Murphys Creek Community Newsletter
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**Senior Leaders Make Us Proud**

The State Governments Flying Start plan to place Year 7 students in a high school setting from 2015 has always had a few challenges for primary schools to overcome. One of those challenges has been the Year 6 cohort missing out on the traditional leadership roles. We chose to overcome this challenge with the creation of some extra roles and an extension to one of our school committees. Today we presented our Senior Leaders with their badges, in a ceremony supported by their peers and school community. We have high hopes for our leaders and we are investing time and energy into giving them the skills they need to help lead their peers.

Senior Leaders – Indianah Collyer, Daniel Box, Lili Peachey, Jayven Maloney, Nervana Manson, Nikita Cook, Harmony Rose, Daniel Gotz.

**Murphy’s Creek Challenge**

Which Winter Olympic sport features death spirals and camel spins?

a) Curling
b) Figure skating
c) Snowboarding

**Make every day count in 2014**

Make 2014 the year when your child doesn’t miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the new Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV.

Our Goal 95% attendance
Currently 93.3% attendance

http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland

Keep trying!
Our Focus: Social Awareness

Core values – acting on important pro-social beliefs about how one should behave towards others

Emotions – skills for responding with empathy to the feelings of others and recognising the feelings and intentions of others

Relationships – skills for successfully interacting with others, making and keeping friends and avoiding and managing conflict

Bullying – activities that encourage awareness of the harm that is caused by bullying and developing skills and attitudes that enables bystanders to support individuals being bullied.

Playgroup
9am each Monday
Bring a hat, water bottle & a snack.
All Welcome!

"Strive to Excel" School Motto

No Jewellery at school.
This is a safety issue &
We hate mopping up the tears when it gets lost or stolen.

SWPBS Message
Be Polite

Students of the Week
Playing catch-up with these fantastic students. They look proud and feel proud of their achievements.

Mrs Symonds on Long Service Leave
I will be on 2 weeks Long Service Leave from Monday 10th March to Friday 21st of March.
I am going to Brisbane to help my brother run his business and look after his house and dog while he is overseas.
Replacing me as Principal is Mr Matthew Taylor. Mr Taylor has been acting Principal in a number of Lockyer Valley Schools and is currently based in Gatton.
While it is hard to break myself away, I have every confidence that everyone will band together to get the jobs done.
Facts about Disabilities

In Qld there are:

- More than 508,000 students with disabilities
- More than 1200 schools with 30,000 classrooms
- More than 39,000 full time teachers
- More than 7,900 full time Teacher aides

It is everyone's business

Curriculum Corner

1. Mr Pryor’s class out measuring 1 kilometre around the school grounds.
2. Play group enjoying a morning of craft & painting.
3. Mrs O’Keefe’s class making maths a real world issue as they represent numbers with various blocks.
4. A very special person getting a bucket filler award for an act of kindness.

Little Athletics Queensland visited us both Thursday and Friday to work with our students on Athletic skills. Jumping and stepping was the topic of Thursday and some mini hurdles were even attempted.

Congratulations to Daniel Box for being named as 12 Years boy age champion at the Lockyer Zone swimming carnival. He competed in 8 races and as you can see from the ribbons did very well. A big effort for big results.
Paid Focus Group

WE are inviting people who live in the Lockyer Valley region, to a paid focus group discussion to discuss social issues.

If you are aged 18-30/35, and can attend the Cultural Centre in Gatton, on Monday March 10 at 6pm for 2 hours, we will pay you $80 cash as a thank you for your help.

Please contact me on my direct line 31198003 or leave a message after hrs. on 31198003, with your details, or email me:

Many thanks

Glenys Jones

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Tea for Teal

You are invited to afternoon tea to raise much needed funds for research into Ovarian Cancer.

This cancer can attack anyone from as young as thirteen to late eighties. We need your help!

When: Sunday 2nd March 2014

Time: 2.00 PM

Where: Helidon RSL, Arthur Street, Helidon

Cost: $5.00 per person

Lucky door prizes and raffles

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Murphys Creek State School—School Age Care

The Murphys Creek State School—School Age Care will be accepting new people for term 2.

Children can be from the general Murphys Creek Community and can attend before school 7-8:30am, after school 2:45–6pm and during vacation periods and pupil free days.

Forms are available from the school office.

Support a community resource that is here to supporting local parents. Call 46305167

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Please Return...

- Medical update detail forms
- Media consent form
- Safe Cycling consent forms

To the office as soon as possible

Thank you!