

Mullaway Primary School



TERM 4 WEEK 10- WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER

Presentation Day 2025

On Friday, 13 December we held our 2024 Presentation Day acknowledging the achievements of our students and announcing the 2025 school leadership team. The student led assembly was very well attended by our parent and community members, reflecting the great support we receive and the value placed on education in our school community. Our 2024 school leaders excelled throughout the year and their leadership and public speaking demonstrated at our presentation day was outstanding. Congratulations to all our students who received a class award and best wishes to our Year 6 students and departing families who will not be with us at Mullaway in 2025.

School Leaders 2025

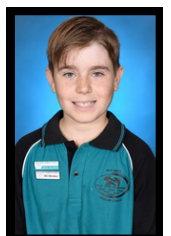
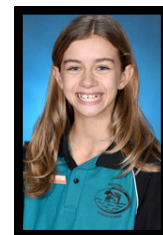
Our 2025 school leaders were announced at the culmination of our presentation and I congratulate our school captains; Azalea Mitchell and Kale Morrison, school vice-captains; Owen Carter and Cove Sullivan and our respective Junior AECG president and vice-president Billy Byrnes and Abby Howe.



Major Award Recipients

Congratulations to our 2024 Major Award recipients, who were also announced at our Presentation Day on Friday, 13 December.

Sports Award	Jakob Stocks
Premier's Sporting Challenge Award	Abbie Woolridge and Maya Brand
Citizenship Award	Charlotte Pitman
Shine Award	Harper Vines
Diligence Award	Zali Hughes
Resilience Award	Lilly Parker
Dux Award	Jakob Stocks and Layla McInerney
Students of the Year	Arlie Sallustio and Maya Brand



Christmas Carols

What a wonderful evening we had on Tuesday, 10 December! The rain held off, allowing us to enjoy a delightful night filled with festive cheer. Our talented students put on some great performances that truly captured the spirit of the season.

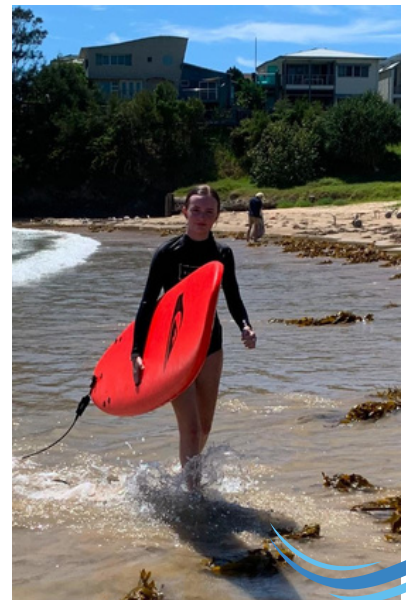
A huge thank you to our P&C organisers for their hard work in making this event a success. We also extend our gratitude to Mr. Wiggins for being an exceptional MC, and of course, a big thank you to Santa and his helper for spreading joy among our students.

The delicious food from our food vans added to the festive atmosphere. It was a memorable night for our school community!



Term 4 Surfing

The feedback is that the Mullaway Stage 3 students had a fantastic experience with their surfing program! Learning to read surf conditions and practicing in a safe environment is invaluable for building confidence and skills in the water. Thank you also to our Stage 3 teachers, their support of the initiative is essential for ensuring student safety and engagement.



Teachers vs Year 6 Football Match

On Monday, 16 December, we celebrated our annual Year 6 vs Staff Football Challenge, marking the 11th year of this beloved tradition. It was an exciting day filled with sportsmanship, camaraderie, and a little friendly competition as our Year 6 students faced off against the dedicated staff.

The match was played in three thirds: all female, all male, and a mixed third. The teachers showcased their experience and teamwork, ultimately winning the match 5-0, but the scoreline does not fully reflect the spirited and competitive nature of the game.

In the first third, just as the final whistle blew, Mrs. Lee found the back of the net, scoring a thrilling goal that set the tone for the match. The second third saw an impressive display by the male staff, with Mr. Skinner making three assists as Mr. Deagan quickly added two more to the scoreboard and, Mr. Grant scoring the fourth staff goal, demonstrating the staff's strong teamwork and skill.

The mixed third provided more excitement, with Mrs. Lee scoring her second goal of the match. Our goalkeepers—Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Cheers, and Mrs. Dibb—worked tirelessly to keep a clean sheet, showcasing their defensive prowess throughout the game.

We also had notable performances from our young athletes, particularly Miss Nudd and Alexis, both former Mullaway Year 6 students, who made significant contributions to their team.

Despite the heat of the December sun, our Year 6 students displayed great pride, fairness, and teamwork. They played with heart and determination, and it was evident that they were truly representing their year group with honour.

In conclusion, while the final score may have tipped in favour of the staff, the spirit of the game and the friendships forged on the field were the true highlights of the day. Thank you to all who participated and supported this wonderful event. We look forward to next year's challenge!



Year 6 Farewell

The Year 6 Farewell at Mullaway Primary School was a truly magical evening, celebrating the achievements and memories of our graduating students. The alfresco arrangement was beautifully set up, featuring stunning lighting and fabulous table settings that created an inviting atmosphere for everyone.

As is tradition, the evening included a delicious dinner accompanied by formal speeches from our School Captains, Jakob and Maya. A unique highlight of the night was when Year 6 students presented awards to their teachers, often humorously 'roasting' them for memorable moments from the year. One standout moment was the "Joe Biden" award I received, presented for mistakenly calling our school Mudgee Public School during the recent presentation day—definitely a memorable slip!

Teachers also had a chance to share the spotlight by presenting awards to Year 6 students, playfully recounting funny situations that occurred throughout the year, which brought lots of laughter to the evening.

Following the formalities, Year 5 joined in for the Stage 3 disco, which was a lively addition to the festivities and thank you to DJ Wiggo. The official cake cutting was performed by our School Captains, marking a sweet moment of celebration.

A much-anticipated feature of the night was the traditional Year 6 movie—a hilarious parody of our teachers, brilliantly directed and edited by the talented Mr. Grant. It was a fantastic way to reflect on the year while showcasing the creativity of our Year 6 students.

The evening culminated with the presentation of leaving certificates and medals to the Year 6 students, a proud moment shared with their families.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Mr. Blanshard, Mrs Dibb and Mr Grant for their exceptional organisation of the event, and to all staff members for their attendance and participation, making this farewell a memorable occasion for our Year 6 students.



Moonee Fun Day

The Moonee Fun Day was a resounding success, providing students with a day filled with enjoyment and memorable experiences. The event featured a variety of engaging activities, including water activities and sand play, which were enthusiastically embraced by the students.

A highlight of the day was the delicious food provided, particularly the famous Mr. Blanshard's Bangers, which received rave reviews from all who attended.

Special thanks go to Mr. Cheers and all of our dedicated staff who contributed their time and effort to ensure the day ran smoothly. Their hard work and commitment were key to the event's success.

Overall, the Moonee Fun Day was a fantastic way to conclude what has been a wonderful year for our students and staff alike!



Community Survey Results

Thank you to our parents and carers who completed our recent survey on school behaviour and management. In total we had 34 responses which has helped inform our future direction and identify key areas for success and improvement.

Feedback shows that parents **strongly agree** with the following statements:

- Staff support an inclusive environment where your child feels known, valued and cared for (raw score average 4.5)
- The school has a reputation for positive student behaviour (4.4)
- Staff support and encourage positive behaviour with the students (4.4).

Feedback shows that parents **agree** with the following statements:

- Parents feel well-informed about their child's wellbeing including incidents and behaviours (raw score average 3.9)
- The introduction of the 'Spirit of Mullaway' is a positive reward initiative (3.7)
- The Executive managed behaviours provides positive intervention to improve at-risk student behaviour (3.6)
- The Bee Award system is an appropriate system for student recognition (3.6).

Feedback shows that parents are **neutral** with the following statements:

- The removal of the visual 4-Level System has shown a positive impact on your child/children's wellbeing (raw score average 3.5)
- Life Skills Go is a positive program for our Yr 1-6 students (3.5).

The majority of comments in regards to areas for improvement were related to the Bee Award system, particularly in relation to consistency and diversity (i.e. not just for academic achievement).

We are reviewing our Bee Award system to address these concerns, which includes building a stronger stage based monitoring process in 2025. We will also be expanding the criteria for the Spirit of Mullaway, our initiative to replace the 4-Level System, and will keep you updated throughout 2025.

The new School Behaviour Support and Management Plan (SBSMP) will be published on our school website from the start of the 2025 school year.

Principal's Address

I wish all our students a happy and safe holiday, it has been a successful year for Mullaway and I congratulate all our students on their achievements this year.

In particular, I would like to acknowledge our student school leadership team, it has been a pleasure to work with you in 2024, you have set the standard for our 2025 student school leadership team and I wish you, along with all of our Year 6 students, a successful start to high school in 2025 and on going success for the future years that you have ahead of you.

Thank you to our wider school community, particularly our P&C Executive led by Mandy Carter, our P&C President, for their incredible commitment, energy and support of our school in 2024.

Thank you to our staff, we are fortunate to have a committed, talented and cohesive team who intrinsically work towards making Mullaway a happy, safe and successful school. I would like to acknowledge the Mullaway executive team, our assistant principals; Ms Broekman, Mrs Saunders, Mr Neal and Mr Blanshard and our school administrative manager, Jess Craig. These fantastic five do much of the heavy lifting and behind the scenes administration that is essential in leading and managing the school. The work that they do removes much of the administration burden that allows our teachers to teach and enables me to engage more freely with the students and our wider school community.

Finally, I wish everyone a safe, re-energising and enjoyable Christmas and New Year and look forward greeting our 2025 cohort of students and community on 6 February next year!

Start Dates 2025

Thursday, February 6, 2025 will be the start date for all our students Kindergarten to Year 6. Kindergarten will arrive at 9:30am.

The new changes, in which our Kindergarten students start school on the same day as all other students were announced recently and coincide with changes to the school development days (i.e. student free days).

School development days are used by schools to build on the knowledge and skills of our teachers, school leaders and school administrative support staff through a targeted professional learning program. The content of school development days is determined by the principal in consultation with the school's leadership team.

Bumble Bee Awards



Spirit of Mullaway

Well done to Cargal and Alinta who had the highest number of weekly points awarded in Week 8 of Term 4.

In Week 9 of Term 4, Cargal continued their winning streak with 5 points, which confirmed them as the winning house at the end of Week 9

Cargal students will receive a free icy pole on the last day of school (Wednesday, 18 December) to celebrate their achievement. Well done to our Cargal students!

The Spirit of Mullaway will be expanded in 2025 to recognise students who represent our school in team events, academic endeavours and we will be updating our behaviour points system to give students more opportunities to win points for their house.

We have a Spirit of Mullaway shield ready to acknowledge, and award to, the 2025 winning sport house.

Week 8

Alinta	5 points (50)
Bindarri	1 point (44)
Cargal	5 points (64)
Nian	1 point (62)

Week 9

Alinta	4 points (55)
Bindarri	1 point (45)
Cargal	5 points (69)
Nian	4 points (66)

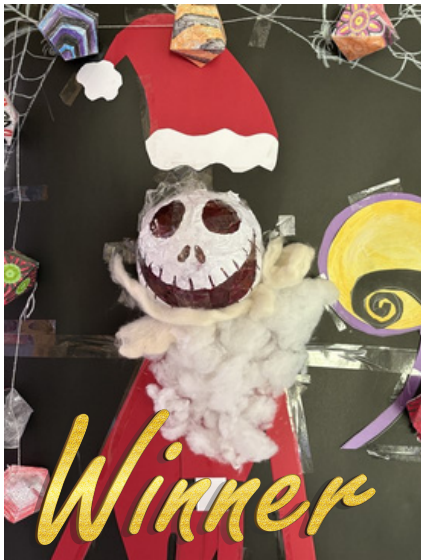


*Principal
James Deagan*

Mullaway Christmas Door Challenge

Winner










MERRY CHRISTMAS





Merry Christmas and Thank You!





As the year comes to a close, we want to take a moment to thank you all for your incredible support throughout 2024. It has been a truly wonderful year filled with exciting events, shared achievements, and cherished moments that highlight the strength and spirit of our school community.





A very special and heartfelt thank you goes to Maia, our amazing canteen manager, and her wonderful team of volunteers. Week after week, they have dedicated their time and effort to provide delicious food and snacks for our students and staff. Their hard work and friendly smiles make such a difference, and we are so grateful for their unwavering commitment.




A huge thank you as well to everyone who made our Christmas Carols event so magical. From the students to the volunteers and all who attended, your participation made it a night to remember. We're thrilled to share that the raffle raised over \$2,000—an amazing result that will go a long way in supporting our school.



Wishing you and your families a joyful and safe holiday season. Thank you again for your support, and we look forward to another fantastic year in 2025!



Warm regards,
Mandy Carter
P&C Presentident



Messages from the Office

Have a safe and happy holiday....

From our administrative team, we would like to wish all our Mullaway families a safe and happy holiday. We would also like to thank our school community, parents and carers, for your continued kindness and support throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.



Road Safety

Mullaway is a small beachside community with many families with children of all ages. The school holidays are a time where we see many kids out walking, riding bikes and being adventurous. Please remind your children that the Christmas Holidays are also very busy with visitors to our community and how important road safety is. Children should always wear a helmet while riding their bikes and scooters. Please be mindful, as adults, while driving through our streets in the holidays, to slow down and keep an eye out for children.



Upcoming Events

DATE	DAY	EVENT
18 DECEMBER	WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TALENT QUEST• YR 6 RING THE BELL 2:30PM• LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
31 JANUARY 2025	FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
3 - 5 FEBRUARY	MON- WED	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS
6 FEBRUARY	THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ALL STUDENTS RETURN



WOOLGOOLGA BEACH RESERVE

Friday 20th December | From 6.00 pm

LIVE CAROLS | FOOD STALLS | LASER SHOW
SANTA ARRIVING BY FIRE TRUCK
MONSTER CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Brought to you by



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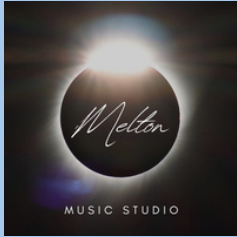


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Holiday Fun at Yarrawarra!

Free Community Weaving Circle Ghost Net and Plastic Weaving

WHEN: Sun 5th Jan 10am-2pm
Food and Drink Provided Please RSVP

Learn to weave with upcycled soft plastics and reclaimed fishing nets with local weaver Lily Clegg and Master Weaver Dee Murphy. Plus a yarn with Featured Gumbaynggirr artist Joise Rose.

Watercolour Workshop

Wed 15th Jan 10:30-11:30

Explore painting in watercolour with talented artist Dani Gorogo \$22

Bush Tucker & Medicine Tour

Fri 17th Jan 10:30-11:30

Learn about the ancient food and medicine of Gumbaynggirr Country \$22

Jewellery Making Workshop

Wed 22nd Jan 10:30-11:30

Create something unique with local artist Kath Stevens \$22

Hat Pyrography Workshop

Fri 24th Jan 6-8pm

Burn a deadly design into your hat with local artist Toni Donnelly \$30



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AGES: 5-12 YRS

COST: FREE

DATE: WED 22ND JAN 2025

TIME: 2:00PM - 4:00PM

WHERE: WIIGULGA SPORTS COMPLEX

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YEARS 2, 3 & 4
(BORN 2015 - 2017)
4PM TO 4.50PM
MONDAYS

YEARS 5 & 6
(BORN 2013 - 2014)
4.50PM TO 5.45PM
MONDAYS

Only
\$70

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(if you didn't receive one in 2024) & insurance
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Get your school friends together to make a team!

Woolgoolga Public School * Mullaway Public School
Corindi Beach Public School * St Francis Xavier School
Sandy Beach Public School



Active Kids Vouchers accepted.
Use QR code to register:



[HTTPS://BNSF.INFO/OMOG-PLAY](https://bnsf.info/omog-play)

SELECT: '2025 BNSF Player Inclusion (Social) - Player' THEN 'Woolgoolga Term 1' when registering.

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Who- Under 8's to Under 12's Teams
When- Friday Nights
Where- Coffs Harbour Rugby Park

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