Dear Parents and Carers

Cross Country

We were blessed with wonderful weather and excellent conditions for our Cross Country last week. Congratulations to all of our students for their outstanding effort and commitment to participating and finishing their race. Thank you to the P&C members and parents who ran a very busy BBQ and Coffee Stall on the day. $1068 was raised from the BBQ and Coffee Stall, which is a great effort.

Thank you also to Mr Lindsay for organising the Carnival, which went very smoothly. Mr Lindsay has also given out notes to those students who will be going on to attend the Brunswick Valley Cross Country Carnival on Friday 8th May. Please return your note as soon as possible. If your child won’t be attending please let us know as quickly as possible so that we can extend the opportunity to another student.

Opportunity Class

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2016 are required to submit an application by 15 May 2015. Should you wish to find out further information and / or apply for opportunity class placement visit this address: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. or alternatively, speak to me. The nearest OC classes are based at Alstonville PS and Goonellabah PS.

GRIP Leadership Conference

A wonderful opportunity exists for our captains, vice captains and ministers on Friday 8th May. The student leadership team will be accompanied by Bu Marshall to Tweed Heads as they engage in learning about a range of skills and strategies to assist them in their roles of student leaders. We look forward to a report of their day in the newsletter.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across all Australian schools. This will take place in Week 4 (Tuesday 12th May – Thursday 14th May). Students received a letter home last week explaining the process and any relevant information.

Staff Development Day

An excellent opportunity is being provided to our staff to work with two international speakers Ian Jukes and Nicky Mohan regarding Educating for the 21st Century. This has been made possible while they

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are in Australia on Friday 29th May (Week 6 Term 2). This is a fantastic opportunity for our staff but it does mean that we will be moving our staff development day from the first day of term 3 to Friday 29th May (Term 2 Week 6) and students will return to school in Term 3 on Monday 13th July. Thank you for your support and understanding.

ANZAC Day

There was an excellent representation of our school with over 70 students who marched on ANZAC Day. This is a very important day on the Australian calendar and I was proud to join our wonderful students and the hundreds of others in the Mullumbimby community to pay their respects.

Have a wonderful week.

Danielle Haywood

MULLUMBIMBY PUBLIC SCHOOL 2015 CROSS COUNTRY

A beautiful day greeted students, teachers, families and friends last Wednesday for our annual school cross country. Students from K-6 did a great job participating in their respective age events and demonstrated brilliant school and house spirit. The results are as follows:

8/9 Girls-1st Menna 2nd Alisa 3rd Sophie 4th Ava
8/9 Boys-1st Lucas 2nd Cooper 3rd Harrison 4th Jonny
10 yr Girls-1st Eva 2nd Samara 3rd Jemma 4th Mia
10 yr Boys-1st Ryan 2nd Giles 3rd Hani 4th Tom
11 yr Girls-1st Lara 2nd Olivia 3rd Rosie 4th Astrid
11 yr Boys-1st Jake D 2nd Jack 3rd Jake H 4th Charlie
12/13 Girls-1st Reece 2nd Taylah 3rd Amy 4th Ariana
12/13 Boys-1st Connor 2nd Zahi 3rd Tykon 4th Aiden

Congratulations to all the above place getters and all the students who took part in the event. I would also like to thank the P&C for a fantastic BBQ, the parents for supporting the students and helping during the day and the teachers. Thanks, Mr Lindsay

CANTEEN NEWS

FRIDAY: Order SUSHI on Wednesday for Friday
ASSISTANTS: Bridget Watkins & Aditya Moon

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Open Wednesdays 8:30am to 9:15am. Donations of second hand uniforms greatly appreciated. School hats $5.00 each available from the front office as well.

Email: mpsuniforms@yahoo.com.au
GIRLS PSSA CRICKET KNOCKOUT-ROUND 2

On the last Tuesday of Term 2, our girls cricket team travelled north to Pottsville to take on Bogangar Public School in the 2nd round of the PSSA Girls Cricket Knock-out. With the skies looking grim the girls decided to field.

The bowlers did a fantastic job ripping through the top order of the Bogangar team and finishing the job in the 20th over with some brilliant fielding. Reece, Emma, Amy, Haya, Amanda, and Daisy all bowled particularly well and with the wicket keeping of Shir, the team really gelled together (Bogangar all out for 51). The girls then had to bat and with the clouds closing in had to get on with scoring the runs needed to progress to the next round.

All the batters did an excellent job and even with a couple of rain delays the girls passed the score of 51 with only 1 wicket down. A top game by the Mullumbimby girls and we now progress to Round 3.

I would like to thank all the parents for their support on the day and to Kelly Donnelly for snow scrapper (What a game saver).

Thanks
Mr Lindsay

LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY LESSONS

Library lesson will commence this week with all classes having a HSIE focus for their Information Skills Development

- Kindergarten – Understanding Fiction Books – Needs and Wants
- Year 1 / 2 – Mapping and Atlas skills – Environments
- Year 4/5/6 – Mapping and Researching – Our Nearest Neighbours Indonesia and New Zealand

OVERDUES

I will be handing out overdue notices this week and would like to remind students that books should be returned each week or renewed to ensure that they do not become overdue. Parents, if you believe that your child has definitely returned the book then could you please indicate that on the bottom of the overdue notice and return the note to me to ensure a more thorough search for the book.

Overdue notices are reminders and not a demand for money, however we can suspend borrowing if books are not returned.

BOOKCLUB

Book Club issue 3 is now available – there has been a change to how book club specifically in the ordering and paying for books. Scholastic have commenced an ‘Linked Online Ordering and Payment’ (LOOP) system. This allows you to order and pay for books all online. Books ordered using the LOOP will be delivered to the school and handed out to your child or yourself.

However, if you prefer you can still fill in the paper form and pay at the office or in the ‘pink box’ in the library. All book orders for issue 3 should be back to me or made online by the 6th May.

Thanks
Sue Austin Teacher–Librarian.

Oral health is essential for health and wellbeing.

- It is recommended that children have regular dental checkups starting at 1 year of age.
- Regular dental checkups can prevent minor problems becoming major ones and prevent unnecessary pain and distress.
- Dental visits can be fun for kids, treat these visits as normal, routine events so as not to develop fear.

The Northern NSW Local Health District would like to remind parents and carers that the Child Oral Health Service offers FREE dental care to ALL children under 18.
Stage 3 Term 2

This Term Stage 3 will continue to research and discover information about the migrants who have had an influence on Australia and its lifestyles and culture. The discovery of gold in the 1850’s was the first influx of immigrants, including Chinese, Europeans, British and Americans. The next group of immigrants occurred during the Second World War with large numbers of children being sent to Australia from Britain. Finally, refugees have continued to come to Australia from all over the world due to war and conflict.

As it is the 100th year since the Gallipoli Campaign students will also study some of the immigrants who were also ANZACS.
**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.

**ENROL NOW FOR TERM 2 MUSIC FOR KIDS:** Offer your child the gift of learning to play a musical instrument. Lessons are held at school during school hours. Keyboard/Piano lessons are on offer as well as African Drum and Dance. Lessons consist of music reading, ear training, music creativity, composition, performances as well as training and preparation for AMEB exams. For all enquiries and to enroll email musicforkids.oz@gmail.com or call Joanne on 0422562179.

All enquiries are welcome.

**MULLUMBIMBY JUNIOR CHESS CLUB:** The mullum junior chess club starts again Tuesday 28th after school until 4.45pm at Mullumbimby High School room F4. Fun games, professional coaching and encouragement. Ph Mike 66846 281 for more details.

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**OUR COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Love those Legumes!!**

**What are legumes?**

Apart from nutritious AND delicious! They are:

- Dried or canned peas, beans and lentils.
- High in protein and fibre, and low in fat and cholesterol.
- Best for the land as they produce a higher yield of many nutrients than foods of animal origin.
- Cheap and very flexible in recipes.
- Good for freezing before and after cooking and when made up into recipes.
- Are great meat extenders in any stew or mince dishes, as well as adding texture and mild flavour.

**Buying and storing legumes**

- Legumes are quite hardy and will store for a year in well-sealed containers.
- Look for uniform size, strong colour and a plump smooth appearance.
- There are many varieties available in cans which means they require only minimal preparation.

**Mexican Enrollada**

(Serves 6)

1 tabsp oil
1 large onion, chopped
1 med red capsicum, chopped
35 g packet salt reduced taco seasoning mix
810 gr can crushed tomatoes
750 gr can red kidney beans, rinsed and drained.
1 packet pita bread, halved

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**How to get the school stream app on your mobile device**

**iPhone / iPad iOS 7.x - 8.x**

1. From your mobile device go to the App Store search for School Stream
2. Tap the FREE button to the right of the School Stream listing
3. Tap the INSTALL button
4. Enter your iTunes password & tap OK
5. Wait for the install icon to change to OPEN
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

**Android / Tablet**

1. From your mobile device go to the Play Store search for School Stream
2. Tap the School Stream listing
3. Tap the INSTALL button
4. Tap the ACCEPT button
5. Wait for the app to install then tap the OPEN button
6. Start typing your school name into the search then SELECT your school
7. Tap the DONE button in the top left
What is NAPLAN?
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?
NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and what areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace the extensive ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance.

What will be tested and how?
NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. The content of each test is informed by the national Statements of Learning for English and mathematics, which underpin state and territory learning frameworks. Questions are multiple-choice or require a short written response. The writing task requires students to write a text in response to a prompt.

To give you an idea of what the tests look like, sample questions and a sample writing task are available on the NAP website: www.nap.edu.au

Who will run the tests?
NAPLAN tests are conducted at schools and administered by classroom teachers, school deputies or principals. Each state and territory is responsible for marking the tests in accordance with strict guidelines and processes.

How can I help my child prepare for the tests?
NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students have already been learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. If you have any questions about your child's preparation for NAPLAN, you should make a time to speak with their teacher.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

What additional support can schools provide for students with special needs?
All students are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN tests. Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided in the classroom. Students who have a temporary injury may also be reasonably accommodated.

A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant coexisting conditions, or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background.

Your school principal and your state testing authority can give you more information on special provisions or the process required to gain a formal exemption.
How is NAPLAN performance measured?
NAPLAN is not a pass-or-fail type test. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. Each test scale has 10 bands and all year levels are reported on the same scale. Six bands are reported for each year level for each test. One of these bands represents the national minimum standard for students at each year level. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

Where can I get more information?
For more information about NAPLAN:
- visit the NAP website [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)
- contact your child’s school
- contact your state or territory’s education authority (details available on the NAP website).

NAPLAN 2015 tests timetable

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- Language conventions test includes spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- Numeracy test includes number; space; algebra, function and pattern; measurement, chance and data.
- Calculators are NOT permitted in the numeracy test in Years 3 and 5. In Years 7 and 9, each student sits one numeracy test where calculator use is permitted and one where it is not.

What happens if my child is absent from school on test days?
Where possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 15 May 2015.

Will I receive a report on my child’s performance?
A NAPLAN report will be issued by your school later in the year. The same report format is used for every student in Australia. The school will notify you when the reports are being sent to you. If you do not receive a report, you should contact the school. Individual student results are strictly confidential.

How are NAPLAN test results used?
- Schools use results to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help them better identify students who require greater challenges or additional support.
- The community can see average school NAPLAN results on the My School website: [www.myschool.edu.au](http://www.myschool.edu.au)