## Mullaway Primary School





TERM 1 WEEK 10 - WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL

#### Principal's Message

Since our last newsletter, we have been busy celebrating a range of wonderful events that highlight the achievements and spirit of our school community.

We kicked off our celebrations with Harmony Day, embracing the rich cultural diversity within our school. It was heartwarming to see our students come together in unity and respect for one another's backgrounds.

Our school swimming presentation was a fantastic occasion where we acknowledged our champion swimmers. Congratulations to Cargal for claiming their 5th consecutive victory! Additionally, our swimmers showcased outstanding performance at the North Coast Swimming Championships, and several students progressed to the Regional level for Rugby League. We are incredibly proud of their achievements.

This week, we are also hosting our 3-Way Conferences and Book Fair. I would like to extend my appreciation to our parents for their support of these initiatives and to our teaching staff for their hard work in coordinating these events. Your involvement is crucial to our students' success and learning experience.

Looking ahead, we are excited for our annual school cross country at Mullaway Beach on Monday, 7 April. This is one of our major sporting events, and we encourage all families to come out and support our competitors.

Following that, we will commemorate ANZAC Day at school on Tuesday, 8 April, and participate in the main street service in

Woolgoolga on Friday, 25 April.

On Friday, 11 April, our K-2 students will delight in our Easter Hat Parade, showcasing their creativity and festive spirit. Additionally, we look forward to the NSW State Swimming Championships, PSSA Cricket and a Rugby League Gala Day, all of which will offer our students further opportunities to shine.

As we approach the Autumn/Easter holiday, I want to remind everyone that the break begins on Saturday, 12 April, with students returning to school on Wednesday, 30 April. This will be a well-deserved time for our students and staff to relax and recharge. Easter is always a busy time on the roads, so please take care if travelling during this period.

There will be two state-wide Staff Development Days at the start of Term 2 (Monday, 28 April and Tuesday, 29 April). The professional learning focus will be the High Potential and Gifted Education policy that was recently released in all NSW Public Schools.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community this term and I look forward to a positive start to Term 2.

#### **NSW State Swimming Championships**

Congratulation's to three of our students who have qualified for individual events at the NSW State Swimming Championships in Week 11 after successfully competing at the North Coast Swimming Championships at Kempsey on Wednesday, 26 March.

Ned placed 1st to qualify for the 8 Year Boys 50m Freestyle

Indi placed 2nd to qualify for the 11 Year Girls 50m Breastroke

Cooper placed 3rd to qualify for the 12 years Boys 50m Freestyle

This is an outstanding achievement and a reflection of the depth of swimming talent we have at Mullaway. It is very rare that a school is represented at a Regional level in all four relay divisions as Mullaway was at the North Coast Swimming Championships.

Championships.

Well done to all our students who participated and thank you to our parents and carers who provided transport and were there to support our students at Kempsey.













#### Year 6 2025 Jumper and Shirts

We're excited to announce that our Year 6 jumpers and shirts have arrived and they look fantastic! They are a big hit with our Year 6 students and continue the cherished tradition here at Mullaway. For many of our Year 6 students, this marks their seventh year at Mullaway, and these shirts and jumpers serve as a wonderful reminder of the friendships they've built over the years. A special thank you to Mr. Grant for coordinating the order!



#### **Celebrating Harmony Day**

On Friday 21 March, our school celebrated Harmony Day, a day dedicated to promoting cultural diversity and inclusion. Students and staff wore a splash of orange, symbolising respect, communication, and unity. Students have participated in classroom activities and lessons that encouraged understanding and appreciation of different cultures. Harmony Day serves as a reminder that diversity strengthens our community, and that small acts of kindness can make a big difference. We are proud that our school is a place where everyone is valued and respected.









#### **Swimming Presentation Ceremony**

On Friday 21 March, we gathered to celebrate the achievements and sportsmanship of our students in the 2025 Swimming Carnivals at our annual Presentation Ceremony. It was an afternoon of recognition and celebration, honouring our swimmers' hard work and dedication, both from the Mullaway Primary School Swimming Carnival held at Woolgoolga Pool on February 14 and the subsequent Coffs Harbour District and Mid North Coast carnivals.

House captains presented ribbons to our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place getters from each school swimming carnival event. In addition, we celebrated the relay teams with the Junior and Senior Mixed 4 x 50m House Relays. The competition was fierce, but in the end, the Cargal team took first place in the Senior Relay and Bindarri team claimed victory in the Junior Relay.

#### **Age Champions**

The highlight of the ceremony was the announcement of our 2025 Age Champions:

- Junior Girl Age Champion: Jayme Lee
- Junior Boy Age Champion: Jack Brand
- 11yrs Girl Age Champion: Indiarna Banks
- 11yrs Boy Age Champion: Ash Hoskins
- Senior Girl Age Champion: India Hoskins
- Senior Boy Age Champion: Cooper Anderson



#### **Record Breakers**

We also celebrated the swimmers who broke records this year:

- Cooper Anderson Snr Boy 50m Backstroke, Snr Boy 50m Butterfly, Senior mixed 4 x 50m House Relay
- Ned Taylor 8 Yrs 50m Freestyle, Junior mixed 4 x 50m House Relay
- Indiarna Banks 11 Yrs 50m Freestyle, 11 Yrs 50m Breaststroke
- India Hoskins 12 Yrs 50m Freestyle
- Jayme Lee Jnr Girl 50m Butterfly, Junior mixed 4 x 50m House Relay
- Milly Hutton Junior mixed 4 x 50m House Relay
- Leo Lawrence Junior mixed 4 x 50m House Relay
- Owen Carter Senior mixed 4 x 50m House Relay
- Harper Nightingale Senior mixed 4 x 50m House Relay
- Thomas Lee Senior mixed 4 x 50m House Relay

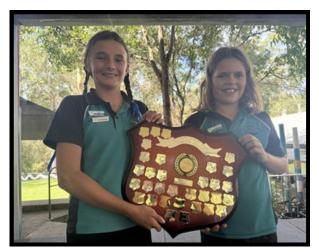


#### Champion Swimming House of 2025

Cargal House emerged as the 2025 Swimming Champions. The winning House captains and vice captains proudly accepted the shield, marking their victory through outstanding participation and team spirit.

Thank you to all involved - parents for their unwavering support, staff for their dedication, and the House Captains and Vice Captains for their leadership.

Congratulations to all our swimmers for an incredible 2025 Swimming Carnival!



#### **PSSA North Coast Rugby League**

Congratulations to Marley (under 11s) and Theo (opens reserve) who qualified for the North Coast Rugby League trials.

Marley attended the North Coast Trials on Friday, 28 March and although he was pleased with his performance at the trials, the competition was strong and he was not selected for the team.

Mullaway had 7 students attend the Mid North Coast trials on Monday, 24 March. The feedback from the team manager was that Mullaway should be proud of the students we sent to represent the school.

Every player was polite and extremely coachable, demonstrating great sportsmanship including shaking the hands with the referee at the end of each game. Although some weren't successful in the next stage, every player played their heart out and should be very pleased with their performance on the day.

Well done Zarlie, Dasher, Billy, Azalea, Asher, Marley and Theo!



#### **Connect to Country**

Last week, Katrina (Stage 2 SLSO), Ryki (school administration officer) and Miss Hopper (librarian), had the privilege of participating in a 3-day Connect to Country Workshop alongside several colleagues from neighbouring schools.

On the first day, they delved into the richness of Aboriginal culture. The session was highly informative, allowing them to brainstorm ideas and share stories of the various initiatives and programs their schools have in place to support Aboriginal children. This collaborative exchange of knowledge set a strong foundation for the rest of the workshop.

The second day was particularly moving as local elders shared their personal experiences and insights. A family kinship workshop highlighted the intricate cultural connections within Aboriginal communities, providing them with a deeper understanding of the importance of family and relationships in Aboriginal culture.

Their final day took them on country to Red Rock, where they participated in an Aboriginal smoking ceremony and dance. This experience was a profound connection to the culture and traditions of the Aboriginal people. One of the most memorable lessons imparted by the elders was the phrase, "Look, listen, and feel." This powerful reminder encourages them to be present, observe carefully, and truly absorb the wisdom surrounding them.

They also had the opportunity to visit significant local Aboriginal sites, including the Arrawarra Fish Traps and a separation tree, each with its own fascinating story.

We extend their heartfelt thanks to the local elders for sharing their stories and wisdom. The insights they gained have left them feeling inspired and enriched, and they are grateful to have been part of such a wonderful workshop. They look forward to implementing what they've learned and continuing to strengthen their connections with Aboriginal culture in our schools.



#### **PSSA Cricket Knockout**

With high student interest in cricket, our Mullaway Cricket Team was formed after not entering the PSSA knock out for many years. The Tuesday training sessions paid off as Eddie took a great caught and bowled wicket early that got us right in the match. Chasing 155 for victory, some very quick bowling from the Narranga openers had us on the back foot 5/40 at drinks. Kale and Hayden combined for a hard fought 45 run partnership to save the innings and then they allowed the lower order a chance to experience some time in the middle. The coach, Mr Cheers, was very proud of the team's sportsmanship on the day.





#### Get Your Paws on a Good Book!

Our annual Book Fair is back this week! This year's theme, "Get Your Paws on a Good Book," promises to make reading even more fun and engaging for our students.

We had a fantastic response to our colouring in competition, and we are thrilled to announce the winners! Congratulations to:

Cali in Early Stage 1 Evelyn in Stage 1 Millie May in Stage 2 Eddie in Stage 3

Each winner showcased their creativity and artistic talent and were recipients of a \$15 book voucher.

Another exciting highlight was our Teachers' Pet competition, where students matched our teachers with their beloved pets. The winner of this fun challenge is Mila from Stage 1! Great job, Mila!

Join us for the Book Fair today from 3pm to 6pm. This event coincides with our 3 Way Conferences, making it the perfect opportunity to explore a variety of books. Don't miss out on the chance to discover new titles and support our school community!

Thank you to Miss Hopper, our Book Fair coordinator and we hope you all "get your paws on a good book" this year!



#### **ANZAC Day March**

The ANZAC Day service on Friday, 25 April will commence at 11:00am in Woolgoolga. The traditional community march includes all local Northern Beaches schools and concludes at the Woolgoolga RSL for an ANZAC ceremony. Students wishing to participate in the community march, will need to be in full school uniform and meet at the Beach Street/ Nightingale Street intersection between 10:30am – 10:45am. There will be staff attending the march and service but parents and carers will be responsible for their children and need to be in attendance at the Woolgoolga RSL for the conclusion of the ceremony and/or march.



#### Spirit of Mullaway Week 8 Class points

Alinta 25

Cargal 30

Bindarri 28

Nian 25

#### **Week 9 Class Points**

Alinta 21

Cargal 27

Bindarri 25

Nian 26

Congratulations to Alinta who continues in the lead of our 2025 Spirit of Mullaway

#### Overall tally

Alinta 417

Cargal 401

Bindarri 376

Nian 289

Principal James Deagan



# Bumble Bee Awards Congratulations to our Week 9 Bumble Bees

Emma, Huey, Theo, Samuel, lola and Noa



## **WEEK 11 MEAL DEALS**

# MPS-WHAT'S HAPPENING

LAST WEEK

Have a break from making school lunches!

**MON** 7/4

#### CROSS COUNTRY BLANSHARD'S BANGERS

Sausage Sizzle \$2.50 Cash on the day

**TUE** 8/4

#### DIBBZ DOMINOS DEAL

- Order through School Bytes before 4pm Friday 4/4
- Pizza and Poppers

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#### CANTEEN AS NORMAL

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL** 

EASTER HAT PARADE

BLANSHARD'S BANGERS AND COOPERS SNOW CONES

- Sausage Sizzle \$2.50
- · Snow Cones \$2.50

Both Cash on the day





#### FIRST PIZZA DEAL DAY: TUESDAY 8 APRIL



### Orders close Friday, 4 April - 4PM!

Order and Pay through your School Bytes Portal:

- Payments
- + Add item
- Select Student and General (category)
- Select your toppings and quantity
- "ADD ITEMS" (repeat if needed) and PAY!

You can add as many different pizza slices/toppings as you like. Poppers available too!

(To only pay for your Pizza order, simply untick any other fees).

## **Easter Hat Parade**

On Friday, 11 April, all Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 students are invited to make an Easter Hat and join in the Easter Hat Parade.

Parents and family members are invited to help make and decorate the hats and to watch the parade. However, if you are unable to attend, Stage 3 helpers will assist K-2 in creating their hats.

At Mullaway, we all make the hats at school. This will start at 10:30am and be finished by 11:30am. Students are allowed to bring in a few special items to use on their hat and/or share with their friends. The class teachers will provide a variety of materials to use also.

Parents, family and friends are welcome to have lunch with their child/ren from 11:30am. Stage 3 will be holding a lunch fundraiser including a sausage sizzle (\$2.50) and snow cones (\$2.50). If not, please bring your own lunch. Our parade will start at 12 noon, under the Big Shed.

Hope to see you all at the parade.

Happy Easter!

## **Upcoming Events**

DATE	DAY	EVENT
7 APRIL	MONDAY	SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
9 APRIL	WEDNESDAY	AFL PAUL KELLY CUP
11 APRIL	FRIDAY	EASTER HAT PARADE     LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
28 APRIL	MONDAY	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
29 APRIL	TUESDAY	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
30 APRIL	WEDNESDAY	STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL

### Messages from the Office

### School Photo Day - Friday, 2 May

#### **ONLINE ORDERS ARE OPEN**

An email has been sent home with all ordering details. Our school code, for ordering is: 460617

Package details are available to be viewed when ordering online. Visit the Don Wood Photography Website to order.

#### **ORDER ONLINE NOW**

Students are asked to wear their full school uniform with correct socks and footwear on Photo Day.

To purchase school photographs online, please follow the steps below:

#### **INDIVIDUAL / CLASS PHOTOS**

- 1. Order online, using a PC or laptop via the Don Wood Photography website www.donwoodphotography.com.au
- 2. Click on Order School Photographs HERE at the top of the screen.
- 3. Type your school code into the Orange 'SCHOOL CODE' box.
- 4. The Home Page for your school will be displayed.
- 5. Click on the Blue 'Order Pre-Paid Packages Order Now' box.
- 6. Enter you child's details then click NEXT.
- 7. Select the package you wish to purchase then scroll down and click NEXT.
- 8. Sibling photographs can be ordered at this point (see below for ordering cut-off time). Scroll down and click NEXT.
- 9. Select extra items you would like. Scroll down and click NEXT.
- 10. You will see a summary screen.
- 11. ADD another child? Please click '+Save & Add Another Child'.
- 12. Once you have finished ordering please click Finish & Add to Cart to complete the check-out process.

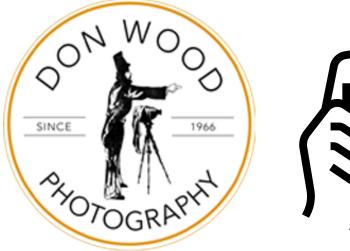
Click split family option if you would like your order posted to home.

#### SIBLING PHOTOGRAPHS

- 1. Order online, using a PC or laptop via the Don Wood Photography website www.donwoodphotography.com.au using your school code.
- 2. Begin this process the same as ordering individual / class photos.

#### There is a cut-off time for family online orders ONLY!

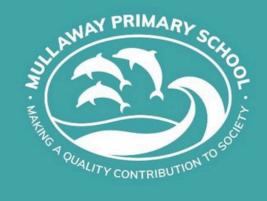
Sibling photo orders ONLY must be done online BEFORE the evening of Thursday, 1 May. Cash envelopes are available from the school office if needed. All individual packages can be ordered at any time.







## **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.



### 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.





grant recipient

#### 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!



### play our way

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
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- Open Court Days
   Women and girls (non-members and members) are invited to enjoy a free, fun day of tennis!

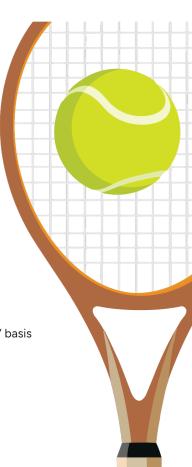
#### Launch day and registration information:

- · 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



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FUN FACTORY	IN CENTRE "LOONEY TUNES LAUGHS"	SPRING LOADED	EXCURSION "NATALIE MAY" VENTRILOQUIST SHOW	EXCURSION 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!

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!



#### 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!"

"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).

#### 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!

#### **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!

### 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!



#### NATALIE MAY VENTRILOQUIST

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

"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).

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

