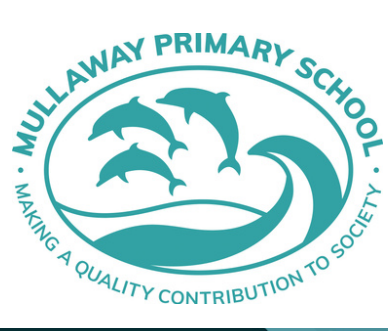


Mullaway Primary School



TERM 1 WEEK 8 - WEDNESDAY 19 March

Principal's Message

We experienced a tumultuous few days with Tropical Cyclone Alfred, which led to the closure of our school from Thursday, March 6 to Monday, March 10. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each member of our school community for your understanding and support during this challenging period.

I would also like to acknowledge the exceptional efforts of our School Administrative Manager, Jess Craig, and our relieving Principal, Mrs. Saunders. Their quick action and effective communication in response to the situation were invaluable.

Additionally, a special thank you to our General Assistant, Greg Williams, who conducted a thorough condition assessment of our school after the weather had abated. His diligence ensured that we were able to return to full operations on Tuesday, March 11.



We are pleased to share some updates regarding our upcoming sporting events. Due to the recent storm, the North Coast Swimming Championships were initially cancelled but have now been rescheduled for Wednesday, 26 March. This is fantastic news for our team of 18 swimmers, as it gives them a valuable opportunity to improve their times and qualify for the State Swimming Championships in early April.

In anticipation of several swimmers potentially qualifying at the State level, we have also rescheduled our School Cross Country event to Monday, 7 April. The Cross Country will take place at Mullaway Beach, continuing our tradition of hosting this event in a beautiful and supportive setting. We look forward to seeing our school community come together for both events!



Sporting Stars at Mullaway

Over the past few weeks, several of our students have showcased their talent by trialing at the Mid North Coast level in various sports, including Rugby League, AFL, and Basketball.

A huge congratulations to Asher, Theo, Azalea, and Marley for qualifying for the Open's at the Rugby League North Coast Regional trials held on Monday, March 24. Additionally, well done to Zarlle, Dasher, and Billy for their qualification for the Under 11's category!

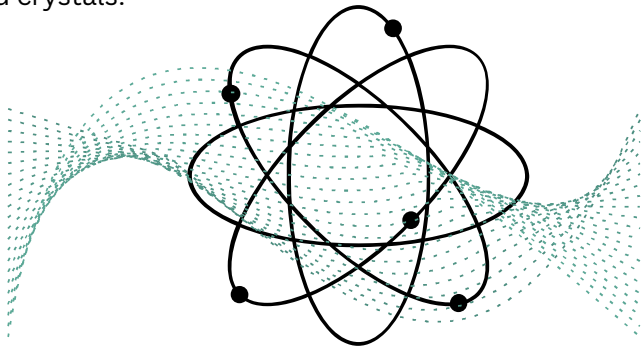
In AFL, we celebrate Eddie, Oliver, Kip, and Hunter for qualifying for the North Coast trials scheduled for Friday, April 4. We also want to recognise Pearl for qualifying for the Basketball North Coast trials today, March 19.

We are incredibly proud of all our students and their hard work and dedication. Best of luck to everyone as they represent our school!



Stage 1 Scientists

In Stage 1, students have been exploring how living things change over time. During our Week 7 rotations, they had the opportunity to collect samples from the playground and examine them under a microscope. The students were fascinated to see how the sand resembled crystals!



Drumming

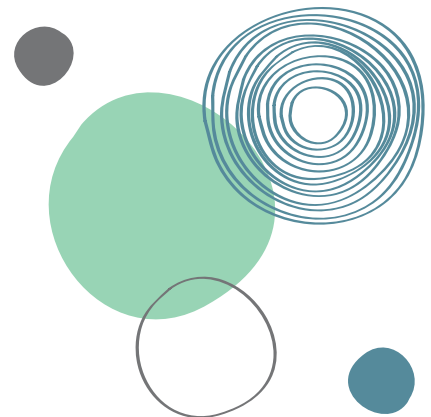
We are thrilled to share that our school has recently acquired a class set of Indonesian Djembe drums, which have been met with great enthusiasm from our students! Mr. Neal is incorporating these drums into the Stage 2 rotation groups on Tuesday afternoons, while Mr. Cheers has been using them with Stage 3 students. The Djembe drums not only provide a lot of fun but also align with our music curriculum, foster interpersonal connections, and support mindfulness and wellbeing for our students.



Bear Principal Hunt

I received a visit from Grevillea students last Friday as they were on their Bear Principal Hunt.

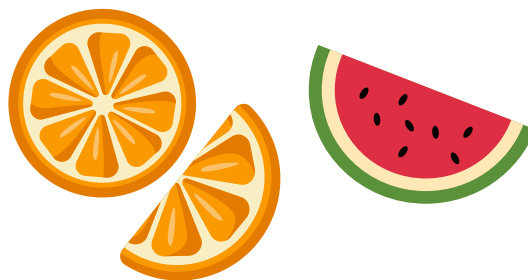
*We're going on a Principal hunt
We're going to catch a big one
What a beautiful day!
We're not scared
Uh-oh! An office
A quiet peaceful office
We can't go over it
We can't go under it
Oh no!
We've got to go through it!
Tiptoe! Tiptoe! Tiptoe! WHO'S THAT?
One cool hat!
Two clever eyes!
Two nice shoes!
IT'S THE PRINCIPAL!*



PRINCIPAL

The Big Vegie Crunch

Today we participated in the annual Big Vegie Crunch, a fun event where schools across New South Wales attempt to set a record for the greatest number of children crunching on fruit and vegetables at the same time! Our students had a real treat this year, as they were introduced to a whole range of new and unusual fruits to try. From the sweet and tangy dragon fruit to the juicy cotton candy grapes and the bright red sienna pear, there was something for every taste bud! Each stage of our school received their surprise delivery of fresh fruits, thanks to our Mullaway Munchers who made the experience even more fun. A big thankyou to our Stage 1 teachers for organising this event promoting healthy eating and showing how delicious and exciting fruits and vegies can be.



3 Way Conferences - Week 10

Mullaway Primary School will offer 3 Way Conferences (Students/Parents/Teacher) for Years K to 6 in Week 10 of this Term (commencing Tuesday, 1 April). Dates and times will vary according to teachers' availability.

During these conferences parents can ask questions, express ideas and help make plans to support your child's learning at home. Learning goals can be discussed and set for 2025 if required. Teachers will support students and parents by clarifying, elaborating and responding to specific questions and concerns. 3 Way Conferences involve your child as an active and essential member of the conference. The duration of the conferences varies between stages and classes, please see below for details.

Stage 3 - 5 Minute Conferences. Stage 3 Students will be required to meet with their homeroom, Maths and English teachers. Information has been sent home for Stage 3 Parents.

Stage 2 - 10 Minute Conferences

Stage 1 - 15 Minute Conferences

Kinder

Lorikeets - 20 Minute Conferences

Grevillea - 15 Minute Conferences



If you require more time or wish to discuss anything in greater detail, please arrange another time with the teacher.

Bookings will be through your School Bytes Parent Portal. Bookings became available on Wednesday, 19 March at 9:00am.

More information on booking these interviews has been sent home via email.

P&C Annual General Meeting

We are pleased to share the highlights from our recent P&C Annual General Meeting held on Monday, 17 March. First and foremost, we would like to congratulate Mandy Carter on her continued role as President and Janita Stocks as Secretary. Their dedication and leadership have been instrumental in driving our initiatives and supporting our school community.

We are excited to welcome Jarrod French as our new Treasurer. Jarrod brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the role, and he will be supported by Sue Jones as the Assistant Treasurer. Together, they will ensure the financial health of our P&C and help us achieve our goals for the coming year.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to Kate Kennedy, our outgoing Vice President, for her executive support throughout 2024.

Thank you to all who attended the meeting and for your continued support of our P&C activities. We look forward to a productive year ahead as we work together to enhance the educational experience for our students.

Spirit of Mullaway

We're excited to share that the expansion of the Spirit of Mullaway initiative in 2025 is also including leadership representation and you will notice a large increase in the overall tally below as it incorporates the leadership positions as per our school leadership induction for Semester 1.

This year, we've introduced new opportunities for students to earn points, with academic and creative achievements now included in the points system. Representing our school in areas like choir, dance, public speaking, debating, spelling bee, and chess all contribute to a student's Spirit of Mullaway total, along with selections for PSSA teams (excluding swimming, athletics, and cross country).

Our weekly class competitions have also been revamped. We're now awarding points for 1st (4 points), 2nd (3 points), 3rd (2 points), and 4th (1 point), creating greater recognition and encouragement for students to demonstrate positive behaviours. This change has already been well received, and it's motivating students to engage more actively and strive for their best.

Week 7 Class points

Due to the school closure we combined the results for Week 6 and 7 in our Spirit of Mullaway competition. Congratulations to Alinta who continue in the lead of our 2025 Spirit of Mullaway.

Alinta 30
Cargal 25
Bindarri 28
Nian 28

Overall tally (inclusive of recent student leadership points)

Alinta 371
Cargal 344
Bindarri 323
Nian 238



Bumble Bee Awards

Congratulations to our Week 7 Bumble Bees:

Ezra
Andy
Ned
Evelyn
Jack
Macy
Elsie



*Principal
James Deagan*

Messages from the Office

3 Way Conferences

Emails have been sent to parents this week with booking information for the 3 Way Conferences. The commencement date for the 3 Way Conferences is Tuesday, 1 April (Week 10). Bookings for the 3 Way Conferences opened this morning and will close on Sunday, 30 March.

To book your 3 Way Conference, please login into your **School Bytes Parent Portal**, click the link to "**interviews**" and follow the easy steps.

Please use the link below for more detailed instructions.

[Parent Portal: Book a parent-teacher interview](#)

Please make sure you plan your appointment times carefully, allowing yourself time to move between appointments.

For details on setting up your School Bytes Parent Portal please use the link below.

[Setting up your School Bytes Parent Portal](#)

If you require any assistance with this process, or information on 3 Way Conferences, please contact the school office.

To download the School Bytes App

App Store - [School Bytes \(Apple\)](#)

Google Play - [School Bytes \(Android\)](#)



Fee Reminders - Essential Learning Pack and Sports Levy

Fee reminders will be sent home this week, via email, for all unpaid Essential Learning Packs and Semester 1 Sports Levy fees.

The Essential Learning Packs contribution is the cost for online subscriptions for educational platforms that our students use, from Kindergarten to Year 6, including Matharoo, Mathseeds, Worldbook Online and EdAlive.

The Sports Levy covers the cost of transport to sporting events and whole school excursions, including but not limited to Swimming Carnival, Winter Sports Carnival, District Cross Country, Swimming/Water Safety, Surfing, Athletics Carnival, and End of Year Fundays.

For students in Years 3-6 the Sport Levy can be paid per Semester (\$50 per Semester).

All students participating in the Water Safety Program (Years 3-6) should now have the Semester 1 Sports Levy paid.

You can check any unpaid fees through your School Bytes Parent Portal or App.

Parent and close relatives - Volunteering at our school

Thank you to all the Parents who have completed the WWCC Declaration, allowing you to now Volunteer your time on School grounds, which is greatly appreciated.

Please remember that the final step of the clearance process is to present your ID to the School Office for sighting, we have many parents on our list, who have submitted their WWCC Declaration, still to complete the step.

If you are not sure if you have completed this process, please call the school office.

For any new parents or close relatives wishing to volunteer at the school, please contact the school office and we can discuss the process with you further.



Upcoming Events

DATE	DAY	EVENT
21 MARCH	FRIDAY	HARMONY DAY
21 MARCH	FRIDAY	SWIMMING CARNIVAL PRESENTATION 2:15PM
26 MARCH	WEDNESDAY	NC SWIMMING
31 MARCH- 4 APRIL	ALL WEEK	3-WAY CONFERENCES
1 & 2 APRIL	TUES & WEDS	BOOK FAIR

Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government in 2026

The department has digitised the Year 6 to Year 7 transition process.

Parents and carers should go online to complete the Expression of Interest (EOI), Placement not required (PNR) details or they can submit a paper form. EOI and PNR forms will be available on the enrolment pages of our Mullaway Primary School website from 5 March 2025.

Please click on the link below to complete form by **Friday, 28 March**.

[EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST YEAR 7 2026](#)

ROAD RULES NEAR SCHOOLS ... SAVES LIVES!

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles in school zones.

Drive safely and always obey the road rules ... the safety of every child depends on it!

- ✓ Park and stop in designated zones
- ✓ Don't double park
- ✓ Get off the mobile phone
- ✓ Check your speed
- ✓ Look out for kids in bus zones
- ✓ Hold your child's hand

SHOW YOU CARE - BE AWARE!

How you can help

Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

- ✓ Encourage others to do the same.
- ✓ Report dangerous driving in school zones to: Police Assistance Line 13 14 44 or contact your local police.

For further enquiries email: coffs.council@chcc.nsw.gov.au

HELPING OUR KIDS STAY SAFE IN SCHOOL ZONES

A Quick Guide to Road Rules in School Zones

Driving in school zones is a serious responsibility and here's how to stay aware to make sure you're following the road rules.

HARMONY DAY
FRIDAY, 21 MARCH

WEAR A SPLASH OF ORANGE WITH SCHOOL UNIFORM

NO STOPPING
No Stopping at all on any length of road to which a No Stopping sign applies.
FINE \$410*
DEMERIT POINTS 2

NO PARKING
You are not allowed to park here at all. You can only stop dropping off or picking up passengers. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle for no longer than 2 minutes.
FINE \$227*
DEMERIT POINTS 2

BUS ZONE
You are not allowed to stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone at all. Only public buses can stop here.
FINE \$410*
DEMERIT POINTS 2

NO DOUBLE PARKING
Double Parking is not allowed. You must not stop on a road between the centre of the road and another parked car.
FINE \$410*
DEMERIT POINTS 2

NO MOBILE PHONE USE
Do NOT use a hand held mobile at any time while driving.
FINE \$544*
DEMERIT POINTS 4

SCHOOL ZONE
8 - 9³⁰ AM
2³⁰ - 4 PM
SCHOOL DAYS
40

DO NOT SPEED
Between the hours of 8-9.30am and 2.30-4pm on school days the speed limit is 40km per hour.
Fines and demerit points in school zones have been increased.
Make sure you always stay within 40km speed limit in school zones.
MAX* FINE \$4643*
MAX* DEMERIT POINTS 7*

* Maximum penalty fine and demerit points for a class A motor vehicle Exceeding speed over 45 km/h in a (school zone).

www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/demerits-penalties-and-offences * as of 01/07/2024

DANGEROUS DRIVING BEHAVIOUR AROUND SCHOOLS PUTS CHILDREN AT RISK



WE ARE HIRING CANTEEN MANAGER

MULLAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C

As a canteen manager, your primary responsibility is to oversee the daily operations of the canteen, including managing volunteers, inventory, and menu planning. You will be responsible for ensuring that the canteen provides a high-quality food service that meets the needs of the kids and parents who are our customers, while also adhering to food safety and health regulations. You will also be responsible for meeting the financial goals of the canteen. Current operating days: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9am - 2:15pm with the opportunity to add to these days.

RESPONSIBILITIES

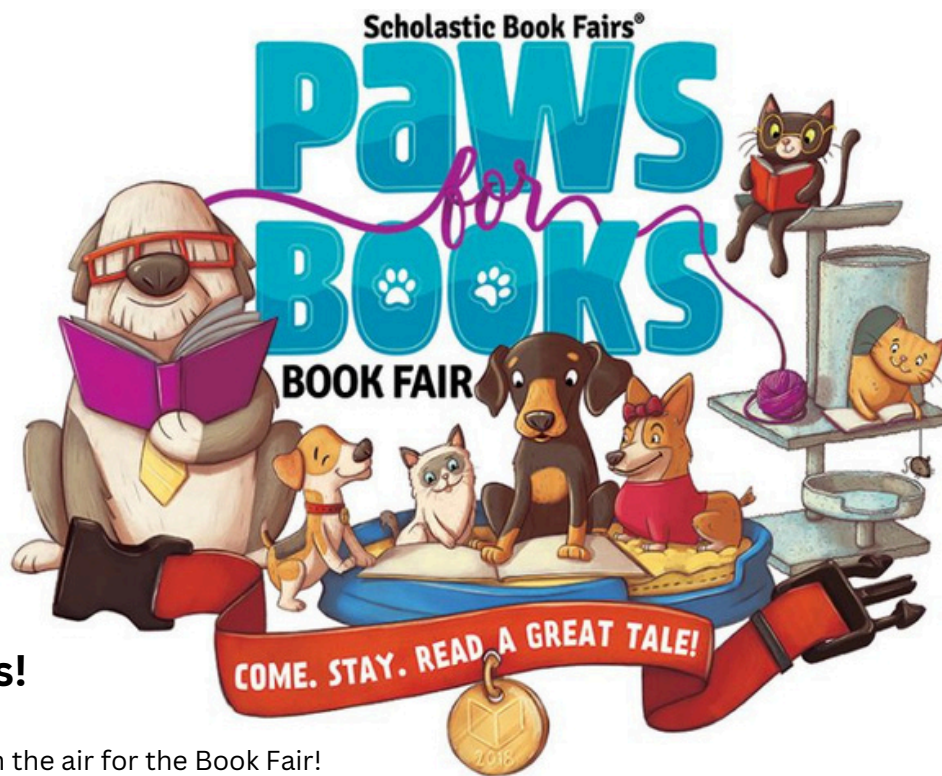
- **Menu Preparation:** Preparing and packing hot meals, daily core menu items, and seasonal specials
- **Stock Management:** Ordering, rotation, and stocktaking
- **Hygiene and Safety:** Adherence to food hygiene and safety practices
- **Catering:** Providing a healthy menu for students and staff by onsite catering, and small events as required by the P&C
- **Service:** Fast, effective service with a positive attitude
- **Management:** Opening & closing of canteen, volunteer rosters
- **Communication:** Clear communication with students, staff and community. Attending meetings with committee, providing reports and records

DESIRED SKILLS

- Experience in food service kitchens, catering, and food preparation
- Previous experience in school canteens
- Ability to multitask and manage time effectively
- Cash handling and record keeping
- Computer skills with Google workspace, Microsoft Office, Canva, Xero accounting suite and Flexischools
- Punctuality, reliability, and teamwork

The successful candidate must have Working with Children Check, Food Safety Certificate and be available to start immediately. Apply by sending resume and cover letter to mullawaypandc@gmail.com by close of business 28/3/25. Interviews to take place Thursday 3/4/25. Please provide two references.





Library News!

Let's put our paws in the air for the Book Fair!

Our annual book fair is happening in Week 10. The fair will be set up in the library and is a great opportunity to view and purchase new books for your home library. The fair will operate from 3pm until 6pm, Tuesday 1st and Wednesday, 2nd April whilst our 3-way conferences are scheduled. Books can only be purchased on these days and times. Cash and credit card facilities are available*.

*Please note phone reception on site isn't great and, in the past, it has been hard to pay via your mobile phone digital card. So do make sure you have your physical card as a backup if wanting to pay with eftpos /credit.

Students will get to view the selection of books during their library lessons in the week leading up to the fair creating a wish list to bring home. Payment can be prepaid by visiting the link on the wish list or scanning the QR code on the brochure. The wish list can then be brought to school to purchase the books listed. Please make sure you include the receipt number of payment.

A portion of sales from the Book Fair is returned to us which is used to purchase new resources for our school library.

Book Fair details:

Tuesday 1st April 3pm-6pm

Wednesday 2nd April 3pm-6pm

Mullaway School Library

See you there!

Premier's Reading Challenge 2025

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!

Miss Vanessa Hopper
Library Coordinator

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Woolgoolga Easter Community Project

We hope to display hundreds of handmade paper butterflies and flowers crafted by interested primary schools, seniors' centres, churches, community groups and individuals. The positive outcomes include:

- giving the community the opportunity to share in creating an Easter celebration of new life and hope
- an enhancement of the meaning of easter (beyond chocolate and easter eggs) by making a butterfly as a symbol of born-again transformation and flower as a celebration of new life.
- an enhancement for our town and region by promoting business in the area, and an encouragement for tourists to return.

We have worked on several community art projects, including the local flower projects in Woolgoolga (2015 and 2016) where hundreds of painted paper flowers were made by school and community groups, planted in the park in Beach Street, Woolgoolga, near the public pool. This project was in support of the mentally unwell with gold coins donated for about 850 flowers made. We would love your involvement again, and with Easter soon approaching, a reply would be appreciated as soon as is practical.

Yours Sincerely Fiona Bennell and Kim Satchell

[If you are interested in taking part of this project at home, please contact the school for more information.](#)



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Woolgoolga Tennis Club Play Our Way Programs for Women and Girls

Starting Monday April 28, 2025

- **Highly subsidised programs**
- Helping participants build skills, fitness, and confidence on the court
- **Gear provided** if needed (racquets, clothing, and shoes available)
- **End-of-term celebration:** Join us for a fun awards event at the end of each term!



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CREATING GREATER OPPORTUNITIES
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS »»

Professional coaching in a fun, inclusive, and supportive environment!

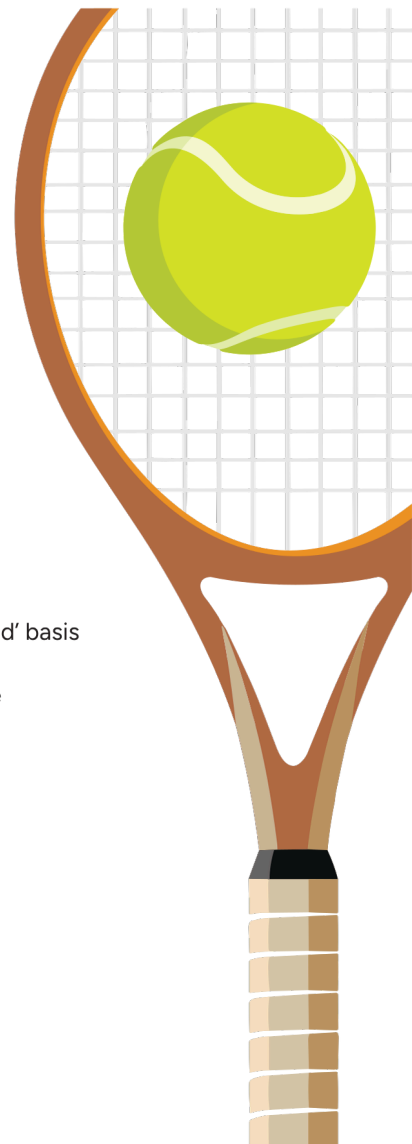
Our programs

- **High School Girls** (12-18 years)
- **Mums and Tots**
- **Primary School Girls**
Tailored for target groups (e.g. low-income, First Nations, CALD)
- **Women's**
Tailored for target groups (e.g. low-income, First Nations, CALD)
- **Open Court Days**
Women and girls (non-members and members) are invited to enjoy a free, fun day of tennis!

Launch day and registration information:

- Limited places on a 'first-come, first-served' basis
- **Early Bird EOI** use the QR code, or email woopitennis@gmail.com with subject line 'POW EOI' and your contact details
- **Program Launch Day at the Club**
Saturday April 5, 2025, 10 AM – 12 PM
Woolgoolga Tennis Club, Centenary Ave

Scan the QR code to register now!



HOURS OF OPERATON

MON-FRI 7.00am- 6.00 pm



TO VIEW FULL

PROGRAM

SCAN HERE



	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Mon	Tues
Date s	14/4/25	15/4/25	16/4/25	17/4/25	22/4/25	23/4/25	24/4/25		29/4/25
FUN FACTORY	IN CENTRE "LOONEY TUNES LAUGHS"	SPRING LOADED	EXCURSION "NATALIE MAY" VENTRILOQUIST SHOW	EXCURSION MOVIES MINECRAFT MOVIE	IN CENTRE MEGA MINECRAFT MADNESS	EXCURSION JETTY DIVE INNER HARBOUR BOAT RIDE	EXCURSION BIG BANANA WATER PARK	28/4/25 EXCURSION MOVIE Looney Tunes Movie	IN CENTRE THE ANZAC SPIRIT
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WELCOME to the lead up to what promises to be another busy, fun filled holiday period! We're experimenting with a new program format that, we hope, will give you a better overview of the centres. (particularly for those of you who use a number of different services when bookings are tight!) The spread of the days is a funny one this time around as the **EASTER** and **ANZAC DAY** public holidays fall into this period. We look forward to seeing you soon!

LOONEY TUNE LAUGHS –

A wacky day of fun and games inspired by Bugs Bunny, Porky Pig, Daffy Duck and all your other favourite friends!
Bbb... Bbb... THAT'S ALL FOLKS!



SPRING LOADED-

Jump for joy today and leap into a world of fun that will have your bouncing off the floor, walls, and ceiling! The sky is the limit!



NATALIE MAY VENTRILOQUIST SHOW-

Spark your imagination today enjoying an hilarious performance by the ventriloquist Natalie May. Afterwards, create your own amazing puppet characters!



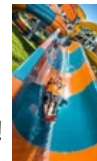
"A MINECRAFT MOVIE"-

A trip to the cinema to embark on a magical quest and enter the Overworld, a bizarre, cubic wonderland that thrives on imagination! (Optional \$7.50 Meal Deal pay on the day, cash only).



BIG BANANA WATER PARK -

Slip sliding fun awaits at our favourite Big Banana Waterslides!!! (Optional \$2 lolly bags available) After that we'll head off for a picnic at the beach reserve to top off a great day of fun!



A LOONEY TUNES MOVIE "THE DAY THE EARTH BLEW UP!"-

Porky and Daffy become Earth's only hope! They must save themselves, their town and the world from an evil alien plot! (Optional \$7.50 Meal Deal pay on the day, cashonly).



JETTY DIVE BOAT RIDE

ADVENTURE - Take a spin around our very own harbour to get a "Whale's eye view" of our beautiful city! Mike and our friends from Jetty Dive are again ready to give us the ride of a lifetime! **TOTALLY SAFE! TOTALLY FUN!**



IN CENTRE - SPIRIT OF ANZAC

In the lead up to Anzac Day, today we'll pay tribute to the great work of our service men and women, past and present, for a great day of Military themed fun! From boot camp to battleships and jumping jacks to jet pilots, a great day of fun awaits!



MEGA MINECRAFT MADNESS -

Enter the world of Minecraft for a day of hands-on creativity and adventure! Whether you're crafting, building, or problem-solving, this day is packed with fun challenges inspired by the game. So come along and bring Minecraft to life — **no screen required!**



For existing families please use your Xplor Home app to book and select the days you require

For new families looking to enrol and join the fun, you can do so by visiting our website at www.communityoosh.com.au or scan this QR code to take you straight to our enrolment page



The survey is open until Sunday, 30 March, and can be accessed here:
[SURVEY](#)

HAVE YOUR SAY

Park Avenue Bus Interchange Revitalisation



We're creating a safer and more vibrant transport hub as part of the Transport for NSW reVITALise Grant program.

This is your chance to share your ideas and help shape the improvements.

What do you want to see?

- ▶ Better seating and shade
- ▶ Improved safety and access
- ▶ Landscaping and public art

**Scan the QR code to learn more
and have your say**

Feedback closes 30 March, 2025

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