‘Play — that’s the spice of life. It adds skill building, it adds problem solving, it adds imagination, it adds communication and concept development, and it adds ego development. What more would you want? Belong to a Playgroup, and I believe you’re doing the very best thing for your child in those growing years’.

Dr John Irvine, B.A. PhD, M.A.C.E., M.A.P.S — leading Australian child psychologist

At Murphys Creek State School we have a staffed, weekly, well resourced playgroup that operates during every school term of the year.

Playgroups are based on a very simple idea that has stood the test of time: bringing together families with under school age children (0-5 years), in a place with lots of room for activities and a pool of toys and equipment, while there is lots of fun as children and their caregivers play together. The extra bonus is that playgroups help you to know more people in your neighbourhood who also have children. So, there may be more opportunities for play-dates with the friends made at playgroup and even long-term friendships.

We have a special playgroup room as well as a large junior years designed playground, surrounded in a giant sandpit.

Come check us out each Monday, school grounds, 9am—approx. 10:30. Bring hat, drink and morning tea. Coffee & tea available for a gold coin donation.

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Murphy’s Creek Challenge

What coloured eyes do all babies start with?

A. Brown
B. Blue
C. Green

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Murphy Pride Left-Our Students

of the week last week were Bianca Marchant, Ayla Peachey and Caitlyn Gotz. These students are great ambassadors for our school when it comes to trying hard, joining in and aiming for quality of work.

Right– Our ambassadors for this week are Clara Greenslade, Kai Peachey, and Jayven Maloney. Congratulations to all the students!
Playgroup Resumes
9am each Monday
Bring a hat, water bottle & a snack.
All Welcome!

“Strive to Excel”
School Motto

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea
Progress Association
When: Sunday 19/05/13-10 am
Where: Murphys Creek Grounds
Cost: Gold coin donation
All proceeds go to the Cancer Foundation

School discipline to be strengthened
The Queensland Government has announced a plan to strengthen school discipline in state schools. The plan is the first of 15 strategies to be developed from the recently released Great teachers = Great results direct action plan. It will reduce red tape and provide principals with the flexibility to work with the school community to implement a range of new and strengthened disciplinary approaches. For more information on Great teachers = Great results visit the DETE website.

Thank you-Volunteers
The quality of service to our students, our parents, our school, our community and to the future, can be drastically improved with the assistance of volunteers. Let me acknowledge some of our volunteers from this year, who make a difference:

- Kids Hope Oz Mentors – Sara, Rachel, Peter, Steve, Ian, Sheree
- Classroom helpers – Hazel, Madonna, Trudi
- Playgroup helpers – Leigh,
- Grounds helpers – Ken (Anzac Area), Mark & Lachlan (Cross Country preparations)
- P&C helpers – Andrea, Katrina G, Tammie, Roslyn, Katrina C, Kylie, Meegan
- Men’s shed Modelling group – large & varied group.

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

For helping us to create...
Gardening & Goop!