A Big 2 Weeks!

There are a huge number of notes going home at present so I have included a summary:

♦ Swimming Note—Students who turn 9-12 Years this year are eligible to swim at the Caffey Swimming Carnival on December 1st, in Gatton.

♦ School Concert RSVP—On Friday 2nd December, our annual School Concert is on. Every student is involved and is expected to attend. RSVP for numbers is needed for seating & catering purposes.

♦ Rewards Day Note—On December 5th we are celebrating a very successful year and taking all students to either the movies or Inflatable World. Your preference and permission is required. There is no cost for these events.

♦ Year 6 Dinner RSVP—Our Year 6 Graduation Dinner will be at the newly opened Murphys Creek Tavern. Details of the night and the number of people attending is required. Parents, siblings, family & friends of graduating students are all welcome.

I have attached additional notes to this email in case you have missed any.

Thank you for supporting Tuckshop this year.

Kym reports that Tuckshop has made the P&C Association approximately $1000 this year.

Togs, Towels & Thongs

On Monday & Wednesday this week, the kids can bring their togs, sun shirt, thongs (prickle protection) & a towel. During their big lunch break students can play a game of volley ball and tag under the sprinkler.

Register to use Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) online by following this link:
https://pcycmurphyscreek.hubworks.com.au
We all have the ability to be Super Flex and have the super power of flexible thinking.

Use equipment for the purpose it was intended. — Safety

I am sure that it will come as no surprise to any of you that we are in that time of the year when we see snakes moving from one place to another in search of food, water and protection.

We calmly moved students away from a snake on Wednesday as we observed it in one of the gardens. A snake catcher was called but failed to find it as it slipped under a cement slab. Some students were less than helpful and even argued about being led away.

It is a timely reminder that we need to be continually practising and educating children on snake bite prevention behaviours, without fostering an unnatural fear or paranoia of snakes.

This includes practising and highlighting to students the following key points:

- Leave snakes alone
- Ensure students are reminded on a regular basis that if they encounter a snake, to move away quietly and report the sighting immediately to an adult.

**Book Lists**

Booklists will be completed soon. They will be given out in paper form and also emailed out & available on the Browns Office Choice Website.

We have tried our hardest to minimise the expense to you and your household.

All items listed are important and are essential.

Thank you
Murphys Creek seemed set to become a sizeable country town as the area prospered, a far cry from the days in the 1840’s when Patrick Leslie’s servant, Peter Duff Murphy, tended sheep along the creek which bears his name.

At this time he was working for James Canning Pearce, one of the first wave of squatters to come down the Range from the Downs and establish Helidon Station.

But progress on the Toowoomba Crows Nest railway, itself destined to become a casualty of a new generation of progress in the 1960’s, began the decline of the fortunes of Murphys Creek.

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Getting Faster Internet

Over the last week ands into the school holidays, Telstra is working with Education Queensland to upgrade our school’s bandwidth from copper to business grade optical fibre. This should result in a quicker and more resilient internet service.

Mr Harris showing students the ways safety equipment keep people who do dangerous jobs safe. Mr Harris is also a qualified Arborist and he used this equipment daily.

Just some of our happy campers at Tallebudgera.

It has been the perfect weather for beach fun!