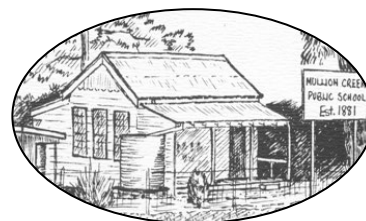


Mullion Creek Public School Newsletter

"Striving for Success"



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Coming events for Term 1

- 28th January: Staff Development Day – Teachers only
- 29th January: Students first day Term 1
- 5th February: Yrs 4-6 Class Parent Information Session 3:15 pm
- 6th February: K-1 Class Parent Information Session 2:30 pm
- 6th February: Yrs 2-3 Class Parent Information Session 3:00 pm
- 6th February: Tennis lessons begin
- 12th February: OSSA Swimming Carnival (selected students)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to the start of the 2020 school year. We hope you all had a wonderful summer break enjoying family time and resting. We start by welcoming Ms Briellen Kinney to our teaching staff.

Classes & Teachers: This year Mrs Griffith will teach the K-1 class. Ms Kinney will teach Yrs 2-3 and Mrs Cloete and Mrs Beer will have the Yrs 4-6 class. Staff have spent time over the last few weeks preparing classrooms and resources ready for the students.

We are all very excited at what this year offers in the way of learning and opportunities for all of our students.

Around our School: The school has had a number of building modifications over the break which should help with access and movement into different areas. Many of you would have noticed the gorgeous little tractor in our playground, a huge thank you to Mr Andrew Cloete who created and donated it for our students to play with and on.

Shade cover is being installed over our play equipment area – this should be completed shortly.

No Hat No Play: Reminder that all students must have hats to wear in the playground.

Tennis Coaching: Tennis coaching will commence on 6th February for all students for 8 weeks.

End of 2019: Thank you to parents for your generous gift and kind words given to Mullion Creek staff last year. We appreciate your generosity.

WELCOME NEW FAMILIES

On behalf of the school and community we extend a warm welcome to our new families who join our parent community for the first time:

Angela and Trent Frazer
Demelza and Neil Pringle.

We hope you enjoy your association with our wonderful small school. If you have any questions, please contact the office or the Principal at any time

KINDERGARTEN 2020

At Mullion Creek in 2020 we welcome 12 kindergarten students. We are sure they will all settle quickly into school routines and class over the coming weeks given their confidence and enthusiasm during their time in the transition program. Ms Kinney and the preschool teachers have helped pave a smooth path into "big school" for our young students. We are all looking forward to working with you and your child/children this year.



PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

All parents are invited to attend parent information sessions to discuss classroom routines and programs which will be implemented this year.

Meeting times are:

- K-1 Class: Thursday, 6th February at 2:30 pm with Mrs Griffith
- Yrs 2-3 Class: Thursday, 6th February at 3:00 pm with Ms Kinney

- Yrs 4-6 Class on Wednesday, 5th February at 3:15 pm with Mrs Beer and Mrs Cloete

We look forward to seeing you at the meetings.

OSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The OSSA Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday, 12th February at the Orange Aquatic Centre. If your child would like to nominate for this carnival, please fill out the slip and return it to school by Monday, 3rd February as entries have to be forwarded to OSSA.

As this is a PSSA swimming carnival students participating should be 8 years old and confident in swimming 50m. **Students not competing will come to school for a normal school day.**

BEST START ASSESSMENT

In the coming few weeks Mrs Griffith will be individually assessing each Kindergarten child as part of the Best Start Assessment Program.

This program runs Australia wide and assesses the Kindergarten children in Literacy and Numeracy. The assessments help ensure each student's learning needs are tracked and catered for as they begin their formal education.

SCHOOL STREAM

For those parents who are new to the school, Mullion Creek subscribes to the SchoolStream App. The App is an instant way of communicating and being kept up to date. If you have difficulty loading the App, please contact the office. Parents who have not updated their app will need to do so, so that you continue to be able to access information.

MEDIA & PERMISSION NOTES

Please find attached a General Permission note for students to participate in school activities at school and in the village area. All activities are connected to curriculum and classroom teaching. Also a Media Permission note is required for students to be included in newsletters and media reports.

CWD Newspaper Supplements: A photographer will be at our school on Tuesday, 11th February to photograph Kindergarten students for their special supplement and 2020 School Leaders. Permission notes must be returned for your child to be photographed.

NOTES

There are a large number of notes at the beginning of the year for parents to sign and return as part of compliance with DoE Policies and Procedures. I apologise for the inundation but we are required to maintain correct and accurate documentation. I thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the notes and send them back.

Please sign and return these notes to school.

General Permission

Media Permission

Special Religious Education Permission

Third Party Software Permission

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

All parents and community members who volunteer in schools are required by the Department of Education to complete the Department's Code of Conduct induction. A Code of Conduct Course will be held in the Library next Thursday 6th February at 8:30 am for volunteers.

HOT LUNCHES AND FRUIT BREAK

Hot lunches will start next Thursday, 6th. A lunch menu will be sent home and those children who wish to order will need to write their order on a paper bag and bring it to school on Thursday with their \$5.

As part of our commitment to the Live Life Well program we will again have Fruit Break. If you would like to volunteer and help cut the fruit of a morning please complete the parent helper form attached to this newsletter.

PARENT & CITIZENS MEETING (P&C)

Mullion Creek School has a very active P&C that meets the first Wednesday of every month in the school library at 7:00pm.

The main objective of the P&C is to assist the school by helping purchase resources such as IT equipment, iPads, art supplies and help out the parents by subsidising excursions and bus trips to town for special activities.

The P&C would like to invite all parents to our Annual General Meeting (AGM) next Wednesday 5th February at 7:00 pm in the school library.