Welcome back to 2015!

Our staff had a busy start to 2015. We have been establishing routines, timetables, teaching programs and a multitude of other procedures to ensure a smooth start to our school year to ensure your child has a fantastic year of learning at our school. I would like to welcome our new families who have joined our school community this term. We all hope that you enjoy your future years with us at Mullaloo Heights.

Our current enrolment is 229. February 13 is our census date where all public schools confirm enrolments and receive confirmation of funding.

Mullaloo Heights Primary School is now an Independent Public School. Staff used the professional learning days to plan our inaugural Business Plan. Staff also met with Vicki Rasmussen, our now-defunct School Council chair, to discuss the changes from School Council to School Board. We also called for nominations for staff to join our School Board. One of our first tasks is to update our website and newsletter format. We hope to have this all completed by the end of this term.

Our principal position has been readvertised and a substantive principal will be appointed to our school at the commencement of term two. I would like to welcome Mrs Leonie Martin, deputy principal, to our school for term one. Mrs Martin comes to us from Ocean Reef Primary School where she had been a deputy principal for many years. I also welcome back Mr Drabble.

Classes:

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- **Thursday, 26 February**
  - Councillors assembly
- **Monday, 2 March**
  - LABOUR DAY
- **Thursday, 12 March**
  - Year 6 assembly
- **Friday, 13 March**
  - Lapathon
- **Wednesday, 18 March**
  - Waterwise Incursion.
  - Years 1-3
- **Thursday, 2 April**
  - Year 4 assembly
  - LAST DAY TERM 1
- **Monday, 20 April**
  - School Dev. Day
  - (STUDENT FREE DAY)
- **Tuesday, 21 April**
  - First day Term 2 for Students
School staff:
Principal      Mrs Moses
Deputy principal Mrs Martin
Registrar      Mrs Fawcett/Mrs Moul (Mondays)
School Officer  Mrs Moul (Tuesdays and Thursdays)
Librarian      Mrs Bowe
School Chaplain Mrs Fruin
School psychologist Mr Moody
Gardener       Mr Heron
Cleaners       Mrs Hill and Mrs Fitzgerald.
Education assistants: Mrs Smith, Mr Davids and Mrs Keetch.

School Board
We will be having our inaugural school board meeting on Wednesday, 11 February. As we are starting a new board, all positions are vacant. If you would like to nominate for a position on the board, please contact me (Janine Moses). School Board meetings will be held Wednesdays @ 5:30pm each term, on weeks 2 and 8. The aim of the School Board is to ensure good governance of our school (ensure effective systems and processes are in place.) Please feel free to contact me if you would like further clarification on what the role will involve.

P & C
Our pro-active P & C will be holding an INFORMAL gathering on Friday morning, 6 February, at 8.40am, in the undercover area. The aim of this gathering is to inform ALL interested parents on what the aims P & C are. We also need volunteers to run our weekly canteen, as our P & C has traditionally raised a lot of money through this venture. Our P & C meet a couple of times each term.

Values program: We are continuing with out values program. Each fortnight, there will be a value that we will focus on as a whole school. Our first value is: COURTESY.

Physical education will be taught by Mrs Thorby on Wednesdays and Fridays for students in years 1 -6. Please ensure that your child has a water bottle, hat and sneakers (with laces tied up tightly). Students are encouraged to wear their faction shirts.

Mobile phones: A reminder that mobile phones and ipods etc need to be signed into the front office at the commencement of each school day. The phones are stored away for the day and students come back at the end of the day to collect their phone.

Communication to or from parents or carers, during school time, regarding any issues relating to students is the responsibility of the school and will be managed by the school. Parents who need to contact their children during the school day can contact our school on 9401 2488.

Mobile phones can be an effective means of communication between parents and their children before and after school hours. However, during school time, they are a distraction to students and have the capacity to negatively impact on the learning environment and the safety and well-being of students.

Crunch & Sip: Our school is a Crunch and Sip School. All students are encouraged to have a water bottle in their classroom, every day: not juice or cordial, only water. Students are also encouraged to bring in a small container of chopped fresh fruit and/or vegetables. Students will have a break at about 9.30am in class. Popcorn, dried fruit, oranges and fruit tubs are not approved. Your child is encouraged to participate in Crunch and Sip, but this is not compulsory and your child may choose to only eat at recess and lunch time. If you have any concerns, please speak with your child’s teacher.
**Sun Smart:** Our school is a Sun Smart School. We encourage all students to wear our school bucket hat. Should a student forget their hat or choose not to wear it, they will be required to play in the covered assembly area. Students are encouraged to put on 30+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen before leaving for school or they can apply the sunscreen at school. Sun screen is available in every classroom.

**Instant reward tickets:** This is a whole school behaviour incentive program. Students are awarded an instant reward ticket for positive behaviour. Senior students collate the tickets and keep score of the faction points. A raffle draw takes place at each whole school assembly.

Janine Moses  
Principal

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**Chaplains Chat**

Hi everyone,

Welcome back! The children all look very relaxed and ready for the new year. I hope you all managed to find some time to relax and enjoy the summer break.

I guess some of you will be surprised to see that I am still at Mullaloo Heights PS, but here I am for term one and ready to enjoy getting to know you all a little better this year. Thank you so much for all the affirmations last year.

Bev Fruin  
School Chaplain

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**Running Club**

Mullaloo Heights PS would like to invite students from year three to year six, to join a running club.

Mrs Smith will be running the club, so come along if you are willing to put in 100% effort.

It will be held on the school oval each Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:00am to 8:25am, with the first session commencing on Tuesday, 17 February. Students need to meet near the long jump pits.

Please feel free to join in and get your fitness up for our school cross country.

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**OCEAN REEF EDUCATION NETWORK [OREN]**

Mullaloo Heights Primary School is a member of the Ocean Reef Education Network [Est. 2011] who, with our Network of schools, is working toward agreed Network outcomes focusing on the depth and breadth of strategic and operational initiatives and programs for the benefit of our students and enhancing our Network community.