

Mundulla Primary School



GROW IN KNOWLEDGE

our school values:

excellence
respect
responsibility
integrity
co-operation
creativity

Newsletter 1

11th February 2022

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:



Welcome to the staggered start for school in 2022 and special welcome to our new families. This year we start with 60 students with 10 Foundation students, a healthy number to start the year given the departure of year 7s to the high school.

Special welcome to **Archie, Brodie, Ralph, Campbell, Annie, Hettie, Harley, Arabella, Asha and TJ** to school for their foundation year. I almost managed a photo with everyone looking, but the photo following was their preferred way for a photo to be taken.

CALENDAR

14 Feb	year 2 – 6 return to school
16 Feb	School captain speeches
18 Feb	House captain voting
14 Mar	Public holiday
9 Apr	Last day of term 2.30pm dismissal

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We welcome Ellie Buchanan to our school to teach the 4,5,6 class. It has been an interesting start for her as she has had most of her students at home and only met them online so far. She's really looking forward to having her class at school and getting to know everyone.

"Hi, my name is Ellie Buchanan, and I am the new Year 4/5/6 teacher for 2022! I am a first-year graduate teacher having just finished my Master of Teaching at Flinders University last year. During my degree, I worked as an SSO and an OSHC (Out of School Hours Care) educator. My family is originally from England, and along with my parents and my sister I moved to Adelaide in 2006. I had never been to Mundulla before last year, but I'm excited to become a part of this lovely community!"

We also welcome back Amy Pietsch, who will return from her leave next week. Amy is our Christian Pastoral Support worker in the school and will be here on Thursday and Friday each week.

Veronica Wilson is our ACEO (Aboriginal Community Education Officer) and will be at the school again this year on Wednesdays.



Our foundation and year 1 class have begun their learning, I think it was a good idea they had a 3 day week last week as there were some very tired students by Friday! They have started their school routines, learning where everything is at school, as well as how things work during break times.

Year 2-6 students seem to have adapted to the home learning, whether at school or home, for the start of the year. It will be great to have students on board next week so that teaching and learning can begin in earnest. I'm sure that students, parents and school staff alike will welcome the return of lessons and routines.

A big thank you to everyone for working with us regarding the home learning. It isn't what any of us wanted especially for the start of the year, or any other time through the year. We appreciate your support in this.

With the return to school, there are still some things in place for everyone to be aware of.

- Staff and any adults in the school grounds will be required to wear masks and keep the 1.5 distance between them. Masks are not mandated for primary school students, but they are encouraged to wear them.
- Although we have had parents of new students helping them to settle in each morning and some meeting on school grounds after school, we ask that you only come on to the grounds if it is absolutely necessary from now until restrictions are lifted. We are happy to meet you at the gate to help students in to school if needed, just let us know and the yard duty teacher will be there.
- Last year students were able to meet parents outside the gate or across the road, developing their independence in getting organised at the end of the day and safety in crossing the road at the crossing- although there were some who stayed a bit long for an afternoon chat with friends or teachers, with parents coming to find them!
- Please use the crossing with your child if you collect them to help teach them the safest way to enter and exit the school area.
- As students are not able to drink directly from the water fountain, they will need a water bottle which they can then refill at the drinking fountain. This is especially important in this warmer weather. Please make sure they are labelled with their name as well.
- Swimming lessons will not be taking place this year due to the timing and availability of instructors. After week 4 is too late for all of us and term 4 is too busy already.

Usually you would be receiving **class brochures** and dates for the **Information/ Acquaintance night**. We will still be doing these, but we have put them back in the hope that parents will be able to attend at school. Our backup plan is to have Webex meetings for this year.

Naplan – attached to this newsletter is the privacy information for families of students in year 3 and 5 who will take part in the Naplan testing in term 2. A practice session will be held in March for students to know what the platform is like, as well giving them the opportunity to answer a selection of questions similar to the test. All of them have taken part in the PAT (Progressive Achievement Tests) which are a similar online test to what they will have for Naplan and we have found students just take it in their stride.

Instrumental music will start on Friday week 5 - 4th March. Our teacher this year is Julia Berkett who some students might remember from term 1 last year.



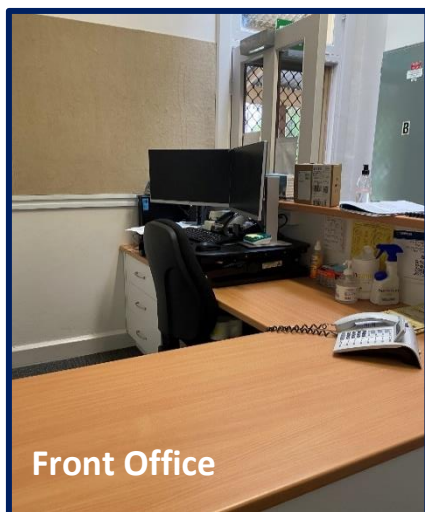
Staff Area



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Staff Area
(old staff room)



Front Office



Kitchen

Now that the **renovations** from last year are almost complete, we have been returning all of our office equipment and resources back from the art room, library and room 1.

There's still a few things to be sorted, but everything is taken shape and we are happy with the new work spaces.

Well done to **Lillian** who was part of a **Thunderbird promotion**. She was a young Maisie Nankivell in their video as Maisie reflected on growing up in Mundulla and her determination that led to her playing for the Thunderbirds.

This **newsletter has been emailed** to parents as not everyone is at school. We will continue to do this from now on. If you would like a printed copy please let us know, otherwise they will be emailed to every family each fortnight. It will also be available to view on MGM School Star and on the school website.

We're all looking forward to seeing everyone face to face from next week.

Cheers

Joann

Scholastic Book Club is being offered again this year. We request that all orders are placed online. The orders will still be delivered to school for students and we will continue to send home the leaflets with the books available for purchase.

Latest catalogue is Issue 1: https://scholastic.com.au/media/6622/bc122_web.pdf

The **EASIEST** way for parents to order and pay for **Book Club!**

Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's **Book Club** order using your credit card. Your order will electronically be linked to your school when you order and pay by **LOOP**.

Also available as an app:



Our **Governing Council** Annual General Meeting is usually held in February each year. This year it will be held later in the term due to the current restrictions.

A major focus of the meeting will be elections to fill **7 council vacancies** (5 X 2-year term and 2 X 1 year terms). Thank you to all parents who have given their time for our Governing Council.

We encourage all parents and members of our school community to consider being nominated for one of these 7 vacant positions. Information follows and a nomination form will be sent out when the AGM date is finalised.

Councillors retiring this year are:

Laura Excell

Jess Lowry

Adam Obst

Courtney Geary

Hayley Artz

Tracy van den Berg

Tanya Morris

Councillors continuing for another year are:

Daryl Nicholls

Tim Leach

Nicole Mead

Further information on Governing Councils can be found at

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/sites-and-facilities/governing-councils>

What you do on Governing Council

- finance and budgets via the finance advisory committee
- approve the annual budget
- propose constitutions
- attend meetings
- set up council committees and attend the meetings
- report to the Minister for Education and Child Development once a year
- report to the school community, once a year
- are involved in the selection of principals (by one person being on the panel)
- approve school closure/student free days
- help deal with possible complaints against a principal
- consult with the school community and make sure their views are represented.

Monitor & review

- property and maintenance
- plans, for example site improvement and self-review plans
- insurance and public liability status

Governing Council membership requirements

When you are a member of a governing council there are specific expectations of conduct. By being on a governing council, you agree to comply with the Mundulla Primary School Governing Council Code of Conduct.

You are expected to attend the Governing Council meetings held twice a term. An apology is required when you are unable to attend.

Your conduct will affect the relationship you have with your school's community.

- always act honestly and lawfully
- your main responsibility is to the school and the students
- you must declare any potential conflicts of interest
- don't take advantage of your position on the council
- never misuse information
- keep all information confidential, unless you've been authorised or are required by law to share it
- when there are disagreements, you might need to be a mediator and help resolve things.

You cannot be on a governing council or a school council if you have been:

- bankrupt
- convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person.

Governing Councillors are required to have:

- Child Related Employment Screening clearance
- Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care Certificate (this training is available online)
- Covid vaccination certificate or SA Health medical exemption (to be sighted by the Principal)

If elected, you won't be considered a member until you have met the above requirements. You'll only be an 'elected person'.

Council subcommittees will also be selected at the meeting. You do not have to be a member of Governing Council to be on Council committees:

- Fundraising Committee
- Finance Advisory Committee
- Grounds Committee
- Chaplaincy Support Committee Rep
- Mundulla Hall Committee Rep
- School Bus Committee Rep
- Sports Committee (only in years when we are hosting interschool Sports Day)

Welcome back!

Hi everyone and welcome back to the school year! I hope you have all been managing with both online and face to face learning these first couple of weeks.

I am back this year as Pastoral Care Worker (PCW) having taken my time with maternity leave last year. A bit about me: I am married to Tom Pietsch and we have a one year old son, Liam who loves being outside and has oodles of energy. As well as being a Mum, I have been doing a little bit in my veggie garden when time allows and I enjoy going for a walk on random roads in the district and the occasional spot of baking.

I am excited to be back here at Mundulla this year. In my role, I am here to serve and support the students, staff and families in whatever way is needed. Primarily this is to provide social, emotional and spiritual support. This often looks like building a level of rapport or relationship with people in this community so that when things go wrong, you might feel comfortable to approach me for that support. I join classes to work beside students and staff, then at recess and lunch I am usually in the yard with students joining their activities, having a chat with them or running some sort of activity.

My days are **Thursday and Friday** (recess until after Lunch)

I look forward to seeing familiar faces and getting to know you all again or for the first time! Please do introduce yourself if you see me around. If you would ever like to chat about any ways in which I can support your family or child/ren please make contact through the front office.

Here's hoping for a great school year in 2022!

Amy Pietsch

NAPLAN – privacy collection notice

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) takes place each year for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 and has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008.

NAPLAN helps parents, carers and educators to see if children are meeting important numeracy and literacy standards.

Collection of personal information

Schools are required by law to collect personal information about you and your child, irrespective of whether your child participates in NAPLAN testing.

The purpose of this notice is to advise parents and carers of how your child's personal information will be used for NAPLAN testing (both online and paper tests) in 2022 and, as part of NAPLAN Online, readiness activities scheduled at various times leading up to the test in May 2022.

NAPLAN testing

Since its introduction in 2008, NAPLAN testing has been conducted using paper-based tests for students in all year levels. NAPLAN paper tests are administered every year across a 3-day test window in the second full week of May.

In July 2013, Australian education ministers agreed to guiding principles for national online assessment. The move to NAPLAN Online started in 2018. Moving online means NAPLAN is transitioning from paper-based tests to computer-based assessments.

Online testing brings many benefits and opportunities including providing better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information.

Schools in South Australia will conduct NAPLAN testing online in 2022.

More information on NAPLAN Online is available at: www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/.

Readiness testing activities

A critical step in preparing for NAPLAN Online is schools' participation in readiness testing activities.

The purpose of readiness testing activities is to ensure your child is familiar with their device and the online test environment, as well as to test school and national infrastructure systems and processes.

Readiness testing is not another NAPLAN and will not formally assess students who participate in the test. Any reports generated will be used for testing purposes only. Readiness testing activities may involve students who are participating in NAPLAN in 2022.

Disclosure of personal information

For every student participating in NAPLAN Online testing and readiness activities, personal information will be uploaded by the Department for Education, as the Test Administration Authority (TAA), to the NAPLAN Online Assessment Platform ('assessment platform'). This information is listed over the page.

The information below marked with an asterisk (*) is also provided by the department, as the TAA, to FUJIFILM Data Management Solutions Pty Ltd for the purposes of printing paper test materials and reporting student results. FUJIFILM Data Management Solutions Pty Ltd ("FUJIFILM") is subject to rigorous information privacy and data security obligations under its contract with the Department for Education and is only

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permitted access to personal information from a relevant school for the purposes of providing the contracted services.

FUJIFILM's privacy policy can be found at: <https://www.fujifilm.com/au/en/privacy>

- Student name*
- School name, class and year level*
- Date of birth*
- Country of birth
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander status
- Jurisdictional and local school student identifiers*
- Gender*
- Disability adjustments (where applicable) *
- Language background other than English
- Parents' occupation, education and language background

The personal information for students who are exempted, absent or withdrawn from NAPLAN testing is collected and used for reporting purposes.

Data security

Security and privacy are key requirements for the delivery of national testing.

NAPLAN Online

The online assessment platform has been designed to comply with relevant national data security policies and guidelines, as well as data encryption standards.

The assessment platform is managed by Education Services Australia (ESA). ESA is a not-for-profit company jointly owned by the Australian education ministers. ESA is subject to rigorous information privacy and data security obligations under its contract with the Department for Education.

ESA only has access to personal information from a relevant school, TAA or the Australian schools list for the primary purpose of fulfilling ESA's role in supporting the operation of the assessment platform.

ESA's privacy policy can be found at: www.esa.edu.au/contact-us/privacy.

Access and correction

To request access or correction to personal information collected for NAPLAN and held by schools, please contact your school principal in the first instance. Any concerns about a breach of privacy by a school should be directed in writing to the school principal.

More information

Speak with your school principal in the first instance if you have any questions about this information.

WHAT IS SCHOOL CARD?



School Card provides financial help to cover the cost of school fees.

WHO CAN APPLY?

To qualify for School Card, your family's income must be below a specific limit. This limit depends on how many children are in your care.

You must **also** meet at least one of the following:

- have a child or children aged four years or over who attend a school full time
- be an independent full-time student studying year 10, 11 or 12
- be an adult re-entry student undertaking subjects to complete SACE (years 11 and 12).

You can find more information and apply for School Card here:

www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard

HOW WILL I KNOW IF I AM APPROVED?

After you apply, you will receive a letter in the mail advising if your application has been approved. Please note, School Card is not a student identification card.

WHO CAN HELP ME APPLY?

If you would like more information or need help applying for School Card, please visit your child's school office and show this flyer.

Hi! I would like help to apply for School Card.



sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard



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