**Give the Gift of Time**

Many of you are already active in our school community and for that we are truly thankful. Whether it’s volunteering for tuckshop, joining the Parents and Citizens’ (P&C) Association or helping out in the classroom we appreciate the work you do.

We aren’t the only ones who benefit from your involvement. Research shows that children whose parents/grandparents are actively involved in the school community, are more likely to perform better and be happier at school.

So even if you haven’t been involved in the past, it’s not too late to start. There are a number ways that you could provide a helping hand at our school:

- Attend school events such as assemblies, sports days and parent days
- Volunteer for the Murphys Creek Trail bike Ride in June
- Help out with transport for school excursions or camps
- Take part in school classroom activities such as reading groups
- Join our Parents and Citizens’ (P&C) Association

We’d love to hear from you so if you have something to offer, or just want to help out. A form is attached to next week’s newsletter for you to respond.

**Murphy’s Creek Challenge**

What are the 3 primary colours?

A. Yellow, green, pink
B. Blue, yellow, green
C. Blue, yellow, red

**P&C Congratulations**

Congratulations to our new P&C Executive Committee:

President- Andrea Elks
Vice President- Katrina Graves
Secretary- Roslyn Woodhouse
Treasurer– no nomination

Katrina Clark to act as caretaker until a treasurer can be found.

We would also like to thank Kylie French & Meegan Wilson for continuing as Tuckshop & Fundraising co-ordinators.

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Our Kids Matter focus for this week has been **Self-awareness**. This week we brainstormed some of the things we do to make ourselves feel better. The students came up with many good ideas to share. This exercise gives students a broader tool-kit of skill to help handle the negative feelings we have from time to time. This is a big factor in building resilience and being able to ‘bounce back’ more easily.

**Reading Eggs & Mathletics**

In a great partnership between the P&C and the school, we have purchased a year subscription to ABC Reading Eggs & Mathletics. These two learning programs take the next step between making learning at school & learning at home seamless.

**Reading Eggs**

Reading Eggs is a breakthrough in learning to read. In a unique interactive world that combines reading with fun online lessons - your children learn to read as they play. They’ll meet lots of fun friends along the way and, after each lesson, they’ll be rewarded with a cute e-toy to add to their very own zoo!

**Mathletics**

Mathletics gives students of every age, 24/7 access to maths fun. It is a highly motivating website that promotes basic maths improvement. It provides the students with instant feedback and customises the content to suit the student needs. Log-in details for these sites will be sent home soon.

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**Positive Behaviour Support**

The Positive Behaviour Focus for this week was ‘Correct Places and Ways to Sit’. This skill helps with safety & general good order. Knowing where and how to sit, in all occasions is a simple but effective behaviour.

**Tuckshop**

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Please add to the menu list: Potato Pie $2.40 & Apple Just Juice $1.

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Above left: One of our Mentors & student flying a very impressive kite. Middle: Our High 5 Heroes! Right: This years first Pen Licence recipient- Indie Collyer Below: Photos from our welcome BBQ
Looking For Volunteer Host Families

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2013. Our students from Italy, Belgium, Finland, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands and South America are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Find out more!
Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

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New resource for early childhood
lookafterkidsears.com.au

This is a new website for people who work with Indigenous children or who support workers and families that use early childhood programs. It includes a variety of resources for those training early childhood workers, including posters, booklets and videos on hearing loss and ear disease.

The website has information on:
- Ways that families can help prevent ear disease;
- How to recognise when children are likely to have ear disease and need to be referred to a health clinic and;
- Communication and support strategies to use with children with hearing loss.

To view the website, go to www.lookafterkidsears.com.au