Welcome Back

Welcome to our new families for 2016 and welcome back to our families, we hope everyone has had a restful holiday. We have an exciting year ahead with many interesting activities, including our school camp in term 3. We would also like to welcome our new staff: Mr Chris Head and Ms Kerrieann Biss. Both teachers have settled in well and are enjoying being a part of our lovely school. There is a short biography on both teachers later in the newsletter.

Both classes have begun the year on a high note with the majority of students returning with the correct books ready to begin. Unfortunately we still have a few students who don’t have the correct books or have no books. Please ensure you collect the book packs from the Tully Newsagent if you ordered them, it is very difficult for your child to participate fully without the correct equipment.

Parent Meetings

We will be holding our parent information meetings again this year and we expect that every family will attend a meeting. To allow our new teachers to settle in we will be hold the meetings in week 4 and 5 of this term. Please look out for this letter and make sure you make an appointment to see your child’s teacher. Parents who are involved in their child’s education have a direct positive impact on their success. Be involved and ask your child about their learning every day. If you would like to come for a visit to the school prior to these meetings you are always welcome.

Daily Attendance

We are again monitoring every student’s daily attendance records and will be sending home letters for any unexplained absences. EVERY DAY counts in your child’s educational journey and it is important for you to make sure they are at school ready to learn. Part of being ready to learn means that your child has had a good night’s sleep and have had a healthy breakfast. Parents are reminded that their job is to ensure their child is ready to learn so that teachers are able to make a difference and assist your child to become successful.

Daily attendance increases the chance for your child to succeed, please ensure you are doing everything to make sure this happens.

If you have any concerns or questions about the importance of daily attendance, please don’t hesitate to contact the school.

School Rules

Every student has been reminded of our 3 school rules:

- I am safe
- I am respectful
- I am a learner

In every activity and learning opportunity our students are encouraged to follow these rules. Parents who remind their children about the importance of following these rules are supporting us to ensure their child is able to actively participate in school.

Students are learning correct behaviour and how to work in learning situations as part of our positive behaviour lessons.

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Daily Attendance

Our attendance is a key issue and we need the support of parents to ensure students are attending EVERY DAY. Please remember you can ring, email or send a note if your child is away.

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Congratulations Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 for having more than 95% attendance already this year!

NEW TEACHERS

Mr Chris Head

I was born and lived in Papua New Guinea, moving to Brisbane to complete high school. I started teaching after finishing university in Rockhampton in 2000. Over my teaching career I have worked as a special education teacher around the Rockhampton area until I transferred to Innisfail in 2004. During my time in Innisfail I have worked in high school and primary schools around the district. I really appreciate the small school family caring and friendliness of Murray Upper State School.

Ms Kerrieann Biss

“Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with pleasure that I introduce myself as your child’s teacher for 2016.

My name is Kerrieann Biss and I have had the wonderful opportunity of working in a variety of school environments including a remote Indigenous school (NT), a multi-cultural primary school and high school Special Education.

I have recently moved to the area and believe it to be a wonderful place to raise children. My hobbies include working on committees to fund raise money for charity organizations and programs and I believe in community participation for all.

I am looking forward to working with you and your child this term and my aim is to maximize each individual’s learning outcomes ensuring we all have a very positive and productive year.

I also wish to take this opportunity to invite parent helpers into the classroom as I value your input and should you have any concerns about your child I am always open to a general chat in the morning.”

Kerrieann

GARDEN CLUB

There are a limited number of recipe books for sale. These are available at the office for $25.00

Students of the Week

Week 1

Class B: Daniel Caligaris – for being a great listener and attempting new learning in math (place value to 100) and succeeding.

Melina Beeron – for being a great class helper and making sure all students felt comfortable.

Class G: Jake Jackson – for settling in well and being a productive, enthusiastic learner.

Ryan Sanger – for writing an exceptional holiday recount with expressive language.
Senior Leader Positions 2016

School Captains
Kayley Machan and Geordie Gillinder

Vice School Captains
Dougkyah Thaiday and Myles Tessieri

Sports Captains
Jerome Ketchell and Ryan Sanger

Vice Sports Captains
Brodie Murray and Mhetaya George

Social Representative
Melina Beeron

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Hats at school

Our school is a ‘sun safe’ school and it is our policy that students must wear a hat in the playground. Remember, ‘No hat, No Play’. Hats (with our school logo) are available from school for $15.00.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD

On Tuesday 26th January some of our students received the Junior Environmental Australia Day Award for our school. We were nominated for this award because of the dedication our students (& staff and community) have towards the bush tucker garden and our vegetable garden. We were very excited to receive this award and were grateful of the recognition shown by the Cassowary Coast Regional Council on behalf of the Australian Government. Our garden is part of who we are as a school and we will continue to support and nourish the learning our students gain from being able to participate in our Garden Club. A very big thank you to Mrs Jenny Boyge for her tireless efforts to keep these gardens flourishing.

Newsletter Information

Don’t forget you can view this newsletter via our school website or if you download the QSchools app for your smart phones you can keep up to date with any new items that are uploaded to the website. If you download the QSchools app it will send you notifications of updates to the website and you can add any of these to your calendar in your phone.

If anyone would like further information about how to best use the QSchools app please don’t hesitate in contacting the school.

Website: https://murrrivess.eq.edu.au/

QSchools app:
Tully netball – junior competition
Tully junior netball will commence term 2 & term 3 starting Thursday 14 April 2016. It will be conducted on Thursday afternoons 3.30-4.50pm with sections: 5-9 year olds doing net set go program and then the Tully junior competition for 10-16 years. We have had wonderful and generous sponsorship from Tully Sugar and exciting Tully netball uniforms will be hitting the courts. Fees for junior netball will be $105 for the season. Get started vouchers are now available for application. Coaches and managers are invited for all teams including the representative teams. Tully will be hosting the Marlin Coast junior representative carnival in May so that will bring players from the Tablelands, Port Douglas and Cairns. Great for everyone in the community. The first netball teams on representative duties this year will be the Tully District under 12, 15 and open school girls teams – good luck to those selected. Sign on details will be out at the beginning of March 2016. For further information call Jane on 0429689097.

Also marlin coast netball will be coming to Tully in March for junior marlin training and selections dates to be confirmed. 2016 have seen wonderful sponsorship from Tully sugar for some Tully netball uniforms – they will look great on the court. We will be doing some approximate sizing when samples arrive so that orders can be put in.