**New QSchool App**

You can now download the QSchools app and subscribe to receive the latest news from our school on your smart phone or tablet. QSchools is free and available from the iTunes store and Google Play. The app integrates with the school website platform, allowing users to:

- find and favourite your school by searching for the school by name, searching a map or by searching for schools near your current location
- receive real-time notifications about state-wide emergency alerts as well as school push notifications and important updates through the app
- access the latest news, events and newsletters from your school
- view information about your school including class times and contact details
- view social media feeds.
- The app can manage updates from multiple schools which is useful for parents who have students in different schools.
- Push notifications will allow your favourite Queensland schools to push essential information directly to your device, including notifications of upcoming events and emergency alerts and important updates.

**NO SMOKING WITHIN 5 METRES OF OUR SCHOOL**

From 1 January 2015, smoking is banned at all Queensland state and non-state schools, and for 5 metres beyond their boundaries. The buffer is a 5 metre no-smoking area around the perimeter of the school, beyond the school land boundary; including all structures in this area, such as bus shelters and car parks. This area does not extend into residential or business premises that share a boundary with school land.

The law applies at all times—during and after school hours, on weekends and during school holidays. It includes the use of all smoking products, including regular cigarettes and devices commonly known as electronic cigarettes.

**Date Claimers**

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**Murphy’s Creek Challenge**

How many rings does Saturn have around it?

![Saturn Image]

Register to use Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) on-line by following this link:

Attendance

All children should be enrolled at school and should attend every school day. It is a parent's responsibility to ensure that their child attends school on every school day for the educational program in which he/she is enrolled.

The duration and location of a student's educational program is determined by the school and may include sites other than the school site, for example, sporting grounds or museums.

Any time a student is not attending or participating in their educational program it is considered an absence and must be explained. Every Day Counts is a state-wide initiative addressing the problem of student absences.

If your child is unwell please phone or email the school. Appointments and holidays should impact as little on the school terms as much as possible.

Our attendance rate at Murphy's Creek is good and we need to keep every student learning everyday. Keep up the good work!

Curriculum Corner

There are some items that were not on the booklist due to the booklist being produced externally from the school. These are items we ask all families to voluntarily contribute to and then please take to the classroom.

We appreciate your help in these areas.

- 2 reams of photocopy paper per child
- 1 box of tissues per child
- A spare set of green shorts/skorts, underwear and socks. (Prep only)

Let's Meet...Ms Shepherd

Let me introduce to you Trisha Shepherd. Trisha has been part of Murphy’s Creek School since 2013. This year you will see her mostly in the office. Trisha lives with her partner Adrian and their two children. Her two children will be attending the school in the next coming years.

Bus Travel

There is an ever growing number of students catching the local bus service. This is a very positive trend as it teaches children independence and promotes the environmentally sound concept of public transport.

Please make sure your child knows which days to catch the bus. If it is not everyday, please feel free to let the school office know as we can assist your child to wait in the correct area.

Our local bus service is very well run and the behaviour of the students on the bus is generally very good. If any problems arise please let either the bus company or the school know as soon as possible.

Playgroup
9am each Tuesday
Bring a hat, water bottle & a snack.
All Welcome!
Our Kids Matter Breakfast was a wonderful morning with many families and members of the community turning up to celebrate Kids Matters. It was great to see all our new and older families integrating and getting to know each other. The breakfast was concluded with the pouring of beads into a new Kids Matter trophy.

This weeks award winners for Student of the week are:
Class O  Kobea Hill
Class G  Emily Keogh
Class P/S  Noah Manson

Our High Five Winners for the week are:
Class O  Ironbark Graves
Class G  Mikyla Caffery
Class P/S Kale Hill
Tuckshop… we need you!

The kids & (staff) love Tuckshop but we can’t operate it without some parent volunteers.

It could easily be a shared job— ordering stock, collating orders or on the day preparation. Maybe you and a few parent friends, grandparents or community members could team up to create a great Tuckshop once a week. The day could be flexible, the menu could be special deals or a simplified set menu.

If you are genuinely interested in giving it a go, please contact Lyndal (principal) on 46305167 or lsymo1@eq.edu.au We will put together a list of interested people and get things rolling.

Wanted immediately:
House for rent in Murphys Creek area. Phone Shirley 0414 012 603

Withcott Basketball

Aussie Hoops has been a great success for Withcott in the 5-10yr age group and will again be continuing in Term 1 on Thursday 5th February from 4.30-5.30pm. To register for this please visit www.aussiehoops.com.au and search "4350" or "Toowoomba" and select option 9 "Withcott". All Players will need to be registered online before they take the court. $60 without pack or $95 with pack.

Team Training for 11yrs + now has a dedicated day for training and will commence on Monday 2nd February 5.00pm-6.00pm. All attending will need to register as a member of the TBA from March onwards via link https://reg.sportingpulse.com/v6/regoform.cgi?formID=34157

This covers Player insurance for training and competitions. Training fees will remain at $60 for 8 weeks payable currently by cash at the first session.

For those seniors who wish to register their interest in playing this year please email with-