

# MULLALEY PUBLIC SCHOOL



A Quality Education in a Caring Environment

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**WEEK 9 Term 4, 2019**

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>10</b>	16 Kids Kitchen ? Christmas Cooking	17 Christmas Craft Year 6 Slide Shows 1:30	18 Miss Short's morning tea 10:30 Mufti (Get Wet Day) Students last day	19 Staff only	20 Staff only
<b>2020 1</b>	27 Jan Public Holiday	28 Jan Staff Return	29 Jan Students Return	30 Jan Kindergarten start	31 Jan

Welcome to Week 9, the second last week of the 2019 schooling year and our last newsletter for the year.

I would like to say thank you to the students, staff, family and community members who attended our presentation assembly last night. It is always fantastic to see everyone coming together to acknowledge and celebrate the successes of our students both in and outside the classroom. As I mentioned last night in my speech, each day we continue to strive to ensure that all students are known, valued and cared for and that their accomplishments are celebrated throughout the year, not only at the end of year formal occasions.

During the presentation night, I had the privilege of announcing the school captains and SRC members for 2020. Congratulations to the following students:

School Captains – Chas Jaeger and Annabelle Guerin

Year 6 SRC – Beau Craig  
Year 5 SRC – Max Gavel  
Year 4 SRC – Neave Martin  
Year 3 SRC – Will Schutz  
Year 2 SRC – Toby Martin

Additionally, I can also announce our school staffing for 2020. I would like to welcome Mrs Leah Crispin to our school who will be teaching K/1/2. Mrs Jennifer Lush will be moving to teach years 3/4, and Ms Madeleine Birkett will continue with the year 5/6 cohort. I will be covering release for the teachers in the afternoons, as well as working in Learning Support.

Mrs Cawter will continue to work four days a week, Tuesday through Friday. Mere will continue in her role as School Chaplain two days a week and we welcome back Mr Greg Cummins as our general assistant.

Finally, it is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye to our Year 6 students and Ms Short who will be leaving us at the end of next week. To our Year 6 students, we wish you the very best of luck for your future endeavours. Embrace the challenges that life brings us as it is an opportunity to learn more about yourself and the world around you.

To Ms Short, thank you for your years of service and dedication to Mullaley Public School. What can we say that has not already been said? You have been an asset to our school and you will be sorely missed.

We will be holding a morning tea on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of December from

10:30am to say goodbye to Ms Short and celebrate her years at Mullaley Public School. All community members are invited and we kindly ask that you please bring a plate to share.

Our last day of term is Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December. Please note that there is no school on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. There will be no supervision provided at school as there will be no teaching staff available.

Finally, on behalf of the students and staff of Mullaley Public School, I would like to wish everyone a happy, safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to catching up with everyone in 2020.

Enjoy the remainder of the week, with only five days remaining of the school year.

Merry Christmas

Benjamin Carter  
Principal

### Kinder Orientation

Tomorrow for 2020 Kinder students. Parents will be addressed by Lizzy Bell on behalf of the P&C, given a tour of the school and invited to stay for morning tea.

### POOL PARTY

This Friday 13th December at the Gunnedah Pool. Buses will be departing the school at 11:30 and returning by 3pm. Pool entry is \$2 per student (some students doing swimming for sport have already paid). Students will be able to purchase from the canteen (maximum spend \$10). Please return the permission note immediately if not already done so. A copy of the canteen menu is below. Don't forget hat, sunscreen and lots of water.

### Year 6 Slide Shows

You're invited to the viewing of the Year 6 Slide Shows on Tuesday 17th December at 1:30pm at the school.

### SHARE OUR SPACE

Once again our school grounds will be open to the general public during the holidays between 8am - 5pm, 7 days a week. Come along and enjoy our play equipment, sporting fields and tennis court.

### CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

**Catholic - Mullaley:** 10am Christmas Day  
**Anglican - Mullaley:** 10am Sunday 22nd  
**Tambar Springs:** 9am Christmas Day  
**Carols by Candlelight:** Tambar Springs Park  
7:30pm Sunday 22nd

### POOL MEAL DEALS

#### Kids chicken Meal \$5

6 Chicken Nuggets  
Chips  
Juice Popper

#### Family Fish Meal

16 Fish Bites, Large Chips, 4 cans of soft drink (or  
2 cans of soft drink and 2 juice poppers)

#### Kids Fish Meal \$5

3 Fish Bites, Chips, Juice Popper

#### Family Potato Meal

10 Potato Scallops, Large chips, 4 cans soft drink (or  
2 cans of soft drink and 2 juice poppers)

#### Family Chicken Meal \$30

24 Chicken Nuggets, Large chips  
4 cans of soft drink (or 2 cans soft drink & 2 juice poppers)

### ICE CREAMS

Paddle Pop	\$1.50
Vanilla Drumstick	\$3.50
Spider Split	\$1.50
Split	\$1.50
Calippo Minis	\$1.50

Cyclones	\$1.80
Zooper Dooper	\$1.00
TNT Sour Dooper	\$1.80

### **A letter from Miss Short**

17 years.

It's a long time to teach in one place but as I've often replied when asked why I've stayed so long at Mullaley P.S. – "It's a great place to teach."

I've spent most of my teaching career in small schools. I've taught in larger schools, here and overseas. There is no comparison.

Small schools are great places to work. A sense of family is woven into everything, and Mullaley has it in spades. From the broader community, the composite classes, to getting to know every child across the whole school, to the staff I've worked with over the years.

I've been blessed to have worked with some amazing people here at MPS – the indomitable Mrs Crawter (Keeper of all Knowledge & Keys); some great principals (too many to name, but starting with Marion Smith and finishing with Ben Carter); some incredible colleagues (Jen, Maddy and Ben - you could not ask for more dedicated or caring teachers); our hard-working grounds-staff (Steven, Greg, Todd & Nikki); the parents (so many of you); and, the most awesome people of all – your children.

Each and every year, with every child, it's been an incredible journey. There's no greater satisfaction than watching a child grow, from Kinder right through to Year 6 – and sometimes beyond when you've been around long enough to teach entire families of children or seen a couple of generations of the same family come through your classroom!

I've loved teaching your children, learning from them, listening to their stories, sharing pieces of their lives, and watching them grow as learners and as human beings. I'll always be interested in hearing about them, wherever they end up, whatever they do, and whoever they become.

Saying farewell to all of you – children, parents, staff, the wider community – is likely to involve some tears, but this poster I saw the other day pretty well captures how I feel.

"The most beautiful possessions in life are not things. They are people, places, memories and pictures. They're feelings, moments, smiles and laughter."

I've had all of these things here at Mullaley PS – 17 years of them – and am richer for it.

So long.

Farewell.

And thanks for the memories!

Sincerely,

Kylie Short



### **Drought Affected Families - gifts for students**

Toys funded by the Royal Easter Show and Thank a Farmer Day are being shared amongst 20 Show Societies throughout NSW. Presents for our students will be distributed next Wednesday, with special thanks to volunteers from the Gunnedah Show Society for organising the collection and distribution.

The Royal Agricultural Society Foundation Manager, Cecilia Logan, said that many communities in Northern and Central West NSW are struggling amid incredibly tough conditions. In the lead-up to Christmas, we hope these gifts will uplift the spirits of the community.





# EVERY DAY COUNTS...

**A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...**

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4



*Give your child every  
chance to succeed...*

**Every day counts!**



## 10 Tips for Surviving School Holidays

While school holidays are a welcome break from the busyness of school routines, there is never a break from parenting. The following tips will help you have fun and connect with your kids so you make the most of the school holidays:

### 1. Plan

- Get your kids involved in making a list of activities that they would like to do
- Plan for good and bad weather
- Schedule down time and time out as well as time for one-on-one and family group activities

### 2. The best things in life are free

- Make sure the list includes plenty of free activities such as picnics, bike rides, trips to the beach, the local library and the great outdoors

### 3. Boredom is good

- Unstructured time and time away from electronic devices is good for young minds

### 4. Use opportunities to teach new skills and self reliance

- Not having the pressure to rush out the door in the morning can allow for kids to develop new skills such as getting their own breakfast and lunch, taking the dog for a walk or going to the shops by themselves



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### 5. Ask for help

- Don't be afraid to ask for help to share the load. For example, asking friends or family to help care for children or to provide assistance in other ways

### 6. Accept that things may not always go to plan

- Even the best made plans may need to be discarded at the last minute due to unforeseen events such as illness or accidents. Whilst stressful, these unforeseen events often teach us and our kids valuable life lessons and may even become the source of family bonding or stories down the track

### 7. Don't forget self-care

- Look after yourself and take time out to relax, even if it's half an hour whilst you have a cuppa and read a book. Remember, happy and relaxed parents make for happy children

### 8. Support and company

- Having a support system can be crucial to any parent. It also gives parents the opportunity to interact with other parents whilst giving the kids a bit of play time

### 9. Consider your child's mental health and wellbeing

- Whilst it may be a family tradition to go on an annual family holiday or attend a family dinner, maybe your teenager is too depressed or your child with ADHD will be labelled by judgemental relatives. Consider if it's really worth maintaining the tradition when it may be at the cost of mental health and wellbeing

### 10. Holiday connections help us the rest of the year

- School holidays provide unique opportunities to connect with, listen to and get to know your kids. Use the time to spend one-on-one time with each family member
- Parent Line can also provide over the phone support throughout the holiday period if you need some extra help. Our counsellors are here for you seven days a week, 9am to 9pm weekdays and 4pm to 9pm weekends (closed public holidays).



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