## MULLAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL



#### TERM 1 WEEK 10- Wednesday 3 April

### A Message From The Principal

#### EASTER HAT PARADE

On Thursday, 28 March, all Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students were invited to make an Easter hat and join in the Easter Hat Parade. Parents and family members joined us to help make and decorate the hats. We had a fabulous turnout, and the parade and stage performances were great fun.



Lorikeet students lining up for the parade.



Making our hats for the parade.



Mr. Wiggins interviewing Sid.

Well done to Mr Wiggins, our Easter Hat Parade MC, to our Stage 3 teachers and students for hosting the sausage sizzle and snow cone fundraiser, and to all our parents, family members and staff who helped our students make their hats and celebrate at the parade!

Congratulations to the Stage winners of our Easter egg guessing competition; Sienna, Tallow, Kaylee and Rory and thank you to Mandy Carter, Ms Broekman and our SRC for coordinating the competition.



Lucky winners ! Tallow, Sienna, Rory and Kaylee



#### **BIG VEGGIE CRUNCH**

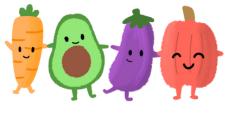
We celebrated the Big Vegie Crunch on Thursday, 21 March with wonderful platters of cucumber, green capsicum, green grapes, watermelon, strawberries, bananas, apples, and celery. Our students sampled different fruits and vegetables in the morning to foster healthier and more diverse eating habits. The Big Vegie Crunch is a Crunch & Sip initiative which Mullaway school has been involved in for several years, encouraging students to 'refuel' on vegetables, salad and fruit and 'rehydrate' with water.

Students who are not hungry and are well hydrated perform better in the classroom, show increased concentration, and are less likely to be irritable and disruptive. Many students are not eating enough vegetables and fruit or keeping sufficiently hydrated.

Thank you to Mr Skinner, our Big Vegie Crunch coordinator, and our staff who assisted in preparing the fruit and vegetable platters.



Our leading fruit and vegetables



#### **BOOK FAIR**

Coinciding with our Three-Way Conferences is the annual library Book Fair.

Book Fair is packed with a multitude of genres, including fantasy, classics, reference, award-winners, humour, nonfiction, and mystery. The selection encompasses books suitable for both girls and boys within each age group, captures their imaginations and excites them about reading.

Book Fair is designed to give kids access to more books they want to read, from relevant new-releases to classic award winners. As your children grow, book fairs make it easy to be sure their home libraries grow with them. And since all proceeds benefit your child's school, parents can rest assured that their kids' classroom libraries will be growing as well.

Thank you to Ms Hopper, Mrs Wiggins, Mrs Kelsall, Mrs Saunders and Mr Cheers for coordinating and supporting this year's Book Fair.

Our students have had the opportunity to view the selection of books available this year and have also participated in the Book Fair colouring in competition. Well done to all the participating students and congratulations to our dual winners from each Stage!



Our colouring-in winners; Olivia, India, Mila, Abby, Ivy, Eddie, Bernard and Lillian





#### SWIMMING

Congratulations to our Junior Girls 4 x 50m Relay team who have qualified for the NSW State Swimming Championships in Sydney on Thursday 11 April. Our awesome foursome finished third at the North Coast Regional Swimming Championships in Casino on Wednesday, 20 March.

Well done to all our swimmers who competed at the regional level and thank you to our parents for their commitment with transport and taking time out of their schedules to support our school.

Our P&C has committed to supporting our PSSA State representatives with a \$200 per student assistance package to help offset the cost of travel, accommodation, and entry fees at Sydney.



#### NORTH COAST AFL

Congratulations to Jakob who recently qualified for the PSSA North Coast AFL team. Jakob will be heading to Albury in Week 4 next term to participate in the State trials. A wonderful achievement and we wish Jakob all the best.



Well done, Jakob!

Congratulations to Harper, Indiarna, Bonnie and Eddie

#### MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVES PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Last week, our Stage 2 and Stage 3 students were taking advantage of the outdoor learning spaces to practice and prepare for the upcoming Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition.

At Mullaway, all our students from Year 3 to Year 6 participate in this initiative, which for 29 years has been encouraging primary school students to explore multiculturalism in Australia while they practise their public speaking skills and improve their confidence.

All students will present a speech to their peers in Week 9, and in Week 10 (Tuesday 9 April for Stage 3 and Wednesday, 10 April for Stage 2) selected students will participate in our school level Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. Two students from each stage will be selected for the next level at the local finals (Mid-North Coast).

Every year around 2,000 students are chosen to represent their schools in the local finals, which in 2024 will again be running live and face-to-face all around the state.





Preparing and practising for the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition

#### POWER TO THE KIDS

Power to the Kids held their introductory family event on, Wednesday, 20 March at Mullaway School. It was well supported by the Mullaway School community sharing their vision and touching base with families to discuss any questions. Steve McEwan from Reptile World made a special appearance (with some of his reptile friends) to turn this into a fun event for all and educate us about Snake Safety.

The Power to the Kids program has 3 main objectives namely:

Raising awareness of mental health issues and the problems and pressures of modern-day life challenging our younger generation

•Educating and providing strategies for the parents of all our children to cope with the afore-mentioned challenges (research shows that a supportive family unit is the key ingredient to better mental health outcomes) •Providing child-centric activities that include the participation of their parents to re-establish communication and connection.

More Power to the Kids sessions will be held across Woolgoolga, Sandy Beach and Mullaway throughout 2024.



Steve McEwan with our principal, Mr James Deagan



Mullaway parents enjoying the Power to the Kids workshop.

#### **KISS AND DROP-OFF BAY**

A reminder that the correct kiss and drop-off point is north of the staff carpark. From the kiss and drop-off bay students enter the school via Gate 2.





Several parents have been dropping their children off in the bus bay.

Parents parked opposite the school and walking their children across the street are not expecting cars to pull into the bus bay. Police are also patrolling this area. To avoid a potential accident or an embarrassing situation (i.e. being fined outside of a school) please follow the correct procedure.

#### P&C AGM

The P&C AGM was held on Wednesday, 20 March. Congratulations and thank you to Janita Stocks and Sue Jones for accepting the roles of Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The positions of President and Vice President are currently unfilled.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank Kylie Sinclair and Jemah Parker for their commitment and effort to the respective President and Vice President roles in 2023.

#### SCHOOL JUMPERS

As we move further into Autumn and the weather cools down, jumpers will be required by our students. A reminder that our school uniform preference is for our school branded jumper (see images below). Students not wearing a school jumper, or a plain black alternative (no brand logos) will be required to swap their jumper for a spare school jumper for the day. The Mullaway School community is committed to supporting our school uniform policy which goes a long way toward maintaining our positive reputation, identity, and school pride. Please support our school by ensuring your child has a school branded jumper. Jumpers can be purchased from Market St Stitches (13 Market St Woolgoolga).



#### **NUT FREE LUNCH BOXES**

Nuts are an excellent source of nutrition and are included in most healthy dietary recommendations. They are great for afterschool snacks, or additions to breakfast cereals or evening stir-fries. However, at Mullaway we do have students with nut allergies, which will result in anaphylaxis, a severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. We remind parents to support the safety of all our students by not including nuts or nut-based products in their child's lunch box at school.

#### SCHOOL CANTEEN



The P&C and our Canteen Coordinator, Maia, are working hard to keep prices down during the current cost of living crisis whilst still providing delicious and fresh food for our students. Your support is always appreciated and just one order a week, or a few dollars spent at afternoon break, helps to keep our school canteen viable. Give yourself a lunchbox break and take a look at our <u>canteen menu</u>. If you have not ordered before, sign-up to the <u>Flexischools App</u> for easy ordering.

Principal James Deagan





#### **School Bytes Parent App**

The School Bytes Parent App allows you to connect directly to your Parent Portal and manage your accounts, permissions and school communication on one platform.

Mullaway Primary School parents have enjoyed the convenience of using this app, with feedback including and how quick and easy giving permission for events are, as well as easily managing their fees, and having access to payment history.

Other features include;

- Get real time push notifications from the school.
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions.
- Give consent, sign forms and communicate with the school on one platform.
- View the school calendar and news.

We encourage all parents and carers to download the School Bytes Parent App. If you need any help or clarification please call the school office or pop in during office hours, 8:30am - 3:40pm.

<u>To download the School Bytes App</u> <u>App Store - School Bytes</u> (Apple) <u>Google Play - School Bytes</u> (Android)



#### Share Our Space

Looking for activities these school holidays? Then go back to school. Many NSW public schools will open their gates these holidays so our school communities and neighbours can enjoy our outdoor play and recreation facilities or take part in a planned activity. Mullaway Primary School is part of this great initiative.

Education





#### Applications for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2025 open 4 April

#### Applying for placement in an opportunity class - a webinar for parents of Year 4 students

#### <u>Wednesday, 3 April 2024 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm AEDT</u>

If your child is currently in Year 4, you may wish to apply for placement in an opportunity class for Year 5 entry in 2025. You can find out more about the application and placement process by attending our webinar about opportunity classes on <u>Wednesday, 3 April</u>.

Opportunity classes are one of the ways that the NSW Department of Education provides support for high potential and intellectually gifted students.

Many public primary schools across NSW offer opportunity classes. Students living in rural and remote areas can also apply for a place at Aurora College, which provides online opportunity classes at approximately 600 host schools. High potential and gifted students are supported across all NSW public high schools through the High Potential and Gifted Education policy.

#### Applications open on 4 April and close Monday 20 May 2024

Learn more and apply on the <u>Opportunity class website</u>

This webinar will cover the steps involved in applying for placement in an opportunity class for Year 5 entry in 2025 It will cover:

- what are opportunity classes
- who are opportunity classes aimed at
- the benefits of opportunity classes
- the placement process
- the Equity Placement Model
- Aurora College: for students in rural and remote areas
- submitting the online application
- reasonable adjustments for disability
- preparing for the test
- outcomes
- the appeals process.

Participants may submit questions in advance.

The Equity Placement Model helps make access fairer for more high potential students in our community. This includes students from low socio-educational advantage backgrounds, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students, rural and remote students, and students with disability.

Register here for the Webinar

#### <u>Applying for Opportunity Class 2025 - Parent & Carer Hub (pandc.org.au)</u>

#### Premier's Reading Challenge

The Challenge has started! All students are encouraged to participate by challenging themselves to read either 30 books (K-2) or 20 books (3-6). This year half your books can be from your own choice.

Students who successfully complete the Challenge will be rewarded with a \$15 Scholastic book club voucher. All students are encouraged to participate.

Happy Reading!

Mrs Lara Wiggins Library Coordinator



## **SRC Fundraiser Event**

# **Stewart House** Fundraiser -**Wear a Sporting** Jersey/Colour Shirt THURSDAY, **GOLD COIN DONATION** 11 APRIL

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Garlic Bread (2 slices)	\$1.00	TERM 1— LUNCH SPECIALS		SAVE TIME ORD	
Party Pie \$2.50		WEDNESDAYS ONLY			
Mini Chicken Tender Wrap with Lettuce & Mayo\$3.50		Sushi Avocado / Avocado cucumber /	\$3.00	AFTERNOON BREAK 1	:35
Spinach & Fetta Roll	\$4.50	Sushi Chicken Avocado	\$3.50	Frozen apple juice pops	\$0.50
Beef Sausage Roll	\$4.50	Sushi Chicken Avocado Mayo \$4.0		Milk pops Chocolate / Strawberry	\$0.50
Minced Beef Pie	\$5.00	THURSDAYS ONLY		Popcorn	\$1.00
Mac N Cheese	\$5.00	Mini Pizza Cheese / Ham & Cheese / Pepperoni \$5.00		Pretzels	\$1.00
Salami Pasta with tomato & Herb sauce	\$5.00			Icy Poles	\$1.00
Cheese Burger, Beef Pattie, Cheese & Tomato sauce				Homemade Cookies-Daily flavours	\$2.00
	\$6.00		ALC: NO	Homemade Muffin—Daily flavours	\$2.00
Beef Burger with lettuce tomato cheese & sauce	Tomato \$6.00	Drinks		Smooze Mango & Coconut / Pink Guava &	Coconut DF \$2.50
Chicken Burger with Lettuce & Mayo	\$6.00		\$2.00	Frozen Twisted Yoghurt Strawberry & Var	nilla / Water-
ANDWICHES		Bottled Water		melon & Mango	\$2.50
Wholemeal Bread, Rolls, Wraps		Fruit Poppers Apple / Orange	\$2.00	Paddle Pops - Rainbow / Chocolate	\$2.50
Vegemite / Jam / Honey	\$3.00	Strawberry Milk	\$3.00	Moosies Bubble gum / Chocolate	\$2.50
Egg, Lettuce & Mayo	\$4.00	Chocolate Milk	\$3.00		
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#### **COMING EVENTS**

DATE	DAY	EVENT		
5 APRIL	FRIDAY	WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY		
8 APRIL	MONDAY	<ul> <li>PEER SUPPORT TRAINING YEAR 6</li> <li>ANZAC CEREMONY</li> </ul>		
9 APRIL	TUESDAY	• STAGE 3 MULTICULTURAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION		
10 APRIL	WEDNESDAY	• STAGE 2 MULTICULTURAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION		
11 APRIL	THURSDAY	STEWART HOUSE FUNDRAISER- WEAR A SPORTING JERSY/SHIRT		
12 APRIL	FRIDAY	<ul> <li>WHOLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY</li> <li>LAST DAY OF TERM 2</li> </ul>		
30 APRIL	TUESDAY	STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL		

### COMMUNITY NOTICES



OPENING HOURS: Tues-Fri 9am-4pm Sat-Sun 9am-2pm

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THE WHOLE FAMILY!

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#### DIGITAL CHILD SAFETY HANDBOOK

We are pleased to advise that a new edition of this valuable safety resource is now valuable online with updated safety content. We urge all parents and carers to download this latest edition and discuss the safety content with your children. Child Safety Hub/NSW Police Legacy.

#### Access the digital handbook here



