It has been great to welcome back so many familiar faces this week and very special to welcome so many new families. Of course there is a special hello to our Preps, starting their first week of school. We have had 12 Preps start with us this year and they are doing a great job of settling in. We have also had 4 new students start in grades 3 & 4 making our total school numbers very similar to last year.

If you haven’t had a chance to meet you children’s teacher, please feel free to pop in and do so. Maybe even try and make it to parade each Friday. Parade starts at 8:45am and usually goes to 9:10am. This is the time when we give out our weekly awards and discuss important issues with the students. Parents are very welcome to attend.

**Family Welcome-Big Breakfast**

As we did last year, we are going to have a Big Breakfast on Friday 6th February, at 7:30 am in the eating area at school. We would like to take this time to meet new and current families and to create community connections between school and home.

This is a very important component of our school’s Kids Matter initiative. During the breakfast I will take the time to tell you about the Kids Matter program, what we have achieved and what we have planned for 2015.

Breakfast is supplied free of charge. Breakfast will consist of sausages, bacon, fruit, cereal, tea/coffee and juice. Arrange when you can, relax, enjoy and start your day in a positive and social way. Breakfast finishes with parade by 9:10am.

Register to use Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) on-line by following this link: [https://pcycmurphyscreek.hubworks.com.au/](https://pcycmurphyscreek.hubworks.com.au/)
Playgroup Day Change

Due to changes in the main school timetables we have had to change the day our playgroup operates on. It will now operate on a Tuesday morning from 9-11am. We will still be located in the community room at the school.

Our playgroup is unique and very special. Our group is fully facilitated by a trained Early Years Teacher Aide. We only ask for a gold coin donation to cover tea & coffee for the parents. It is open to children 0-5 years and is a very popular event. Come and meet other parents in the area and make connections in the community.

What students are taught in Prep-Year 10

Since 2010, Australia has been moving toward nationally consistent curriculum, assessment and reporting. P–10 students across Queensland currently study a combination of Australian Curriculum and Queensland Curriculum. The curriculum for each learning area specifies what should be taught and assessed.

Currently, schools have made significant progress implementing the Australian Curriculum for:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- History.

The remaining learning areas should be implemented by 2016. Until then, schools will continue to use the Queensland curriculum for:

- The Arts
- Health and Physical Education
- Languages
- Studies of Society and Environment
- Technology.

Let’s Meet...Don

Let me introduce to you our chaplain Don Truss. Don has been our chaplain at Murphys Creek since 2010. He is also the chaplain at Flagstone Creek and Helidon SS. Don is involved in many aspects of our school day on Thursdays and Fridays. Don is a talented artist who uses his drawing ability to connect with students of all ages.

Don is available to talk to students, parents and staff, whenever a kind ear is needed. Don does not counsel people but provides a safe and supportive influence on the school.
We have had this question a lot this week. This is because many grade levels were asked to get 3 pencil cases, 3 scissors, 3 sharpeners and 3 glues. We are not being really greedy, there is a reason behind it.

The students spend some of their day in other classrooms other than their own as we change rooms for Literacy and Numeracy skills lessons. They require to move promptly between rooms and have a certain level of supplies in each room.

The teachers asked for 3 items so that a class kit, a literacy kit and a numeracy kit could be established for each child. This kit is large enough to pack books that are also required.

If you have not supplied 3 items as requested, please make every attempt to do this for your children as it makes learning streamlined.

This acronym stands for Out of School Hour Care. This includes before school care, after school care and vacation. This facility is run by PCYC and can run from 6:30am and will finish at 6pm in the evening.

To attend this service you will need to register on-line by following this link:

We encourage every family to register and have the details in place in case emergency care is required. If you get caught in town or the car breaks down, you can just call the school and have the students cared for. The centre has a set cost but the cost is reduced using your Childcare Rebate percentage.

OSHC includes breakfast and afternoon tea, structured games and supervised play. Call the school if you need help to register.

Small group music lessons are starting here this term. The students can learn guitar and keyboard during school time. Please contact Music Education directly on the numbers & website below.

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.
This week's gallery is all about the Prep to 2 class. This class has 12 new members and is working hard to welcome and include all their members.

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

Congratulations to Students of the week and High 5 winners.

Emily Box, Jordan Knox and Pebbles Graves.

Kaden Webb and Noah Manson.