Dear Parents / Carers

Semester one reports

It has given me great pleasure to be reading student reports and capture the level of achievement and improvement shown by students throughout the first half of the school year. Today you will receive your child’s semester one report in an envelope.

Students are given a grade for their achievement and for their effort in class work because it is important to acknowledge the amount of work each child puts into his or her work.

Teachers examine a large range of material in order to assess each child as set out by the DEC, grades of outstanding, high, sound, basic and limited are given on each key learning area to describe how each child is performing against the expected outcomes for the mid point of the year in the particular grade they are in.

A grade of sound means that the student is on track in that particular Key Learning Area (KLA) for this time of year in the grade they are in. Effectively, if a student receives a ‘sound’ in every report they receive during their school years, they are progressing, because they are achieving the outcomes appropriate to that stage of learning. A grade of ‘basic’ or ‘limited’ means there is work to do to bring the student up to year expectations.

Student effort is also indicated on the report. It is important to know what level of effort is put into work. If a child is doing his or her very best it is important to acknowledge this and give positive feedback for this.

I would like to acknowledge the significant amount of time teachers have given to the preparation of these reports in recent weeks. A range of assessment material is used prior to reports being formulated.

Principal’s report continued over page........

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL) AWARD WINNERS FOR LAST WEEK

Congratulations to these students for demonstrating respect to self, others and the environment.
Parents are most welcome to talk to their child’s teacher about their report. Please call the school or see your child’s teacher to organise a mutually convenient time to do so.

**Top performers in NSW!**

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, some of our students entered the *NSW Story Telling Guild* competition. In some extremely exciting news for our school last week, Billie Jacks was awarded 2nd place from all entries in NSW in the ‘story telling’ section, whilst Abigail Rynehart came 3rd in NSW in the ‘story writing section’. That is two top three finishes from the same school in a state wide competition! Ruby McCann also performed extremely well, being awarded a highly commended. Well done girls. Ms Barrett has further details elsewhere in this newsletter.

**We have a NSW representative!**

In addition to the wonderful news mentioned above, a mighty honour has also been bestowed on our school captain, Jed Edwards. As a result of playing some great rugby league at the PSSA state carnival held in Dubbo last week, Jed has been selected in the NSW team to contest the national titles in Perth in August. It has been many years since Mullumbimby PS has had a state PSSA representative in any sport, and to represent your state is something only a very small percentage of people are able to do. Well done Jed, we are very proud of you!

**Staff congratulations**

Congratulations and best wishes to Mrs Cassie Callaghan who is expecting her first child later in the year. An exciting time for Cassie as she is about to enter a new chapter in her life. At this stage it is envisaged that Cassie will remain teaching 1/2C until the end of Term 3.

**NAIDOC Week**

We will be celebrating NAIDOC Week with a very special day on Tuesday 16th July (first day back for students after holidays). Mrs Marshall and Miss Petroni have organised a range of activities. Students are invited to come to school on this day out of uniform in Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander colours.

**Move-a-thon**

Today our move-a-thon was held. An assembly will be held this Friday and more information about the final outcome of this event will be in the next newsletter. Many thanks to all of our sponsors and those people who generously provided prizes. Mrs Martin and Mr Towner are also to be congratulated on their work in organising this years move-a-thon.

**Great prizes on offer - School contribution fees**

I have extended the date to this Thursday 27th June to pay your school contribution fees to be in the draw for one of two special prizes. There will be two prizes drawn, a $100 voucher from Mullumbimby IGA and a $100 voucher from Mullumbimby Woolworths. The first name drawn will choose their voucher. The draw will be carried out by P&C President Tim Wearne at our move-a-thon assembly this Friday at 11:50am. Please support your school by paying your child/ren’s school contribution. I would like to thank those families who have already made their contribution.

**2014 Kindergarten information**

Planning and preparations have now commenced to welcome our 2014 kindergarten students. Information sessions will be held in Mrs Martin’s room on Wednesday 24th July (Term 3, Week 2) at 2pm and 7pm. For the first time this year we will be holding an extended transition program, scheduled to operate for eight weeks commencing on Wednesday 21st August. Further information will be sent home this Wednesday. If you have a child, or know of anyone with a child residing in the Mullumbimby Public School enrolment zone who turns five before 30th July 2014 or turns six in 2014, please alert them to this information.

**Return for Term 3**

**Students return to school on Tuesday 16th July.** Teachers will be continuing their work on new curriculum implementation on the day before this.

Have a safe, relaxing and peaceful school holiday break. I hope you are able to spend some quality time with your children. If travelling, please do so with care.

Regards

David Lees
Principal.
NAIDOC WEEK 2013 TUESDAY 16TH JULY
Yet another reminder that our school will be celebrating NAIDOC day on the first day back after the school holidays. Children are asked to wear Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island colours on this day (red, black, yellow or blue, white, green)
We will be having a performance by Sean Dewer at 10:00 am followed by an assembly at 11:50 am. After this, children will be participating in story and art activities.
Please ensure that you have paid your $4 before the end of Term if your child is attending the performance.

GIRLS PSSA CRICKET KNOCKOUT 2013
On Friday 21st June, 2013 the Girls PSSA Cricket Knockout Team travelled to South Grafton to play their 2nd Round knockout match. Under grey skies, a wet field and freezing cold temperatures the girls won the coin toss and elected to field. The girls played really well as a team and demonstrated fantastic bowling and fielding skills, with South Grafton making a total of 148 from their 25 overs. After the lunch break, and a heavenly birthday cake from Mollie Cheeks Grandma, the girls went into bat. All the girls batted particularly well scoring 95 runs from their 25 overs. Although the girls didn’t win, they played a great game and showed just what you can achieve by trying something new, dedicating yourself to training hard at lunchtime and demonstrating passion for the sport you nominated yourself for. I would like to thank all the girls for their awesome sportsmanship and enthusiasm to play cricket, you made my job so much easier and enjoyable. I would also like to thank the amazing parents who transported, supported and helped during the day to make it a fantastic experience for the girls and myself.

Mr Lindsay

P&C INVITATION: FAIR CO-ORDINATOR 2014 NEEDED
After much deliberation the P&C have decided to postpone our school Fair until 2014, mostly because no-one has come forward to co-ordinate it. Many schools have their major fundraiser every second year and in the alternating years they have smaller easier to run events, so the P&C considered making it a bi-annual event- ie every second year.
The P&C have started organising an Outdoor Family Film Night, where our school community can gather together in a family friendly environment.
The P&C is an open, friendly organisation and we are open to fresh ideas and new energy. In particular, if members of the school community have ideas regarding the future of our Fair and/or would like to volunteer to co-ordinate or be on a team to run the Fair in 2014, the P&C would love to hear from you!
Sincerely,
Members of the Mullumbimby Public School P&C

SAFE PRACTICE ON BIKE SAFETY DAY

CANTEEN NEWS - Canteen open on Fridays
Lunch Special: Cheese Burger $3.50
Canteen Assistant: Tamara Jones

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
MOVE-A-THON
We held our Move-a-thon today. The children were very excited and the hats and costumes were great. Thanks to all those children who dressed up, you really helped create a fantastic atmosphere. Best dressed prizes and 8 spot prizes per class were presented today at an assembly after the Move-a-thon. Spot prizes were selected randomly and they received a bag of our many donated items.

MOVE-A-THON draw:
The presentation assembly will be held on Friday 28th June, commencing at 11:50. All money must be returned to the office by 9:00 so that tickets can be written out before the draw. The major prizes are: a new pushbike, an iPad mini, a Liquid Image Ego (Go Pro like camera) and a Fuji Digital Camera. There are lots and lots of other prizes which have been generously donated by the community. Also at this assembly the people who walked the most laps and the infants and primary person who raised the most money will be announced and receive their prizes. Good luck everyone for Friday’s draw.

MOVE-A-THON MAJOR SPONSORS:
Our Move-a-thon would be not be successful without the generosity of so many great school supporters. Please support the businesses which support your children’s school. Thank you to our major sponsors Wards Landscape Supplies, Towers Carpets, Cobbers Childcare Centre, Mullumbimby Engineering and Newcastle Permanent Building Society Ballina. We greatly appreciate your support which enables us to purchase most of our big prizes.

MOVE-A-THON SPONSORS and PRIZES:
Discounted Prizes: True Wheel Cycles, Mullum Mac
Donation of Goods: Bi-Rite Electrical Mullumbimby (Fuji Digital Camera), Stewarts Menswear (2 backpacks), Ian and Jodie Mathison (Acoustic Guitar), The Bookshop Mullumbimby ($20 book voucher), Mullumbimby Chocolate Shop (sun fruits and musk sticks bags), Mitre 10, Bridglands Betta Electrical Mullumbimby, Mullum Instyle Living, Mullumbimby Newsagency, Mullumbimby Pool, the Post Office Mullumbimby, National Australia Bank, Commonwealth Bank, Office Choice Mullumbimby and the Brittian family.
Move-a-thon Rewards: Mullumbimby Chocolate Shop (discounted chocolates), Mullumbimby Milk donated the ice-blocks and families who provided oranges.
Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Move-a-thon. We are lucky to have such a supportive community.
The children in 1/2 R have been writing Information Reports. Here are some facts about....

**Frogs**

Frogs have sticky pads so they can climb trees. But only some frogs have sticky feet. Frogs move on four legs so that they can stand properly.

Frogs have very little teeth too. They live in the water and they can camouflage.

Frogs eat snails and other insects. Some frogs live in the desert underground. Frogs have a long tongue so they can catch their food. They need food to survive.  

**Tom Cheek**

Frogs are amphibians. They have webbed feet, green skin, a sticky tongue, small legs small teeth and black eyes. Frogs eat snails, insects, worms and bugs. Frogs live on land, in trees and in the water. Frogs move up trees with sticky pads.

**Dylan Butcher**

Frogs are amphibians, which means they can live in and out of water. They can be many colours. They eat insects and use their long tongue to catch their food. Tree frogs have sticky pads on their feet. Frogs can camouflage themselves. They have four legs.

**Menna Davies**

Frogs are called amphibians because they live on land and water. There are different types of frogs. Some are poisonous, and if it is a colourful then they are poisonous. If an animal eats the poisonous frog it will die. Tree frogs die from snakes and birds and big fish eating them.

**Giles Hannon**
K.E.P 1/2 R  POETRY

We have also been reading some funny poetry.

We read the poem called “There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly.”

After listening to the poem, we decided to innovate our own text!

**Macey Donnelly:**

There was an old lady who swallowed a horse,

She ate it with sauce!

**Ryan Diehm:**

There was an old lady who swallowed a Vet!

He was very wet.

There was an old lady who swallowed a house.

Inside the house was a little mouse.

There was an old lady who swallowed a goat.

It was rowing a boat.

**Beau Berghausen:**

There was an old lady who swallowed a horse.

It was in the air force.

There was an old lady who swallowed a crocodile.

It forgot a file.

There was an old lady who swallowed a snake.

It was really a fake!

**Holly Takacs:**

There was an old lady who swallowed a donkey

It looked pretty wonkey.

There was an old lady who swallowed a frog. What a hog!

There was an old lady who swallowed a pig

It was wearing a wig.

**Ava Jones:**

There was an old lady who swallowed a goose.

She ate it with mousse. There was an old lady whom swallowed a chicken.

It was named Chicken Licken.
Out At Sea

‘Out At Sea’ is a 3 day camp held at Evans Head each year for emerging writers and story tellers. This year Abigail Rynhart, April Lilleyman, April Archibald, Billie Jacks and Ruby McCann attended. We dragged our luggage across the gravelly road, our hearts beating rapidly, not knowing what to expect.

We climbed the polished wooden steps of the teacher’s cabin. We were allocated our rooms and proceeded to unpack our bags. It was very exciting that first day.

While we were at the camp we accomplished lots of writing with the help of various children’s authors, such as, David Lovegrove, Lesley Kilpingbeck, Tristan Banks and Melainer Faranda. We had illustration workshops, attended The Poetry Café and played Theatre Sports games. We also had lots of fun swinging in the chapel. Everything was really fun and we all had a great time.

M.P.S Environmental Program

The Waste Warriors and the Stage 2/3 Gardening Group have been very productive this term. The Waste Warrior focus has been to educate student on what should go into the compost bin and what should go into the other bins. Signs have been erected above the bins to help students be aware of how to compost properly. We now know that worms do not like meat products or citrus left overs. Thank you to all the Waste Warriors who have helped keep our school environmentally sound.

The Gardening Club has been very fruitful with the garden this term. The students sold garden products to the community to help raise money to maintain our chickens and keep them in good health. They are now working in the green house getting ready for spring.

Thank you to Max Strong, Craig Lindsay and all the students who are maintaining our beautiful gardens.

Lyndal Barrett

Mullumbimby Public School
Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to all students who entered our Public Speaking Competition. The Senior winner was Byron Brown (left) whilst Jake Davies (right) took out the Junior title.
Live Life Well @ School

We hope you’ve enjoyed our Live Life Well @ School pages this term and have found the information and recipes useful. Keep your eye out for the “Eat Smart” brochure handout this week, there are some fantastic recipes in there. The Easy Vegetable Loaf sounds delicious.

Some ideas on how to boost the fibre in your child’s diet:

- Toss small white or kidney beans into tuna or chicken salad.
- Add extra vegetables to soup. Often, kids forget they’re eating “vegetables” when it’s part of a soup or stew.
- Toss some of the following ingredients into salads: kidney or garbanzo beans; chunks of artichoke hearts, cherry or grape tomatoes, grated fresh carrot, summer squash and broccoli flowerets.
- Substitute whole wheat flour in baked goods like muffins, scones or pikelets. Start with partial substitution and gradually add a larger percentage each time.
- Try using wholemeal pasta; generally children cannot taste the difference.

Mmmmm chicken drumsticks in the lunchbox! Check out this recipe, an easy and tasty alternative to sandwiches:

**Apricot Drumsticks**

*Ingredients:*
- 4 skinless chicken drumsticks
- ¼ cup apricot nectar
- 1 tablespoon low salt soy sauce
- 2 teaspoons tomato sauce
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice

*Method:*
1. Make a few slashes in each drumstick using a sharp knife.
2. Put drumsticks in an ovenproof dish.
3. Pour over the combined nectar, sauces and lemon juice.
4. Marinate for 30 minutes.
5. Preheat oven to 180 degrees and bake with marinade for 30 minutes turning once.

Can be served hot or packed cold in a school lunchbox with a frozen water bottle.

**Remember water is the best drink to have when you are thirsty.** Have a look at this information about the sugar content in other drinks, you might think twice when you or your child reaches for that glass of soft drink.

**Cordials, soft drinks and sports drinks**

Cordials, soft drinks and sports drinks are high in sugar, and often contain artificial colourings and flavourings as well as caffeine. For these reasons, cordials, soft drinks and sports drinks should be reserved only for special occasions. Too much of these drinks lead to excess consumption of sugar and kilojoules, which may lead to weight gain and tooth decay.

Take a look at the sugar content found in these drinks:

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MuLL uMBiMBY 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.

AfTEr sChOOl AnD VACATiON CARe: this service is Government subsidised & operates Mon-Fri (3pm-6pm) during School Term & Holidays (8am-6pm). Contact Jamie or Claudia: Ph: 0437 860 614.

YoGa w ith Ch ildren & Fami lies. Tuesdays, 3.30-4.30pm: YoGa for Ch ildren (4-16 years).

OuR COMMUNITY NEWS

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KEYBOARD/PIANO AFRI CAN DRUM AND DANCE LESSONS Held during school hours at school this program teaches children to read music, learn to play by ear, create and perform. There is a choice of keyboard lessons or African drum and dance lessons, or both. Children can learn in a group or in an individual environment.

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