Dear Parents / Carers,

This week we have been joined by a new staff member. Mr Carl Germanos is a qualified teacher who has kindly offered to volunteer here for one month to gain experience and insight into teaching in an Infants classroom. Welcome Mr Germanos and thank you for choosing Murwillumbah South Infants School. We are extremely lucky to have another teacher join our classroom.

Mrs W will be absent on Thursday and Friday as she attends the School Administration and Support Staff (SASS) Conference at Kingscliff. Mrs W will be replaced by Anna Walsh. Thank you for stepping in and taking on the challenging administrative role in the office Anna. I will be absent on Monday, 18 and Tuesday, 19 March at the North Coast Principals’ Conference in Coffs Harbour. The class program will continue as normal with Mrs Y and Mrs Morton.

Don’t forget to come along to the P & C Meeting held in the classroom here at school on Wednesday at 3.15 pm. It would be wonderful to see some new faces. The P & C are holding a morning tea at school here on Friday from 11.00 – 11.30 am. Come along and have a cuppa and a chat.

Have a wonderful fortnight.
Brendan.

Birthdays

Children love to celebrate birthdays, especially their own. If you would like your child to celebrate their birthday at school with their school friends, you are most welcome to send in cup cakes for the celebration. Cup cakes are preferable as they are easier to share equally rather than cutting a cake. Please advise Mr Quinn at least one day prior.

Art Gallery Excursion

Last Friday we walked to the Tweed River Regional Art Gallery to visit Ken Done’s Sea Gardens Exhibition. Painting the underwater world has always been one of Done’s great passions as an artist. This exhibition showcases his ventures into previously unexplored reefs and coral islands. Thank you to Mrs Y for organising a great excursion and to Mrs W, Lisa and Kaye for their support. We are planning on having an art workshop to follow this excursion where parents / carers can come along and join with their child to recreate one of Done’s artworks. The date will be advised.

Classroom Happenings

It’s been wonderful to see the students working extremely hard in class. In Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE) they are participating in a unit of work on ‘School Days’ and in Science the focus is on ‘Transport’. This links closely with the Personal Development and Health unit of work on ‘Road Safety’.

Reporting to Parents

Each year written reports are sent home in terms two and four and parent / teacher interviews are usually held in term 3. This year, parent / teacher interviews will be held towards the end of this term. An interview timetable will be sent out closer to the time. The initial Kindergarten Best Start Assessment Report will be sent home shortly to all Kindergarten parents / carers.
Late Arrivals

A number of students are arriving late to school. Arriving at school promptly is important, as students who arrive late often miss important messages and instructions which are given in the morning, in addition to causing a disruption to the class. Students who arrive at school after 9 am must be signed in at the office by a parent/carer. Likewise, if you are collecting your child early from school, they must be signed out. The Late Arrivals / Early Departures Book is at the office and is a NSW Department of Education and Communities requirement. Arriving late on a regular basis needs to be the exception rather than the rule.

Student Awards

Principal's Award:
Danny West – For always being kind to everyone and for being so helpful.
Robbie Davis – For super neat work in all areas. Well done!

Merit Awards:
Kathleen Bullus – Being a focused and responsible student at all times.
Shay Wolfe – For trying to improve her writing in literacy.

Stars of the fortnight

Sienna Smith – For consistently beautiful work at all times and trying hard with her writing.
Connor Zilles – For giving his best in everything he does and for contributing to class discussions.

★ Sienna’s favourite thing to do at school is going to the library.
★ Sienna’s favourite colour is pink.
★ Sienna’s favourite toy is her teddy.

★ Connor’s favourite game is Star Wars.
★ His favourite Star Wars character is Darth Vader.
★ Connor’s favourite colour is green.
★ His favourite toy is his transformer.
★ Connor’s favourite food is vanilla ice-cream.

Smart Foods to Boost Learning

Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory? Find out more at: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/smart-foods-to-boost-learning

Are you looking for a way to save money and provide a healthy drink for your child? Rather than buying poppers and Pop-Tops, which are full of sugar and preservatives and not to mention quite expensive, why not pack a water bottle for your child instead? Save those types of sugary drinks for an occasional treat at home.

Voluntary School Contributions

Thank you to those families who have paid the voluntary school contribution. Our voluntary school contributions for this year once again remain at $25 per child or $40 for two students. Voluntary school contributions can be sent into Mrs W at the office in an envelope with your child’s name on the front or you might like to pay by electronic funds transfer. Thank you for your understanding and support.

You can now pay for any excursions and school contributions by direct debit.
BSB: 032-001
Account Number: 148732
Account Name: Murwillumbah South Infants School
Please put child’s name for payment.