

MULLALEY PUBLIC SCHOOL

A Quality Education in a Caring
Environment

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WEEK 1 Term 1, 2020

| Week | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 2 | 3 Kid's Kitchen -Spaghetti Bol lunch only | 4 Scripture | 5 | 6 Small Schools Swim Carnival 4pm | 7 |
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I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our students and families back to another fun, busy and exciting term ahead. I would also like to welcome our new kindergarten students and our new teacher Mrs Crispin to our wonderful school.

This year, as we continue to work through the devastating drought, we as a school will continue to provide quality-learning opportunities for all students both inside and outside the classroom to ensure that all students have the opportunity to display their unique talents and skills.

The staff and students of Mullaley Public School will continue their involvement within the Namoi Partner Schools to provide quality learning and opportunities enabling all school members to achieve their best. This year, we will continue to run the NPS Sport activities each Friday starting in Week 5 providing students with the opportunity to engage in a diverse range of sports.

For anyone unfamiliar with our Namoi Partner Schools involvement, further information can be found within this newsletter.

You may have recently seen stories in the media about whether phones and other

digital devices are harmful for students. We know that using technology is a key part of our daily lives and digital technology skills are important for learning and preparing our children and young people for life beyond school. We also know we need to support our students to use technology in safe, responsible and respectful ways.

To support schools and students, a new policy on the use of all digital devices in schools will apply in all NSW public schools from 2020.

Our school will be updating our mobile devices procedure to reflect the new requirements during Term 1.

The new policy includes the digital device restriction for primary schools announced by the NSW Government in December 2018. Under the policy, secondary schools retain discretion implement a similar restriction or pursue the approach that best suits their circumstances and the needs of their diverse communities.

Information on this policy and responses to some Frequently Asked Questions are available at: [NSW Department of Education's website](#).

We will update you on any future changes that may be required to our procedures before they are adopted into the school.

We are looking forward to working with our school community to support our children and young people to be safe online and balance the benefits and risks of digital technology.

Finally, I would like to remind all parents that we operate an 'open door' policy here at Mullaley Public School. This means that you can pop in and have a brief chat to your child's teacher or myself before or after school most days. For more lengthy conversations with either your child's class teacher or myself, please contact the office and ask for an appointment. By working together, we can make a real difference in your child's experience of school.

Namoi Partner Schools – “Leading the Future”

NSW Public Schools within and surrounding the Gunnedah area are Leading the Future of

Education with a collegial focus. The Namoi Partner Schools is a joint venture involving all of the local public schools from Boggabri, Carroll, Curlewis, Gunnedah, Mullaley and Tambar Springs. It has been forged to provide outstanding teaching and learning opportunities for students and high quality professional learning opportunities for staff.

Our strength as a partnership of public schools, K-12, lies in the fact that we are ideally positioned to share a range of expertise, facilities and programs, and common values which we instil in students through curriculum and co-curricular dimensions of our schools.

Through a love of learning, or on the sporting field, in caring for our environment, or by promoting a passion for the arts, we aim to provide the very best education for our students.

As the Namoi Partner Schools, we are justifiably proud of our collective achievements.

Enjoy your week.

Benjamin Carter
Principal

Permission to Publish form attached. Please return by Tuesday 4th Feb.



The Hon. Sarah Mitchell, Minister for Education and Early Childhood presenting Annabelle Guerin with her captain's badge

2020 MULLALEY SCHOOL CAPTAINS



The Hon. Kevin Anderson, Member for Tamworth, pinning the captain's badge on Chas Jaeger

Small Schools Swimming Twilight Carnival

To be held at the Gunnedah pool on Thursday 6th February
Students to be at the pool by 3:45 for a 4:00pm start.

Finishing approximately 7:30pm

Thursday afternoon: buses will be running as usual, however please advise your bus driver if your child will not be travelling home but will be attending the carnival

Friday 7th: School operational as usual, student attendance at the discretion of parents.

Please return the attached permission note by **Tues.4th Feb**

P&C AGM/General Meeting

Wednesday 19th February
3:15pm

Recruiting new executive committee!

Office Bearer Nomination Form attached - please return by **Monday 17th February.**



Farm First Aid Free* Training

On-farm accidents are a major problem for farming in Australia. Incidents can involve workers, bystanders to work and others (including children) and occur in a range of circumstances on farms of different agricultural enterprises. Develop skills and improve the safety of your farm or rural workplace by enrolling in this First Aid training course, delivered by an accredited Red Cross Trainer. This free* event is supported by NALAG NSW's Our Shout Program and Australian Red Cross.

*This training is free for primary producers, farm workers and farm contractors. Participation is limited to two people per business.

Tambar Springs

When: 8:30am – 4:30pm, Tuesday 18 February 2020
Where: Tambar Springs School, 88 Tamba St, Tambar Springs NSW 2381
Cost: Free for primary producers, farm workers and farm contractors.
All training materials, morning tea and lunch are included.

Limited places!

REGISTER ONLINE: www.nalag.org.au/farmfirstaid
For more information: Mark McMullen 0428 922 617 mmcmullen@redcross.org.au

SUPPORTING RURAL COMMUNITIES:



Basketball competition 2019

Registration nights
Tuesday 11th February
AND
Tuesday 18th February
5:00 – 6:30pm

BASKETBALL COMPETITION 2020
Junior competition will be played on Tuesday nights commencing 25th February and will conclude 9th of June

High school competition is for Yrs 7 – 9. It will commence Tuesday 25th February with finals to be held on Tuesday 23rd June

Seniors will play on Wednesday nights with competition starting Wednesday 26th February.

Awesome Opportunity – starts 28th of April and runs till the 16th of June

Fees – Our fee structure has changed to allow for the use of the "Active Kids" rebate

Juniors \$100 (Includes both Main Comp and Summer Comp registration as well as Black shorts)

High School (13-15yrs) \$115 (For both Main and Summer Comp. Or \$90 for solely this comp.

Seniors \$130

Late fee of \$10 (late registrations will only be accepted at the discretion of the committee)

GUNNEDAH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
Facebook – Gunnedah Basketball Association
www.gunnedahbasketball.com.au