It’s been a great first week at Mullaloo Heights Primary. Thank you to parents, staff and students who have all made me feel very welcome. It’s not surprising that this school has a wonderful reputation, one that exceeds the boundaries of Mullaloo. I know this because on my appointment, I was approached by a number of people who all wanted to tell me what a great school it is and how lucky I am. My experience so far tells me this reputation is well earned.

To give you a little background information, I was previously employed at Butler Primary School, where I undertook a number of positions, including Level 3 teacher, ‘Getting it Right’ Literacy Specialist, Deputy Principal and Acting Principal. Prior to this, I worked in a number of schools in the UK and participated in a teacher exchange at Kooringal Primary School in New South Wales. As you can imagine, being given the opportunity to live and work in Australia for a year was amazing and it is this experience that motivated my permanent move here. I am now very excited to be at Mullaloo Heights and looking forward to meeting and working with the school community over the coming weeks and months. Please drop into the office and say hello if you have the time.

Caroline Booth
Principal

**Artist in Residence**

Gull Block has been the focus of creativity and collaboration this week, as our students have worked with artist-in-residence, Paula Hart, to begin the construction of a giant mural on what was previously a rather boring wall. Paula started the week by working with each primary class to generate elements that would contribute to the overall design and represent each individual. In doing so, she focussed on cartooning, showing the students how to fashion exaggerated caricatures that will be a theme of the final mural. Today, work has begun on transferring these designs to the wall. This will take a few days so make sure you visit and watch this artwork evolve. To those parents who have volunteered their time to help with this innovative project – thank you. If any others wish to get involved, please let your child’s class teacher know. Your help will be welcomed. Here are some pictures of our students working with Paula to prepare the wall.

Please note that only students from the Gull block are participating in this.
Year six students preparing the mural background.
Our year Six Councillors were invited to lunch with Mr Albert Jacob, our local member of Parliament, at Parliament House on Thursday, 23 April.

On returning to school, the councillors chose to write a thank you letter to Mr Jacob, thanking him for the wonderful experience!

The following are some excerpts from the thank you letters they wrote....

(Tiggi) "...Dear Mr Jacob,

My goodness! How fabulous was our day at Parliament House!

It was a 'once in a lifetime experience.'

(Montana) .....Arriving, in front of Parliament House, we felt like we were celebrities with all of the cameras and security guards..... As you came and greeted us, we all felt very important and thrilled to be there. ...."

(Ava) "...Entering into the Lower House, it was so much of a coincidence, when we introduced ourselves to Mr Jan Norberger MLA! We discovered he had attended Mullaloo Heights Primary School in the past and Montana was stoked to hear that he went to Prendiville Catholic College for the second half of school. She felt like she was home! ...

(Harry) ..... heading towards the dining area, we saw pictures of all of the Members of Parliament and when we were told that the bathrooms had shoe polishers, we were all surprised and decided to nip in and give our shoes a quick rub..."

(Marley) "...As the desserts came, we were stunned about how great the food was. It was delicious our eyes were bigger than our bellies but we ate every crumb... YUM! ...

(Jessica) .....As we were walked through those famous halls, we were allowed to watch ten minutes of question time from the gallery .... As we entered, we had to be silent so we wouldn't disturb the politicians. We saw a lot of people shouting and insulting each other, which we thought was funny! Ms Franchetto told us that we weren't allowed to do that in class..."

(James) ..... Marley stood up in the dining room, raised his glass and made a toast to Mr Jacob thanking him for inviting us to Parliament House .... He was nervous but he was impressive!!

(Damon) ..... We learnt how Mr Jacob was also involved in saving our school emblem, the Woylie, and the regeneration of bushland which the Woylie was responsible for in its own little way...."

We would like to thank Mrs Vicki Rasmussen, Ms Franchetto and Mrs Moses for their assistance, taxi services and time in organising this wonderfully memorable excursion.

P.S. also Amanda for swapping cars so we had more room — although we did quite like the idea of arriving in the convertible!
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Caroline Booth
Principal