



Principal Message:

It's been a vibrant, activity-packed two weeks here at Murringo Public School! Our students have had the chance to experience an array of exciting learning moments that have brought great energy to our school. We joyfully welcomed 12 adorable baby ducklings, hatched in Miss Nicka's K/1 classroom, and hosted St George Illawarra Dragons NRLW players, who inspired our students with healthy habits and sports skills. We held our Remembrance Day service last week with

dignity and sincerity. We wish to thank our community members who kindly left us some rosemary at our door to use during our service.

In the classroom, students partnered across grades to research countries from around the world, creating beautiful posters and presentations to share their discoveries. Hands-on activities have kept everyone busy as well, with students rolling up their sleeves to cook and work in the garden, connecting them to the foods they eat and the environment



around them.

With only 23 school days left before the holidays, it's hard to believe how quickly the term is flying by! We have a bustling calendar of events coming up, so please be sure to mark your diaries to stay updated on all the end-of-year activities. Here's to a fantastic finish to an already memorable term!



Lower Division News:

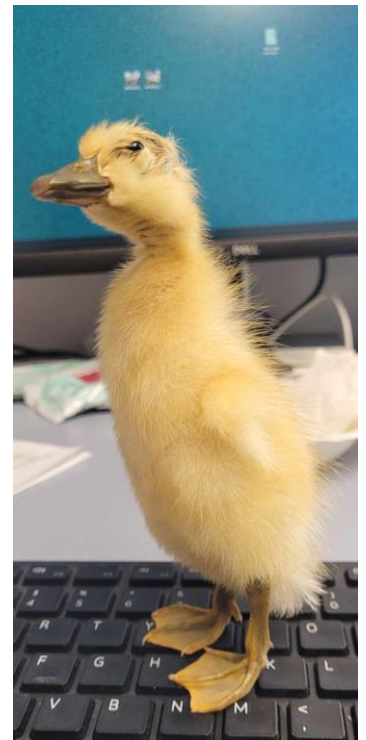
The past couple of weeks have been a wonderful adventure in learning and creativity in K/1! In Maths, our class has dived into data collection and analysis, using tally charts and bar graphs. The students were incredibly engaged, especially when they created their own survey questions. They took on the exciting challenge of collecting data from across the school, and our favourite surveys asked students to predict how many ducklings would hatch and to vote on potential names for the new ducklings. The surveys not only taught students valuable skills

in collecting, presenting, and analysing data, but they also connected us with the entire school community.

In Writing, we've started exploring persuasive texts. During Week 4, we used *The Day the Crayons Quit* as inspiration. The students each chose a crayon and wrote a persuasive piece explaining why that colour was their favourite. This activity brought out a lot of creative ideas as they spoke passionately on behalf of their chosen crayon! In Week 5, we continued our persuasive journey with *I Wanna Iguana*, where the students wrote persuasive letters either arguing for a pet iguana or for a pet of their choice. It's been wonderful to learn about each student's dream pet and hear their imaginative reasons why they should have one.

Our key learning area this term has been focused on life cycles, and we just wrapped up our duck hatching project! After 28 days of anticipation, our class celebrated the arrival of our adorable Indian Runner ducklings. This was a huge highlight as we learned not only about life cycles but also about responsibility and care.

We even designed little duck coops from recycled materials, and our feathered friends tested each one to find their favourite! Another special moment was their first swim—an event the entire school joined to watch and cheer for. Even Gina had the help from one of our ducklings for the morning.



Finally, our 12 little ducklings will be ready for new homes at the end of the year. If you're interested in providing a loving, spacious environment and have room for a pair (ducks need a companion!), please let Miss Nicka know. This doesn't guarantee a duckling, but we're happy to collect interest and will reach out if your home could be the perfect fit.

Middle Division and Upper Division:

For the last two weeks Mrs Dabin's class and Miss Whitechurch's class have joined together for our integrated unit. Recently, students had an exciting opportunity to explore the world by partnering up across classes to research a country of their choice. Together, they delved into the unique aspects of their chosen country's culture, cuisine, traditional foods, landscapes, and discovered fascinating fun facts. The research culminated in vibrant, informative posters, each filled with eye-catching images and captivating details about each country.

After completing their posters, students presented their findings to the class, where they received peer and teacher feedback. The presentations sparked engaging discussions as students asked thoughtful questions and offered encouraging feedback to their peers. It was wonderful to see such curiosity and respect for each other's hard work and perspectives.

Throughout the project, students demonstrated excellent teamwork, creativity, and dedication to learning about cultures beyond their own. This experience not only broadened their knowledge of the world but also nurtured skills in research, communication, and critical thinking. All in all, the project was a great success, and students thoroughly enjoyed their journey around the world—without even leaving the classroom!

We enjoyed our visit from the Pre-Kinders during Orientation who brought with them some fantastic book for our big guys to read with them.



Our new baby ducks:

Excitement filled the air in Miss Nicka's K/1 classroom as our long-anticipated ducklings made their debut! For the past 28 days, students have been



carefully incubating the eggs, turning them twice a day and eagerly awaiting this moment. Finally, on Thursday last week, we watched with bated breath as the eggs began to hatch. We now have 12 adorable baby ducklings, and the students are overjoyed! This hands-on experience has given them a firsthand look at the miracle of life, teaching patience, care, and responsibility. It's truly been a wonderful learning journey for our students, and the little ducklings have quickly become a beloved part of our school.

Orientation: Our 2025 Kindergarten students enjoyed a full day of excitement and activities as part of their school transition! The day began with some creative fun as they crafted colourful play dough, letting their imaginations run wild. Later, they paired up with our Year 4 and Year 5 buddies for some cozy story time, where they explored new books together and shared some special moments.

To cap off the day, the students had a lively dance party in Mrs. Dabin's classroom, where the music and movement brought out smiles and laughter all around. It's incredible how quickly they've picked up our school routines, fitting in as though they've been here all year! We're looking forward to seeing them again for one more transition session before the end of term. It's safe to say they're already a wonderful part of our school community!



Kitchen Garden

It was all hands on deck in Kitchen Garden last week. Busy Busy Busy! Our strawberries are coming along nicely. Thank you to those families who have donated some gardening tools to the school, it is very much appreciated. We have started on our whole collaborative art piece for this term. Our students got busy sanding on Friday. Look at those faces of concentration. Keep posted to see what we create.



Rewards and Awards



Congratulations to our award recipients this round. Principal White Cards went to Harrison, Ashton, Billie, Jhye and Fletcher. Well Done!

Our Thinker Awards were taken out by Bill, Andy, Charlie, Nat and Maisie. A great job using that brain of yours!

St George Visit:

Last week, we were thrilled to welcome St George Illawarra Dragons NRLW players Tara McGrath-West and Keele Browne, who hosted an engaging sports session with our students. Tara and Keele brought fantastic energy, sharing insights on healthy habits and active lifestyles—demonstrating what it truly means to be inspiring role models.

After some lively discussions, we took to the field, where students learned various footy skills, drills, and game terminology. Every student thoroughly enjoyed the session and eagerly collected signatures as lasting mementos of the day.

A special congratulations goes to our league taggers, touch footballers, league tacklers, rugby players, and players of all football codes. Your skills and dedication were celebrated by the pros themselves!

Thank you, Tara and Keele, for visiting our school and inspiring the next generation of athletes!





Hats, Sunscreen and Iceblocks:

A school bucket hat and sunscreen is required to be worn each day during term 4. General use sunscreen is available in classrooms. If your student has sensitive skin and requires their own brand sunscreen, this is your friendly reminder to ensure it is restocked and packed in their school bags for next term. In term 4, as the weather warms up, we will be re-offering iceblocks on Thursday at recess for 50c each or pay \$2.50 per student for the rest of the term.



Another great tip from John and the Got It Program

NIGHTMARES & SLEEP TERRORS

Most children will experience nightmares or sleep terrors, but do you know what they are?

- Bad dreams
- Related to your child's worries
- Very terrifying to your child
- Makes your child feel unsafe

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Ensure your child's safety by going to them at the time of nightmare or sleep terror
- Reassure them they are safe
- Reassure them it was a dream and that everything is ok

Contact your doctor if the nightmare or sleep terrors are frequent, severe and disruptive to your child's day to day activities.

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Term 4 Calendar

Week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
6	18 Nov	19 Nov	20 Nov Year 6 Graduation Dinner	21 Nov	22 Nov Mufti day – Boys to the bush Enviro- Mentors Visit	23 Nov Lachlan's B'day Murringo Bush Fire Brigade Xmas Party	24 Nov Fred & Pazlee's B'days
7	25 Nov	26 Nov	27 Nov Orientaion 2025 Kindy Linkages YHS	28 Nov Cooper's B'day Linkages YHS	29 Nov Miss Nicka's B'day	30 Nov Cherry Festival Parade	1 Dec
8	2 Dec	3 Dec Presentation Evening @ 6pm	4 Dec	5 Dec	6 Dec	7 Dec	8 Dec
9	9 Dec Mrs Corkery's B'day	10 Dec	11 Dec	12 Dec	13 Dec Time Capsule Opening & Resealing	14 Dec	15 Dec
10	16 Dec	17 Dec Year 6 Fun Day	18 Dec End of Year Assembly & Santa Day	19 Dec Staff Development Day	20 Dec Staff Development Day	21 Dec	22 Dec



Happy Birthday

We hope you have a very Happy Birthday and get lots of surprises for your special day.

Lachlan McCallum – 23rd Nov.

Alfred Rand & Pazlee Harrison – 24th Nov.

Cooper Holmes – 28th Nov.

Miss Nicka – 29th Nov.



BOYS TO THE BUSH

Murringo Public School is going to support
“Boys to the Bush’s All on Board” Mufti Day initiative.

The funds raised will go towards supporting programs that mentor and guide vulnerable boys in our community, helping them stay engaged and build brighter futures.

So please wear any colourful pants or board shorts on Friday in support of this great cause, along with any T-shirt. Don’t forget your gold coin donation to give to Gina.



- **Date:** Friday, 22nd November
- **Theme:** Colourful boardies or pants
- **Donation:** Gold coin donation on the day (or feel free to donate online: <https://allonboardbttb2024.raiselysite.com/>)

Murringo Bushfire Brigade Christmas BBQ Party

Please join us for the Murringo Bushfire Christmas Party on Saturday, 23rd November starting at 6pm at the Murringo Hall. Drinks and meat will be available for purchase. Please bring along a salad to share and Santa will be dropping in later in the evening to say Hello! So come along and catch up with everybody, meet new residents and share a snag!

Everyone is most welcome!





Twilight Markets

THURSDAY 28th NOVEMBER
2PM-8PM

- UNIQUE GIFTS
- ARTS & CRAFTS
- PLANTS
- BRIC-A-BRAC
- SWEETS & BAKED GOODS
- CLOTHING
- COFFEE VAN
- EATS
- DRINKWARE
- LIVE MUSIC
- WELLBEING
- JEWELLERY
- PSYCHIC READER
- LUCKY DOOR PRIZE
- KIDS GAMES ALLEY

And more.....



UNITING HALL & GROUNDS, 82 LYNCH STREET, YOUNG
call 6382 6328 for more info / Stall Enquiries

DECEMBER 14TH - ANDERSON PARK, YOUNG

HILLTOPS TOY RUN & FAMILY FUN DAY

Raffle **BBQ**

Starting at Courthouse Park, Boorowa
Breakfast available from 8am
Finishing at Anderson Park, Young
BBQ lunch available

Get a pic with the bikes

FREE

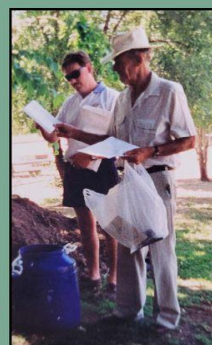
Jumping Castle ❖ face Painting ❖ Petting farm
❖ Giving Tree ❖ Santa / Photo Booth
Snow Cones ❖ Games....and lots more FUN!

11am to 2pm
Anderson Park, Young
Call the Hub on **6382 6328**
For further info.

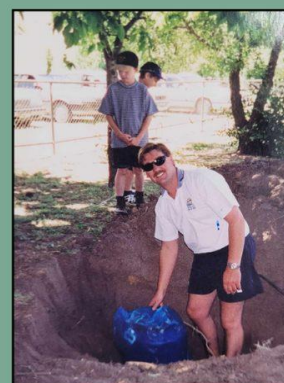
Murringo Public School's Time Capsule Opening and Reburial

Our time capsule that was buried 25 years ago will be dug up and opened on Friday, 13th December at a special morning tea hosted by our school students at 9.30am. It will be very interesting to see what our community buried in the time capsule, so many years ago. Our current students will be each preparing something to put into the time capsule ready for it to be reburied to be opened in another 25 years time. If your family would like to add something for the time capsule, please do not hesitate to either drop into Gina or bring it along on the day. Hope to see you all there. A coffee cart will be onsite to order your special coffees and tea, all supplied for by the school and P&C.

You are invited to the grand opening of our Time Capsule which was sunk on the 4th Dec 1999 to mark the closing of the 20th Century.



We will be opening the Time Capsule on Friday, 13th Dec 2024 at 9.30am along with morning tea. RSVP to 63846351 or email us at murringo.matters@gmail.com



The Murringo Community secured some of the village's memorabilia in a time capsule to be opened in December 2024. Len Dowling officiated at the ceremony, which was organised by the P&C President, Lisa Hennock and School Principal, Mark Thomson at the time.

Families and residents from Murringo placed memorabilia and items of interest into the time capsule which was sealed and buried under the shade trees on the school grounds. Every pupil contributed an article about themselves, detailing their ambitions and their lives to date, complete with a photograph.

Mr Dowling interred a copy of his family history and other residents placed photographs, shopping register slips and items of interest. The capsule will be reburied for another 25 years and reopened in December 2049. So, if you would like to add any items of interest, please either drop them into the school or better still, come along to the morning tea.