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I consider myself very lucky to be joining the Mullaway team and am looking forward to getting to know all of the staff, students and community.

### Stage 3 Week of Fun!

During Week 6 Stage 3 students had heaps of fun on their week-long local excursion. Activities included Ten Pin Bowling, The Movies, Dinner at the Green house Tavern, The Big Banana, Boambee Reserve, Showtime Carnival Crazy Day, Surfing, Beach Survivor Day and much more. These events take a lot of time to plan and organise and a BIG thank you goes out to Mr Cheers, in particular, and all Stage 3 teachers for organising a wonderful week of fun. Many great memories were made during their week together.

## Principals Report – Week 8, Term 4

### Welcome to Mullaway!



I would like to welcome Mrs Rebecca Saunders to the Mullaway Team. Mrs Saunders will join us at Mullaway next year as the successful applicant for the new permanent position of Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction. This position is a leadership role dedicated to ensuring that literacy and numeracy knowledge and skills

are embedded in curriculum and assessment; high quality teaching practices are enhanced; and the capabilities of middle leaders are strengthened in literacy and numeracy instruction. Welcome to Mullaway Primary School Mrs Saunders.

### Introducing Mrs Saunders

Hello, My name is Rebecca Saunders. In 2022, I will begin my new position as the Assistant Principal - Curriculum & Instruction at Mullaway Primary School. My role will centre around whole-school literacy and numeracy with a focus on evidence-based teaching and assessments to improve student outcomes.

I am a passionate and dedicated teacher and have previously worked as an assistant principal and classroom teacher at Toormina, Tyalla and Lowanna Public Schools.

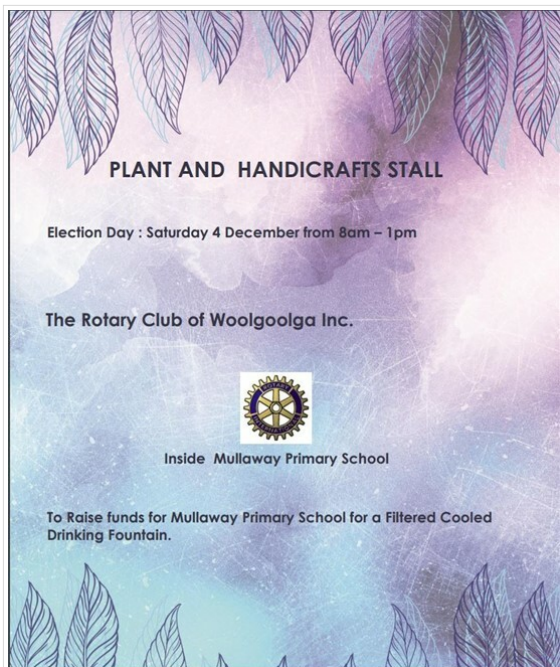
Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my husband, two sons aged 13 and 8 and our two dogs, Chunk and Buster. I enjoy relaxing at the beach and travelling to new places, I also love singing, dancing and all things creative.



### Combined Rotary and Mullaway PS Project

Our school captain, Beau Watson-Sinclair, recently presented a project proposal for a water station for Mullaway PS at a Woolgoolga Rotary meeting. Members of Rotary and the Woolgoolga Art Gallery were very impressed with Beau's presentation and have agreed to fund the project. Well done Beau. I am sure the future students of Mullaway will enjoy your efforts for years to come.





## Election Day P&C Fundraiser 4th December

Mullaway P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle fundraiser from 7:00am to 1:00pm at Mullaway Primary School.

### Volunteers Needed

We are looking for parents and community members who can spare some time on Saturday, 4th December to assist with the running of the BBQ. Jobs will include food preparation, cooking, serving and cleaning up.

We are looking for 4 parents to help in each **one-hour** time slot.

Tickets will be available to book via our SZ/app on Thursday 24th November.

Thank you for assisting this P&C fundraising event.

**Kathy Broekman**  
**Relieving Principal**

## Attendance

### Attendance Matters



### Late Arrivals & Whole Day Absences

At Mullaway Primary School, we have opted to use SMS as a communication tool to notify of absences for both late arrivals and whole day absences. This is a legal requirement of schools.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/pd-2005-0259>

Our school day begins at 8.55am, so any student who arrives after the 8.55am bell needs to report to the office to sign in and a partial absence SMS will be sent home to parent/carer requesting an explanation. Any student who is marked absent by the classroom teacher after roll call (by 9.30am) is deemed

as a whole day absence and a SMS message will be sent to the parent/carer to inform them of their child's' non-attendance and requesting an explanation. If you have any concerns that your child should be at school and you receive an SMS saying they are not present, please contact the school immediately on (02) 6654 0377.

NSW Department of Education

### Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn

education.nsw.gov.au



Make friends



Build skills through fun



### Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



Why is this necessary you might ask? It is a requirement of the government that all school age children attend school and non-attendance requires explanation whether it is 1 min late to full day/s absence/s. In addition to this, absences that are longer than 3 days in duration require formal documentation (medical certificate) or explanation to be reviewed by the principal to determine justified/unjustified leave, all other leave is deemed as unjustified and if this drops students below the 90% required attendance mark in NSW Public Schools, additional measures will be asked of parents/carers to assist in improving the students attendance. This could be through developing a plan made in collaboration with the school.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/pd-2005-0259>

In cases where attendance doesn't improve, the Home School Liaison Office (HSLO) will be notified and a Student Attendance Improvement Plan (SAIP) can be required and developed in consultation with the HSLO. This SAIP will need to be adhered to and is monitored for a period of time before further, potentially legal, avenues may be sought to improve the student's attendance.

At Mullaway, we value your child's attendance at school and their contributions in the classroom and the connections they make with their peers and teachers. If at any time you need advice or assistance regarding any matters of attendance you can contact the school and request a call back from one of the attendance team members or your child's classroom teacher. It is important you know we are here to help; open lines of communication are vital to ensure we are working together to maintain and/or improve the attendance of the students at MPS to produce the quality contributors to society we aim to develop.



## Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:

- Learn
- Make friends
- Build skills through fun

### Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed

## 2022 Year 7 State-wide Transition Date Change

We received confirmation the date for Year 7 Transition has been changed state-wide.

The NEW DATE is Thursday 9th December.

## Drive Safely Around Schools

There have been reports of some reckless driving and near misses around local schools hence, in the coming weeks, police will be out in our community undergoing a covert operation to fine drivers doing the wrong thing.

As a reminder, please see the following links:

<https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/schools/flashinglights/index.html>

<https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/downloads/dropoffpicup/drop-off-tips.pdf>

<https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/downloads/keeping-our-kids-safe-around-schools.pdf>

## School Travel 2022

**NEXT NEWSLETTER: Wednesday 8th December**

## Coming Events

TERM 4		
25th November	Thursday	Kindergarten Transition 9:30am -1:00pm
1st December	Wednesday	2022 Captains Speeches
4th December	Saturday	Rotary Plant & Hadicrafts Stall
4th December	Saturday	P&C BBQ Fundraiser
7th December	Tuesday	Year 6 Farewell
9th December ~ NEW DATE ~	Thursday	Y7 Transition to Public High Schools - Statewide
13th December	Monday	Presentation Day Years K-2 TBC
14th December	Tuesday	Presentation Day Years 3-6 TBC
15th December	Wednesday	School Fun Day
16th December	Thursday	Last Day for Students
17th December	Friday	SDD

## Presentation Day

More Information to come in regard's to our end of year presentation day.

Outlining COVID restrictions & Parent Information.

## Weekly Bee Awards



**Wednesday 10th November**

Miss Hopper	Grevillea	Beau B
Mrs Gentle	Lorikeets	Nate Mc
Miss Burgess	Glider	~
Mrs Lee	Casuarina	Kale M

Mr Neal	Glossy	Tyler G
Miss Rigoni	Pandanus	Reef S
Mrs Sutherland	Kites	Oceania S
Mr Grant	Lilly Pilly	Lily C
Mr Blanshard	Wonga	Macee H
Mrs Dibb	Bluegum	~
Mr Cheers	Kookaburra	Healy M
Mrs Carter	Library	~
Mrs Swift / Mr Skinner	RFF	~
Mr Paz		~

Mr Cheers	Kookaburra	Amber D
Mrs Carter	Library	Harlem G
Mrs Swift / Mr Skinner	RFF	Stevie N
Mr Paz		Xavier S

## Messages from the Office

### Updated Details

If you have recently changed address or contact details, can you please email or phone the school office [mullaway-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mullaway-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or 6654 0377.

Thank you for your assistance.

### Returning Notes/Money

Our big red box (for notes in the foyer) is working a treat. Thank you to all the students for "mailing" all their notes/money.

### Below are some reminders for filling in and returning notes/payment:

Cut the top of your note and keep on your fridge and return note/money in plastic clip/zip lock bag. We will return the bag home with your child to reuse.

### PLEASE don't forget your child's name and class.

PLEASE return the note/money by the due date. We cannot ensure your child will be able to participate in the event/excursion if permission is not received by the due date.

### Absences Children Late to School

If your child is late without a Parent or written reason, your child will come home with a printed late slip. Please add a reason, sign and return to your child's class teacher. Alternatively, you can add it on SZ App.

### Absences Whole Days

Just a reminder about using the SchoolZine App for absences. If your child is going to be away and you know ahead of time, or if it is a one-day absence, please enter your absence via the SZ App. Remember to put your child's name and class in. Thank you to everyone who has been able to use the SZ App for absences, this makes the work-load a bit easier and lighter on our end.

### 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.

## Wednesday 17th November

Miss Hopper	Grevillea	Cody C
Mrs Gentle	Lorikeets	Indi D
Miss Burgess	Glider	Savannah G
Mrs Lee	Casuarina	Sandon W
Mr Neal	Glossy	Hannah M
Miss Rigoni	Pandanus	Mya W
Mrs Sutherland	Kites	Jazz K
Mr Grant	Lilly Pilly	Mimi K
Mr Blanshard	Wonga	Max R
Mrs Dibb	Bluegum	Jaden C
Mr Cheers	Kookaburra	Tahlia P
Mrs Carter	Library	Cooper A
Mrs Swift / Mr Skinner	RFF	Rose D
Mr Paz		Phoenix G

## Wednesday 24th November

Miss Hopper	Grevillea	Ayla K
Mrs Gentle	Lorikeets	~
Miss Burgess	Glider	Lincoln D
Mrs Lee	Casuarina	Billie M
Mr Neal	Glossy	Acacia C
Miss Rigoni	Pandanus	Darcie H
Mrs Sutherland	Kites	Max H
Mr Grant	Lilly Pilly	Ariane L
Mr Blanshard	Wonga	Phoenix O
Mrs Dibb	Bluegum	Mia W

# 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/students/update/details/#/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 <https://transport.nsw.gov.au/students>

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

Each parent for 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 [apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/students/home/#/howtoapply](https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/students/home/#/howtoapply)

**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/school-students](https://transport.nsw.gov.au/school-students)

For help in your language, call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on 131 450.

# Community Notices

## Made With Love markets



## Saver Plus

Ease the pressure of school costs with Saver Plus and get \$500 in matched savings to help out.

**What is SaverPlus?**

Saver Plus is a free ten month savings program that provides financial education and matches your savings up to \$500 for educational expenses.

## Can you join?

To be eligible to join Saver Plus you must:

- be 18 years or over;
- be a parent or guardian of a student attending school, or be attending vocational education yourself;
- have a current Health Care card or Pensioner Concession card;
- be receiving a Centrelink benefit, allowance or payment;
- have some form of regular income from work (you or your partner) OR receive child support;
- not have completed SaverPlus before.

Who do I contact for more info, or to join ?

Graeme Grice- Coffs Harbour Coordinator

PH: 0428 428 444

# Canteen

Please contact Jess Chandler on 0432 594 013 if you cannot do your designated day or if you need a second person on your day.

## Little Athletics



**Woolgoolga Athletics Club**

Sign up for Little Athletics this Summer!

Tuesday afternoons: 4:30pm-6:15pm  
Woolgoolga Sports Ground, Centenary Drive  
5 October - 22 March

3-5 years - \$90, 6-17 years - \$10 (Full year rego)  
For more information 0432 205 985  
Register: [woolgoolgaathletics.com.au](https://woolgoolgaathletics.com.au)

Opportunity for all athletics to compete in zone, regional, state and national carnivals.

Active Kids vouchers accepted!

Little Athletics is a Foundation sport that focuses on leading and developing fundamental skills with a focus on Family, Fun and Fitness!

Little Athletics NSW

Sign up register at your Little Athletics Centre

McDonald's Major Sponsor