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## Principals Report – Week 2, Term 3

### Commencement of Term 3

With the commencement of Term 3 our schools continue with full-time on-campus learning. Schools continue to be safe and operations are in line with the NSW Health guidelines. All students should be learning on-campus unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence.

#### As of the start of Term 3:

- SRE has recommenced and we had our first scripture classes on Tuesday, July 21.
- Community use of school facilities are able to resume in schools, and after-school art classes with Jimmy Wags returned on Tuesday, July 21.
- Canteen volunteers are now able to be on-site and our school canteen will be operational from Wednesday, July 29.

Unfortunately, there are still restrictions and non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events. We still require parents and carers to remain in the assembly area, in front of the canteen area, for school drop-off and pick-ups. Parents should only visit the classroom areas if they have a pre-arranged meeting with the teacher.

Whilst we are still able to hold on-site school events, such as the upcoming athletics carnival; parents are not permitted to attend due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions. Understandably, this is very disappointing as Mullaway Primary School traditionally receives fabulous support from the parent community at our major sporting events.

Similarly, parents will not be able to attend the upcoming Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Finals; however, a

video link will be available on our Mullaway Online Resource and E-Learning (MORE) hub after the event.

Other school related COVID-19 AHPPC guidelines include:

- Physical distancing of children in schools is not required.
- All adults must maintain physical distance from each other (1.5m) including teachers, support staff, and visitors.
- Schools must remain vigilant in applying infection control and personal hygiene practices while at school. Schools must continue to promote and encourage regular washing of hands and exclude any staff or students who are unwell.
- Schools are not required to conduct widespread temperature screening or for anyone to wear masks.
- All staff and students returning from Victoria must have a permit to enter NSW and are required to self-isolate for a period of 14 days.



### Community Concerns

Recently there have been renewed community concerns regarding the decommissioned crossing at the corner of Arrawarra Road and Mullaway Drive.

The intersection is located within the 40km zone and is a major crossing point for students walking or riding to school from Mullaway and Arrawarra.

Initially the local council's response was to recommission the crossing, and; for the school to be responsible for placing flags from 8:00am to 9:30am and 2:30pm to 4:00pm each school day.

This response was not viable for a number of reasons:

1. 8:00am and 4:00pm sit outside of the official school opening times and therefore it can not be part of any duty schedule.
2. 9:30am and 2:30pm sit within our teaching times, which is the core business of schools. It is illegal to leave the flags up between 9:30am and 2:30pm.
3. The crossing is located 350 metres from the school office and does not border the school grounds. This leads to potential work, health and safety issues as well as legal liability.

The safety of our students is a priority and an obvious solution is to install a permanent crossing and extend the flashing lights along Mullaway Drive to include the 40km zone along Arrawarra Road. According to the local council, this intersection does not meet the criteria for such infrastructure to be installed.

The school is currently liaising with the Department of Education's Road Safety Education Officer and the local council to find a viable and safe solution. Although it is yet to be confirmed, the council is supportive to the idea of installing an island refuge, which would improve upon the current situation.

If parents would like to be involved in this issue, the most productive forum for influencing the outcome is via our next P&C meeting, which can provide a united voice to represent our school community. Our P&C next meets in the school library on Wednesday, August 12th at 5:00pm.

In the meantime, it is important to remember that the safety of our students is a community responsibility, and; parents can play a vital role by modelling and discussing the following safety points:

For those who walk to school...

- Plan and practice your trip to school.
- Talk with your children about being alert in the road environment.
- Remind your child to STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK! every time they cross the road and keep checking until safely across.
- Talk to them about why they should stop, look, listen, think before crossing a driveway, road or carpark.

For those who ride to school...

- At intersections, riders must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the stop, look, listen, think procedure.
- Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike, scooter or skateboard when commuting to and from school



For those who drive to school...

- Slow down to 40km/h in the school zone and stay aware of children crossing.
- Park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate. Parking signs are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

STOP!

one step back from the kerb

LOOK!

continuously both ways

LISTEN!

for the sounds of approaching traffic

THINK!

whether it is safe to cross and keep checking

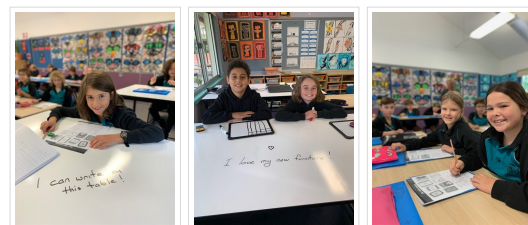
until safely across

## New Furniture

Our Stage 2 classrooms all received a face-lift on Tuesday, July 21 with the arrival of new classroom furniture. The new furniture is designed to compliment our 21st Century learning and a part of our long-term vision to create functional and aesthetically pleasing learning spaces for our students.

In 2019 our Stage 1 classrooms received new furniture and we are anticipating that our Stage 3 classrooms will be upgraded in Term 4, ahead of schedule.

The following snap-shots of our Lilly Pilly, Kites and Pandanus students capture the positive reception of our latest upgrade.



## Peer Support

Tuesday, July 21, was the first day of Term 3 and also the commencement of our 2020 Peer Support initiative.

Students were allocated their Peer Support groups, which consist of two Stage 3 leaders and approximately six students from K-4. The first session was an opportunity for the student leaders and students to get to know each other with a range of 'icebreaker' activities. We were fortunate to enjoy a perfect

winter's day, so our students were able to enjoy the activities in the sunny outdoors.

Peer Support is scheduled every Tuesday from 12:40pm to 1:20pm throughout Term 3. Traditionally it is in Term 2, but this year it was postponed due to the COVID-19 disruption.



## Ollie

During the recent vacation period one of our Year 2 students, Ollie; was seriously injured in an off-road motorbike accident. He was flown to Brisbane Children's Hospital in a critical condition. Fortunately Ollie was wearing full protection gear and helmet at the time of the accident, and; his family wish to communicate the importance of wearing correct safety gear when bike riding.



The good news is that his condition has since improved and Ollie is currently in rehabilitation for the next few weeks. The school is in regular communication with the family, receiving updates on his progress. The family wish to thank the school community for their messages of support.

This week we received an age appropriate slide presentation from the hospital for our students to view and understand Ollie's injury and rehabilitation process, and; in return our Stage 1 has sent a video message from our students and staff.

Our SRC met today to discuss fundraising ideas for Ollie and his family.

We wish Ollie and his family well and look forward to his continued recovery and return to school.

**James Deagan - Principal**

## Coming Events

31st July	Friday	Athletics Carnival
4th August	Tuesday	Public Speaking Stage 3
5th August	Wednesday	Public Speaking Stage 2
7th August	Friday	Athletics Presentation
14th August	Friday	Book Parade

**NEXT NEWSLETTER: Wednesday 12th August**

## Year 6 Fundraiser Golf Day

**Date:** Sunday, 20th of September, 2020

**Time:** 9am for a 9:30am Start, presentation approx 1pm

**Location:** Woolgoolga RSL Golf Club (Safety Beach)

**Cost:** \$25 Per Player (\$100 per team of 4) Paid at Mullaway Office

**Rules:** 4 Player Ambrose

## Term 3 from the Library

### Ebooks



See the newest selection of eBooks available for borrowing through our eplatform. Access these and a huge selection of ebooks via our online e-platform

<https://mullawayps.eplatform.co/>

### Scholastic Book Club Ordering

Book Club has returned to hard copies and orders for the current issue close on **August 10th**. The easiest way to order is via the LOOP app. Please get in touch with Mrs Sutherland if you need help installing or using the app.

**Happy Reading!**  
**Mrs Sutherland**

**The **EASIEST** way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!**

Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. Your order will electronically be linked to your school when you order and pay by LOOP.

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## Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)

All government and non-government schools in Australia are required to participate in the annual Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the NCCD).

### ABOUT THE NCCD

The NCCD counts students who have been identified by a school team as receiving an adjustment to address a disability as defined under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (the

DDA). The NCCD is based on the professional judgement of teachers about their students with disability and the level of adjustment they receive to access and participate in education on the same basis as other students. This is consistent with the obligations of all schools under the Disability Standards for Education 2005 (the Standards).

## BENEFITS OF THE NCCD

The NCCD collects information about students who are receiving adjustments because of disability across Australia in a consistent, reliable and systematic way. This collection strengthens existing approaches to supporting students with disability and draws on evidence of the ongoing work of teachers and education staff throughout the year to provide personalised learning and support for students with disability.

In completing the NCCD, schools are prompted to review as a whole school staff:

- their understanding of their students with disability and how they can be best supported
- processes to formally and consistently recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability
- the professional judgement of school teams in identifying the need for adjustments for students with disability, rather than relying on a medical or clinical diagnosis alone
- their learning programs, teaching, support systems and processes to continually improve educational outcomes for students with disability.
- documentation processes and procedures. The NCCD aims to, over time, lead to nationally consistent, high quality data that will enable schools, education authorities and governments to gain a more complete understanding of students who are receiving adjustments because of disability in schools.

## Canteen

The canteen will operational as of today 29th July. And will be opened on a Wednesday and Friday for both lunch and afternoon break.

The canteen will also provide a Meal Deal every second Monday starting the 3rd August.



## CANTEEN MENU TERM 3 2020

**MONDAYS:** Meal Deal Day (alternate weeks) Canteen NOT open  
**WEDNESDAYS:** Lunch (9-12) & Afternoon Break (1-2). Hot Food, Pizzas and Sandwiches MUST be ordered by 9:30 for Lunch  
**FRIDAYS:** Lunch (9-12) & Afternoon Break (1-2). Hot Food, Pizzas and Sandwiches MUST be ordered by 9:30 for Lunch

SANDWICH (make your own) Toasted or Fresh		PIZZA (make your own) Homemade (Tomato Base)	
Chicken	Cheese	Chicken	Spinach
Ham	Cucumber	Ham	Capsicum
Egg	Carrot	Cheese	Red Onion
Tuna	Capsicum		
Beetroot	Red Onion		
Lettuce			
Tomato			
	<b>\$3.00</b>		<b>\$3.00</b>

OTHER HOT FOODS	DRINKS
Sausage Rolls	Water & Plain Milk <b>\$1.00</b>
Chicken Tenders (3 Per serve)	
Lasagna	
Spinach & Feta Parcels	Slushie <b>\$3.00</b>
<b>\$3.00</b>	

SNACKS	
Jelly Cups	Corn Chips
Yoghurt Buttons	Roll Ups
Carob Buttons	Fruit Pops
Fresh Fruit	
<b>50c</b>	

If you would like to volunteer your time in the canteen please contact the Front Office 6654 0377

## School Banking is back.

School Banking is back. School Banking Day will be TUESDAY.



School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way to help young Australians learn about money and practice good savings habits. For each weekly deposit made at school, students will receive a Dollarmites token. Once they collect 10 tokens, they can redeem them for a School Banking reward.

If your child has previously participated in School Banking, or has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account, they can start banking straight away by bringing their Dollarmites deposit wallet to school on School Banking day.

If your child has lost their deposit wallet, please contact your School Banking Co-ordinator or visit any Commonwealth Bank branch for a replacement.

Our School Banking program is made possible because of volunteers. Thank you to those volunteers for donating their time to run School Banking for our students.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2020 School Banking program parent guide from the school office or visit the link below:

<http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking>

## School Banking rewards.

The rewards available during 2020 are:

- Terry Denton's Activity Book
- Mini Soccer Ball
- Treetop Stationery Set
- Treetop Handball
- Tomato Seed Kit
- Magic Mist Drink Bottle
- Emoji Wallet
- Snakes & Ladders Game

For every deposit made at school students will receive a Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits.

## How to redeem your tokens for a reward

To redeem your reward item from School Banking:

- Complete a rewards card slip by writing in your details and ticking the item you would like to redeem.
- Place the slip in your yellow Dollarmites wallet with your 10 Dollarmites tokens.
- Hand it in with your School Banking Deposit on School Banking day.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program!

## Schoolzine App

Just a reminder to all parents to download the Schoolzine APP to your phone. See instruction on the link below.

This will deliver the school Newsletter to you each fortnight and also enable you to request meetings with teachers and advise the school of your student's absences.

## Bus Pass



**Rural and regional school travel**

Your child may be eligible for free travel between home and school

NSW Transport

## Apply online for free school travel in rural and regional NSW

You only need to complete one form, even for journeys using more than one bus company. It's now easier for schools and bus companies, as Transport for NSW handles the applications.

### Who can apply

To be eligible for free school travel, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school:

#### Years K-2 (Infants)

There's no minimum distance.

#### Years 3-6 (Primary)

More than 1.6km straight line distance or at least 2.3km walking.

#### Years 7-12 (Secondary)

More than 2.0km straight line distance or at least 2.9km walking.

### Who needs to apply

You only need to apply if the student has never been approved for free school travel before. Students in a shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody) should submit a separate application for both addresses.

### How to update your details

You need to update student details online if the student is changing their name, address, school or campus, or their Transport operator. You can update them at <https://transport.nsw.gov.au/schools/updatedetails/#/update/details>.

### Frequently asked questions

#### Does the approved free travel include travel outside school hours?

Approved free school travel is only for travel to and from school. So for travel after hours, on weekends or during school holidays, students will need to buy a ticket.

#### What if there's no public transport in my area?

In areas where there is no public transport, you may be able to get a subsidy for driving the student to school. For details visit [transport.nsw.gov.au/schools/school-students](https://transport.nsw.gov.au/schools/school-students)

#### How do I apply if the student needs to travel from two addresses because the parents live separately?

Each parent (or the student, if aged 16 or over) needs to apply separately for each address. The same minimum distances apply.

### How to apply for free travel for the first time

You can apply for free school travel for next year from the start of Term 4 this year.

#### Step 1

Once you have enrolled your child at the new school, apply online by giving your home address and telling us which bus company the student needs to travel with between home and school. You can apply online at <https://transport.nsw.gov.au/schools/apply>

#### Step 2

The school then confirms to us that your details are correct.

#### Step 3

We will then work on your application. You will get an email confirming if the student is approved for free travel. If so, we will tell your local bus company who may send a school travel pass (if needed) to your school or, in some cases, the bus company will contact you directly about travel arrangements.

A parent or guardian must apply for students aged 15 years and under. Students who are 16 years and over must apply for themselves.

### What will my card look like



### Want to know more?

For more information, visit [transport.nsw.gov.au/schools/school-students](https://transport.nsw.gov.au/schools/school-students) for help in your language, call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on **131 450**.

## Community Notices

### Art Class's



JIMMY WAGS AND TULLI STEVENS

TAKING CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS!!!  
(APPLY ONLINE FOR YOUR CHILDS \$100 VOUCHER)

**TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL ART**

**MULLAWAY SCHOOL HALL**

All ages: From 3 till 6pm (or whenever you get there) - get the bus there, parents pick you up after work (or any time before 6)  
0412924120  
jimmywags@bigpond.com  
Everything supplied  
\$20 a session or \$150 per term