**Showcase Award for Excellence in Inclusive Education**

Murphys Creek State school have been recognised and announced as the 2015 Regional winner in Education Queensland’s Showcase Awards. Our school based program called ‘Safe to Learn’ means that our school has processes in place, to cater for students with complex backgrounds or illnesses, allowing them to engage in a normal mainstream setting and get the best possible education. This program goes largely undetected as most of its attributes can be considered part of our daily routine and ethos to education.

Showcase Awards have a 15 year tradition of recognising and rewarding Queensland state schools that are significantly improving student learning outcomes through excellent teaching practice.

The Showcase Awards are acknowledged as the Queensland Government's most prestigious educational awards and give Queensland state schools the chance to share in more than $350,000 in development grants.

At this level we have been awarded $1000 to help further develop our program. In approximately a week, we will find out if we qualify to continue on to state level which opens up the possibility of a further $7500.

My most sincere thanks goes out to my staff and the many external personnel who we work with to make Safe to Learn a possibility.

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**Murphy’s Creek Challenge**

What is the name of the highest mountain on Earth?

- a. Mt Kosiuszko
- b. Tabletop Mountain
- c. Mt Everest
**Next Week’s Chappy Sports Day Lunch**

**First Break**
- Soft drink/Juice $2
- Milk-Chocolate & Strawberry $2
- Chips (crisps) $2
- Lollies $2
- Tea/Coffee $2
- Cake/Slice $2

**Second Break**
- Pie $3
- Sausage Roll $2
- Cheese Burger $3

Orders need to be send to the classroom money collection box by Wednesday of each week. Orders should be written on a paper bag or an envelope. Include your child’s name and class (O,G,P). You can order multiples of each items for those bigger eaters.

**NB** Some items—(Coffee, tea, cake, slice, lollies and chips) will be available to buy over the counter but ordering will guarantee food and limit disappointment.

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**Electrical devices and children’s sleep**

There's nothing better for all of us than getting a good night's sleep, dreaming about something you'd love to be doing. More importantly, children need a good night’s rest to be able to learn effectively. But there's something that could be getting in our way and that's technology!

Some experts predict that as electronic devices become more popular, our sleep will be interrupted even more. The problem is if we're exposed to the light from electronic devices our melatonin doesn't work as well. If there isn't enough of the chemical in our system, it makes it harder for us to fall asleep. But there are things we can do to get a better night’s sleep. They say turning off screens at least an hour before going to bed is a good idea. You can also dim the lights and darken backgrounds and hold screens away from your face or swapping a tablet for a real book can make a difference. So if you can keep these things in mind, you'll not only get a good night's sleep but you'll be happy and healthier.

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**P&C Meeting and News**

The P&C meeting for this month is on **Wednesday 19th August**. The meeting starts at 7pm and is located in the staffroom. New members are always welcome.

**Camp Raffle Tickets**

Camp raffle tickets and final payments are due in by the 30th July. This will allow all tickets to be in the draw for the winner announcement at sports day.

**Swimming**

Please keep swimming money coming in. It can either be paid weekly or in a lump sum. Cost is $38 for the 6 lessons. There are 5 swimming lessons left.

**Athletics Carnival Friday 31 July**

Next Friday is our schools athletics carnival. This is held on the schools bottom oval and will be a competition between Murphy (Green) and Leslie (Yellow) houses. A note with more information will be sent home during the week.

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**Parenting Corner**

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

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AUS Kick—Modified AFL

We are again having our Murphy’s Creek (In-school)-AUS Kick Lessons. First Week: Wednesday 3rd of August (Come and Try week)

Duration: 6 weeks (School Oval) Time: 11-11:40am

Cost: $25 per person. Forms available from the 31st July. The Participants will receive a pencil case with an activity book plus their choice of Football. (Orange, Blue and Pink)

They will hold a come and try session in the first week and from week 2 onwards all students must be paid participants to be involved.
School Opinion Survey

You are invited to participate in this year's School Opinion Survey and have your say about what our school does well, and how we can improve.

Participation in the survey is anonymous and all information that you provide is done in such a way that you cannot be identified.

The on-line survey will be available until 31st July. It should take about 10 minutes to complete. To access the survey, please see the sheet attached to this newsletter, type the web address into your computer's browser, then use the two unique access codes to begin.

Thank you for your participation.

Lost Property

There is an 80 litre bin FULL of lost property in the admin foyer. All of the clothing is not named or the names are not accurate. It is mainly jumpers and track pants. If you are missing your child's clothing, please come and see if it is there.

Second Hand Clothing

We are running low on second hand school uniforms. If your children have grown out of any of their uniforms (particularly shirts) and you would like to donate them to the P&C for us to sell at a gold coin, we would very much appreciate it.

HELIDON HERITAGE FAIR
SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST 2015

Girls and boys decorate your pushbikes and ride in the grand parade to win a great prize. Parade assembles in Railway Street at