

Community Notices



Murphy's Creek Community Newsletter

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REMINDER:

If your contact details change, please notify the School Office ASAP.

It is imperative that the school can reach you if a mishap occurs at the school or any other urgent matter needs discussing.

We thank you for attending to this matter promptly.



Opening Night—21 July, 7.30pm
 Gala Dinner—22 July, 6pm
 Matinee—23 July, 2pm
 Evening Show—29 July, 7.30pm
 Matinee—30 July, 2pm
 Matinee—6 August, 2pm

At the Laidley Cultural Centre
 Tickets available at Gatton NewsXpress, Laidley NewsXpress, online at lrpa.org.au, or at the door.

For Gala Dinner Tickets or Information call Emma, 5462 8607

Date Claimers

P&C Meeting	19 July
MCSS Athletics Day	20 July
Swimming lessons commence	25 July
Caffey Athletics Carnivals	8 & 10 August

Our School Motto is...

"Strive to Excel".

How do you show this motto in action when you are at school every day??

Welcome back to Term Three!

Leadership of Murphy's Creek State School:

As stated in the letter sent home on Monday, Mrs Symonds has announced that she will not be returning to MCSS as she is taking up a permanent position as Principal of Withcott State School in Term 4. We are excited for Lyndal and on behalf of the school community I have sent her our warmest congratulations; we are very glad to have her in a neighbouring school.

I will happily remain at MCSS until the end of Term 3, before moving on to a new school. During the term a recruitment process will occur and a new permanent Principal will be appointed. This transition will then see the leadership of MCSS settled for some time into the future.

In the meantime, I look forward to working with the amazing staff and wonderful students and families as we continue the learning journey of all students.

Travel safely on buses

Ensuring the safety of our children is of paramount importance.

The Queensland Bus Industry Council has released a video about safe bus travel to make children aware of the dangers and encourage them to be respectful and safety conscious when travelling on buses.

Whether they are travelling to school on a daily basis, on local bus services or to an excursion, there are lots of things children can do to ensure the safety of themselves and those around them.

We encourage all students to view the [video](#), travel safely on buses, and be respectful of their peers, the driver and community members.

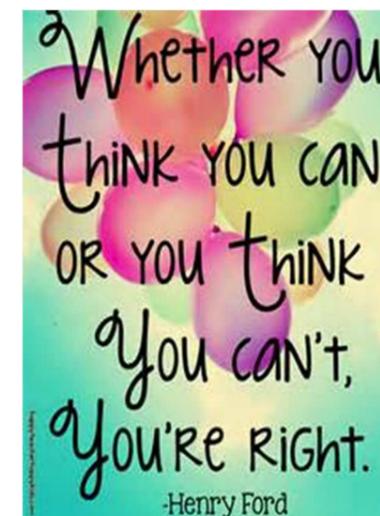


Key Priorities:

This year, Murphy's Creek State School's key priorities are:

- Quality Teaching Practices
- Improving Writing Practices
- Enhancing Reading Outcomes
- Building and Maintaining Positive Behaviour for Learning Processes.

We are committed to building a strong and positive school culture, built around our core values of **Responsibility, Respect, Resilience and Safety.**



OUR STUDENT ATTENDANCE SCHOOL TARGET FOR 2017 IS:

95%



Sports Notes:

Athletics:

Our school carnival is being held next week on **Thursday 20 July**. All parents and families are invited to attend and cheer on the students as they participate in track and field events. The day begins at 9am and involves sprints, long jump, shot put, discus, ball games and relays. The High Jump event was done during the PE lesson this week. A short presentation will happen at the end of the day to recognise Age and House Champions. Children are encouraged to dress in their house colours; **green for Murphy and yellow for Leslie**. Please note that hair dye is not allowed on the day. Please see the program of events insert for details.

Swimming:

Swimming lessons commence on **Tuesday July 25** (Week Three) at the Grammar School Complex. If you would like to organise a payment plan, please contact the office. A note outlining all requirements has been sent home; if yours is "filed safely" somewhere, please give Trish a call and we will send another one home. Looking forward to seeing as many students as possible participating in this important life saving skill.

LOOKING AHEAD IN TERM 3:

- ⇒ **Athletics Carnival @ MCSS:**
Thursday 20 July
- ⇒ **Caffey Athletics Carnival:**
Tuesday 8 August (9 - 12 y.o)
Thursday 10 August (all)
- ⇒ **Zone Athletics:**
Friday 18 August
- ⇒ **Swimming Lessons:**
Beginning Tuesday July 25
(six lessons in total)



P&C Patch

The P&C meeting is on next **Wednesday July 19 2017**
@ 7:00pm

We will have a special guest from P&C QLD addressing the meeting. Mrs Elaine MacDonald has lots of experience working with P&Cs and will be happy to answer any questions parents may have around the successful operation of P&C associations.

We will also be electing a new Treasurer at this meeting, ...so don't miss your chance to become part of a great team whose central focus is to support the students of Murphy's Creek State School.



Friday Electives...

We will have a sporting focus for Friday electives this term. We will be doing our Athletics practice for the first three weeks of term.

In Weeks 4 -7, the whole school will be doing an AFL 'Footy Frenzy' program; and we will finish off the term with Hockey skills clinics in Weeks 8 -10.



Teaching and Learning at MCSS...

Homework:

A reminder that formal Homework will commence in Week Two. We really appreciate having parents involved in this activity and welcome any feedback parents may wish to pass on to teachers. Homework across all classes will focus on three sections:

Just do your homework!



STOP BLAMING ME!
I DID NOT EAT IT!

No Excuses!

1. **Home Reading** – which involves **daily/nightly** reading. Expect to see your child bringing home a reader/novel every day. Please read with or discuss with your child the book they are engaging with. Tips in earlier newsletters might help with this focus.
2. **Writing Task** – which involves responding to a visual stimulus that will be in homework books. Each class will outline expectations that are suitable to year levels. We will put tips in upcoming newsletters to support parents.
3. **Spelling Practice or Maths Number Facts Practice** – expectations for this will be explained by individual teachers.

Reading:

At the end of each Semester, we collect data on each student's reading progress. We have much to celebrate in this area, as 70% of our students are making significant gains in their reading achievement, with 62% of our students achieving above the Regional Benchmark. Reading is a life long skill and I would like to congratulate teachers, students and parents for maintaining focus on such an important area in the overall learning process.



Chappy Day Change!



Please note that Don, our ever supportive Chaplain, has changed his days at MCSS. He will now be at our school on Mondays and Thursdays.

Playgroup

9am each Friday
Bring a hat, water bottle & a snack.



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

CONGRATULATIONS to all students who earned their place in the end of term reward before the holidays. Bubble soccer was a huge success and we are looking at organising 'Round 2' at the end of this term for all students who consistently meet our expectations of **Being Safe, Resilient, Responsible and Respectful.**



Our PBL lesson focus for the start of the term is to explicitly teach the routines that guide our daily classroom and playground activities. We are including a sheet that describes the MCSS Routines for parents' reference. It would be great if parents could reinforce the importance of these routines with their children so that ours is a happy and safe place to learn, play and work.