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**Murphy’s Creek**

In Colonial Australia, who was the Flying Pieman?

a) A bushranger who escaped from 100 jails

b) A showman who walked extremely long distances

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**P&C Makes Our School a Better Place**

I know I say it a lot but I really feel I need to tell everyone the difference a good P&C makes to a school. It is easy to take this type of support for granted but we would all feel the affect if the support was not there. Just yesterday, our P&C gave the school a cheque for over $3000 to fulfil commitments it made to me last year.

Those commitments were to pay for:

- A Reading Eggs subscription for every student for the year.
- A Mathletics subscription for every student for the year.
- A Senior Shirt for each Year 6 & 7 student in 2014–16 students

In March, our P&C will be looking for members to help continue the good work of previous years. All positions are vacant and new people are always welcome. Our meetings are social and often very entertaining with refreshments and food. Our next meeting will be at 5pm on Wednesday 19th Feb in the staffroom of the school. Our AGM will be in March.

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**Have you sent your children’s Medical Form Update back to school?**

Please assist us to give your child the best care possible by keeping us informed on health issues. Even if you think there are no changes in details required, please send form back so we can be sure our records are accurate.

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**Students of the Week**

This week’s Student of the Week awards are given to (L-R) Joey, Tamorah, Marnie, Noah and Eliza. I don’t think I have ever seen such a proud group.
Playgroup
9am each Monday
Bring a hat, water bottle & a snack.
All Welcome!

“Strive to Excel”
School Motto

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Learning About Leadership

On the 3rd of March, our 4 school leaders will join with School Leaders from all over Queensland at The National Young Leaders Day in Brisbane. The event is held at the Brisbane Convention Centre.

The National Young Leaders Day is an annual event founded in 1997 to develop strong leadership values amongst young Australians. The Program consists of keynote talks, multimedia presentations and interactive learning that seeks a range of specific outcomes for young people who aspire to lead themselves & others well.

The key speakers this year are Lorin Nicholson (blind athlete and musician), Karni Liddell (Para Olympian) Andy Griffith (children’s author), Wes Mannion (director of Australian Zoo).

Who? Mrs Lyndal Symonds
What? Principal & Teacher (Friday)
Where? Teacher in 3/4/5 class & Principal of the WHOLE school.

Why did you become a teacher? When I was in grade 7 I was asked to help out one afternoon in the Pre-school of my school. I really liked it and decided there and then I was going to be a teacher.

If we were sitting here, one year from now, what is one thing you would hope we have achieved? The students of this school would understand the importance of goal setting and asking for feedback on performance. Every student would know their talent areas and the areas that need more of their energy put into.

When are you most happy? When I have people around me, I’m listening to music or with my dogs.

What is something you don’t like doing? Housework

What’s one of the scariest things you’ve ever done? Been stuck on a small boat in a really black storm on Moreton Bay

If you had a super power, what would it be? I would have the power to copy myself to get more of my work done at once.

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Senior Leadership badge presentation parade

We would like to invite family and friends of the year 6 and 7 students to a special parade being held on Friday February 28th at 9.00am.

All leaders and senior students will be presented with their badges at this parade.

Parade will be followed by a light morning tea.
Our Kids Matter big breakfast was again a huge success. It was lovely to have so many families and friends join us. Thanks for coming!

We are currently working on our 2014 calendar and have some great events in store, watch this space.

The focus for weeks one & two was self-awareness, we re-visited the topic of recognising our emotions and personal qualities.

This two week period the focus is self-management where we will look at how we can self-regulate our emotions, individual goal setting and facing personal challenges. We will also take some time to look at Protective Behaviours with all age groups.

Murphys Creek Progress Association Inc
Annual General Meeting
7.00pm on 12 March 2014

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