Dear Parents / Carers

There was plenty to report on from last week at Mullumbimby Public School. Here were some of the highlights:

P&C meeting

The first meeting of the year last Wednesday was the largest attendance I have seen at this school. Well done and thank you to everyone who came along. It was great to see a number of new faces having an input into our school. There are three notes from the P&C going home today. Please collect these from your child’s bag. They have also been uploaded to the school website at http://www.mullumbimb-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/notes-gone-home

Captains and Ministers induction

Last Thursday marked the official induction of our 2016 school captains, vice captains and ministers. Congratulations to Daisy, Raife, Hugh, Lara, Stella, Max, Aymeric, Arlia and Samara on your election to important student leadership positions within our school. Photos of this occasion can be found on our website.

BVPSSA Swimming Carnival

All 40 competing students from our school are to be congratulated on their fine performance/s at the district carnival on Friday. Whilst we had many students receive places in their events, I also want to acknowledge the large number of our students who showed great determination and courage to finish their races. Their spirit and willingness to never give up should be a lesson to us all. A few photos from Friday are placed elsewhere in this newsletter. Credit to Tim Wearne for these photos.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL) AWARD WINNERS TERM 1 WEEK 3

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

Become an Ethics Teacher at Mullumbimby Public School

Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don’t attend scripture classes (SMH) to participate in philosophical ethics classes.

We have a vacancy 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 rebeccahay75@gmail.com
This week there are also a number of activities taking place. Please consider the following as you plan your week:

**Parent – teacher interviews**

Notes went home last Monday and by now should have been returned to class teachers. This extremely valuable opportunity to have a discussion with your child’s class teacher commenced today for parents / carers with students in the classes of Mr Towner and Ms Barrett. If you cannot make your scheduled appointment time this week, please organise a mutually convenient time with your child’s teacher. I am aiming for 100% participation in this opportunity.

**Boys PSSA Cricket**

Best wishes to our boys PSSA cricket team who take on Alstonville PS tomorrow in the first round of the state-wide knockout. The match is being held at the Giants Rugby league ground in Mullumbimby.

**SRE**

SRE (Scripture) classes are scheduled to commence on Friday 26 Feb. Unless the school has been notified, students will be in the same groups as last year. If you wish for your child to be in a different group to last year, please write a note indicating this. Information for new students will be taken from their enrolment forms. Information notes will also be coming home this week.

**Teacher Professional Learning**

It is critical that teachers are updating and refining their skills in order to provide our students with the most comprehensive 21st Century learning outcomes possible. Professional Learning activities directly enhance the outcomes of students in classes and across our school. This means that on occasions teachers are out of the school, along with their colleagues from other Public Schools to undertake such activities. Our K-2 teachers are engaged in ongoing L3 (Language, Literacy and Learning) training whilst this week Mr Lindsay is involved in ‘Rock and Water’ training, a highly acclaimed program which helps build resilience and self confidence in young people. All teachers will be involved in Professional Learning throughout the year.

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.

Have a great week.

Regards

David Lees
Principal

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**Canteen News**

**Friday:** Chicken & salad burger $ 4.50

**Assistants:** Vanessa Diehm and Kathy McMorrow

**Uniform Shop News**

Open Wednesday 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
2016 leaders for Mullumbimby P.S

Captains

My Name is Raife McKenzie and I am your boy School Captain for 2016. Let me tell you something about myself. I am a NSW State High Jumper, relay runner and state swimmer and have the desire to learn & help others. I have two sisters Ellie & Taylah and my parents are Stuart and Kylie. I nominated for school captain because I have a passion for leadership roles & am looking forward to working with my fellow students, captains, minister's & teachers. It's going to be an exciting year ahead.

My name is Daisy Morgan and I am honoured to be the girl School Captain of Mullumbimby P.S. I am looking forward to playing this role as a leader and representative.

My name is Hugh Foxon- Morgan. This year I will be one of our school’s two vice captains. I was elected to this job last year and I believe I have the skills to do it. I hope to help our school become an even better place than it is already. I also hope to work with the other members of the leadership team to create many new ideas for our future.

That is all I have to say about me now, and I hope you have a great 2016.

My name is Lara Diehm and I’m your girl Vice Caption for 2016. I’m looking forward to being a big part of this school and helping everyone. I promise to make our school a better place. I hope everyone has a great 2016.

Ministers

I am Aymeric Chevalier and I am the Sport Minister for 2016 at Mullumbimby Public School. I’m new so I should probably tell you about myself.

I come from Angourie, a small surf village near Yamba. I love sports like soccer, tennis surfing and many more. I also enjoy playing guitar. The school I come from, Cowper Public, was tiny compared to this school. There were only thirty kids and three people in my class. I partly know what I’m doing since I’ve had the role for a year.

The reason I tried out for the sport minister is not only because I love sport but also I thought it would be a great opportunity to meet new people.

I will give it my all and hopefully have a little fun along the way.
**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.

**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.

**THE MULLUMBIMBY JUNIOR CHESS CLUB:** restarts Tuesday 9th February after school until 4.45pm in room F7 Mullumbimby High School. All ages and standards welcome. Professional coaching and fun games. More details ph Mike 66846281.

**Music for Kids**

**ENROL NOW FOR TERM 1**

For your child the gift of playing a musical instrument during school hours. Keyboard/piano lessons are on offer as well as African Drum and dance. The lessons are Creative, Fun, and held at the school during school hours.

Lessons consist of music reading, composition, creativity, playing by ear and performances.

Mail musicforkids.oz@gmail.com or call Joanne Sloane on 0422562179 to enrol your child now.
All enquiries are welcome.

**Learn to Swim at Billinudgel**

Swim For Your Life provides top quality lessons for new swimmers, adults, mums and bubs, mini-squads, stroke development and children with special needs. We take pride in progressing the student with good technique through encouragement, patience and knowledge.
Call today 66801614. www.swimforyourlife.net.au

**Myth: Healthy lunchboxes are more expensive**

Above are two lunchboxes - the top one has the healthier options. We compared the cost of these two & the results are in... The healthier lunchbox is $0.73 cheaper per day. That means if you have two children you could save nearly $3800 over their schooling life by packing healthy options!

**Mullumbimby Giants JRL**

Sign Up Online at www.playnrl.com.au

Thursday night for two weeks from 5pm-6pm at the Mullumbimby Leagues Club. Find us on facebook

$150 registration fee – this includes insurance, club shirt, training shirt, club shorts and socks and Membership for one parent to the Mullumbimby Leagues Club.

New players please upload a copy of your birth certificate and photo or bring it to the club for us to help with all your needs. Returning players please sign up and get your gear. All gear is in and ready to be handed out.