New Websites Goes Live

Our long awaited website has gone live! A good website can be one of a school’s best marketing tools but more importantly a current, well throughout website can be a very effective point of communication for parents and teachers alike.

Currently I have created a basic site but I will be adding pages that cover:
- Bus information
- Tuckshop menu and details
- P&C contacts and meeting times
- Uniform prices and availability
- Chaplaincy information

If you can think of other areas that you would like our website to address, I urge you to contact me so that the website is relevant & useful to all.

Find our new website at: https://murpcreess.eq.edu.au

Thank you

A special thanks must go to the parents and students who represented the school at the services yesterday, Mr Gillespie, Mrs Greene and Mrs McIndoe who also represented the school with me. Our wreaths were beautifully created by Mrs Butler, Mrs McDiarmid and Mrs Trost.

I was so very proud of all the students who attended the ANZAC Day services yesterday. At each venue I was commended for the speaking ability and the behaviour of the students. This is absolute music to my ears as I rejoice the idea of people in the community seeing what we see everyday, confident, expressive and compassionate students.

Our very first ‘Highest High 5er’ is awarded to Emily Box. Emily has blitzed the student population during Term 1 by receiving 31 positive behaviour acknowledgements. Emily gets a badge to wear for the term. Super Effort!
Playgroup Resumes
9am each Monday
Bring a hat, water bottle & a snack.
All Welcome!

Kids Matters is all about making sure that “our’ kids don’t have a significant level of trauma, that they carry with them into adulthood. Our aim is to give students the tools that they need not to bully or to be bullied and to raise the level of care, that we as a school community, give to “our” kids.
If you or anyone you know feel they have issues that need addressing, contact Lifeline on 131114 or www.lifeline.org.au

During our discussions with parents and community members, we often become aware that talking about childhood and school memories can trigger unpleasant memories for some adults.

Positive Behaviour Support
Be polite and use kind words is the focus message from our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Team. We have moved on to the expectation of Respect. Our messages to the student are to use please and thank you, say excuse me when required and to think about what you say before you speak to make sure you don’t sound rude.

If you are looking for some resources to reinforce this at home here are some clips
Good Manners song: http://youtu.be/d8fuCA19V88

The Berenstein Bears Please and Thankyou: http://youtu.be/mESoNRHUV0E

NAPLAN testing time again
Our students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will soon participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.
The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from 14–16 May.
An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas.

Please contact the school if you have any questions about your child participating in NAPLAN testing. Further information is available on the ACARA website. (http://www.nap.edu.au/)

Maintenance Work at School
Since the holidays and over the next few weeks, the school is getting significant maintenance done. We have and are getting:
• Power pole replaced
• Playgroup room painted
• All gutters cleaned
• Toilet block external painting
• Toilet block louver replacement
• Paving around the Jacaranda tree replaced & levelled.
Some of these tasks will come attached to some disruption but the aim is to keep it to a minimum. I will advise students & parents as the work commences and the consequence of the changes.

Normal Tuckshop menu operating for next week. Remember all orders to be in by Wednesday and placed into the metal boxes in the classrooms.