Dear Parents / Carers

IMPORTANT – Visitor sign in

It is a requirement that all visitors to our school sign in at the office upon arrival. This includes any parents who may be here for a meeting or to help in a classroom, with sport or at the canteen. At any given point in time we need to account for who is in the school.

Emergency Procedures

As part of our emergency procedures, it is a requirement for NSW Department of Education (DoE) schools to have a plan for evacuation. There will be a drill of this procedure this week. Students and staff are aware of the procedures.

Parent – Teacher interviews

We were extremely happy with the number of parents / carers who were able to meet with their child’s teacher last week. I know not everyone could make it along, but most people in this situation have re-scheduled to a mutually convenient time in the next few days. For parents and teachers to be able to meet so early in the year is a valuable exercise and ultimately can only benefit the students in our school.

PSSA Cricket

Despite going down to a strong Alstonville PS team last Tuesday, it was a pleasure to work closely with our boys’ cricket team. All students displayed a high level of sportsmanship and encouragement for one another. It would have been easy to ‘throw the towel in’ during such oppressive conditions, but the boys displayed some genuine fighting qualities to battle hard right to the end. Jack and Isaac put on a solid partnership to ensure we were in with

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POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL) AWARD WINNERS TERM 1 WEEK 4

Congratulations to these students for demonstrating respect to self, others and the environment.
a chance, whilst the bowling of Ryan put a scare through the Alstonville top order before they eventually collected the necessary runs to advance through to the second round of the state-wide knockout competition.

Our girls’ team take on Coorabell PS this Wednesday 24 Feb. We wish them well as they look to continue their outstanding form of recent years.

**Stage 2/3 Archibald Portrait excursion**

This term our Year 3-6 students are studying portraits in the visual arts component of the Creative and Practical Arts (CAPA) Key Learning Area. They are travelling to the Tweed Regional Art Gallery in Murwillumbah this Thursday 25 Feb. All information was sent home last week with notes and money due back today. If your child/ren have missed this due date, please ensure that their note and money is returned to the office by 9:00am tomorrow (Tuesday) at the latest. This is important as we need to finalise arrangement with the Art Gallery and staffing for the excursion.

**SRE**

SRE (Scripture) classes are now scheduled to commence this 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. Thank you to parents who have already done this. So as arrangements can be finalised, please ensure the school has received this notification (if applicable to your child/ren) by this Wednesday 24 Feb. New students to our school will attend the group as per the information provided on their enrolment form. 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

**Great Performances at District Swimming**

We had some fantastic performances at last week’s District Swimming Carnival. It was great to see every MPS student trying their hardest in their events. Congratulations to every swimmer who represented their school.

Three of our swimmers won their age champions competition. They are Zara Morris – junior girl champion, Thomas Cheek – 11yr boy champion and Charlotte Archibald – senior girl champion (Charlotte won all 6 of her individual events).

The following children have qualified to swim at the Far North Coast Carnival after all four teams came 2nd:

- **Montannah Archibald** – 1st in 9yr 50m freestyle, 4th in Jnr breast stroke.
- **Ella Brittain** – 2nd in 9yr 50m freestyle and 3rd in Jnr butterfly.
- **Tahlia Nages** – 3rd in 9yr 50m freestyle.
- **Menna Davies** – 1st in Jnr 50m breast stroke and 4th in Jnr 50m backstroke.

All four of our relay teams also qualified for the FNC carnival after all four teams came 2nd in their respective relays.

**The relay teams are:**

- **Junior boys** – Jonny De Almeida, Angus Ewin, Lucas Grainey and Cooper Nelson
- **Junior girls** – Montannah Archibald, Ella Brittain, Ava Jones and Zara Morris
- **Senior Girls** – Madison Wearne, Jemma Currie, Pia Brittain and Charlotte Archibald
- **Senior Boys** – Hani Addis, Tom Cheek, Raife McKenzie and Aymeric Chevalier

Good luck to all of our talented swimmers on Friday at Murwillumbah!

**Tennis**

Last week we had four students take part in the district tennis trials at Mullumbimby. Zara Morris, Charlie Dean, Jake Hambly and Aymeric Chevalier ‘tried out’ against children from other schools in the area. Congratulations to Charlie Dean and Aymeric Chevalier who were selected to go to the Far North Coast trials on Tuesday 1st March, Mullumbimby. Good luck boys!

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

**Friday:** Chicken Salad Bowl $4.50

**ASSISTANTS:** Evie Graham

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**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

**Open Wednesday 2:30-3pm**

Closed this Wednesday morning see alternatives above.

School hats $5.00 each available from the front office as well. Email: mpsuniforms@yahoo.com.au
KH have been getting to know each other, learning about family, how we belong and who we are.

Pocket Dogs

Becoming familiar with each others names.

KH Portraits
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.

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MONDAYS
4.30 – 6.00pm
45A Yalla Kool Dr
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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.

Music for Kids

ENROL NOW FOR TERM 1

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