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

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Week 10 Term 1

| Thu  | 2 Apr | Cross Country Easter Hat parade Last day Term 1 Rewards Day |
|      |      |                                                               |
| Fri  | 3 Apr | Good Friday                                                   |

Dear Parents / Carers

Stage One excursion

It was great to hear about our Stage One group on their excursion last week. Many thanks to excursion coordinator Mrs Austin and parents who supported. Students represented our school with pride and treated community members with whom they interacted respectfully.

PSSA Sport

Also on Thursday it was my pleasure to work with our boy’s cricket team during their match against Byron Bay PS. Although the boys were on the wrong side of the score line, like our Stage One students on their excursion, they also represented our school with pride and showed great spirit and determination despite being beaten by a better side on the day. I would like to congratulate the team on the sportsmanship they displayed during and after the match.

D Block

3/4H, 2/3J and computer classes have moved across to D Block after we received notification last week that we could return. Thank you to everyone for their patience over the past few weeks whilst classes were elsewhere in the school.

‘Crazy Dress’ Day

A reminder that tomorrow is ‘Crazy Dress’ day. This is an SRC initiative trying to raise funds for students who represent at our school at state carnivals. We already have 3 students going to the state swimming carnival in Sydney very soon.

It’s easy, come to school in crazy dress, wear crazy socks or just have crazy hair and don’t forget to bring a gold coin donation.

Thanks for your support from the SRC.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL) AWARD WINNERS TERM 1 WEEK 8

Congratulations to these students for demonstrating respect to self, others and the environment.

Back: Bell, Tom, Amanda, Te Rangi Front: Max, Ayla, Zak, Ella

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level in a variety of different areas. It is a gold coin donation. We look forward to seeing many students in ‘crazy dress’!

**Grandparents Day**

Our Stage One and Stage Two classes are hosting grandparents this Thursday 26th March. At 10:00am we look forward to seeing grandparents in Stage One and Stage Two classrooms followed by an assembly in the hall at 10:30am. Grandparents are most welcome to stay for a shared picnic lunch with students commencing at 11:00am. Information about this day has been previously distributed to students.

**Kindergarten Open Morning**

Also on Thursday morning KP is having an Open Morning for parents. Information about this was distributed to students in KP last Friday. We hope to see as many parents as possible at our school to share in the successes of our Kindergarten students so far.

**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. 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 Tuesday 31st March.

**School app – School Stream**

We now have a School App. School Stream mobile app helps to deliver school information in real time directly to parents on your mobile device. It will provide instant access to events, news, newsletters and in time, much more. School Stream currently works on 98% of Android and iPhone devices. The use of this app will have many advantages, most importantly it will improve the level of communication between school and home in relation to events taking place. For example, you will now have the ability to receive a notification on your phone that the newsletter is available and can be read from your device. School Stream is free to download from the App store (iPhone / iPad) or Google Play (Android). Downloading is easy and instructions are included in this newsletter.

If you have any questions, issues, enquiries or you want feedback on any aspect of your child’s schooling please ring to make a mutually convenient appointment time with your child’s teacher or myself.

Regards

David Lees
Principal
2/3J Portraits

During our unit work on Friendship, we created self-portraits. We learnt about proportion and shape. Then we composed diamante poems using nouns, adjectives and verbs to describe our personal qualities that we bring to relationships.
The Earth Beneath Our Feet

In the unit of work Earth Beneath our Feet students discuss the mechanisms of erosion and how these can effect soil and landscapes. This provides students with the opportunities to develop understandings of how humans impact on the environment, and how they affect soils and landscapes. This benefits students by helping them develop knowledge, skills and values for making decisions about individual and community actions that contribute to sustainable patterns of use of the Earth's natural resources.

The photo’s which are shown demonstrate the students making soil solutions which they then had to draw and label which is a very important scientific skill. All students have had a lot of fun so far completing this unit of work.

Thanks
Mr Lindsay
5.

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Become an Ethics Teacher or Coordinator at Mullumbimby Public School
Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don’t attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes.
We have a few vacancies for volunteers to teach Years K-6 ethics classes. The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgement, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives. Volunteer Ethics Teachers are trained to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use the accompanying learning and teaching materials.
For more information, please contact:
Rebecca Hay
Ethics Coordinator for Mullumbimby Public School
rebeccahay79@gmail.com

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Compulsory School Attendance
Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time;

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child’s school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child’s absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child’s school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child’s total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child’s school principal.
My child won’t go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school’s learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child’s attendance at school.

- Application to the Children’s Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child’s attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children’s Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children’s Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child’s full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.