Swimming
The Department of Education & Communities School Swimming and Water Safety Program is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The program is conducted over ten days. Each lesson is 45 minutes.

Swimming lessons start on Monday 24th November and end on the 5th December. Please remember to pack your child’s swimmers, towel, plastic bag, sunscreen, hat and water bottle.

There will be no school canteen operating during swimming lessons. So please ensure your child has a packed lunch.

We will leave school at 1pm each day. Lessons will go from 1.45pm to 2.30, and then return to school by 3pm. We have 3 trained Austswim teachers this year. Each group will be in the water doing their lessons at the same time so there will be no group awaiting a turn.

We will need 2 parent volunteers to help with transport per day. We rely on parent volunteer drivers for lessons to be provided. If you are able to help with transport please put your name under the day & date you can help and return this slip to Mrs Hanney by Monday 17th November.
The school will organise a transport roster. Please note parents who want to come inside the pool grounds will have to pay the non-swimmers fee of $2.50 or a swimmers fee of $5.00.

Swimming dates
Monday 24/11
Tuesday 25/11
Wednesday 26/11
Thursday 27/11
Friday 28/11
Monday 1/12
Tuesday 2/12
Wednesday 3/12
Thursday 4/12
Friday 5/12

Congratulations
Branden Gallop

Congratulations
Jaiden Younie

Reminder
P&C Meeting Thursday
20/11/14 at 5pm
All Welcome!
Principal’s Message

It has been a sad week in Mumbil as we mourn the passing of one of our great community members Mrs Pam Sutherland. Pam has been a dedicated member of our P&C over many years and was also a volunteer helper in our canteen. Pam also coordinated the CWA international day and poster competition which has been a tremendous asset to our students learning over many years. Pam was an incredible example and role model to our students. She worked tirelessly for others to make our community a better place. Pam embodied the community values we hope to instil in our students. Many of our students represented Mumbil Public School at Pam’s memorial service on Wednesday to show our respect and heartfelt thanks for Pam’s contribution to our school. We will all miss Pam but will remember her fondly for the memories we have shared. We extend our condolences to Pam’s family and friends.

OUR PRECIOUS CHILDREN’S SAFETY

It has been drawn to our attention that some students are putting themselves at risk before and after school in the car park and on the road. I have included some information from the ‘NSW Government Transport’ site to emphasise the importance of keeping our children safe.

Protect your head

When riding a bicycle you are required by law to wear an approved helmet securely fitted and fastened. In NSW there are no exemptions from wearing an approved bicycle helmet. Research into crashes shows that helmets reduce head injuries by 60 per cent and brain injuries by 58 per cent. A bicycle helmet that is not correctly fitted and fastened does not provide enough protection in a crash. Adults need to make sure children hold a grown-up’s hand, wear a bike helmet, or wear a seatbelt, even though they may resist.

Kids & Traffic has more information on childhood road safety. For road safety activities in your local community, contact the road safety officer at your local council.

SCHOOL RULES

Children who ride a bike or scooter on the road to school MUST WEAR A HELMET. If a child arrives at school without a helmet we will contact parents or carers to let them know. Parents/Carers can then come and bring a helmet to school or collect the bike, as we are not able to let children ride home without one.

ALL BIKES, SCOOTERS and SKATEBOARDS are to be ‘walked’ in the school grounds. Riding is NOT permitted in school grounds as it is dangerous in areas shared with cars and pedestrians. Please support us to keep your children safe.

It is also important to remind your children to walk behind the cars in the car park and never to walk or ride down the driveway to the road.

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Continuing with our theme of ‘keeping our children safe’ Child Protection lessons will be taught in both classes over the next few weeks. Some of the discussions will be about stranger danger, body parts and appropriate behaviour and risks. Your child may come home with some interesting questions or comments. Please feel free to discuss any aspects of this program with your child’s class teacher.

Assessments

All students will be undertaking activities over the next two weeks to assess their growth in learning. Reports will be given out in week 10; however we encourage parents to come and discuss the great learning happening in the classrooms anytime!