WHAT’S ON?
More detailed Calendar information at:
www.mullumbimb-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Week 10 Term 1
Tue 31 Mar ICAS entries due
Girls PSSA cricket
Thu 2 Apr Cross Country
Easter Hat parade
Last day Term 1 Rewards Day
Fri 3 Apr Good Friday

Week 1 Term 2
Mon 20 Apr Staff development day
Tue 21 Apr Students return
Sat 25 Apr ANZAC DAY -town march

ENVIRONMENTAL HERO AWARD
The Environment Ministry has decided to acknowledge students who respect our environment by working tirelessly as Waste Warriors. Each week a class is rostered on to the Waste Warrior program, this includes looking after the compost, feeding the chickens, collecting their eggs, and supervising the recycling bins.

Two students are chosen each week to receive our “Environment Hero” awards.

Dear Parents / Carers

Grandparents Day and Kindergarten Open Morning
What a fantastic day we had last Thursday for Grandparents Day and Kindergarten Open Morning. As I said when I spoke to everyone in the hall, grandparents play a significant role in the lives of children and this should never be underestimated. Thank you to everyone who attended, with several people saying that it looked like our largest ever attendance for this very special day. The students loved having you in their classrooms and then to perform to you in the hall with some singing and dancing, before staying for a picnic lunch. I am privileged to have three grandparents still who I treasure and still teach me a thing or two about life and always offer great advice! There are photos of the day elsewhere in this newsletter.

NSW PSSA Swimming
Last week we were extremely proud of our three very talented swimmers who competed at the NSW PSSA carnival in Sydney. Raife, Charlotte and Tom should all be extremely happy with their achievements. They certainly did themselves, their families and their school proud.

ICAS-International Competitions and Assessments for Schools
ICAS is an annual skills development assessment program in Key Learning Areas (KLAs) for students in Years 2-12. ICAS enables students at all levels of ability to participate, as it contains questions designed to specifically explore both higher and lower levels of achievement.

Achievement certificates are awarded to all students while medals are awarded to the top students in each subject, in each school year across each state.

Principal’s report continued over page ....

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL) AWARD WINNERS TERM 1 WEEK 9
Congratulations to these students for demonstrating respect to self, others and the environment.
All tests will be held on the dates listed below. Prices are also listed:

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Please note that all tests are for Yrs 3-6, except English, Science and Maths, which also include Yr 2.

If you would like your child/ren to participate in any of the competitions listed above, please download the note from our website at [http://www.mullumbimb-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/notes-gone-home](http://www.mullumbimb-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/notes-gone-home) and return it to school, with payment by no later than tomorrow, Tuesday 31st March.

**Girl’s PSSA Cricket**

Our girl’s PSSA cricket team begin the defence of their North Coast champion title by taking on Bogangar PS at Pottsville tomorrow. We wish the team and coach Mr Lindsay all the best.

**Contribution Fees**

Just a reminder that fees need to be paid by 9am this Thursday 2nd April to be in the running for 1 of the 2 prize vouchers which will be drawn at the end of this week.

**Cross Country Carnival and Easter Hat Parade**

We look forward to hosting our annual Cross Country Carnival and Easter Hat Parade on the final day of Term One, this Thursday 2nd April. A note with our Cross Country details went home last week. We are still seeking parents to act as marshals on the course. Please see Mr Towner before 9:00am on Thursday if you can assist. Following lunch will be our Easter Hat Parade. We hope you can stay for what should be a great way to conclude the term.

The P&C will have food available at the Cross Country Carnival and Easter Hat Parade. Coffee, cake, a bbq lunch including sausage sandwich, beef burgers, vege burgers, pizza slices, cold drinks and ice blocks. 1A and 1/2B are the rostered classes to assist with donations of food. Cakes, slices or biscuits to sell on the stall are greatly appreciated. There are notes going home today about this. Please come along and support our P&C.

**ANZAC Day**

Our school will again be marching in the town service on ANZAC Day, Saturday 25th April. Students need to wear full school uniform. There will be more details in the first newsletter after the holidays.

**Leave**

As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, I am taking leave in Term 2 and Term 3. I am coordinating an event ‘Race Around Australia 2’ whereby Dave Alley is attempting to break the world record to become the fastest person to run around Australia and for us to raise $100,000 for the White Cloud Foundation. They are an organisation who support Australians suffering with depression and anxiety. During this time Mrs Haywood will be the Relieving Principal. Mr Luke Stanley will be teaching 3/4H in Term 2 and Term 3.

**Term Two**

There is a Staff Development Day on Monday 20th April. Students return for Term Two on Tuesday 21st April.

I wish you all a very happy, safe and relaxing Easter break. If travelling, please do so with care.

Regards

David Lees
Principal
State Swimming
We had 3 outstanding swimmers take part in the NSW PSSA Swimming Championships in Sydney on Wednesday and Thursday. This is a fantastic achievement to reach this level and be a North Coast representative. Our school is very proud of Tom Cheek, Raife McKenzie and Charlotte Archibald. All 3 swimmers swam well.

Tom Cheek our multi-talented swimmer, was ranked 17th overall in the 10 year old boys 50m freestyle, 24th in the junior boys breast stroke, 21st in the junior boys 200m individual medley and 13th in the junior boys butterfly setting a new personal best by nearly 1 second. Tom was also in the All Age North Coast Relay finishing 5th.

Raife McKenzie had a great swim in the junior boys breast stroke and was ranked 13th overall. Charlotte Archibald had two terrific swims being ranked 17th in the 11 year old backstroke and 16th in the 11 year old butterfly.

These are fantastic results for swimmers from Mullumbimby.

Far North Coast Selection Trials
Last Monday 18 of our students took part in the Far North Coast PSSA Selection trials in Football/soccer, Rugby League and Netball.

Congratulations to Reese Donnelly and Shir Cohen who gained selection in the girls football squad and to Zahi Addis who was selected in the boys football squad.

They will now take part in the North Coast trials to be held in Yamba on Friday 24th April. Congratulations also to Jackson Constable who was selected in the Open boys Rugby League squad. He will also take part in the North Coast trials to be held in Grafton on Friday 1st May.

Good luck Jackson, Shir, Reese and Zahi.

SRC News
The SRC would like to everyone for the amazing support given to our first fund raiser of the year. We had lots of ‘crazy’ looking students in our school on Tuesday and we raised $250. Next term we will be supporting The Cancer Council with a “Cupcakes for Cancer” day. We will also be holding a disco early in the term and the theme is yet to be decided. All our class representatives have done a great job this term so a big thanks to everyone.
3/4H have been learning about ANZAC’s and war from different perspectives. After reading the book ‘My Dog’ about a Bosnian boy in the middle of war in his country, students wrote a diary entry from another characters perspective.

Dear Diary,

I am stuck here with some strangers. My mum’s been taken away. I miss her so much. I wish I was at school. It was library day, my favourite day. I am going to granny’s but I am still not sure if I can make it. If my dad’s still alive I will send him this diary page. I am safe with this strange man. He gave me some dried food but at that moment it didn’t matter if it had a very bad taste. I am here waiting for you. Love Alija

(Cael)

One day I woke up then Alija threw me in a bag. I couldn’t see but I felt Alija jump onto something. Then suddenly it starts moving. I am scared so I peek out and saw I was on a truck. I thought ‘Where are we going?’

I barked all night then we got out. Suddenly Alija’s mum got taken and Alija looks scared. An old man takes me and Alija to his daughter’s house. The old man’s daughter’s name is Ava. She lets me stay.

(Will)

I woke up in the morning at seven o’clock. I got out of bed and opened the bakery up. I started to make some refreshing bread. When it was 11 o’clock a truck came and took my wife and son away to a safer place. I was left in the village all by myself with a war going on. There were gun shots and explosives going on all day. The next day a gun shot hit my window. All the glass shattered onto the carpet. I quickly got the dust pan and cleaned it up. I ran down the stairs wondering how my windows got shot.

(Giles)
2015 SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

The Annual School Cross Country will be held on the last day of Term 1, Thursday, 2nd April. The cross country will again be held at school and will involve all children from Years K to 6. We hope all students will be able to attend this fantastic school event and support their nominated house.

Order of Events 9:15 - 10:45 am

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Children are expected to “have a go” and are encouraged to participate at their individual ability level i.e. some children will run all the way, others will run, walk, run, walk etc. while others will predominantly walk. The Cross Country will be run on a house basis with every competitor earning points for his/her house.

Children are to wear their house colours, appropriate footwear and bring plenty of energy! Shoes must be worn.

The first 8 placegetters from each division (8/9 – 12/13 year olds) will then compete in the District Cross Country in Term 2.

We will need assistance from parents to act as marshals on the course. If you can assist it would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to assist as a course marshal please see Mr Towner at 9:00 am on the day.

Children are reminded to have adequate sun protection (hat and sunscreen) and to bring a full water bottle.

The P&C will run a BBQ on the day and we hope to see everyone in their house colours.

Regards,

Craig Lindsay
Cross Country Organiser
HI Everyone,
Firstly, congratulations Tom, Raife and Charlotte!! Well done for making it to State Swimming. I’m still getting your newsletters, which I love because it keeps me up to date with what’s going on over there and all those fantastic achievements and events happening at MPS. Like Crazy Hair Day, can’t wait to see some photos from that day, from what I hear you all put in a lot of effort! I’m actually having a Video Conference with Mrs Austin and her class on Monday, so I can’t wait for that. I’ll be able to see how grown up my little Kindys from last year are.

We are all going well over here. Bonnie and Aidan have made some friends and are enjoying the lifestyle and freedom over on here. We don’t have a car over here so have to ride our bikes everywhere, which we are all loving. The weather has been very dry, we’ve only had a couple of rainy days. Nothing like what you have been copping over there!! It does get pretty windy over here, so it’s not always good for swimming. Aidan is doing well with his correspondence, keeping up with it and Bonnie is in my class, she’s doing well too.

Just like MPS, there always seems to be something on at Lord Howe Island Central School. This term has been particularly busy. We’ve been on an excursion out to a reef to do a clam study. That was amazing. I’ve never seen such beautiful clams! We’ve had a visiting famous children’s author…Julia Donaldson!!! You know Room on a Broom, Zog, The Gruffalo, just to name a few, well the author of those books came to our school and spent an hour with us all and sang songs and put on little plays with students. She was over here on holiday and thought she’d pop in and say Hi, pretty cool huh! We’ve had our swimming carnival, which takes place in the lagoon. So that was very different. This week the whole school (35 students) are singing and playing Ukulele in a couple of performances for an event over here called RockFest. Each year some bands come over for the week and play music at various places and the students play at two of their shows, so we’ve been busy practicing. Then to finish the term off, the whole school are going on camp over to a place called North Bay on the last two days of term. As long as the weather is OK, it should be a lot of fun.

It is truly beautiful over here and there are so many animals, landmarks and places that take your breath away. And we haven’t even seen half of this tiny island. There’s a couple of things that we really love over here and that’s White Terns and their chicks and these things called “Sea Eggs”. I’ve got a picture of a white tern here for you, but I’ll send a sea egg over for you to have a look at, they’re amazing. They’re actually a sea urchin (and they hurt when you step on them, just ask Bonnie), but when they die and lose all of their prickles the pattern on them is amazing. As for the white terns, when we got here the terns were at the start of their mating and chick season so we’ve seen lots of babies. The amazing thing about these birds is that they lay their egg on a branch (no nest) and it hatches out on the branch and sits on the branch in that same spot until it’s ready to fly. See if you can see the egg on the branch in the photo I’ve attached. The chicks are so cute!!

Anyway, that’s enough for now, otherwise I’ll take up too much of your newsletter space. We hope you are all well and do miss you all and Mullumbimby, but we are having a wonderful time over here and experiencing things that we’ve never experienced before. Take care and I’ll try and send another update and more photos next term.

Lots of love from Mrs Martin, Bonnie and Aidan.
KIDS WEEKLY GLEE/SINGING GROUP CLASSES
Vocals, harmonies, dance, performance & microphone technique
Monday Ages 10-15 - Wednesdays Ages 7 to 13
Ocean Shores 4.30pm to 5.30pm Weekly
Beginner Guitar & Ukulele Lessons Kids Rates!!!!
Julia 0412 201 736 or Maddy 0437 274 354
julia@voicejam.com.au www.voicejam.com.au

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BRAZILIAN JIU JITSU
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY 4-7 YEARS 5PM
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0432583716 www.transformfitnessgym.com.au
6 Smith St Mullumbimby Industrial Area

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  6. Tap the OPEN button
  7. You will be prompted to accept push notifications, you will need to select OK
  8. Start typing your school name into the search then SELECT your school

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OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

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Welcome to the 2015 NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge

https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

The Premier’s Reading Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

The Challenge opens on 2 March 2015 and ends on 1 August 2015 (11:59 pm)

Rules:

The idea is to read a certain number of books to complete the Challenge:

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K-2 students, you can read the books on your own, read them with someone, or someone can read them to you.

3-4, 5-6, students, you must read the books on your own, but someone can help you choose them.

In a series on the PRC booklist, you can read any two books as PRC books. You can read up to five other books from the same series as Personal Choice books.

K-2 students only - If you can read simple chapter books on your own, you can attempt the 3-4 Challenge. You need to change your online Student Reading Record to Challenge level 3-4.

If you complete your online Student Reading Record by 21 August 2015, and it is validated by your school by 28 August (11:59 pm), you will be eligible for a PRC certificate in Term 4.

PRC sends Gold and Platinum certificates to your school in Term 4 with students’ names printed.

Your school is responsible for downloading and printing your Challenge Completion Certificate from the PRC website.

I have printed out the list of books which is quite extensive. The list which is in alphabetical order will be made available to those who wish to participate in the challenge. Students select a book from the list not the PRC Number allocated to that book and complete their reading log.

I have also available a print out of the Reading log, however this is available online.

The reading log can be completed online but requires students to register themselves. I will demonstrate the registration process on Monday/ Wednesday or Thursday.

I hope that all students will take on this challenge and enjoy their time reading.

Ms Austin
Teacher – Librarian.
This is the personal reading log of:

- To make sure you are reading the right books, please check the rules for your Challenge on the website: http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au
- Student Reading Records must be entered online. Online entries will be available when schools register in 2015.
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