

Mullaway Primary School



TERM 3 WEEK 6 - WEDNESDAY 27 AUGUST

Principal's Message

It has been a wonderful fortnight, highlighted by our vibrant Book Week Parade and the outstanding performances of our athletes at the Mid-North Coast Athletics Championships. We are also proud of individuals who have excelled in debating, spelling, and chess. Additionally, our students enjoyed engaging visits from Healthy Harold and a Djembe Drumming workshop, especially our younger learners.

Looking ahead, the next fortnight promises to be just as exciting with the annual mini-fete, proudly led by our Stage 3 leaders. Our elite athletes will also be competing at the North Coast Athletics Championships, taking their skills to the next level.

Excitement is building as preparations are underway for this year's school musical, *The Magic Mullaway Tree*. More information, including performance dates and how to purchase tickets, is in this newsletter.

Please note that I will be taking long service leave from the start of Week 8 and will return at the beginning of Term 4. During this period, Mrs. Saunders will be the relieving principal.

Mid North Coast Zone Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday, 19 August, our elite athletes showcased their talent and determination at the Mid-North Coast Zone Athletics Championships held at the Coffs CEX Stadium. Despite some delays caused by inclement weather, all events except for the high jump were successfully completed. The high jump finals have been rescheduled and will take place this Thursday at Narranga Public School.

We are proud to announce that 10 students from Mullaway have so far qualified to compete at the upcoming North Coast Athletics Championships, also at the Coffs CEX Stadium, on Tuesday, 9 September. These athletes will be representing our school in 14 individual events, as well as two relay teams.



Particular congratulations go to our boys' junior and senior relay teams, both of which secured qualification. Additionally, several students have earned spots in multiple individual events, including Indiarna B, Hugo D, Jayme L, Kobi R, and Parker R.

Notable 1st place performances on the day included:

- Indiarna B - 11yrs Girls' 1500m and 800m,
- Jayme L - Junior Girls 200m and 10yrs Girls' 100m,
- Kobi R - 11yrs Boys' 200m and 100m,
- Parker R - Junior Boys' Long Jump.

This is a remarkable achievement for our school community, and we wish all our athletes the very best as they prepare to compete at the next level. We look forward to cheering them on as they aim to qualify for the State Championships. Good luck to all!

Book Week Parade

On Friday, 22 August, Mullaway Primary School brought the theme of 2025's Book Week, 'Book an Adventure,' to life with a vibrant parade that showcased the creativity and enthusiasm of our students and staff. The event was a spectacular success, with the vast majority of participants dressed as their favourite book characters.

Each student had the opportunity to announce their character and the book they came from before confidently walking down the catwalk, delighting the audience. The parade featured an impressive range of costumes, from timeless classics like Harry Potter, Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, The Cat in the Hat, and Peter Pan, to contemporary superheroes and sporting stars.

Our Book Week Parade continues to thrive thanks to the fantastic support of our families, who contributed by finding or making costumes and cheering on our students. A special thank you goes to Mr Wiggins, our wonderful MC, who kept the crowd entertained and the parade flowing smoothly, Ms. Broekman, the event coordinator, and our dedicated librarian, Miss Hopper, for her efforts in promoting the event in the lead-up.

Mullaway Primary School's Book Week Parade truly was an adventure to remember!



Spelling Bee

On Wednesday 20 August, two of our talented spellers, Charlie and Carter, proudly represented Mullaway Primary School in the Regional Spelling Bee Final.

Charlie competed in the Stage 2 division and did a wonderful job, making it through to Round 2. Carter represented in the Stage 3 division and impressed with his spelling skills, reaching Round 4 and only narrowly missing out near the end when the tricky word tachometer brought his run to a close.

Both students demonstrated great perseverance and confidence, competing against a large group of students from across the region. We are very proud of their achievements and the way they represented our school. Fantastic effort, Charlie and Carter!



Debating

On Friday 22 August, our two Mullaway debating teams took on Sandy Beach Public School in a fantastic afternoon of competition.

The Mullaway Sharks team of Cove, Rory, Cooper and Oliver faced off against the Sandy Beach Squad, debating the topic: 'That all school canteens should be run by students with a supervising teacher.' The Sharks presented strong arguments and teamwork, securing a well-deserved win.

The Mullaway Dolphins team of Onkar, Harlem, Maddi, Aalexy and reserve Lewis competed against the Sandy Beach Brainstormers. Their topic was: 'That schools should give every Year 6 student a turn in student leadership instead of appointing a few kids for the whole year.' It was a challenging and closely fought debate, but the Dolphins also came away with a victory.

Congratulations to all our debaters for their confidence, teamwork and persuasive skills. Thank you to Mrs Saunders for coordinating and supporting our debating teams.



Our Year 6 Debators (Ollie and Cove Absent)



Healthy Harold

We're excited that Healthy Harold, the ever-lovable giraffe, is currently visiting Mullaway with the Life Education van!

All classes from Kindergarten to Year 4 are getting the opportunity to step into the van and enjoy an interactive lesson delivered by a specialist Life Ed educator.

Kindergarten are attending My Body Matters, learning about hygiene, healthy foods, the benefits of getting the right amount of physical activity and sleep.

Stage 1 are attending Ready, Steady Go!, learning how to prepare physically and mentally for important events in their lives. Key messages include eating a balanced meal, drinking water to stay hydrated, and ways to deal with nerves during a challenging situation.

Stage 2 are attending Cyber Wise, learning how to react to risks and report problems online.

The students have been excited by this experience—from dancing with Harold, learning through stories and interactive activities, to exiting the van with big smiles and renewed enthusiasm for healthy, safe living!

Chess

Congratulations to Onkar for becoming our 2025 Chess Champion!

The competition began with over 30 eager participants in a knockout format. After several intense rounds, Onkar and Stevie emerged as the final two contenders, setting the stage for an exciting grand final. The atmosphere was electric, with a large crowd watching—standing room only!

The match was a tense battle from the start, with both players making strong opening moves. After a series of even exchanges, Onkar seized a critical opportunity with a forked attack, capturing Stevie's Queen. Despite Stevie's determined effort to extend the game, Onkar skillfully manoeuvred his pieces to deliver an inescapable checkmate.

Congratulations to all players who took part in this year's competition. Keep practising and honing your skills—2026's championship is just around the corner!



Musical

Excitement is building as preparations are underway for this year's school musical, 'The Magic Mullaway Tree.'

Classes are busily brainstorming ideas, writing scripts, and rehearsing for what promises to be a fabulous week of entertainment. Who knows what adventures our students will discover in the Magical Mullaway Tree? Will they find what they're searching for...? You'll have to come along and see!

Performance Dates:

- Tuesday 23 September – Matinee: 12:00–2:00pm | Evening: 6:00–8:00pm
- Thursday 25 September – Matinee: 10:30–12:30 | Evening: 6:00–8:00pm

Students performing in the evening shows will need to arrive at school by 5:30pm. They will need to be signed into their classroom with the teacher. For child safety reasons, only school staff and pre-arranged assistants will be permitted to enter the classrooms. Permission notes were sent home yesterday afternoon. Please complete the form to give permission for your child to participate or notify the school if your child is unable to attend. This will assist teachers to best manage their class performances.

Tickets will be purchased online for \$10 per ticket via the link <https://www.trybooking.com/DFAWO> and will open for sales on Wednesday 3 September at 9:30am. There will be a limit of 6 tickets per transaction.

Money raised by our musical will be put towards creative arts projects and programs within the school.

Mark your calendars, spread the word, and join us for this magical celebration of our students' creativity and talent!

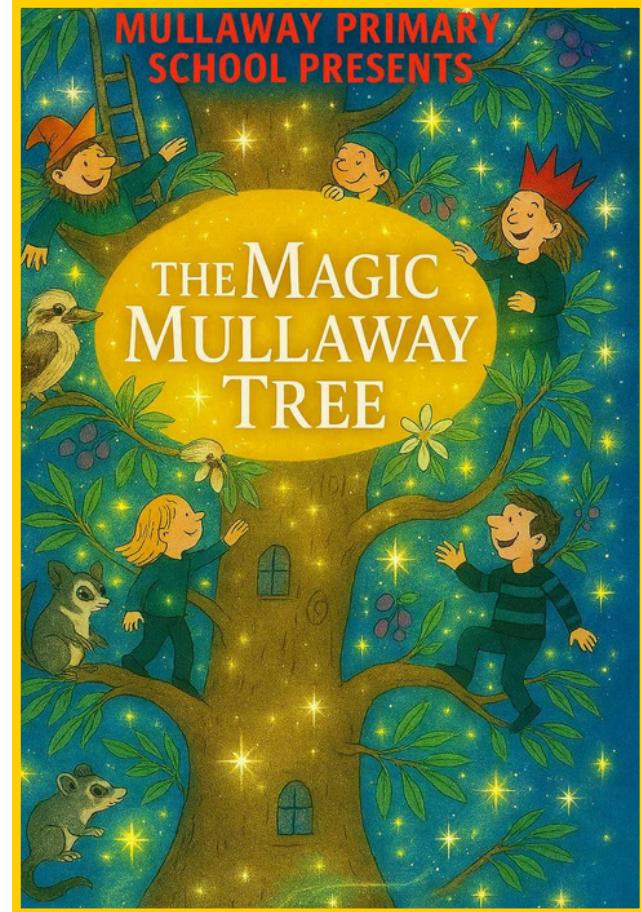
African Djembe Drumming Workshops

Stage 1 and 2 students attended an African Djembe Drumming workshop on Tuesday, 26 August. This engaging workshop was part of our Wellbeing focus, with the total cost subsidised by the school for all students in Stages 1 and 2.

Teachers also took part in an after-school professional learning session to better support the students. Recently, the school purchased a class set of Djembe drums for the music program, and Mr Neal has been leading drumming lessons as part of the Stage 2 rotation groups.

During the workshop, students learned about traditional instruments, songs, and rhythms. Each student was provided with a djembe drum for the session, allowing everyone to participate fully. The sessions were inclusive, welcoming students of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.

The workshop also highlighted the mindfulness and stress-relieving benefits of drumming. It provided a healthy physical activity that stimulated cognitive function while promoting communication, social skills, and teamwork among students.



Seaview Donation

We would like to extend our thanks to the Seaview Tavern for their generous donation of \$250.00 towards our Stage 3 excursion. These funds will help subsidise the additional costs involved in our students' upcoming visits to Sydney and Canberra in Term 4. We greatly appreciate the support from our local community!



A Brief History of Mullaway

We are delighted to announce that local resident and grandfather of former Mullaway students, Scott Rodham, has generously donated a copy of his newly researched and published book, A Brief History of Mullaway, to our school library. Over the past year, Mr Rodham has dedicated himself to uncovering the rich history of our community, creating a captivating read that covers local infrastructure, notable residents, and, of course, our beloved school.

As part of his research, Mr Rodham interviewed several local residents, including Mr Steve Chin, Mullaway's foundation teacher who served from 1994 to 2013. This book is a valuable resource for our students and community, and we sincerely appreciate Mr Rodham's dedication and generosity in sharing this work with us.

An interesting connection is that Mr Rodham has had five grandchildren attend Mullaway during my time as Principal. Additionally, he has three other grandchildren who attended Raglan Public School in Bathurst while I was Principal there from 2006 to 2009 – truly a small world!

We encourage everyone to visit the library and explore this wonderful piece of our local heritage.



Mr Rodham with Kale (Captain) and Cove (Vice-Captain)

Wallaby's Assembly Performance

On Friday, 22 August, Miss Nudd's Wallaby class delighted us with a percussive performance of the Monkees' classic, I'm A Believer, followed by the Skeleton Song at our weekly assembly. Each student played a single-note xylophone, coming together to create a harmonious and engaging musical experience. Our Stage 1 students rose to the challenge, impressing and entertaining the whole school with their presentation.

Well done, Wallaby class!



Bumble Bee Awards



Congratulations to our Week 4 Bumble bees



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Spirit of Mullaway



Week 4 Class Points

Alinta	28
Cargal	24
Bindarri	29
Nian	35

Week 5 Class Points

Alinta	31
Cargal	27
Bindarri	25
Nian	37

With two weeks of strong showing in the class points, Bindarri continues to lead in our 2025 Spirit of Mullaway.

Overall tally

Bindarri	908
Alinta	901
Cargal	871
Nian	861

Principal
James Deagan

STAGE 3 MINI FETE

FRIDAY, 29 AUGUST

12:00pm - 2:00pm

MUFTI CAN BE WORN BY STAGE 3 ONLY

REGULAR SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR K-4 STUDENTS

SAUSAGE SIZZLE - \$2.50

SNOW CONES - \$2.50

WHITE ELEPHANT STALL - 50C - \$5

NERF WARS - \$1

THE SALON: HAIR, NAILS, FACE PAINTING - \$1 - \$2.50

HAUNTED HOUSE - \$1

FAT FOOTBALL - 50C

PILLOW FIGHTS - \$1

HAND SOCCER - 50C

VARCHERY - 50C

GUESSING COMP - 50C A GUESS

CHANCE! - \$1 A SPIN

JUNGLE RUN - 50C

SPLAT THE TEACHER - 50C

SOCCER/FOOTBALL SHOTS - 50C

DJ BOOTH/REQUEST-A-SONG & MESSAGE - 50C

*All money raised will go to the
Stage 3 Excursion & End of Year Activities*

**THE MINI FETE IS
RUN BY THE YEAR 5/6 STUDENTS
FOR THE K-4 STUDENTS**

Grandparents Day

Friday 24th October

You are invited to celebrate this special day with us!
Our activities will begin at 9:15am and will finish at
1:00pm with a wonderful dance for everyone to enjoy
together. All are welcome to join the fun.

More information to come.



Messages from the Office

Term 4 Excursions

In Term 4 our annual school excursions are scheduled for students from years 3-6.

- Thursday, 6 November - Year 3 Sleep Over (at school)
- Wednesday, 5 November - Friday, 7 November - Year 4 Cascade Environmental Centre
- Sunday, 2 November - Friday 7 November - Stage 3 Sydney/Canberra Excursion

Stage 3 Sydney/Canberra Excursion:

Final payment of the excursion is due on Friday, 29 August (This Friday). Reminder payment notifications will be sent home to families today with outstanding amounts.

Year 4 Cascade Excursion:

Permission notes were sent home via school bytes earlier this week. Permission notes are due on Friday, 5 September. Final payment for the excursion is due Friday, 17 October (Term 4, Week 1).

Year 3 Sleepover:

As part of our Whole School Excursion Program, the one-night sleepover gives the students an opportunity to experience an overnight excursion with their peers, whilst remaining in familiar surroundings and being near their families. All Year 3 students are encouraged to participate in the sleepover and the associated social activities. It provides an opportunity for the students to not only strengthen their social and emotional development, but to broaden their organisational and life skills. Permission notes will be sent home in the near future for the year 3 sleepover.

Messages from Mullaway School P&C

 **THREE DOLPHINS CAFÉ**
TERM 3 MENU 

ORDERS CUT OFF AT 9 AM DAILY
ORDER USING FLEXISCHOOLS OR CASH TO CANTEEN USING A PAPER BAG

LUNCH BREAK

HOT FOOD

SAUCE BBQ / TOMATO \$0.50	
CHICKEN TENDER (EACH) \$2.00	
GARLIC BREAD (2 SLICES) \$1.00	
PARTY PIE \$2.50	
SPAGHETTI Bolognese \$5.50	
SPINACH & FETTA ROLL \$5.50	
BEEF SAUSAGE ROLL \$5.50	
MINCED BEEF PIE \$5.50	

SANDWICHES

WHOLEMEAL BREAD, ROLLS, WRAPS \$3.00	
GLUTEN FREE Bread / Wraps available - Extra \$1.00	
VEGEMITE / JAM / HONEY \$3.00	
TOASTED CHEESE / HAM \$4.00	

Please let me know if you would like them toasted

DRINKS

BOTTLED WATER \$2.00	
POPPERS APPLE \$2.00	
POPPERS ORANGE \$2.00	
STRAWBERRY MILK \$3.00	
CHOCOLATE MILK \$3.00	

FLEXISCHOOLS ORDERING 

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK 

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
PLEASE CALL 66540377

DAILY SPECIAL
WEDNESDAY

SUSHI ROLLS \$4.50
Chicken schnitzel & avocado / Tuna & cucumber / Salmon & avocado / Sweet potato, carrot & cucumber
Add Pickled ginger \$0.50
Soy sauce available at the canteen

THURSDAY

BUTTER CHICKEN \$5.50
Butter Chicken and Rice
Add Greek Yoghurt \$0.50
Add Naan Bread \$1.50

FRIDAY

CHEESE BURGER \$6.00
Cheese Burger, Beef Pattie, Cheese & Tomato sauce

BEEF BURGER \$6.00
Beef Burger with lettuce tomato cheese & Tomato sauce

CHICKEN BURGER \$6.00
Chicken Burger with Lettuce & Mayo

AFTERNOON BREAK

HALF ICE POLE \$0.50	
POPCORN \$1.00	
PRETZELS \$1.00	
ICY POLES \$1.00	
JELLY CUP \$1.00	
HOMEMADE CUPCAKE \$1.00	
SMOOZE \$2.50	
Mango & Coconut / Pink Guava & Coconut DF \$2.50	
FROZEN TWISTED YOGHURT \$2.50	
Strawberry & Vanilla / Watermelon & Mango \$2.50	
PADDLE POPS \$2.50	
Rainbow / Chocolate \$2.50	
MOOSIES \$2.50	
Bubble gum / Chocolate \$2.50	

FLEXISCHOOLS ORDERING

Get ready for a fresh look, Mullaway! Our new school uniforms are arriving soon and will be stocked by early Term 3. Designed for comfort and practicality, these uniforms will be a fantastic addition to our school community thanks to our amazing P&C.

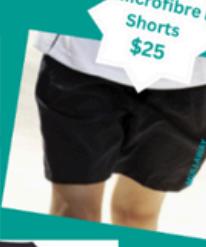


You'll be able to place your orders conveniently through Flexischools within the coming week! A notification will be sent out when the new items arrive.

P&C UNIFORM SHOP

Skorts \$27 

Mesh Shorts \$25 

Microfibre Shorts \$25 

School Zipper Jumpers \$38 

Available through Flexischools uniform shop soon!

New Sublimated School Shirt \$35 

UNIFORM ORDERS NOW
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Upcoming Events

DATE	DAY	EVENT
29 AUGUST	FRIDAY	MINI FETE
3 SEPTEMBER	WEDNESDAY	CULTURAL YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY
3 SEPTEMBER	WEDNESDAY	MUSICAL TICKET SALES OPEN - 9:30am
5 SEPTEMBER	FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FATHERS DAY COOKIE • STAGE 3 RAFFLE DRAW AT ASSEMBLY
8 SEPTEMBER	MONDAY	P&C MEETING 5:30PM - 7:00PM
9 SEPTEMBER	TUESDAY	POWER TO THE KIDS 6:00PM TO 7:30PM

Kindergarten 2026



Making a Quality Contribution to Society

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

Welcome to Mullaway Primary School!

Starting school is a big step for both your child and your family. Our 4 session Kindergarten Orientation program is designed to make this transition smooth and positive. Through fun activities and familiarisation with classrooms, playgrounds, and teachers, children gain confidence and excitement for their new school environment. They'll meet new friends, explore school routines, and build trust with their teachers and other school staff. Join us to make the first step into school a happy and welcoming experience for everyone!

PARENT INFORMATION

EVENING

Parents will receive essential information about school life, connect with other families, and have opportunities to meet our teachers, principal and assistant principal. Together, we'll help your child start their educational journey with confidence.

Monday 20 October

5:30pm - 7:00pm

Mullaway Primary School
15 Whittton Place
MULLAWAY NSW 2456
Phone: 6654 0377
Email: mullaway-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Mullaway Primary School

Kindergarten 2026 Enrolling Now

ORIENTATION DATES

- ✓ Thursday 23 October 9:30am - 1:30pm
- ✓ Thursday 30 October 9:30am - 1:30pm
- ✓ Thursday 6 November 9:30am - 1:30pm
- ✓ Thursday 13 November 9:30am - 1:30pm

PARENT EXPO

Parents will be given Department of Education information in a gift bag, go on a school tour and can visit information kiosks including OOSH, P&C, School hats, Scripture, Ethics, Northcott NDIS and Hearing support.

Thursday 13 November

Is your child starting school in 2026?

We're excited to welcome our newest Mullaway Primary families! Enrolments for 2026 are now open, and we encourage families to enrol as soon as possible so you don't miss out on important Kindergarten information and events.

We'll be sharing updates by email, but your child must be enrolled to receive these details.

Know a friend or family member with a child starting school in 2026? Please pass this on so they can join in too!

How to Enrol:

- Complete the online form via our website: <https://mullaway-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>
- Or scan the QR code on the attached flyer.

Need help? Call us on 6654 0377 or email mullaway-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Let's get ready for an exciting 2026 together!

ENROL NOW





Breakfast & Blast

Join Breakfast Blast

Kickstart your day with fun, friendships and fruit! At Breakfast Blast you'll discover the joy of Woolworths Cricket Blast whilst enjoying a fresh breakfast provided by us

4 Weeks Free Girls Only Breakfast Blast

Starts from Tuesday, 11th November

Mullaway Public School Oval

8.00 am - 8.45 am

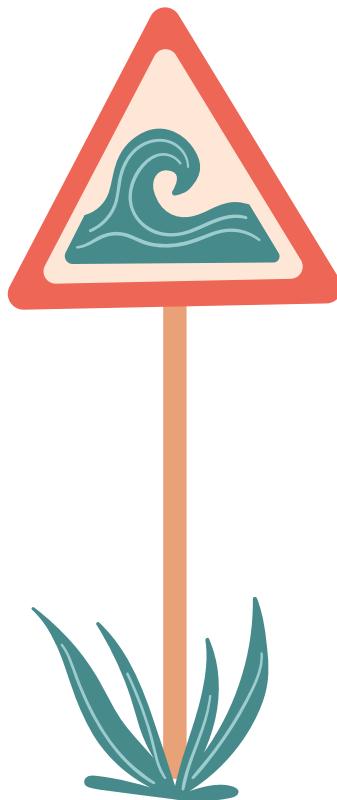
Girls aged from 5-12 year-old



Sign up today through link or
QR! <https://tinyurl.com/a53naj9d>

Play Cricket

COMMUNITY NOTICES



**POWER
TO
THE
KIDS**
FREE PARENT WORKSHOPS

LET'S TALK KIDS AND MENTAL HEALTH, ADHD AND ANXIETY

Dr Nicola Holmes, local GP with 10 yrs working experience at Headspace and 4 years with the Black Dog Institute, will answer questions, share stories and offer take-home tips and tools. We invite parents, school educators and staff to attend our workshops and be actively involved to share experiences, struggles and successes.

REGISTER
NOW FOR
SEPT 9



Mullaway Public School
Tuesday Sept 9, 2025
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm



Facilitated by Dr Nicola Holmes

This workshop is intended for parents and educators: childminding will be provided at the school.

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