Murphys Creek Community Newsletter

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Murphy's Creek Challenge

How many hearts does an octopus have?
A. Three
B. Five
C. One

Junior Secondary

From 2015, Year 7 will be established as the first year of high school in all Queensland state and non-state schools. As part of these reforms, from 2013 Queensland state schools will recognise Years 8 and 9 as Junior Secondary, with Year 7 to be included when it joins high school in 2015. The Junior Secondary Agenda 2012-2015 identifies the six principles which underpin a school's planning and consideration of Junior Secondary. The six principles of Junior Secondary will build on existing good practice and provide school communities with an agenda to guide the review and evaluation of current practices.

The first principle is:
Distinct Identity as Junior Secondary
This will mean:

- a special and different kind of school environment and curriculum
- teaching which better accommodates their educational, personal and social needs and development
- assistance in the transition between traditional primary school and secondary education, and from childhood to adulthood (Rowe, 2003).

Junior Secondary is not the high school we may currently know, it will be a tailor made environment, to support and challenge.

Facebook Friendly

You may have noticed that the school now has a Facebook page. I have chosen to do this to give daily feedback on happenings and important messages that we have from time to time. This week as we were trying to contact parents about raising creeks, our Facebook page made passing on the message just that much easier & more effective.

This page is obviously not for the use of our students, it is for the communication of staff, parents and the Facebook community over 13 years of age. By all means share it with family & friends as the positive messages are for all to see.

Our Students of the Week this week are: (L-R) Emily Box, Taylor Clark and Jordain Beezley.
Well done to these students for continued high standards of work and effort.
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Murphys Creek State School
Playgroup Resumes
9am Each Monday
Bring a hat, water bottle & a snack.
All Welcome!

Our Kids Matter focus for this week has been Self-awareness. This week the staff and students continued their focus on self-awareness, by reviewing strategies to help ourselves work though problematic situations. We also learned how to set goals and set up personal goal programs.

“Strive to Excel”
School Motto

Positive Behaviour Support
The Positive Behaviour Focus for this week is walking inside buildings and on hard surfaces. This is a safety rule and is especially important in wet weather.

Curriculum Corner
State Principal’s Conference

The Department of Education, Training and Employment will host the second biennial principal’s conference on Thursday 28 February and Friday 1 March 2013 for all state school principals and selected senior departmental officers.
The conference provides a strategic forum to reflect and celebrate our achievements, and position ourselves for future success.
The conference will progress the key priorities of pedagogy and parent and community engagement in our pursuit of excellence.
The conference will focus on the importance of: implementing a research-validated pedagogical framework to support excellence in teaching and learning practices connecting with parents and the community to support successful student learning outcomes.
There will be keynote presentations by two internationally renowned experts in educational reform and community engagement – Professor Ben Levin and Dr George Otero – and a series of workshops based on Queensland case studies that have demonstrated excellence.

School Banking –Tuesday
The P&C would like to announce a change in School Banking day from Wednesday to Tuesday. The procedure remains the same.
Thank you to Katrina Clark for providing this service to our students.

Attendance

Behaviour Performance
Above Miss Gatfield, Mr Gillespie, Mrs Symonds, Mrs Mac  Right: Mrs Trost  
Below left: Our 3 lucky High-5 winners. Right: Don listening to one of our young readers.

Eli reading quietly  
Thank you and farewell to Mrs Schrodter.
TASMANIAN BUSHFIRE APPEAL

The appeal to raise funds for Rotary Tasmania was given a boost by Ted and Vi Hanlon and friends, at their Country Music Bash, held at Postman’s Ridge Hall on Sunday 17th February. Over 80 people attended, raising over $1,200 for our Tasmanian friends, who gave so generously after the 2011 floods.

Ted and Vi Hanlon and friends give freely of their time and talent to aid a variety of causes. Watch for news of their next event and consider going along and enjoy a day of fun while supporting a good cause.

If you would like to donate to the Tasmanian Bushfire Appeal, which is being coordinated by the Rotary East Toowoomba Club, look for the donation tin at the shop, or talk to Julie Reck, Secretary of the Murphys Creek Progress Association, on 0407 034 214.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Murphys Creek Neighbourhood Centre Association Inc.

Will be holding their
AGM

Monday 25 March 2013
9.30am for 9.45am start

At the recovery centre
On the Murphys Creek Ground

Guest Speaker
Oraham King
Toowoomba East Rotary Club

Followed by morning tea
All welcome