March 16 2016
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Kids In The Kitchen

This week all the students will be given the opportunity to make Savoury Pinwheels, Coconut Banana Bites and Tangy Melon Salad. Each class, with the support of some very supportive parents, visits our Kids In The Kitchen classroom and works in cooperative teams to create a healthy meal for themselves. This program is extremely important for our students as it continues to encourage and develop healthy lifestyle choices that we hope becomes part of their every-day routine. Special thanks to Mrs Kathy Gray and the Kids In The Kitchen staff team who spend many hours preparing for this terrific cooking session. This program is just one component of our school’s Healthy Living and Sustainability Strategic Plan.
Attendance & Absences

Missing school means your child misses out on vital information and maintaining learning routines. This can result in a loss of confidence and missing out on forming vital friendships.

Attendance is recorded each day. As a parent or caregiver you are responsible for ensuring your child attends school every day, including sports days unless your child:

• has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably these should be made after school or during holidays)
• is required to attend a recognised religious holiday
• is required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
• is sick, or has an infectious illness.

If you are having difficulty getting your child to attend school regularly, you might like to talk to the school principal or the school counsellor.

Importantly, if your child has to be absent from school for any reason, including arriving late or leaving early, please send in a written note within 3 days to justify their absence.

New Enrolment

A warm welcome to Ned and his family to Mullaway Primary School. Ned will be working in the Stage 3 Kookaburra classroom.

‘Tell Them From Me’ Survey

The NSW Department of Education is again offering all students in Year 4, 5 & 6 an opportunity to participate in an online survey about their school. This is a confidential survey that allows students to provide feedback on their perception of school life, how engaged they are with the school and the different ways teachers interact with them. Overall, the survey aims to improve student learning outcomes at Mullaway Primary School. Please refer to a note sent home with your child earlier this week for more details.

Infectious Diseases

I would like to thank the students, staff and community for their diligence with hygiene practices over the past fortnight. By keeping hands clean and using protective coughing techniques we have minimized the spread of both Whooping Cough and Chickenpox amongst our school community. Currently we have had only two diagnosed cases.

Front Garden

You may have noticed some redevelopment work to our existing front garden at school. Led by a highly motivated Mrs Gray, this project aims to create a sustainable native garden that attracts native birds and insects. It will also feature a large pot presented to the school by the 2015 Year 6 student group and a large bell donated by the Mullaway Primary School foundation teachers. Many thanks to the staff and community members who have, and continue to, volunteer their time to complete this project.

P&C Annual General Meeting

This Wednesday evening from 5.30pm the P&C will meet in the school staffroom for their 2016 AGM. I do hope both new and long-time parents and community members feel confident to come along and have input into our wonderful school. We encourage your participation as we know that parents, families and carers are some of the most important influences on a child’s education. When you are positively engaged in your child’s education, students are more likely to attend and perform better at school. We hope to see you there.
Anaphylaxis

As you have already been made aware, we have a young student who suffers from severe peanut and shellfish allergies. We have worked closely with his family to formulate a comprehensive health care plan to minimize his risk at school. I encourage all students and families to consider their food choices carefully to help us keep this student safe at school. Thank you for your understanding.

PSSA Regional Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to two of our students who represented us at the Regional Swimming Carnival at Kempsey on 9th March. Brock Robinson swam in the 50m freestyle for 13 year olds and Jake Maric swam in the 100m open freestyle, 50m backstroke, 50m butterfly and 200m IM. Both boys performed to their best and we are all very proud of their achievements. Great job!

David King
Relieving Principal

Notes Sent Home with this Newsletter

- OOSH Program

NEXT NEWSLETTER: Wednesday 30th March

Payment of Student Fees

Thank you to parents/carers who have paid their school fees, in full or are paying them off weekly or fortnightly.

Fees can be paid in cash at the front office or online, via our school website by clicking on the “$ Make A Payment” button.

Semester 1 Sport Levy is now overdue as is the Book Pack. Text Books are given to the student after full payment has been received. Our Handwriting Texts are being used in each class on a daily basis, so it is important your child receives his/her text book as soon as possible.

For further information please contact Mr King or Mrs Bartlett.

THE WEEKLY AWARDS

Monday 7th March

| ~ Grevillea ~ | Miss Burgess | Zeike Hadley |
| ~ Lorikeets ~ | Mrs Gentle | Elizabeth Williams |
| ~ Glossy ~ | Miss Canale | Alyssa Sheather |
| ~ Casuarina ~ | Mr Grant | Bridie Hicks |
| ~ Wonga ~ | Mrs Byrne | Corrie Wells |
| ~ Kites ~ | Mrs Sutherland | Carolyn Kearns |
| ~ Pandanus ~ | Miss Hills | Yasmin Harada |
| ~ Bluegum ~ | Ms Mallett | Georgia Webb |
| ~ Kookaburra ~ | Mr Cheers | Isaac Hart |
| ~ Library ~ | Mrs Gray | Josee Schembri |
| Miss Gay | ~ | ~ |
| Mrs James | Jake Maric | ~ |
| Mr King | ~ | ~ |

MISSED A NOTE?
CAN’T REMEMBER WHAT TIME A PERFORMANCE STARTS?
MISPLACED THE NEWSLETTER?
Most of your questions can be answered on our FACEBOOK page.
Dear Parents and Carers,

As many of you are aware we have entered a Recycled Sculpture Competition. Our sculpture will be on display at Park Beach Plaza from Friday the 4th of March. We need YOUR votes to win.

So how can you vote?
Easy! Just download the Park Beach Plaza Advantage+ App and follow the link on the App to cast your vote. You are allowed to vote ONCE A DAY so PLEASE vote as MUCH as you can to help us win.

Voting will close Friday 1st of April. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will win a share of $10,000 cash. 2CSFM will also broadcast their breakfast show live from the winning school on Wednesday 6th April 2016.

Please spread the word to your family and friends and let’s make Mullaway Primary School win!

Thank you, Miss Canale

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**THE WEEKLY AWARDS**

**Monday 14th March**

| ~ Grevillea ~ | Miss Burgess | Gypsy Frost |
| ~ Lorikeets ~ | Mrs Gentle | Lily Vines |
| ~ Glossy ~ | Miss Canale | Blaze Gray |
| ~ Casuarina ~ | Mr Grant | Tahlia Parker |
| ~ Wonga ~ | Mrs Byrne | Zac Buckley |
| ~ Kites ~ | Mrs Sutherland | Isaac Lee |
| ~ Pandanus ~ | Miss Hills | ~ |
| ~ Bluegum ~ | Ms Mallett | Jewel Allen |
| ~ Kookaburra ~ | Mr Cheers | Lacey Holmes |
| ~ Library ~ | Mrs Gray | Javin Van Rooy |
| Miss Gay | Corrie Wells | |
| Mrs James | ~ | |
| Mr King | Cypress Marshall | |

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**Joint Anti-truancy Sweep**

Attention parents and students

Please be aware truancy officers from the Department of Education in a joint operation with police will be working within this community in the coming weeks.

Any young people found unsupervised, on the streets, may be approached by officers and questioned. Young people found to be truanting will have their names recorded and will be directed to return to school. This operation will be ongoing. Keeping them safe!

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**DID YOU KNOW**

If your child misses school...

1 day per fortnight
That equals...
20 days per year
Which is...
4 weeks per year
And over 13 years of schooling that’s...

nearly 1½ years.

**EVERY DAY COUNTS**

If you want your child to be successful at school then YES, attendance does matter!

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**Harmony Day**

Harmony Day is next Monday
21st March.

To celebrate Harmony Day at Mullaway - this year we are going to wear the colour orange to school which is the colour selected to represent cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia. Please encourage your child to wear as much orange as they like to school next Monday.

Thank you, Mrs Byrne
It’s Easter time.

~ Easter Hat Parade ~
Thursday 24th March

On Thursday, 24th March all Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 students are invited to make an Easter Hat and join in the Easter Hat Parade. Parents and family members are invited to come along and help make and decorate the hats at school and watch the parade.

At Mullaway, we all make the hats at school. This will start at 10.30am and be finished by 11:30am. Students are allowed to bring in a few special items to use on their hat. The class teachers will provide a variety of materials to use also.

Parents, family and friends are welcome to enjoy a picnic lunch with their children from 11:30, and our parade will start at 12noon, under the big shed. The school canteen will be open for refreshments and food and a special Easter Meal Deal is available for lunch on the day. Forms will be sent home prior to the day for you to pre-order your Meal Deals.

Hope to see you all at the parade. Happy Easter!

Miss Burgess, Mrs Gentle, Miss Canale, Mr Grant & Mrs Byrne 😊

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.

URGENT REQUEST
From the school office

It is most important that we have up to date information regarding your children at all times. If there are any changes to: medical conditions, address, phone nos. emergency contacts etc, PLEASE contact the school immediately. There is nothing more distressing to students in the case of an illness or accident when parents cannot be contacted.

If you have any changes to information previously held by the school please complete the following form and return to the school office asap.

Student Name: ____________________________

Address: _____________________________________

Phone: ___________________________

Mum’s Mob: ___________________________

Dad’s Mob: ___________________________

Other information: ___________________________

URGENT REQUEST
From the school office
Canteen Roster

~ Term 1 ~

~~~ Week 8 ~~~

Tuesday 15/3/16
Tina Ballangary

Wednesday 16/3/16
Tina Ballangarry/Sharon Magree

Thursday 17/3/16
Jace Watson/Julie Marshall

Friday 18/3/16
Davina Wallace/Sam Sunderland

~~~ Week 9 ~~~

Tuesday 22/3/16
Tina Ballangary

Wednesday 23/3/16
Alyssa Beencke/Lara Emerson

Thursday 24/3/16
Sharon Pearce/Julie Pearce

Friday 25/3/16
GOOD FRIDAY

CAFFEEN CLOSED

~~~ Week 10 ~~~

Tuesday 29/3/16
Marg/Paul McDougal

Wednesday 30/3/16
Sharon Magree

Thursday 1/4/16
Julie Marshall/Rebecca Woodrow

Friday 2/4/16
Katie Maric/Lisa Davison

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.

From the Front Office

Permission Notes
Please make sure names plus class names are on permission notes for ease of organising events.

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Help….Outgrown school shirts required for our clothing pool donations would be greatly appreciated.

Canteen Volunteers STILL NEEDED

Attention Parent/Guardians and Grandparents,

Due to our Green Canteen being open 4 days per week – TUESDAYS TO FRIDAYS we are still looking for more volunteers to help out.

Contact the school on 6654 0377 if you can help.

Tina Ballangarry
Canteen Coordinator

3D Printers for Schools

Our school has been lucky enough to be selected to receive a free 3D printer from SORT Recycling Limited. SORT Recycling is a not for profit social enterprise with two aims:

To enhance recycling and to create jobs within the local community.

All we need to do is to collect water and soft drink bottles. The type of bottles we need to collect are made from PET plastic. These plastics are labelled with the #1 code on the bottom or near the bottom of the container.

We need to rinse the bottles so they are clean and take all labels and lids off.

Please bring these bottles in and place them in the small green bin near our kids in the Garden room.

We are looking forward to obtaining the printer and having fun creating 3D objects next term.
Understanding Your Child’s Brain
Friday 18th March
9.30am–12:30pm
Corindi Public School
Coral St, Corindi Beach
Learn about brain development, what motivates and drives behavior

Who’s in Charge?
Four session Workshop
Wednesdays 16th, 23rd, 30th March & 6th April
9.30am–12:30pm
Cavanbah Centre
191 Harbour Dr, Coffs Harbour
A group for parents whose child’s behaviour is aggressive and out-of-control.
Aimed specifically for the teen and pre-teen age group

Loving Your Angry Teen
Wednesdays 23rd & 30th March
9.30am–12:30pm
Learn about the adolescent brain
the causes of anger, social and peer pressures and how parents can help

Surviving Parenthood
One day Workshop
Wednesday 6th April
9.30am–12:30pm
This self-care workshop offers
de-stressing strategies and a supportive place to share parenting experiences with other parents

CRANES’ Pullen Centre 3-7 Prince St,
Grafton Ph 6642 7257
Or email jduffy@cranes.org.au
The transportme™ passenger app has arrived! You can now download and use the app for your bus company.

The transportme™ passenger app is completely free, and available on both the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. Simply search for ‘transportme passenger’ on your smartphone or tablet and download!

This will mean you can now look for your bus company and track your bus in real time for free.

No more wondering how far away your bus is...you can track it as it comes closer to you!

Keep a look out for improvements and additions to the app over time: www.transportme.com.au

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FREE GOLF CLINIC
for school students
every Friday
4-5pm
Woolgoolga RSL Golf Club
For further information
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Go4Fun®
Healthy • Active • Happy • Kids

REGISTER NOW if you and your family would like to join Go4Fun in Term 1, 2016

Go4Fun is a FREE lifestyle program for 7 – 13 year old children who are above a healthy weight. It is held after school and is a fun and interactive way to learn.

Parents/carers receive a $15 fruit and vegetable voucher each session and children receive a Go4Fun start-up kit and attendance prizes during the term!

*A parent or carer must attend with their child and siblings are also welcome