

MULLALEY PUBLIC SCHOOL



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WEEK 3 Term 2, 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 3 Term 2	Reminders/Events
Monday 20th	Kids Kitchen (Canteen)/Mr Carter away
Tuesday 21st	Mr Carter away - Rugby trials Gunnedah
Wednesday 22nd	Mr Carter away
Thursday 23rd	Student Banking/Bookclub Due
Friday 24th	Zone Cross Country/Zone Softball/ Sport Gunnedah

Welcome to Week 3. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, our Year 6 mixed netball team travelled to Tamworth to compete in the TAFE NSW Netball Competition. At the conclusion of the day's play our students were victorious winning all of their pool games including the finals. Our mixed netball team will now travel to Inverell in August to take part in the next round of the knock out competition.

This week students in Year 3 and 5 are sitting the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) online tests. NAPLAN assessments are only one of many assessments that teachers use to gauge student progress and inform teaching programs over the school year.

We wish all our students the very best in this endeavour and all we ask that you try your best and like other things you have a go. We would also like to remind students and parents that NAPLAN results give some very specific information about yourself but they can't say everything about who you are and what you have achieved. NAPLAN doesn't reflect that you are good at sport, can dance, are able to look after others or that you can play a musical instrument. NAPLAN results don't show that you can make your friends and family smile, build treehouses, have interesting hobbies or

are involved in local clubs. They don't show your skills and talents in science, geography, history or art. So when you get your results, look at them, discuss them with your family, celebrate your achievements, discover areas to improve on and continue to embrace learning and all other experiences that learning encompasses.

Finally, just a reminder about Friday sport. It is an expectation that all students are to return to school following our sport sessions each week. As sport concludes at 1pm and the buses generally return to school by 1:30pm, students are expected to return to school to engage in timetabled and valuable learning opportunities in the afternoon session. Due to the change in the bus schedules to assist in the movement of 900 students from the participating schools we are unable to organise pick up and drop off points. Thank you.

Enjoy the week,
Benjamin Carter
Principal

ALDI snow gear sale
this Saturday 8am

Federal Election

Mullaley Public School is open for voting this
Saturday 18th from 8am to 6pm.

Book Club

Orders are due back at school by Thursday
23rd May.

Canberra Excursion

This Friday is the deadline for students to pay their \$50 deposit to participate in the Canberra excursion. Once numbers have been confirmed, a final costing can be worked out and parents notified. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please don't hesitate to contact me to discuss how we may help.

Mr Carter



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LDC Regional, Rural & Remote Schools E-Update

MAY ARTICLE

Tips for Encouraging 'tweens' to read

The following tips are for reluctant readers in the 'tween' age group. By encouraging good reading habits, the hope is that by High School they will have a more positive attitude toward reading and will have improved their confidence, fluency and ability in this area.

Writing

To help with reading encourage them to write regularly. For reluctant readers who are also reluctant writers, this can be tricky. Look at things they can do without making it obvious. Some ideas are: type an email to a friend about what they are doing in class, write instructions out clearly before asking them to direct the activity, etc.

Future

Discuss the importance of reading in part time job areas they are interested in: Shop assistant - has to be able to read the computer programs for processing sales, etc. Unramping kids sports games - has to read and remember the rules and pass tests. Learning to drive - has to be able to read and pass the test.

Interest

Use their areas of interest to encourage reading. There are magazines for almost every area of interest available. Blogs are easy to access and cover every topic you can imagine. Read the book for a movie they loved. Create list in classroom of other reading options in different interest areas.

Compulsory

School chosen novels can be quite difficult as they are often not an area of interest for the tween, and therefore 'boring'. To combat this consider using an audio version of the book rather than asking individuals to read.

Strategies

Work out what strategies help your reluctant reader: shared reading, echo reading, reading to them, reading aloud, etc. Encourage them to share this strategy with their other classroom teachers, and parents.

Newsletter Excerpt References: "When older kids struggle with reading" from SchoolMoz, NSW Dept of Ed., "How parents can encourage teens to read" by Reading is Fundamental, "17 ways to keep your middle schooler turning the pages" www.scholastic.com, "10 ways to encourage your high-schooler to read" by L. Baigalman, www.understood.org

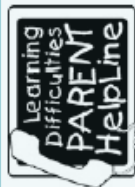
Have you read this article: ADHD and Me: <https://www.tbs.com.au/ondemand/video/11178311263711/ADHD-And-Me>

Have you seen this book... *Stay Positive in a Jar*: Tips, Quotes and Questions to spark upbeat thoughts and attitudes, by Free Spirit Publishing. Available from

www.staypositive.com.au \$17.95. Boost positive thoughts and attitudes in kids (and adults) of all ages with these uplifting reflections, prompts, tips and quotes.

Have you seen this on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PW_KWZSLUQ
Spellabot: Teach early literacy like they do in Finland

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Please contact the LDC office if you would like Helpline brochures/posters for your school.

MEMBERSHIP COSTS

1 year School M'ship \$55
3 year School M'ship \$150

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- A Quarterly Newsletter
- Fortnightly Member Updates relating to LD
- Discount on LDC resources
- Discount on entry to LDC seminars

RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT



ANXIETY TOOLKIT

This booklet on Anxiety covers areas such as school related anxiety, OCD, resilience, self-esteem and more. It contains strategies for parents, teachers and health professionals.

\$12 for LDC members
\$17 for non members
+ P/H (see website)

See www.ldc.org.au for details

Educational & Health Specialists Visiting Tamworth 18th & 19th July 2019

Providing Assessment, Planning & Intervention to Tamworth families



Dr Rachel Briggs
Clinical Psychologist
EPsych, BSc(Hons), DCPMISC, MACPA



Amanda Hicks
Working Memory, Learning & Reading Specialist
MAPh, MEdEd, GradCert, BA, GradDipTESOL, GradDipPsych (current)



Andrea Cooper
Senior Speech Pathologist
M.S.P.A., C.P.S.P.,
B Speech Pathology (Honours)

"Calm Consultants look forward to welcoming these outstanding practitioners to Tamworth in 2019. Their in person expertise will be extremely valuable to the families of Tamworth."

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When?

18th & 19th July 2019

Where?

Calm Consultants, Tamworth

To express your interest in services for your child please email

regionalspecialists@outlook.com

P: 0423 584 808

Q: What do you provide?

A: Speech & Language Assessment, Learning Assessment, Dyslexia Assessment, Cognitive Assessment, Behavioural Analysis & Mental Health Assessment.

Q: Is this the same service as you provide in city locations?

A: YES. Our service is a remote service for regional families and offers the same level of expertise and service provided in city locations.

Q: How do we access this service?

A: Please email regionalspecialists@outlook.com with your name. We will send you a checklist and information on the service. We then organise the testing that is required and book you in for our next visit to Tamworth.

Q: Do you provide ongoing support?

A: YES. We offer a range of remote support services and linking with local services.

Limited appointments available



Notes Attached

- * Permission Note - **Northern Inland Regional Netball Finals** (for those involved) due 3rd July.
- * Permission note - **Gunnedah Eisteddfod** - due next Tuesday. * **Zone Cross Country** - students involved, **Friday sport arrangements and Program**.