

# Murray River Upper State School

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**I am safe, I am respectful, I am a learner.**



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## WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all of your families, we look forward to teaching your children and working with you again this year. A very warm welcome to our new families – we pride ourselves on being an open and welcoming school, please come on in and meet the staff and see where your child will be learning every day.

We would like to host a **Parent Meet & Greet BBQ** on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February from 4pm** – this is an opportunity for you to come along, meet the staff and have a nice social afternoon with our families. We encourage everyone to come along to this afternoon, even if you finish work at 5pm we will still be here and ready for a chat. If parents would like to have a further one-on-one meeting with their teachers please call the school on 4066 5540 and let us know.

Let's make 2018 the best learning year yet!!

## ATTENDANCE

This is a reminder to our families that **EVERY DAY COUNTS!!!** We need your child at school in our class for us to teach and ensure they are learning. If you have any attendance concerns or you need to take your child out of school for a day there are a number of ways we can be contacted.

School phone: 4066 5540 (8am – 4pm)

Email: [admin@murrivess.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@murrivess.eq.edu.au) (office)  
[kgill39@eq.edu.au](mailto:kgill39@eq.edu.au) (Kayte)

Note: send with your child the next day

Please help us to ensure we have 0 unexplained absences for 2018.

**EVERY CHILD ATTENDING EVERY DAY!**



## PREPS

Welcome to our new preps, they have settled into school well and are learning already. We love when our preps come along ready to learn and we have a great group this year. Look out for their photo in the newspaper next week.



Clinton, Lacey, Mowisha and Mackenzie

## YEAR 6 LEADERS

Our year 6 students are ready to be our leaders for 2018, they have already begun organising lunchtime activities and have been engaging other students in these activities. Good luck for your final year of primary school.



## 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.*



## DATE CLAIMERS

Date	Event
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Parent Meet & Greet BBQ
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Visit from Cowboys development officers 11:00 – 12:00
<b>Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL (select students – notes sent home)
<b>Tues 30/01, 06/02 &amp; 13/02</b>	Netball with Tully Netball Coach 8:30 – 10:00 (Years 3 – 6)

## BEHAVIOUR AT SCHOOL

We have attached our behaviour matrix to this newsletter. We will be teaching one of these each week to our students to ensure they understand and show these behaviours whilst at school. It would be great for families to put these on the fridge and talk through them with their children to support the work we are doing at school – there are some great ones you can use at home too.

This week we are focusing on how to get attention – when an adult raises their hand the students copy and close their mouths ready to listen to the instructions.

Next week we will be learning how to line up and walk around the school in an orderly manner.

If parents have any questions regarding any of the behaviours that we teach at school please don't hesitate in visiting class teachers.



## 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.

## 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.

The Virtue for next week will be **Caring** – paying loving attention to the needs of others and animals.

### CARING



- Giving love and attention to people and things that matter to you.
- Caring is helping
- Being careful and giving your best
- Treating people and things gently and respectfully

## FIRST DAY BACK – working hard!!



### 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.

Website:

<https://murrivess.eq.edu.au/>

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