Huge Mathematical & Reading Improvement

It needs to be noted that on average, students from Prep – 7, have improved a whopping 38% in their ability to handle Mathematical tasks.

With the introduction of Mathletics in March, students were scoring on average 61% on tasks. Currently, students have advanced and improved their learning to average 84% success on Mathematical tasks. Students have answered an amazing 25336 quick fire questions since they began.

Likewise on Reading Eggs, our data tells us that on average the students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 are reading above the National average. These students are achieving between 89% - 95% success in their reading and understanding of what they are reading.

Using these programs as a homework tool is proving very successful. Please encourage your children to get involved as the benefits speak for themselves. See your child’s teacher if you need more information or assistance.

These programs have been a school initiative, with P&C support. They do not come cheaply but are making great improvements.

Murphy’s Creek
Are butterflies insects?

Murphy Pride
Our Students of the Week are Reegan Gotz, Tiana Anderson and Josiah Tatow-McIntosh. These three students were recognised for Literacy & Numeracy improvements and application. Well done!

Respect, it’s everyone’s business!
“Strive to Excel”
School Motto

Happy Holidays
Thursday, 5th September, will be Mrs McDiarmid’s last day for term 3. She is taking some well earned Long Service Leave. We wish her a restful break and some great family time.

From those of us who are filling in for her, we also apologise in advance for not doing her job as well as she does it.

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.

Cyber Safety
Australians are increasingly using technologies and the internet in their daily lives... And the results are staggering.

Results based on representative surveys of Australians throughout 2009-10 show...

Australians spent 42 million hours accessing social networking sites in June 2010

Your child has never known a world without the internet.

- 63% of Year 7 to 10 students update their profile at least once a day.
- 30% of Year 7 to 10 students believe social networking sites are safe.

How do I help my children keep safe on social networking sites?


- Keep internet use to public areas of your home
- Teach your children to tell you if they come across ‘bad stuff’
- Go to the site above for heaps of information and games that help teach Cyber Safe-

Curriculum Corner

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. “Come on, laugh it off”
Strategy: humour
Good for: kids who experience disappointment, failure or minor loss.

Humour is a great strategy and a powerful tool for resilience as it heightens feelings of control. Some children and young people will naturally crack jokes or make fun of seemingly serious situations. This is a fantastic way to release stress and handle feelings of helplessness. As a parent you may need to lighten up a tense situation by introducing humour of your own.

2. “Don’t let this spoil everything”
Strategy: containing thinking
Good for: kids who feel overwhelmed, rejection and perfectionists

The ability to compartmentalise bad events & keep them from affecting all areas of our life is a powerful coping skill. Parking an unpleasant thought, to be addressed later, so that the rest of the day can be enjoyed, is a fantastic life skill.

LAST TUCKSHOP FOR THE TERM
September 6th Meal Deal Only
Burger
LOL drink
Cake
$5.00

Playgroup
9am each Monday
Bring a hat, water bottle & a snack.
All Welcome!
Kids Matter—Bush Dance

We are having our annual Murphys Creek State School Bush Dance on September 11th. This year we are having a BBQ 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.

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.

P&C News

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

Last Tuckshop – Term 2 Fri 6th Sept.
Election Sausage Sizzle Sat 7th Sept.
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.
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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**Tennis Come and Try Day**

For Indigenous boys and girls

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**Come Join Us for a Rockin' Xmas in September**

Enjoy music, dance and the arts to generate the frequency of joy in your lives.

A community party filled with vibrant fun, song and rock and roll.

Laugh, sing and dance with the fun folk of Helidon.

Find Murphys Creek State School on Face Book.

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**Tennis Australia**

Magazine subscription offers to the Tennis Come and Try Day. The Come and Try Day is a great way to have fun and get active in sport.

The Lean gaps regardled initiative aims to empower and report young Indigenous Australian to stay in school and that this will not be the case for them.

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**Kids Matter**

Australian Primary Schools Mental Health Initiative

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