Principal's Report
by Carolyn Macaulay

Fun & Food Fair
What a FANTASTIC event this was! A great effort by so many parents and staff (and their extended families) I am very proud to announce that we made a profit of $6,000. We certainly hope that this includes the payment of expenses and that there will be no surprise ones. It was a wonderful community spirit—even down to the loooooonnngggg line for Fairy Floss.

Walk to School Bag Tag Competition
Congratulations to grade 5 student Kate X who’s amazing drawing won the “Design a Bag Tag” competition run by Maroondah Council for Walk to School Month. See photos below.
Congratulations Kate!

Professional Learning
Today we spent the morning looking at our Wellbeing approach at Mullum and we will be introducing key concepts each term to all year levels. This aligns with the Victorian Curriculum, some existing work that we already cover and extension using the 4R’s — respect, resilience, responsibility and relationship resource.

Later we looked at and further developed what we value in our teaching and learning environment. This document will be published in our newsletter and on our website as soon as it is completed.

We received good news early this week with the success of our application for 18 funded days for three staff to be released to investigate effective teacher practice in the area of Science. This is supported by facilitators who will guide the team through action research and the application at Mullum. Our team is Sam Younes, Deanne Lawn and Jenny Verheijden. This is a wonderful opportunity and I look forward to seeing it in fruition.

Now Until the End of the Year News
It is always frantic from now until the final day with lots of decisions regarding 2017 being made.

Teachers have been developing the class lists for 2017. In years 3 – 6 students have been asked to discuss any information that they would like teachers to consider when placing them. I trust the teachers to place all students in the best teaching and learning environment for them whilst still considering their wellbeing. In some instances this may not be with all of their friends.

Every year we do get 1 or 2 students who are disappointed with their next year placement, their reaction depends on their level of resilience.

Please support the decisions made by the staff. Once grades are announced and you believe that we may have overlooked something that is vital please let me know and I can investigate further.

As of Monday the 12th we will commence moving furniture and setting up rooms for 2017. We will endeavour to keep programs as normal as possible. Students may finish the year in another classroom but with their existing teacher and classmates. If there are any willing helpers out there, even for a few hours who do not have any back issues please let Mrs Verheijden know.

Staffing has been completed and I am excited to announce the following 2017 work force;

Foundation—Ms Lauren Walsh (Team leader), Ms Simone Williamson, Ms Elizabeth White
Year 1/2— Mrs Margaret Taylor (Team leader and Junior Coordinator), Miss Hill / Mrs Sencek, Mr Beever (at this stage Mr Beever will be returning to Mullum in 2017), Mrs Kate

Dates For Your Diary
Friday November 25
Kid’s Club 2.15—3.15 pm
RHS Uniform Shop Display 2 –3 pm
Friday December 2
PA Committee Nominations Due
Monday December 5
Year 3-6 Swimming Program Commences
2017 Foundation Parent Information Night 7-8 pm
Tuesday December 6
Transition Day for Year 6 and new students commencing in 2017
Friday December 9
PA AGM & Final Meeting for 2016
Tuesday December 13
Carols Night from 6 pm
Monday December 19
Whole School Picnic 9.30 am—2.30 p0m
Tuesday December 20
Last Day of 2016. 1.30 pm Finish

School Office hours: 8.15 am – 4.15 pm Mon–Fri
18 Panfield Avenue / PO Box 376 RINGWOOD VIC 3134
Phone: 9870 2120
Email: mullum.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Website: www.mullumps.vic.edu.au
LOST OWL BEANIE

A child's beloved beanie was mistakenly sold at the “Treasure Stall” in the 3/4R classroom during our Fun & Food Fair on November 11. It is a dark coloured beanie with an owl on the front. We would really like to reunite this sad child with her hat. If you were the one to purchase the owl beanie or know who did, please contact or return it to the Mullum school office.

If your child accidently brings home another student’s jacket, (or other uniform item) please take this to the Lost Property tub, situated in the First Aid Room near the office.

Although many parents have had conversations with their children about taking responsibility for their things, they would also love to find some of their children's wayward uniform pieces. Please take the time this week to do a little detective work and to check your child’s uniform items. Thank you from the many parents who are despairing over the problem of the disappearing uniform pieces.

All unclaimed uniform will be moved to either second hand uniform or the bin at the end of the year…..including others bits and bobs that find their way in lost property.

Reminder: uniforms of reasonable condition is welcomed by the school for second hand uniform stock. This greatly helps many families with the cost of uniform.

LOST UNIFORM ITEMS

With this up and down weather, children are continually putting their jackets on and taking their jackets off throughout the school day. Subsequently, students and parents are having more difficulty with the age old problem of ‘lost’ garments.

Although some smart person will make a fortune in the future inventing a tracking chip for uniform items, this is not our reality so please remember to clearly name your child’s uniform with permanent marker or an iron-on label.

Did you know?????

- Bendigo Bank East Ringwood make a donation to the School on the signing off all new loans/mortgages for personal or business banking? Just mention that you support Mullum PS when signing up your documents.

- Did you know our School is part of the IGA Loyalty Program? Just mention “Mullum Primary” at the checkout or sign yourself up and register Mullum Primary to receive the Community Benefits Card points. Every dollar you spend on groceries or at the bottle shop count towards points = $ for our School.
MULLUM WINE

ORDER FORMS AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE & WEBSITE
CASH PAYMENTS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE, CREDIT CARD
PAYMENTS WILL BE PROCESSED BY PROSPECT WINES.

**We have 11 or 12 bottles of each—Chardonnay & Shiraz,
left over from the Wine Tent at the Fun & Food Fair that can
be purchased for $14 per bottle from the office.
A great idea for Christmas!!

CHRISTMAS CARDS
DESIGNED BY MULLUM PS STUDENTS

$5—SET OF 5 CARDS
$1.50 INDIVIDUAL CARDS
AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE (PLEASE HAVE THE CORRECT MONEY FOR YOUR PURCHASE)

SEED EMBEDDED CHRISTMAS CARDS

$6—PACK OF 4 CARDS
$2—INDIVIDUAL CARDS
AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE (PLEASE HAVE THE CORRECT MONEY FOR YOUR PURCHASE)

2016 PARENTS ASSOCIATION
END OF YEAR 'WINE AND DINE'
LETS CELEBRATE ALL THAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED THIS YEAR, AS WELL AS THE WONDERFUL FRIENDSHIPS MADE
FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER 6.30PM
CLUB RINGWOOD (OBAN ROAD)
PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL ATTENDEES WILL NEED TO COVER THEIR OWN EXPENSES
CAROLS NIGHT
TUES DEC 13
Please note the change of date for the Mullum Carols Night, this is due to a clash with a Norwood SC event. We look forward to seeing you all there from 6 pm. Don’t forget your rug and picnic dinner—singing will start at 7 pm.

PARENT ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE 2017 NOMINATIONS
Nomination forms and role descriptions are available on the website, Compass news feed and from the school office. Please return nomination forms to the office by December 2nd.

Pupil of the Week Awards

For all of you wonderful people who volunteer your time to help out at Mullum Primary:
Please join us for a special morning tea to celebrate you!!

When Tuesday, 13th December 10:45am
Where The Kitchen @ Mullum Primary School

Week Ending 11/11/2016
5/6Y Josh P
5/6M Bodie vP
5/6F Lyssie J
5/6C Arayman S
3/4M Anthony L
3/4E Tasha T
3/4B Jessica McP
1/2W Ginger P
1/2T Sam P
1/2H Sophia Allam
1/2SR Reinette B
FS Finn Riley
FW Chuqi L
PE Holly R

Week Ending 18/11/2016
5/6M Riley Wilson
5/6F Oliver K
5/6C Annaleise A
3/4R Kirri F-J
3/4M Phoebe F
3/4E Narelle B
3/4B Seth R
1/2W Sally C
1/2T Mia Meilhon
1/2H Lizzie L
1/2SR Neil Z
FS Matthew D
FW Kingsley T
PE Sophie N
Aged / Disability & Home Care

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SIMPLY HELPING can assist you with:

- Personal Care support e.g. showering, dressing, grooming and toileting
- Home help e.g. vacuuming, cleaning bathrooms, laundry, ironing and changing bed linen
- Companion/Respite care - temporary care so family carer can take a break
- Transportation e.g. escort to appointments, shopping or social outings
- After school support
- Gardening and Home Maintenance e.g. mowing, pruning and minor repairs
- Pet care

We offer flexible, affordable services with NO waiting period or eligibility criteria. SIMPLY HELPING can support you with Aged/Disability & Home Care.

Contact Sabine on (03) 9735 6348 / 0425 709 408 or email greatereastern@simplyhelping.com.au to discuss how we can assist you.

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Scout Christmas Trees4schools

Enjoy the fresh smell of pine and support 2 great causes this Christmas

1st Croydon Hills Scout Group
Trees4schools fundraiser is back!

Come along and buy a tree - name your school and we’ll donate $5

Available from 2 locations (9am - 4pm)

Bunnings
268-288 Maroondah Highway, Chirnside (near the wood shed)

Croydon Scout Hall Hughes Park
Maroondah Highway, North Croydon (entrance opposite Officeworks)

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All trees are pruned and average 6 foot, range 3-7 foot as available

Mullum Primary School accepts no responsibility for the quality or effectiveness of the products & services advertised in this newsletter.
Please see our Community Noticeboard for more information about—

- North Ringwood Uniting Church—After School Kid’s Club. Friday 25/11 & 2/12, 3.45—5.30 pm. $6 per session, RSVP robynclarke22@gmail.com

- Collins Booksellers Croydon—Meet the Author & Rescue Dog Harry the Westie. Friday 25/11, 4 pm.


- East Ringwood Tennis Club—Free Open Day. Sat 10/12, 2.30—5 pm. www.tennisprogramsvictoria.com

- Maroondah City Council—Maroondah Vacation Care Program. Bookings close Wednesday Dec 7.


- Megan’s Singing Studio—Call now to book a free trial lesson in December—0425 858 627.