



Principal Message:

Week 1 has been a fantastic start to Term 3. Our students have settled back into learning with focus, enthusiasm, and a genuine readiness to grow. Classrooms have been buzzing with positive energy, and it's been wonderful to see everyone working exceptionally hard right from day one.

As we move further into Term 3, things are only going to get busier. We have a full calendar of events, activities, and learning opportunities ahead, and we want to make sure families stay informed. Please continue to check School Bytes and the calendar at the end of our newsletter so you don't miss anything important.

Thank you for your ongoing support—Term 3 is shaping up to be a great one.

The Lorax

Rehearsals for *The Lorax* are bursting with energy right now! Costumes are coming together in bright, whimsical colours, backdrops are being painted with creativity and flair, and the dances are looking more polished every day. The students are throwing themselves into the show with enthusiasm, and the whole production is buzzing with excitement.

There's a wonderful team working behind the scenes — but we can *always* use extra hands. If you've got some time and would love to be part of the fun, please see Mrs Dabin. Whether it's helping with costumes, painting sets, or lending support during rehearsals, every bit of help makes a big difference.

This show is shaping up to be something truly special, and we can't wait to share it with you!



Costumes for "The Lorax"

To help us prepare for the concert. We ask that you send in the following costumes items for your child before Friday Week 8 (11th September)

Choir:

1. Long black leggings for girls and tracksuit pants are preferred, long black socks, black shoes.
2. White T-Shirt (No stripes or logos)
3. Plain bright colour t-shirt (No stripes or logos)

K-6 & Dance Troupe:

1. Long black leggings for girls and tracksuit pants are preferred, long black socks, black shoes.
2. A colourful casual clean clothes set, school appropriate e.g. denim shorts, denim overalls, bright colour T-shirt, coloured shorts. Skirt or dresses must be accompanied by bike shorts or leggings.
3. White T-SHIRT – no logos

If you have any problems sourcing any items, please see Mrs Dabin.

Minute to Win It

This term's Gilbert vs Hall Challenge has kicked off with a burst of excitement! Our new competition, Minute to Win It Wednesday, will run every Wednesday for the next nine weeks as both houses battle it out for the Term 3 crown — and the 50 points up for grabs.

Last Wednesday, our first teams faced a fast-paced relay challenge: transporting and stacking cups back into order as quickly as possible. The crowd was loud, supportive, and fully invested, cheering every wobble and every perfectly stacked cup. It was an incredibly close finish, but Hall claimed victory by mere seconds, earning the first win of the term.

With eight weeks to go, anything can happen — and we can't wait to see what challenges unfold next!

Going Digital

Facebook – Facebook will be used predominately to share the many exciting things our students are getting up to in class as well as school events like our recent cross country carnival and school excursions. This space will have lots of photos and short blurbs about our students' learning journey, as well as invitations to special events for families and community members. In addition to this we will use this page to share short reminders of upcoming events or changes to planned events, for example when we needed to cancel an event due to unforeseen circumstances. We encourage anyone who has not yet followed us on Facebook to do so if you are able to. The first page is the "Murringo Public School" Facebook page which allows the public to see our posts and families can share our accomplishments with one another. The second is the "Murringo Public School P&C" Facebook page which is a closed private page and only our families can see our posts, comments and messages for our school community. Please follow both pages if possible.

Newsletter – Our newsletter will be used to share information about upcoming events, for the school and our P&C. It will also be the place where we share important education information and any Department of Education messages. Each newsletter will also be an opportunity to feature one of our classes and the many extraordinary activities they are participating in. Events shared on Facebook will no longer be duplicated in the newsletter. We will also have our term calendar featured as part of our newsletter. **At the end of term one our newsletter will be going paperless.** It will be email directly to all student families and members of the community who would like to receive it, as well as available via the School Bytes apps.

Notes – Notes are direct communication about specific events students can participate in. What equipment they may need, the cost of the event and all other relevant information. These notes will also often contain a permission note element which will need to be completed and returned to the school if you would like your child to be included.

School Bytes – School bytes is a new platform where we share all our school calendar and upcoming event notifications. It will also provide our families with options to manage student attendance, permission notes, school payments, school reports and hopefully this newsletter at your fingertips. Parents can access more information on this shared portal utilising this link, <https://www.schoolbytes.education/our-story/> or by downloading the app, available through all app stores onto our phones. If you need support setting up your school bytes account, please visit the front office with your device.

Attendance:

Term 2 was a fantastic effort from our students, and the numbers say it all. We achieved an overall attendance rate of 95.56%, showing strong commitment to learning across the school. Even more impressive, 82% of our students attended 90% or above — a wonderful achievement that reflects their dedication and the support from families.

Consistent attendance makes a huge difference, and our students should feel proud of the effort they've put in. Let's keep this momentum going into Term 3!

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:

- Learn
- Make friends
- Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	they miss weeks per year	and years over their school life
1 day per fortnight 	4 weeks 	Over 1 year missed
1 day per week 	8 weeks 	Over 2.5 years missed

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Happy Birthday

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Happy Birthday to all our students who celebrated their birthdays in the school holidays and also in the first few weeks of this term. Hope you had an absolute marvellous day with family and friends.

**Pippa Sherwood
Raven Rand
Freddie Johnson
Ryan Symington
Fletcher McCleery
Mrs Richens
Charlie Longhurst**

