From the Principal’s desk ...

Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to Abbey Lamb from 5/6R for being awarded Aussie of the Month for July. Abbey displays excellent leadership skills and is a great role model for other students. Well done, Abbey! You are very deserving of this award.

Breakfast Club Program

Our Breakfast Club program will be starting next week! It will be open from 8:30am – 8:55am in the MASK room on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. It is open to everyone to attend and is a free service. All we ask is that children sign in upon arrival so we can keep a record of the numbers of children who attend. Thank you to the many people who have volunteered their time to help. You will receive information about the program shortly. If anyone else would still like to be involved, please let me know.

Lions Club donation

Last Monday I attended the Lions Club changeover dinner. It was fantastic to be part of the meeting having not attended a Lions Club meeting before. What a great bunch of motivated people who are focused on supporting their community. I was fortunate to receive a $300 cheque from the President, John Ferguson for our school. This will go towards supporting our Breakfast Club program. I would like to sincerely thank the Lions Club for their generous donation as it will go a long way to supporting our families. Thank you!

Italian

We are very excited to have appointed Dr. Lucette Bailliet as a member of the MPS team. Lucette will be leading Italian in classrooms across the school. We look forward to hearing the students practicing the language and learning more about Italy in the future.

Jeans for Genes Day: This Friday, August 5 the JSC has organised a fundraiser for Jeans for Genes Day. Please wear your jeans and bring a gold coin donation to support this cause. Students are still to wear their normal uniform (t-shirt, long sleeve polo, jumpers) with their jeans.

Family Games Afternoon: On Friday August 12 we will be holding a Family Games afternoon at MPS. We are hoping that we can run our Parents/Teachers v Students footy match along with a Parents/Teachers v Students netball match during lunchtime, we just need a bit of sunshine to dry out the oval before then! From 2:20 – 3:20 its ‘Bring a Game’ time where we’d love parents, grandparents, special friends to bring a game to play with their child in their classroom. It could be a board game, card game or whatever you have a home that would be fun and engaging for a group of students to play.

House Athletic Sports: Our Athletic House Sports aren’t far away so please pencil in Thursday August 18 as the day! Once again, it will be fingers crossed for some sunshine in the week leading up to the event. We will be looking for lots of helpers, so please let us know if you’re available for all or part of the day.

Curriculum Day: Friday August 19 will be a Curriculum Day at MPS. No school for students on this day.

Parent Opinion Survey

Thank you to all the families who completed the Parent Opinion Survey this year. We were extremely close to having all survey’s returned – thank you! Your feedback is extremely important and once the results have been collated and returned, this will then go to School Council for discussion and actioning.

Melissa Houlihan
Principal
**AROUND THE SCHOOL:**

**Keys to Success - Getting Along, Confidence, Organisation, Persistence & Resilience**

**“YOU CAN DO IT”**

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Left to Right

Back: Seb, Jamie & Cody

Front: Ashley & Conor

Gr F-1WW – Conor Finnigan – For his great ‘have a go’ attitude during the Big Write. He used persistence to have a go at all the tricky words. Well done Conor!

Gr 1-2F – Ashley Taylor – Ashley used her Confidence and Persistence keys to write her Fruit Stick Recipe this week. Well done Ashley!

Gr 2-3V – Cody Taylor – Cody you are a wonderful member of the class. You show confidence with others & always speak to others in a caring and respectful way!

Gr 4-5C – Jamie Jolevski-Koureskas – For being a confident, switched on learner who is ready for school each day.

Gr 4-5C – Seb Vraca – Seb is a positive, friendly and confident member of 4/5C. He also approaches his learning with gusto and enthusiasm.

**TERM 3 PLANNER**

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The Teddy Bears Tea Party
On Wednesday we had a teddy bears tea party. We counted 100 things. I counted beads.
By Kailee
On Wednesday we had a Teddy bear tea party and we got to make a teddy biscuit then we counted 100 things and then we got some tea.
By Shannon
On Wednesday we made a biscuit and fairy bread. We ate the biscuits and we played with our teddies.
By Frankie
On the teddy bears tea party I liked making teddy biscuits.
By Jet
On the teddy bears tea party I made fairy bread.
By Etienne

MASK: The last few weeks in MASK we have spent a bit more time inside due to the very cold weather! Construction has been a big hit lately. The most popular items being LEGO, railway set and cup towers. We have been making some amazing hama bead creations, getting crafty with origami and working on Our Town Murchison display. Make sure you bring in a family photo to add to our MASK family tree.
We have been having large groups so please let the office know if your children are attending MASK. Also a friendly reminder that MASK runs Monday-Friday 3.20pm-6pm. Please keep your accounts up to date and make sure enrolment forms are handed in. Thank you. Jenna.

RESOURCESMART: Murchison Primary School is working towards becoming a Resource Smart School in the four areas of waste and litter management, energy use, water use and biodiversity. Each week there will be a change we can make to the way we live to reduce our impact on the environment.
Tip 22: Install a solar hot water system.
Tip 23: Wash vegetables and rinse dishes in a plugged sink.

How many books have YOU read so far!
Congratulations to everyone who is participating this year! We only have about 5 weeks to go, the PRC will close on 9 September 2016.
More than 207,000 students from 950 schools and 6,086 children from 283 early childhood services and homes have signed up. It’s great to see that thousands of children across the state are discovering new authors and getting hooked on reading. Well done to US here at MPS! I wonder who’ll be having morning tea next week? Will it be YOU?
Good luck and happy reading.
SCHOOL BANKING EACH WEDNESDAY AT MURCHISON PS – See Shelly for information about opening an account so you can become a weekly saver too!

TREE PLANTING FRIDAY JULY 29

Murchison Primary School
Student Absence Form

Name: ______________________________

Class: _______________ Date: _______________

Reason: ______________________________________

Parent’s Signature: ____________________________

Please hand to your class teacher
FREE TO A GOOD HOME

4 Draw Filing Cabinet

Expandable Computer Desk

2 Door Metal Cabinet

2 x Book Shelving
Coming very soon, the public activation of the Neighbourhood House website. In addition to information about Neighbourhood House activities, the site will contain local news, information about local contacts and a community calendar where you can add your event.

We would like to feature images from around Murchison within our site, so if you have photos of local people, places or events, we would like to hear from you. Please call 5826 2373, or email us murch-nh@hotmail.com

Murchison Quilt Exhibition and Craft Expo
Saturday August 20 - 10:00am -4:00pm
Sunday August 21 - 10:00am – 2:00pm
Murchison Community Centre,
Watson St Murchison
Admission: $5

Show highlights include:
· Displays of antique quilts including a patchwork rug created in the Crimean War (1854)
· Displays of patchwork quilts, runners and hangings created by local crafters
· Raffle draw of an original handmade quilt created by the Neighbourhood House Traditional Craft group – “Murchison Lifestyle Quilt”
· Make and take workshops
· Displays, sales of craft materials, sales of original handmade items
· The Jelly Roll challenge – see who can be the quickest to create a quilt from a jelly roll - from 11:30 Sunday.

Light refreshments available, provided by Trick-a-Treat Relay for Life Team
Organised by the Traditional Craft group at Murchison Neighbourhood House

FOUND!~!~