



Murrumburrah Public School

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TERM 3 WEEK 1

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear all

Welcome back to Term 3 at Murrumburrah Public School. We look forward to working with your children and providing continuing, quality educational experiences. As usual, it will be a very busy term with some exciting highlights provided to broaden our students' learning experiences and promote leadership and independence appropriate to their level of development and age.

We have an excursion planned which will be a whole school experience. This will allow our excellent leaders in Years 5 and 6 to continue building friendships which were fostered and developed in The Peer Support Program. We will also have the Rock Climbing experience again at the school. This proved to be an exciting and safe activity for all of our students with the Habits of Mind "Taking Responsible Risks" and "Persisting" being demonstrated and reinforced.

We had excellent news on the last day of term regarding staffing at Murrumburrah Public School. Miss Morris, who has been teaching here for 5 years on a temporary employment placement, has received a permanent position with the Department of Education and been appointed to the position vacated by Ms Lamb. Congratulations to Miss Morris from everyone at Murrumburrah Public School. Miss Morris has extensive leadership and teaching experience in Early Childhood Education in Pre Schools and on infants classes. She brings with her an understanding of the needs of younger students in their transition from pre-school to Kindergarten and is very perceptive and nurturing with students. Miss Morris will continue to teach 1/2M with Mrs Tonpi continuing for the rest of the year on Year 5.

We are also very pleased to welcome Mrs Sue Smith back to our school. Mrs Smith has been here in the role as a School Learning Support Officer (SLSO) and has recently completed her Major in Education. Congratulations Mrs Smith on achieving this goal whilst also working, managing a family and being involved with her family farming partnership. Mrs Smith is now a qualified teacher and will be working for 3 days in the Library/Release-From-Face-to-Face position and 2 days on Kindergarten. Mrs Smith has worked extensively with Mrs Heywood with Kinder students in her previous SLSO role. Mrs Heywood will continue to teach Kinder for 3 days and it will allow her to recommence her part-time teaching/maternity leave that she has postponed for the last 6 months. Mrs Beth Elliott will be here for the other 2 days in the Library/ Release-From-Face-to-Face position. Welcome Mrs Elliott.

The Pick Up/Drop Off Zone is now fully operational and is the safest place for students, especially of an afternoon, to exit and enter the school. A staff member is rostered on and will only allow students to leave if there is someone to pick them up. We have 10 teachers rostered on during the day to ensure student safety so we do ask you to assist us by using the Drop/Off Pick Up Zone. As a driver, please use this area in a safe way, park to fill up spaces and move away very carefully after collecting your child. The School Zone lights are also operational of a morning and afternoon.

Parents have made enquiries regarding the news story about sale of school land. The Minister for Education, The Honourable Verity Firth, has guaranteed no operational government school will be forced to sell land.

Reports were sent out last term with requests for interview forms. If you would like a teacher interview please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a convenient time.

Zita McLeod
Acting Principal

**SRC
ASSEMBLY
THIS
WEEK
FRIDAY
31/7/09
12.30PM**

Dates for the Calendar

TERM 3

Week 1

Friday 31st July
Classic Shield Rugby League

Week 2

Tuesday 4th August
UNSW English Competition

Thursday 6th August
Book Fair

Friday 7th August
SRC Jeans for Genes Day

**PLEASE NOTE:
CANTEEN
CLOSED UNTIL
FURTHER
NOTICE**

SCHOOL CALENDAR

A copy of the school term calendar is attached to this newsletter. We have included all known events to date. Any changes or additions will be advised in the calendar section of the newsletter each week. Copies of the calendar and newsletters are also available on the school website.

CANTEEN NEWS

Attached to this newsletter is a request for canteen volunteers for Term 3. To enable our canteen to operate for our children, please consider volunteering a day in the canteen. The canteen is generally open Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL ADVISE FURTHER WHEN CANTEEN WILL BE REOPENING.

BOOK FAIR

Next week is our annual Scholastic Book Fair. Children will have the opportunity to purchase some wonderful books from a great selection. All

students will have the opportunity to view books on offer next Wednesday. Each class will then visit the Book Fair on Thursday to make purchases. Parents are welcome to join us.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

The SRC and school will be supporting Jeans for Genes Day next Friday 7th August. Jeans for Genes Day is a major fundraiser for the Children's Medical Research Institute. From next Monday the SRC will be selling merchandise to support this cause. The following will be available:

Wristbands	\$3
Baby Pins	\$4
Badges	\$5

Students may wear jeans and casual clothing to school next Friday.

P&C NEWS

The P&C are once again offering families the opportunity to purchase personalized pavers, which will be added to the existing path. An order form is being sent home with this newsletter. If you would like to place an order please return form and payment to school by Monday 31st August.

Murrumburrah Public School Community News

HARDEN JUNIOR SOCCER

CHANGE OF VENUE—ROUND 11
8TH AUGUST 2009
TUMUT BLACK V HARDEN
NOW BEING PLAYED AT HARDEN



It has come to the attention of South West Slopes Soccer Association that during Round 11, 8th August Tumut has been scheduled to host both Temora and Harden. As this is obviously not possible, Tumut Black will now travel to Harden. All match times will remain the same.

HARDEN SWIMMING CLUB

The Harden Swimming Club will be holding a general meeting on Monday 3rd August at the Harden Bowling Club commencing at 6.30pm. All welcome.

MURRUMBURRAH-HARDEN SHOW SOCIETY INC

The Harden Show will be held on Saturday 12th September. The show committee are holding a colouring-in competition prior to the show. All students have received a copy of the colouring-in competition, with the competition running in three sections. All entries must be returned to school by Monday 31st August. Winners will be announced and entries displayed in the first week of September.

★ ★ Dancing With Our Stars ★ ★

TICKETS—All ordered tickets for Dancing With Our Stars will be available for pick up from Collins Town and Country Real Estate, Neill St, Harden from Monday 3rd August. All money must be paid on collection and all tickets must be collected and paid for by Saturday 8th August. For all enquiries please call Ros on 0429 826133.

DANCE LESSONS!!! - For all of you who are going to our **Dancing With Our Stars** Fundraiser or even if you are not, you can get some dance lessons this Friday, 31st July, from the professional dance troupe from Canberra - Salsabor, who will be dancing with our stars on the night. Cost is \$10 per person and \$20 per couple.

Time: 7.00pm Place: Mechanics Institute

CAKES AND SLICES FOR SUPPER—As you may know this is our major fundraiser and we would appreciate donations of cakes & slices to provide supper for the night. If you are able to bake something for us, we would really appreciate it. Cakes and slices can be dropped off at the school on Friday 14th August. For more information or inquiries please call Anita West on 63862547.

HAMPER RAFFLE—As part of the event we will be holding a major raffle. We are asking families to assist by donating an item that could be included in an **outdoor/picnic hamper**. Suggestions are - non perishable foods, chips, biscuits, relish, mustards, tea/coffee, sauce, salt/pepper, drinks, plates/cups, cutlery, napkins, picnic rug, torch, thermos, mugs, containers, hand wipes, insect repellent, sunscreen, esky, chairs, table etc.....

All donations can be left at the school office.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

When:

Wednesday 5th August—All students will view books

Thursday 6th August—Classes visit book fair to purchase books

We will advise times each class will be visiting the book fair in next weeks newsletter

Our theme this year is “Safari”.

We will be having a special visit from Clifford the Big Red Dog.

Parents are welcome to view and purchase the books on offer.



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Human Swine Flu Information Sheet

Australia is entering a new phase in our response to human swine flu, known as PROTECT.

The change in approach is because the virus strain is currently not as virulent as anticipated. Generally the virus produces a mild disease in most people, a severe disease in some, and a moderate effect overall.

This year it is likely many more people will come down with flu-like-illnesses than in recent winter flu seasons because fewer people will have immunity to the human swine flu virus. The aims of the **PROTECT** phase are to ensure that people at an increased risk of complications from influenza are treated early to try to prevent severe illness from developing, and to help control outbreaks in schools and other institutions.

On the advice of NSW Health we no longer need to exclude staff or students who have been to an area where there is known community or school transmission of human swine flu.

Any staff member or student who has been excluded from school and who does not have flu symptoms can return to school immediately.

The school exclusion policy was inconvenient but it helped to limit the spread of disease in NSW schools.

As the number of cases of swine flu increases in the community, school exclusions and closures are unlikely to help in limiting the spread of disease as many more children will catch swine flu outside school rather than in school.

The NSW Department of Health thanks the parents and carers of NSW school students for their co-operation with these measures while they were in place. We still need to take steps to minimise the transmission of the virus in the community as some people in our school community remain at increased risk of complications from influenza.

Instead of excluding people who may have been to an affected area, or who have been in contact with a person with confirmed human swine influenza, we will now be asking any person with flu symptoms to stay at home until they are well.

Any student who identifies that they are unwell, or is displaying flu-like symptoms will be sent to a sick-bay area and their parent or carer will be called to take them home. Please watch carefully for any signs or symptoms of flu-like illness in your child. These symptoms include fever, cough, tiredness, muscle aches, sore throat, chills or shortness of breath. NSW Health has advised if you or your child develops flu-like symptoms you should seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

Parents have an important role to play in helping their children understand and follow the government hygiene advice. Your help to do this is appreciated. We understand there may be some ongoing concern in school communities. However, we can reassure you that we have taken, and will continue to act on advice we receive from NSW Health to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of our staff and students.

You can get additional health information from the H1N1 Influenza 09 section of the NSW Health website at: <http://www.emergency.health.nsw.gov.au/swineflu/index.asp>.

CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 3 2009

The canteen is opened between approximately 10.00am and 2.00pm.
I would like to volunteer to help on the roster and understand it is my responsibility
to find my own replacement.

Your Name:

Your Phone Number:

I can help: 1 day a month 2 days a month 1 day a term 2 days a term
(please circle)

I can help on: Monday Wednesday Friday
(please circle)

Is there a certain date you would like to volunteer:

Is there a date you are unable to help on:

Is there a particular person you would like to work with, *if possible?*

Their name: Phone Number:

Please confirm this with the other person before nominating them.

Have you done canteen at Murrumburrah Public before?

Yes No

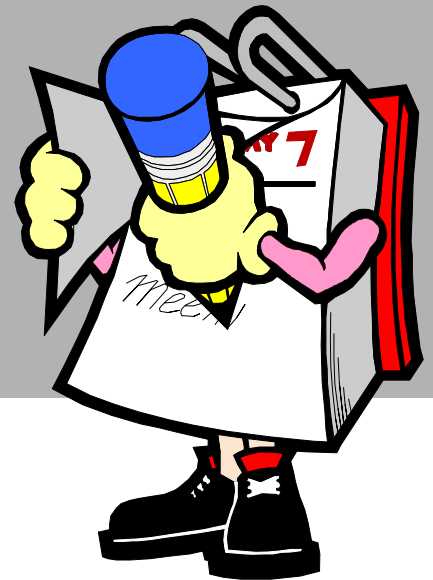
Would you be willing for your name to be put on an emergency list that is NOT for
publication?

Yes No

Please return this form to the office by **FRIDAY 7th AUGUST**
Thank you for your support.

From the Canteen Committee and Manager

Mark Your Calendar!



You are invited to a meeting on
Tuesday 11 August to launch
the Harden Shire Business Survey
and to....

Have your say about HARDEN SHIRE'S future

Harden Shire has received funding from the NSW Department of State & Regional Development to conduct a business survey and to develop a Business Action Plan and a Tourism Action Plan.

Come to the meeting and have your say about our community's future direction. What would you like to see happen in your town or village? Everyone will have input into the community planning process, so don't miss this opportunity to discuss:

- development of local businesses and tourism
- physical design aspects of our towns/villages and environment
- local events and marketing

(RSVP or for info
Jan Ryan 6386 4161
or email
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DATE: Tuesday 11th August 2009
TIME: 7.15 for a 7.30pm start - 9pm
finish
PLACE: Harden Country Club
East Street, Harden

~Refreshments provided ~

SCHOOL PARENT CALENDAR TERM 3, 2009

WEEK \ DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
WEEK 1 July/Aug	27 STAFF AND STUDENTS RETURN	28	29	30	31 PSSA State Cross Country Classic Shield Rugby League	1/2
WEEK 2 Aug	3 Book Fair arrives	4 UNSW English Competition	5	6 Book Fair	7 SRC Jeans for Genes Day	8/9 State R/League Championships in Canberra until 15/8 (Jared & Justin)
WEEK 3 Aug	10	11	12	13	14	15/16 P&C Dancing with our Stars
WEEK 4 Aug	17	18	19 UNSW Maths Competition HECS school expo	20	21	22/23
WEEK 5 Aug	24	25 PSSA Rugby Union @ Camden	26 PSSA Rugby Union @ Camden Trent Barrett Shield @ Harden	27 PSSA Rugby Union @ Camden	28 SRC Walkathon	29/30 Tournament of Minds Wagga
WEEK 6 Aug/Sept	31	1	2	3	4 P&C Street Stall Fathers Day Touch football and sausage sizzle	5/6
WEEK 7 September	7	8 PSSA Touch @ Tomaree	9 PSSA Touch @ Tomaree	10 PSSA Touch @ Tomaree Police/Principal Forum Little A's visit	11 Riverina Athletics	12/13
WEEK 8 September	14	15	16	17	18	19/20
WEEK 9 September	21 BOOK WEEK THIS WEEK	22 Public Speaking @ Wagga Eisteddfod	23	24	25 K-6 Excursion to Canberra	26/27
WEEK 10 Sept/Oct	28	29	30	1	2 Rock climbing End of Term 3	3/4