

**Be Safe  
Be a Learner  
Be a Peacemaker**

Term 1 - Wednesday 27 January, 2016

**PRINCIPALS REPORT: ....**

I hope you have all enjoyed the break and returned to work refreshed and ready to start the New Year. As well as providing a much-needed opportunity to unwind, the holiday period is often a time of reflection about our lives and work. Like me, I am sure you have returned with high expectations and much excitement about the year ahead. I would like to welcome Ms Libby Meikle – Deputy Principal, Ms Erin McCrea – Head of Special Education Services, and Mrs Susan Mollenhauer – Local Relieving Teacher, to our team.

Schooling, early childhood education, and training are all constantly evolving sectors, evident locally in the changes at Murgon State School in the last 6 months of 2015 in preparation for the 2016 year. In 2015, we looked to realign our curriculum by thinking more strategically whilst sharpening and narrowing our focus. We also looked at, who should be doing what, and developing a better sense of how the various parts of our team can work together to support and reinforce each other's work.

This year, we continue along the path of every student succeeding by continuing our ABC focus (Attendance, Behaviour, and Curriculum), building teacher capability and a clear and unrelenting focus on improving student attendance and reading. I am a firm believer in the importance of listening, which is why I take every possible opportunity to talk with students, staff, parents and the wider community about the opportunities and challenges we face in lifting student performance. In 2016, my hope is that we will continue to listen to each other and collaborate to improve the learning outcomes for every student at Murgon State School.

2016 will prove to be a time of great progress and high achievement, and I look forward to working with all parents and the community.

Mr Daniel Bishop

**PRINCIPAL**

## **DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT:...**

Welcome to our beginning and returning families! My name is Libby Meikle and I am Deputy Principal at Murgon State School this year. I am excited to be returning to our school, having previously taught on class and worked in Behaviour Support at Murgon. I have lived locally for the last 12 years and enjoy our rural lifestyle as well as camping at our local dams.

Our students are in classrooms, ready and raring to go. We are proud of the programs we offer to improve student learning and are committed to ensuring that every student is achieving every day. I encourage your support for your children by making sure they are at school every day, on time and have all they need to learn. Regular open and honest communication will help us to build relationships with families, please make contact with our teachers if you have any concerns.

A great children's book stays with us forever. It fires the imagination, helps us understand new concepts and words, and evokes fond memories of your Mum or Dad reading at night. Here are some of my favourite children's books.

Where is the Green Sheep? by Mem Fox and Judy Horacek

The Very Cranky Bear by Nick Bland

Edwina the Emu by Sheena Knowles and Rod Clement

Guess How Much I Love You by Sam McBratney and Anita Jeram

Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

***What book will YOU be reading with YOUR child tonight?***

**Mrs Libby Meikle**

## **FRIDAY PARADE**

**2:40pm**

**The Shed**

All Parents and Community

Members are welcome to attend.

## **H.O.S.E.S.**

### **INCLUSIVE SERVICES**

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is aiming to be launched nationwide this year, supporting Australians under the age of 65 who have a permanent or significant disability. It is currently being trialled in three locations across Queensland, with no release dates confirmed for our region yet. If you would like more information in the meantime, please call 1800 800 110 or visit the website at [ndis.gov.au](http://ndis.gov.au).

Every student has the ability to succeed at learning, though some require adjustments to support them to engage with quality teaching and learning experiences. This is supported with the creation of Individual Curriculum Plans (ICPs) and is a collaborative process between the class teacher, support staff and caregivers. Over the coming days I will be contacting families who are eligible for this level of support. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me on (07) 4169 8333 or [emccr16@eq.edu.au](mailto:emccr16@eq.edu.au).

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