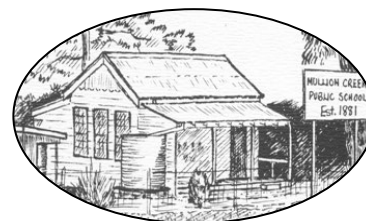


Mullion Creek Public School Newsletter

"Striving for Success"



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Coming events for Term 3

- 7th August: P&C Meeting
- 8th August: Education Week Open Day "In the Afternoon"
- 15th August: Science Day Orange Civic Centre ALL STUDENTS
- 21st– 23rd August: SASSPA Conference Sydney (Helen)
- 23rd August: Genes for Jeand/Daffodil Day
- 3rd September: Life Education Van
- 5th September: Transigion 2020 Kinder class
- 6th–7th September: RoboCup Canberra (Yrs 4-6)
- 13th September: Musica Viva
- 13th September: Western SSA Athletics Carnival

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This week is **Education Week**. The theme for this year is

'Every student, every voice'

The Department's message is:

Student voice is more than just having a say. Valuing and actioning the ideas, opinions and expertise of all students has significant impact for student wellbeing.

Student perspectives, experiences and aspirations shape and enrich our schools and communities and actively influence our decision-making as we strive to be the best education system in Australia.

Working collaboratively with other students and teachers our young people grow into engaged learners and ethical citizens able to contribute positively to their school and wider community.

We connect our diverse communities by creating and sustaining inclusive, interactive learning environments that use advanced technologies to promote and extend student influence beyond the classroom walls.

A culture of high expectations empowers our students to build a shared sense of purpose, self-value and belonging that will prepare them for future lives as active citizens in an increasingly complex and dynamic society.

We continually encourage our students to have a voice and to speak up. Education Week is an ideal opportunity to thank the staff of Mullion Creek for their efforts and dedicated approach every day so that every child is nurtured, challenged and heard. I consider myself extremely fortunate to work with such dedicated staff who certainly go above and beyond to ensure students in their care reach their potential.

INVITATION to Education week OPEN Afternoon:

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| 1:00 pm | Picnic Lunch (BYO) |
| 1:30–2:00 pm | Special Assembly |
| 2:00–3:00 pm | Join us in our classrooms to hear from our students. |
| 3:00 pm | We would like to finish our afternoon with an afternoon tea for our visitors. |

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday.

Parent/Teacher Interviews: Year 2-6 staff are currently conducting parent teacher interviews. If you have not booked an interview and would like one please contact the school to make an appointment.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Rural & Remote Principals Conference: Friday last week I attended a Rural and Remote principal conference in Wagga Wagga. I learned about new programs being implemented to support student wellbeing and the revision and implementation of the new Gifted and Talented program which will now take into account giftedness beyond just academics.

The keynote address was given by Professor Andrew Martin who spoke about Academic Wellbeing Strategies for Educators. He spoke about children setting personal goals and supporting them to achieve those goals. Professor Martin talked about developing and building resilience by helping our children to see failure as part of the learning process. It is always good to hear and engage in learning experiences.

STEM Academy Conference: This Saturday Mrs Cloete and I will be attending the Sydney University STEM academy conference. We will be presenting a 25 min presentation on what our school does in STEAM.

STEAM

Each Friday students participate in STEAM lessons. This term Kinder students are continuing to develop their coding skills using the spheros. The Year 1 students are completing a unit on building and making challengers using our new STEAM construction kits. Year 4-6 are preparing for Robocup competition for those competing while non competitors are completing building and coding challenges.

RobCup Junior Australia: Permission notes have been sent home this week to those students participating in the RoboCup Junior competition in Canberra on 6th and 7th September. Please complete and return by 23rd August.

SCIENCE WEEK

Next Thursday as part of Science Week students will be visiting the Orange Museum, Art Gallery and Library. Students will be involved in a range of activities at each venue. Please fill out the permission note and return it to school for your child to participate in the day's activities.

SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Congratulations to Lewis, Tyler and Connor on their recent win as part of OSSA Gold Boys Touch team. The boys and other team members defeated Glenroi Heights PS, they now move into the next round of the state knockout.

AROUND OUR ROOMS THIS TERM

K-1: We have started our weather journals and will be tracking weather patterns over the next couple of weeks. Students are also looking at numbers: Kindergarten will be looking at numbers to 30 and Yr 1 up to 100.

Yrs 2-3: Students are enjoying Magpie's life and working on descriptive writing. Papua New Guinea posters are almost finished.

Yrs 4-6: Students are researching different things found in space including planets, comets and auroras. Students will present their research to peers when finished.

In-school Competition: for any student interested in designing our new sandpit. Put your design on A4 paper with name on the back and hand in to your teacher.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Our school is participating in the Jump Rope for Heart program which is a fundraising and physical activity program based around skipping. It teaches school aged children how to keep fit and healthy, all while having fun and raising vital funds for heart disease research and education. More details will be sent home in the next few weeks.

JEANS FOR GENES/ DAFFODIL DAY

On Friday, 23rd August we will combine Jeans for Genes and Daffodil Day. Students may wear jeans and something yellow for Daffodil Day. We ask that children make a gold coin donation for Childrens Medical Research Institute to help find cures for children's genetic diseases.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

It is always good to hear about our students' achievements outside of school.

Congratulations Felicity on your 3rd place at the State Cheerleading Competition at the end of last term and to

Madi for her recent successes in the Cowra Eisteddfod dance competition.

A number of staff were fortunate to see Kinross Walaroi's 'Oliver' performance in which two of our ex-students were performing. Edward played the lead role of Oliver and Charlie played a number of intracule support roles. Congratulations to both boys on their wonderful performances.

STUDENT AWARDS

Week 1: Cooper, Jacob, Madwick, Coby, Annabelle, Jack W, Bilijana and Jett



Week 2: Koby, Grace, Connor, Brodie, Abby and Matilda



P&C NEWS:

This Wednesday the P&C will hold their monthly meeting in the library at 7pm all parents are invited to attend.

School Starting Time: Reminder that teachers duty of care in the mornings commences at 8:30 am. If you wish to drop your child/ren off earlier at school could you please contact me and discuss arrangements.