PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Welcome back for Term 2 which is already shaping up to be another busy but enjoyable term.

Mural

Our mural on the Library wall was completed during the holidays. What a fantastic job Sam, the artist has done, it brightens up the whole area! She has included the animals suggested by the children which provides them all with a sense of ownership. Many thanks to our P & C for their support with this project.

Cross Country

Congratulations to all our students who competed in the cross country at Stokers Siding last Friday, we are very proud of your efforts. Some students have been selected to compete in the District Cross Country next Friday. These children have received a note and information. As always thank you to those parents who provided transport and photos, it is greatly appreciated.

Naplan

Naplan testing for Years 3 & 5 will take place on 12 to 14 May, please advise the school if you are going to be away.

Parking

Just a reminder when dropping off or picking up students please don’t park in the bus turning area as it makes it very difficult for the bus and garbage trucks. You are welcome to park on the grass along the western side of the playground if there is no space in the parking area.

Chris Pritchard
Principal

MARK YOUR CALANDER - TERM 2

8 May (Friday) - District X Country, Murwillumbah High School
12-14 May - NAPLAN
22 May (Friday) - FNC X Country, Murwillumbah High School
28 May (Thursday) - Picnic Sports Day, Tumbulgum PS
4 June (Thursday) - Kindergarten Free Dental Check
8 June (Monday) - Public Holiday
11 June (Thursday) - St John’s Ambulance Visit
18 June (Thursday) - ‘Launch into Life’, Griffith University Snr Primary Students
19 June (Friday) - Murwillumbah High School Arts Week Matinee Performance
26 June (Friday) - Last day Term 2

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK TERM 2

CONGRATULATIONS

Primary Week 1
Banjo

Infants Week 1
Jaylan

STUDENT ABSENCES

Please find attached the 2015 policy for Compulsory School Attendance from the NSW DEC. It is very important that all absences are explained to the school. Long absences ie family holidays must be explained before the absence and short absences within 7 days of the start of absence. Late students must be signed in at the office. Please help with our records by sending in a note to explain all absences or email: duranbah-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or phone 6677 7221. Your help is greatly appreciated. Absence notes are also available in both class rooms for your convenience.
CROSS COUNTRY
The day was nice and sunny, although a little hot, and all students who attended the Cross Country Carnival day at Stokers Siding had a great time. Congratulations to all students who participated for our school. We now have 9 students eligible to participate in the District PSSA Cross Country at Murwillumbah on Friday 8 May. Good luck to Ashleigh, Lachlan, Banjo, Jesse-Lee, Aidan, Matthew, Maleke, Kodi and Eliza.

HALOGEN YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE
At the end of last term our Year 5 and 6 students travelled to Brisbane to participate in the Halogen Young Leaders Conference. The purpose of this event is to inspire students to begin a life-long journey of leading themselves and challenges them to realise their potential and achieve their goals. The speakers at this event included: Juliet Wright -designed the “Give It” Website aimed at supporting charities, Bindi Iwin, Coen Ashton -uses the challenges of cystic fibrosis to help others and James Norton from “Paper Planes”. The theme of this year’s event was ‘Nothing significant, enduring or amazing ever began that way’, and these remarkable speakers demonstrated that with organisation, determination and passion anything is possible.

PRIMARY LITERACY
Congratulations to all primary students for their great effort and positive attitude in literacy. The session consists of a daily teaching focus followed by rotating group activities which include writing, reading, spelling/grammar, talking and listening. The group work is on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. Friday is for integrated and creative literacy lessons.

Home Readers: All students in the primary class have agreed that they would like to be part of the school’s Home Reading Program. This will begin next Monday. Students will bring home a folder, record book and an information sheet explaining how the program will run.

Class Leaders: It has been decided to extend the K-2 leadership program into the primary. Each day the school leaders will choose 2 class leaders for the day. The students have identified the qualities they believe the class leaders of the day should be aiming for and extra responsibilities for the day.

UNIFORM SHOP
Please advise the admin office if you require any of the following items for winter.

Hooded Zip-up Jackets $28.00
Fleecy Sloppy Joes $15.00

We have a number of assorted winter items available at reduced prices (not all sizes in stock):

Black track pants $10.00
Light weight Zip-up Jackets $15.00
Padded Zip-up Jackets $15.00