Dear Parents and Carers,

Due to new staffing arrangements and entitlements associated with our school status, as from the 25 March, Mrs W will now be employed in our school office every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Our administration entitlement is currently 2.5 days per week but we have been fortunate enough for the last few years to have the NSW Department of Education and Communities (NSW DEC) provide supplementary funding to ensure that there have always been two adults present onsite. Due to our current staffing timetables, we are no longer eligible for the additional assistance from the NSW DEC. Therefore, our school office will not be staffed each Monday and Friday. If you need to ring the school on these days, please do so before 9 am, between 11am and 11.30am or between 1pm and 1.45pm to ensure your message is received by staff. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Thank you to everyone who attended our school assembly last Friday. It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents, other family members and community members come along. The students and staff are truly grateful of your support and we trust that you enjoy our assemblies.

A number of students are displaying difficulty in opening packaged/processed foods that are being sent along for recess. If you send packaged/processed items for your child to eat, please check with them to ensure that they can open these items independently. Otherwise, an easier alternative could be to cut the top of the wrapper before packing it into their lunchbox. Attached to the newsletter you’ll find some interesting information pertaining to healthy eating, along with some delicious and nutritious recipes.

Have a fantastic fortnight,
Brendan.

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**Kindergarten Photos**

The Daily News will publish their annual Kindergarten Photo Souvenir Book this coming Saturday, 23 March. If you’re a parent of a Kindergarten student, be sure to get your copy of the paper on Saturday.

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**Home Reading**

Thank you to those parents and carers who have been consistent in supporting our Home Reading Program. Reading on a daily basis at home is an important part of developing strong literacy skills. We ask parents and carers to continue to support their child’s learning in this most important area. Reading at home should not be a chore. It is important to make it a fun and special time for all parties involved.

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**Thank You**

Thank you must go to Anna and Katie for their hard work in preparing a wonderful feast for the parent morning tea, which was hosted by the P & C last week. Although it was disappointing that not more parents and carers were able to come along, it was wonderful to see several familiar and new faces attend.

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**Dates for the calendar**

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Student Awards

Principal’s Award
Hailey Dorrough – For being a fantastic helper in group activities.
Cameron Whittaker – For being a friendly and caring class member.
Jacq Krueger – For great initiative both in the classroom and the playground. Great work!!

Merit Awards
Natalie Wilson – A great improvement in her handwriting.
Zeph Barron – A great improvement in his handwriting.
Kelisha Wake – Fantastic work in all areas of literacy.

Parent / Teacher Interviews
Attached to the newsletter is a timetable for parent / teacher interviews for this year. This is a great opportunity to come along and discuss your child’s progress and share in their success, in addition to raising any concerns. Positive home / school partnerships are vital for education success.

Star of the fortnight
Aidan Wolfe – For working hard in all tasks. Well done!!

★ Aidan’s favourite game to play is the Hiragana Japanese writing game.
★ His favourite fruit to eat is banana.
★ Aidan’s favourite colour is green.
★ His favourite toy to play with is toy pen.
★ Aidan’s favourite game to play with Shay at home is hide and seek.

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.

Community News
The Murwillumbah Ratepayers and Residents Association Inc. are having its next meeting, on Monday 15 April, from 7:30pm at the Autumn Club, Tumbulgum Road (next to the library), Murwillumbah. All Welcome.