Dear Parents and Carers,

State Girls Cricket Trials

What a great experience for Reese and Taya who went out to Dubbo to trial for the NSW State Girls PSSA Cricket Team. They represented Mullumbimby Public School and our community on the North Coast Girls team. Their team won three games and lost three games against some very competitive teams from across the state. Both girls had a great time and really enjoyed the chance to see a different landscape to the North Coast. Congratulations to both girls. As a school community we are extremely proud of their achievements.

Clubs

Clubs have been running for two Wednesdays with great excitement and success. Students have had the opportunity to join a group that interests them and because of this there is a buzz of energy as they go off to continue working on their projects. I have seen some very delicious looking Christmas treats going into the fridge; students before school, at lunch and recess sawing through ply to make clocks; students making recycled art pieces; lots of sewing; Stage 3 girls showing others how to make traditional games; very dramatic events going on in the hall; computers being reprogrammed and students learning a valuable community lesson about contributing back into society through our local soup kitchen. These are just to name a few.
P&C Meeting
This Wednesday 11th November is the last P&C meeting for the year. Last month we saw a great response to the earlier time slot and provision of childcare so more parents were able to attend. The time is again 6pm and childcare will be available from 5:30pm ($5 donation). I look forward to seeing many familiar faces and hopefully some new faces at the meeting.

W.I.R.E.S
Our SRC is supporting our local WIRES organisation. Jo Chaffey, one of the local volunteers, will be visiting us on Thursday 12th November to talk to all students. On this day, students can wear animal ears or dress as their favourite native animal. Please bring a gold coin donation to help support this worthwhile cause.

Year 7 selective High School placement in 2017
If you are interested in your child applying for Year 7 Selective High School Placement in 2017 (current Year 5 students), parents need to apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement before 16th November 2015.

2016 Classes
The composition of classes is a very complex and time consuming exercise. There are many factors which we need to consider. If you have a specific request regarding class placement for 2016 you need to put this in writing and address it to myself. It should be placed in an envelope and handed to the office staff. Please note that this request must be supported by a sound educational reason. This must be received by Friday 27th November. I will not be looking at further requests after this date. Please note that this is a request only. The Principal has the final say on the composition of classes. Once classes are formed the only changes I envisage will be from students leaving or enrolling at our school.

Thank you for your support and have a wonderful week,

Danielle Haywood
Principal (Relieving)

Sharon is the cleaner at MPS and a very hardworking and dedicated staff member. We are lucky to have someone who works here who has the same dedication to making sure that our school is a safe and clean environment for our students to learn in. Sharon is a reliable person of high standards, who works to make our school look great.

Sharon always has time for everyone and is very caring. She goes out of her way to help and make things easier. Sharon is friendly and easy going. She really cares about the kids, stopping to greet them in the morning and afternoon. Sharon does a fantastic job! (Staff)

Sharon cleans the toilets and is nice. She is friendly and very nice to clean our school. She cares about people. She finds things for us when she cleans the school. She has to do the bins. (KP)

Sharon is nice because she always says hello, she’s nice like that. She does a good job at cleaning. The floors are mopped and the rooms are clean when we get back in the morn-

A huge thank you to Helen, Vanessa, Leanne and Danielle for stepping in on our very busy day at canteen
Art Expo
We’re on the countdown to this year’s ART EXPO. It will be held on Thursday, 3rd December in week 9. This seems like a long way away but there’s so much to do to make it a huge success!

The Sculpture Show is run as part of our Expo and has always been a showcase for all our talented and creative students. Sculptures are made at home with the help of parents or carers or even grandparents. So get those creative ideas happening.

The Ministry of Technology’s Photo Competition will also be displayed and voted on at the Expo. This year’s theme is “You Don’t See That Every Day” so you can have lots of fun with that. Please see poster for more information.

Maths Olympiad
Twenty two of our talented mathematicians took part in the Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiad this year. The Olympiad is made up of 5 Olympiads held a month apart. Each Olympiad has 5 problems to solve varying in difficulty. Here are two examples of the types of questions,

A. The product of 1x3x5x7x9x…...x99 is written as a counting number. What is the last digit of that counting number?
B. In a fish tank at a pet shop, there are large fish which cost $6.00 each and small fish which cost $1.00 each. There are 50 fish in the tank and they cost a total of $100.00. How many small fish are in the tank? (Answers at the bottom)

The top achievement this year went to Daisy Morgan (Year 5 student) who was ranked in the top 10% of all students who took part in the Olympiads. This is a great result for a Year 5 student. The second highest score and the special Achievement award went to Jordan Morrow. Other high achievers were Amanda Bower, Tyson Ewin, Sam bullock and Shir Cohen.

Congratulations to all students who took part in the Expo, it certainly tests your problem solving ability and I’m sure you gained new strategies [Answers A – 5, B – 40]

Newcastle Permanent Primary Mathematics Competition
Earlier this year students in the Stage 3 Maths Extension group took part in the Newcastle Permanent Primary Mathematics Competition. Our school achieved excellent results. Ten students took part and seven gained a distinction which placed them in the top 15% of all students who participated in the competition.

Merit certificates were gained by Te Rangi Elliott, Tyson Ewin and Ashton Morris.

Distinction certificates were awarded to the following students, their percentile rank is in brackets.
Year 5 Hugh Morgan – Foxon (96), Daisy Morgan(86)
Year 6 Amanda Bower(97), Aylee Benham(95)
Ariana Tomasella(92), Sam Bullock(88), Jordan Morrow(85)

We congratulate these students on their outstanding results, we are very proud of you.

P Towner

Donations Needed
The P & C are asking families to bring in items for our Christmas Hamper raffle that will be drawn at the Art Show on the 3rd of December.

Raffle tickets will be sold to raise much needed funds as always to improve and update school resources and facilities.

A collection box will be placed in the office for you to drop off your donation.

Some examples of items could include:
Confectionary
Toys
Cosmetics, Bath and Body Products
Gift Vouchers
Christmas Decorations
Games
Long life food items that do not need refrigeration
House hold items

We kindly thank you for your continued support in helping make our school a fantastic environment for our children to learn in.

With thanks,
P&C Committee

Reese Donnelly and Taya Flick representing the school at Dubbo for the NSW State Girls PSSA team trials.
The Ever Bright and Enthusiastic 2/3J

This term 2/3J is studying a Science unit on heat and energy. We have looked at the types of heat energy and their sources. Also we have explored the effect of heat on ice cubes in different conditions. Then we translated this information into gaining a basic understanding about global warming and its effect on the Arctic and Antarctica.

River’s dad, David, came into 2/3J last week to share his work on the Climate Change and Me project from Southern Cross University. We examined a range of poetry, stories, movies and images that were created by students from our region, which expresses their ideas and thoughts about climate change. He also demonstrated how to make some very creative wax tiles using photographs.
Ministry of Technology’s PHOTO COMPETITION

“You don’t see that everyday!”

3 Divisions
Div 1: Kinder & Stage 1
Div 2: Stages 2 & 3
Div 3: School community

All entries will be displayed and voted on at our Art Expo. Entries to be handed into the office or to Bu Marshall by Friday, 27th November.

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

RED HOT TENNIS@ RIVERSIDE: Professional tennis coaching with a TA accredited coach Justin De Candia. Group/Private lessons for all ages and abilities. Ph: 0403 841 241

SWIMMING LESSONS: Have your children swimming well this summer? Time to book them into Swim For Your Life swim school in Billinudgel. Indoor heated pools with Austswim qualified and experienced instructors. Phone: 6680 1614

AFTER SCHOOL AND VACATION CARE:
This service is Government subsidised & operates Mon-Fri (3.00pm-6pm) during School Term & Holidays (8am-6pm). Contact Jamie or Zahra: Ph: 0437 860 614.

MULLUMBIMBY PUBLIC SCHOOL:
“Playgroup” for Parents and kids (under school age). Every Tuesday morning 9am-11am, during school terms. Join us for a relaxed and friendly morning of interaction and fun activities for the kids. All enquiries are welcome.

Steve Gort Tennis

Mullumbimby & Ocean Shores

Steve Gort
Advanced Level 2

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ATPAC Registration No: MA91022004
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Group & Private Lessons
Squads

All enquiries are welcome.

Email musicforkids.oz@gmail.com or call Joanne on 0422562179 to enrol your child now.

Mullumbimby & Ocean Shores
Respect Yourself, Respect Others, Respect the Environment Positive Behaviour for Learning

Congratulations to our Week 4 award winners

Mullumbimby Public School

PBL Lesson

Speak Respectfully

Respect Yourself
Be polite & courteous to those around you
I speak clearly
I listen to & respond respectfully

Respect Others
I think before speaking
I know what I say can affect others
I model how I want people to talk to me

Respect the Environment
I talk about the environment in a positive way

Focus concepts:
Listen with your eyes, ears and body.
Listening is important for learning.
Learning to take turns and listen are good manners.
Learning to respond in a respectful manner.
Tone of voice and words can have an impact.

Christmas mini sessions
9th, 10th & 12th of November
10 min session • 5 images on a USB stick
$46

Volunteers Needed

2016 School Banking Co-Ordinator

Duties Include:
* Collecting banking from the office each Friday
* Entering banking details via Commonwealth Bank website
  (this is done at home)
* Issuing prize tokens
* Returning bank books to the children on or before Wednesday
* Preparing deposit and lodging it at the CBA
* Ordering and issuing banking prizes as required
* Total time required is approx 20-30 mins per week

If you are able to help please contact Letitia through the office
P&C MEETING 6PM

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE $5 donation

In an attempt to build our P&C parent support we are offering childcare in the Library from 5:30pm - bring food or have Pizza provided. Excellent service and care from Amelia Bradbury and Kaytlyn Campbell - our locally employed and fully qualified early childcare workers. FYI - We aim at running our meeting for 1 hour.

Numbers of children attending must be confirmed by 9am Tuesday 10th Nov.

mullumbimbypublicschoolpanc@gmail.com or add to list at our Front Office.

We understand that commitments prevent some parents from being able to attend however just one parent representing each class is a small request.

OUR KIDS - OUR SCHOOL - OUR COMMUNITY