be late to pick up please notify the school office prior to the end of the day. Our break times for lunches are 11:00 – 11:30 and 1:15 – 2:00.

TERM 1 UPCOMING EVENTS

As always you can find the events on the calendar on our newsletter or via the QSchools app for your smart phones. Keep up to date.

Remember, DAILY ATTENDANCE is the key to success.

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Daily Attendance

Our attendance is a key issue and we need the support of parents to ensure students are attending **EVERY DAY**. Parents will be notified on the **SAME DAY** of an absence in 2018 or **you can ring, email or send a note if your child is absent.**

Every unexplained absence needs a notification to the school by the day following the absence. Help your child to be the best they can be – make sure they attend school EVERY DAY.



PRODUCE STALL

We are keen for some donations again this year, as our school numbers drop the donations from our stall assist us to give our students a varied curriculum and access to different opportunities. Please help us to make the school a great place for our students. We will be adding to the produce stall from our garden in 2018 also, look out for some great veges grown by our students.

A very big thank you to the families who support our fruit stall, our small school would not be able to offer the programs we do without this valuable support.



PLAYGROUP IS BACK ON EVERY TUESDAY!!

DATE CLAIMERS

Date	Event
Fri 2nd March	District Netball District Rugby League
Mon 12th March & Tue 13th March	Hearing Screeners by Health Nurse at MRUSS
Fri 16th March	“Bullying No Way” Day Free Dress Day (see information)
Wed 28th March	Super Southern Schools Cross Country @ MRUSS
Thurs 29th March	District Touch Football Carnival

BEHAVIOUR AT SCHOOL

Don't forget to display your behaviour matrix on your fridge and encourage your child to show these at home as well as us expecting them at school. The week on Manners has really improved the amount of manners we hear but there is always room for improvement – keep encouraging your child to use their manners.

This week we have been focusing on our Following instructions – this means that the students will be expected to follow instructions at the time that it is asked, we should never have to ask a student more than once but if we do have to remind them then they will need to continue working on this in other times like during their playtimes. Please use this at home too, expect your child to stop, look, listen and follow your instructions as sometimes this can be a safety issue.

SMALL SCHOOL ISSUES

Our enrolment numbers have dropped this year and unfortunately this will affect the funding available to our school for every day running costs. We are in discussions with other schools as we know that we are the only school in our area that doesn't charge any school fees. We like to keep costs to a minimum for families and as we work through this we will keep this in mind, however we do need some support from families. When we have a definite decision (after working through it with our P&C) we will let families know – we will also endeavour to have a payment plan available to ensure families are able to pay the fees over the year.

As we didn't get a chance to discuss this at our Meet & Greet with families please indicate on the attached form if you feel that paying off the school fees over the year is a good option.

This is your chance for feedback to the school.

SPECIAL VIRTUE AWARDS

Each week we focus on a different virtue, this is shared during our weekly parade and then the information is displayed on our display board in the eating area. Students try to focus on the

particular virtue for the week. We present certificates to a few students who have shown the virtue without being reminded throughout that week. Ask your child every Friday what the virtue of the week is and try to encourage them to practice at home too.

We will begin the virtues program again this Friday on Parade.

This week we focused on **Cleanliness** – keeping yourself clean and concentrating.



CLEANLINESS

- Keeping clean – both body and clothes
- Concentrating
- “Clean up your act” – deciding to change for the better
- Looking after your environment – putting things away



The Virtue for next week will be **Cooperation** – working together.



COOPERATION

- Working together
- Having the willingness to respect others
- Follow rules which keep everyone safe and happy
- Being helpful to one another



Please go through these with your child and ensure you are modelling these virtues at home also.

Congratulations to our award recipients for Caring: **Jake Jackson, Monique Gardiner and Zélie Gillinder**

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Class B

Isla Herrod – for settling in well at school and following instructions closely.

Richadah Toohey - for settling in well at school and following instructions closely.

Emily Muriata - for settling in well at school and following instructions closely.

James Peillon - for settling in well at school and following instructions closely.

Noah Muriata - for settling in well at school and following instructions closely.

Class G

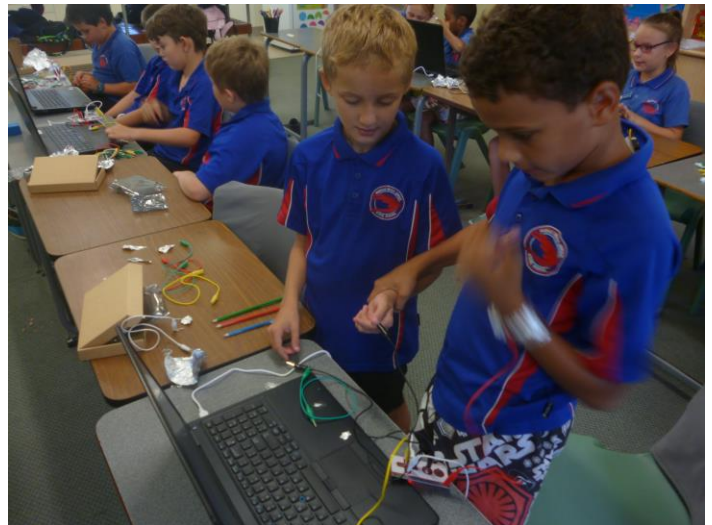
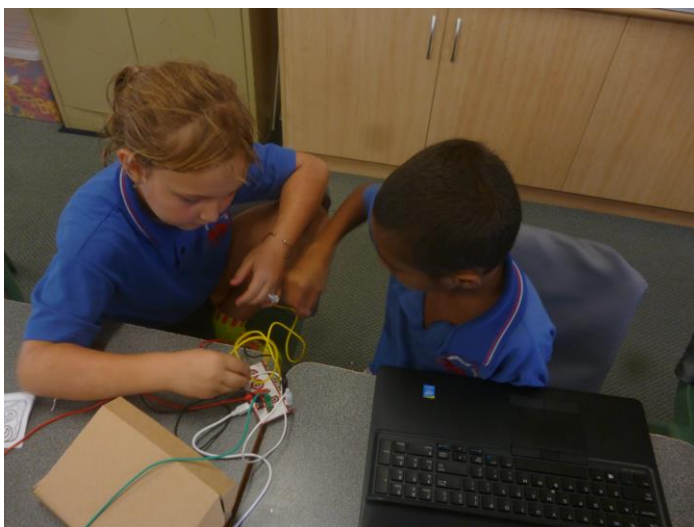
Cowhen Kennedy – for settling in well and being an active class member.

Breanna Muriata – for working well and being an active class member.



Students of the week.

Working with Makey-Makey



Newsletter Information

Don't forget you can view this newsletter via our school website or if you download the QSchools app for your smart phones you can keep up to date with any new items that are uploaded to the website. **If you download the QSchools app it will send you notifications of updates to the website and you can add any of these to your calendar in your phone.**

If anyone would like further information about how to best use the QSchools app please don't hesitate in contacting the school.

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Playgroup Facebook Page – search **Murray Upper Playgroup**