February 3 2016
Term 1 Week 2

Welcome to 2016

A warm 2016 welcome to all our students, staff, parents and community members. We have many new faces, both students and staff, and we wish them all a smooth, enjoyable transition into the Mullaway PS environment.

Our staff has some significant changes for 2016. Firstly, we wish Mr Deagan well with his new temporary position as Principal Leader for ‘Local Schools, Local Decisions’. As a result, I am very pleased and motivated to have another opportunity to lead the school team, especially as a foundation teacher of Mullaway Primary School. Also, we welcome Ms Tracey Mallett and Miss Lara Canale as permanent staff members of our teaching staff, as well as Mrs Cass Sutherland and Mrs Tiffany James in a temporary capacity.

Our overall student numbers have increased to over 200 which has enabled us to form nine classes across the school. This growth and the inequity between Grade groups has encouraged us to adopt a Stage structure from Year 1 - 6. This aligns itself with curriculum delivery and assessment and also allows us to reduce class sizes. The classes are as follows:

Kindergarten - Grevillea - Miss Burgess
Kindergarten - Lorikeet - Mrs Gentle
Stage 1 - Glossy - Miss Canale
Stage 1 - Casuarina - Mr Grant
Stage 1 - Wonga - Mrs Byrne
Stage 2 - Kites - Mrs Sutherland
Stage 2 - Pandanus - Miss Hills
Stage 3 - Bluegum - Ms Mallett
Stage 3 - Kookaburra - Mr Cheers

In addition to this we have specialist teaching sessions as follows:

Library - Mrs Gray
Reading Recovery & Learning Support - Miss Gay
Release from Face to Face (RFF) - Mrs James

Our front office team will again be led by our School Administration Manager, Mrs Leanne Bartlett, accompanied by Ms Tania Swilks and Mrs Sandy Murphy our School Administration Officers. We also have four School Learning Support Officers - Mr Josh Corbett, Mrs Katrina Hill, Mrs Kathy Stevens and Mr Aaron Armstrong.

The team is very excited and committed to make 2016 a fun, motivating year of learning. If you have any questions or issues regarding your child's learning please don't hesitate to call the school office and schedule an appointment with the relevant staff member.

Welcome to Mullaway PS: Indyahna, Samuel, Daniel, Estelle, Kathleen, Myilly and Emily.
Kindergarten off to a Flying Start

Our 38 new Kindergarten students had a fantastic first day yesterday. The classrooms were buzzing with smiling faces and curious questions. Mrs Gentle and Miss Burgess were very impressed and anticipate a fantastic year of learning ahead.

Kalani, Lily and Ella (Lorikeets) Lars, Kul and Sebastien (Grevillea)

House Captains for 2016

Congratulations to our 2016 House captains who were elected by their peers yesterday. These leaders have the important role of supporting and organising their House team for the Swimming, Athletics, Cross Country Carnivals and the annual Mullaball Cup.

Alinta (Purple): Zaide Hardy & Josh Batty (captains); Hayley Piper-Parkes & Beau Lawson (vice-captains)
Bindarri (Orange): Paris Kelsall & Jack Ramirez-Sheen (captains); Lacey Holmes & Braiden Fabian (vice-captains)
Cargal (Blue): Bonnie Hills & Taiga Harada (captains); Helena Oates-Herrera & Jake Hutchinson (vice-captains)
Nian (Red): Jacinta Pearce & Leyton Dunn (captains); Jordan Alexander & Jack Lord (vice-captains)

Our House Captains will be officially inducted on Tuesday 9th February in the school hall from 9:30 am.

Parent Information Evening

Next Tuesday on 9th February the teaching staff invite you to attend our Parent Information Evening starting at:
- 5.30pm (Kinder and Stage 3 students)
- 6.30pm (Stage 1 and Stage 2 students)

The information sessions are to inform parents of routines, expectations, special events and fees for the year. The teachers will be providing information for the whole class throughout the entire one hour session and will not be able to give individual student feedback. If you require specific information relating to your child please arrange a private meeting time for a later date.

Be Careful When Parking

A reminder to all parents/carers that the staff car park is for staff only. Safe (legal) parking for parents is opposite the school in Whitton Place and there is a drop off zone north of the staff car park entrance.

Please do not stop in the bus zone, including the bus zone on Mullaway Drive – it can attract a large fine (over $300) and a loss of 2 demerit points. When vehicles are trying to turn onto Mullaway Drive, their vision is impaired by cars parked on Mullaway Drive.

Captains Induction Ceremony

On Tuesday 9th February we will hold the annual Captain’s Induction Ceremony from 9.30am in the school hall. At this ceremony we will ask parents to attend to pin on leadership badges for students who are school captains, house captains, SRC members, library monitors and computer monitors. We hope to see you there.


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Notes Sent Home

- Swimming Carnival Permission Note (all students)
Swimming Carnival 2016

Important information

When: THIS Friday 6th February - Woolgoolga Pool
Cost: $3.00 entry (paid at the pool)
Wear: Students are to dress in house colours.
Transport: Students to catch the bus from school unless competing in the Individual Medley (students need to be at the pool by 8:45 for marshalling).
Bring: Hat, sunscreen, protective clothing, lunch and afternoon break, towel, shoes are needed.

Canteen will be open at pool.

All 5, 6 and 7 year olds will get time in the pool but competition events take priority.

Parents and family members welcome - $1.00 spectator fee (if staying after the event and swimming full cost will need to be paid. If students leave early with parents, staff at recording tent need to be notified.

District Carnival – Monday 22nd February

Zoe Hills – Carnival Organiser

Canteen Volunteers NEEDED for 2016.

Attention Parent/Guardians and Grandparents,

In 2016 The Green Canteen will be opening TUESDAYS TO FRIDAYS. Due to this we are looking for more volunteers to help out. Please see more information attached to this newsletter.

Tina Ballangarry
Canteen Coordinator

CANTEEN ROSTER
~ TERM 1 ~
Canteen will re-open on next Tuesday 9th February

~~~ WEEK 3 ~~~
Tuesday 9/2/16
Tina Ballangarry
Wednesday 10/2/16
Alyssa Beencke
Thursday 11/2/16
Shelli Collis
Friday 12/2/16
Katie Maric & Lisa Davison

~~~ WEEK 4 ~~~
Tuesday 16/2/16
Tina Ballangarry
Wednesday 17/2/16
Tina Ballangarry
Thursday 18/2/16
Julie Marshall & Rebecca Woodrow
Friday 19/2/16
Davina Wallace

Please contact Tina Ballangarry 0477 248 234 ASAP if you cannot do your designated day or if you need a second person on your day.

Student Invoices

Invoices for student’s fees will be sent home next week with the youngest in the family. These fees can be paid at the school office by cash, or online via our School Website.
Amart Community Kickbacks Program
Our school is participating in the Amart Community Kickbacks Program. Under this program, the school can earn 5% of your purchases at Amart All Sports as instore credit to spend on our school sports programs. All you need to do is join Team Amart, select our school from the list of participating groups and swipe your loyalty card every time you make a purchase at Amart All Sports. You’ll receive access to great member prices and other initiatives and the school will receive a 5% credit.

Community Information

Tantrum Toolbox
One day workshop
Parents are provided with information about the causes of tantrums as well as tips and strategies on how to manage them.

Thursday 18th February 9.30am–12:30pm
CRANES’ Pullen Centre 3-7 Prince St, Grafton

Bringing Up Great Kids
6 Consecutive Wednesdays
February 10, 17, & 24
March 2, 9 & 16
9.30am - 12.30pm

Keep Calm and Communicate
The 2 day workshop provides tips for parents on remaining calm and finding effective ways of communicating that can help reduce and manage conflict in the home.
February 16 & 23

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