Murphys Creek Community Newsletter

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-- Dates to Remember --

Swimming Lesson #5  Sep 9
Bush Dance @ MCG  Sep 11
Swimming Lesson #6  Sep 12
Trail ride new dates  Sep 13/14
Swimming Lesson #7  Sep 16
Swimming Lesson #8  Sep 19
6/7 Soccer carnival  Sep 20
AVA Pet care visit  Sep 20
Last day of Term 3  Sep 20

Kids Matter—Bush Dance

We are having our annual Murphys Creek State School Bush Dance on THIS WEDNESDAY, September 11th.

This year we are having a Sausage Sizzle and bar run by the P&C and for this reason we are trying out the new Murphys Creek Cultural Centre facility at the MCG. BBQ and bar will be open from 5pm. Helpers for the BBQ & the bar would be appreciated.

As an additional reward for the students making great behaviour choices, we are supplying a jumping castle from 4-8pm. Dress in your jeans, boots & check shirts. Community members & relatives of the students are welcome to attend. There is no entry fee but we would ask that you assist in helping clean up at the end of the night.

Teachers Learn a Whole New Perspective from Recent Professional Development Day

It is not something that we often do but taking all teachers away to a very informative PD given by Jo Lange has indeed given the teachers a new perspective on educating students for life. Topics such as resilience, problem solving, behaviour management and job readiness were among the topics discussed. Putting principles into practice is now our challenge but one worth doing.

Anyone new moving into your area?

Remember we have community welcome packs available at the school. Just let us know the address of the empty house/sold sign or new rental and we will arrange a pack to be delivered or you can drop it off.

We need our community to know about our great school so please help.

Murphy’s Creek

What are female elephants?

Murphy Pride

Our Students of the Week are Mitch Barrett and Zac Keogh. These boys both achieved excellent results during the week in their respective classrooms. Well done boys!
Keeping Our Eye on the Goal
Our goal at Murphys Creek State School is to achieve a culture that promotes learning. The school ethos is built around high expectations and a commitment to academic excellence. There is an expectation every student will learn and achieve positive outcomes. Classrooms are calm but busy and interruptions to teaching time are kept to a minimum. There is a happy, optimistic feel to the school. High levels of trust are apparent across the school community interactions are focused on the learning and wellbeing of students and on continually improving the school’s ability to meet the needs of all students. Parents, school leaders and teachers work together in a mutually supportive way and there is a strong sense of belonging and pride in the school.

A strong collegial culture has been established. Teachers have an overt and shared commitment to the improvement of teaching, and an openness to critique by colleagues & to visit their classroom to observe their teaching.

Curriculum Corner

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

NO TUCKSHOP UNTIL TERM 4

Playgroup Pamphlet
Every family have received a Playgroup pamphlet today to promote this great service throughout the area. If playgroup is not applicable for your household, we would love you to give it to a neighbour or friend.

“Building a stronger community”

Happy Teacher Aide Day!
Friday was Teacher-Aide Day across Queensland. We, like every school value the fantastic efforts our Teacher Aides give on a daily basis.

How do you measure dedication & care?

Change of Season Uniform Issues
With the change of season, sometimes it takes families a while to organise uniforms that fit from year to year.
We have second hand shorts available for a gold coin donation.

The Language of Resilient Families
By Michael Grose
Resilient families develop their own words & phrases to help each other get through the inevitable tough times that each person experiences. The language of resilience generally refers to coping strategies such as empathy, humour and acceptance.

Here are some examples:
1. “Let’s take a break”
Strategy: distraction
Good for: kids who experience stressful situations & kids who over think things.
When kids are troubled by events or spend too much time brooding, it helps to do something to get their minds off things for a time. Playing games, spending time together, watching some TV, going out are all good distracters. Self-distraction is healthy and provides some perspective.

2. “Who have you spoken to about this?”
Strategy: seeking help
Good for: kids who experience social problems or who have personal worries.
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**Kids Matter**

Bush dancing brings us a chance to explore many aspects that are sometimes challenging to some people.

Being in close proximity is challenging to some students. Having to work in a large group is sometimes confronting. I have been overwhelmed by the way students have found ways to involve themselves.

Helping and guiding those who are having trouble and persisting when you make a mistake shows resilience and builds character. I have seen students get stronger with each practice. Can’t wait for Wednesday!!

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**P&C News**

We are always looking for new people to get involved & make education of our kids even better.

Murphys Creek   Fri/Sat/Sun
Trail bike Ride  13/14/15 Sept.
Musical Dinner   Fri 29th Nov.

Volunteers still needed for the Trail bike Ride. Please see Lyndal for information.

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1. Aaron & Kylie French working tirelessly on the Election Day BBQ (Thanks also to Katrina Clark) 2. Our school promotion area on Election Day 3. High 5 winner Trey Moon 4. The Murphys Creek activity at under 8’s day 5. Monique at the Patting Zoo at under 8’s 6. Taylor and Aston exploring their creative side.
This week's focus is **waiting quietly**.
This can be waiting for your turn or waiting to speak to someone.

**Step 1** Stop talking.
**Step 2** Stand quietly and wait.
**Step 3** Be patient

*As parents & teachers we need to insist that children don’t interrupt a conversation and that we insist on them waiting a reasonable time for attention.*

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**Every Face has a Place**

So… we would like to see your face at our next **Kids Matter school event**

**Bush Dance**

**September 11th 5:00 pm**

**MCG Hall**

**P&C Providing BBQ**

**JUMPING CASTLE from 4-8pm**

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**Community Notices**

*Any community advertising is placed free of charge. Just email your advertisement to admin@murpcreess.eq.edu.au*

Advertisements should be received by Thursday each week. Publication is not guaranteed.

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**Whats on @ Lockyer Valley Libraries**

**Free Fun - September School Holidays**

**Bollywood**

Pack your bags, have your passport and tickets ready, your tour guide Roushini is taking everyone for a fun holiday to India.

Monday September 23rd to Thursday September 26th

Contact your library for times and information.

Bookings Essential

**Wacky LEGO**

Build the wackiest buildings and cars and the most interesting creation, wins a wacky prize.

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Gatton Library - 2pm

Monday 30th September & Tuesday 1st October

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**A Week at the ‘Station.**

This September school holidays Battlestation, in conjunction with Darling Downs Gamers Inc, is running free come and try days from Sept 23rd to Sept 28th.

We are extending our opening times during the school holidays to the following hours:

Mon-Wed: 10am to 6 pm.
Thru: 10am to 9 pm.
Fri: 10am to 10pm.
Sat: 10am to 7pm.

So if you are interested in learning to play table top games like:

or card games like:

then come down to the ‘Station these school holidays.

As a bonus, if you bring a friend along then you both will go into the draw to win a starter box of the game of your choice valued at $180.

Contact Mike at Battle stations on 46391 999 for any questions. Bookings preferred but not essential.

All cards and models supplied. All volunteers have Blue Cards.