EASTER BEACHATHON
We will again be holding an Easter Beachathon. This involves students collecting sponsors for a long beachwalk to be conducted on the last day of term 1. ie Friday 8 April. Everyone taking part in the walk will get a ticket in the major draw of $2000 worth of sporting / health related prizes eg bikes, scooters, tennis racquets, kites, body boards etc For every $5 they raise they get an extra ticket in the draw and increase their chances of winning a prize. Eg $20 = 4 tickets. This will be drawn after the beach walk commencing at 1.00pm in the school hall. In this way we raise funds through promotion of health. This is a major fundraiser for our P & C with funds raised being used to support purchase of musical instruments, class reading books and a new airconditioner for the canteen. Sponsor sheets and further information will go home next Monday.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION TO MULLUM HIGH
There is a special community evening planned for Thursday 10th March at Mullum High to discuss secondary education and transition programs. This will commence at 6.00pm. Mullumbimby High School Presents “Step Up Year 6” 
Come along and see why Mullumbimby High School is recognised as a leader in quality education, opportunities and personal growth.

Join us for a night of:
• Information
• Entertainment
• Questions and Answers
• Super Yummy Pizza (fresh from our pizza oven)

All welcome!!!!!!!!!!!!

P&C
The P&C AGM will be held on Monday March 7 at 7pm. Each year we pay a small fee of $2 to become a financial member of the OSPS P&C. There are forms at the office for new members to complete and a sign on sheet for returning members. You can also leave your $2 there.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The Zone Swimming carnival takes place in Murwillumbah this Friday. Good luck to our fantastic swimmers.

The leaders of Wattle House proudly show their flag and house trophy.

BREAK INS
The school has unfortunately been subject to three break-ins over the last 3 weeks. There have been windows smashed to gain entry, considerable vandalism with graffiti and items stolen. The target of these incidents on two occasions has been one of our support classes meaning disruption to classes of our students with disabilities. Police have attended and collected evidence and will increase patrols in the area. Anyone who may have information in regard to the incidents can report to police or the school.

ATTENDANCE
It is a legal requirement that students attend school each day and that all absences or partial absences be explained as our school rolls can be subpoenaed by a court. After 3 unexplained absences the school is required to contact parents formally in regard to attendance concerns. We will conduct our termly attendance review next week. Please send in absence notes if you have not already done so. Absence note booklets will be sent home this week for your convenience. School stream can also be used to notify the school re absences.

Do Your Best
SCRIPTURE / ETHICS
Scripture classes commenced today. We thank the teachers of these classes for their volunteering throughout the year. These lessons take place every Tuesday at 10.30am. Ethics will begin in term 2 when we have all teachers trained and available.

ASSEMBLY
We will have our first assembly for the year commencing at 1.00pm in the hall on Thursday 3 March. The assembly will be hosted by 5/6E with assistance from buddy class 1/2B. The assembly will feature items, display of student work and class and principal awards.

GARDENING
We will continue to develop our own gardens this year with the assistance of our wonderful parents. We are interested to hear from other parents who might like to assist with this. Tuesday is our allocated gardening day.

SCHOOL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
We ask all families to make a contribution towards the costs of providing educational resources for your children. These funds are vital in allowing us to provide students the best possible resources across all curriculum areas. The amount can be paid in instalments. Contributions are:
1 student - $30
Family - $50
All families who have paid by Friday March 4 will go into a draw for $100 school voucher.

PARENT TEACHER EVENINGS
Thank you to all the parents who attended the Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3 connect sessions. It was wonderful to see so many parents involved. We hope that you had a fun evening and we are looking forward to seeing you at other events during the year. This week’s connect events are:
K-6 Support meeting -Wednesday 24 at 2.30pm
Kindergarten connect -Wednesday 24 at 5.30pm

CANTEEN NEWS
Last Friday was the first day of canteen for the year and it was a great success. It was wonderful to see so many eager smiling faces lining up for recess snacks and ordering lunch. We hope your children enjoyed the meals prepared for them and thank you for supporting the school canteen. A big thank you to parents Corli, Leisel, Lissie, Orit, Sigge and Steve for volunteering on the day.
We simply cannot operate the canteen without the help of our wonderful team of canteen angels. To assist in the smooth operation of the canteen we kindly ask if all orders could be written in black or blue ink pen as many other pens or pencils become difficult to read once the food has gone into the bag. We are always looking for more volunteers for canteen, so if you are available, please contact the office and leave your details or contact Michelle directly on 0418154179.

SCHOOL PARLIAMENT MEETING
Yesterday the school parliament met to finalise roles and look at planning for 2016. Ministers and their portfolios are:
Sport- Mairse, Finley, Jerome & Hugo
Media- Jack, Amali & Gemini
Environment- Matilda, Charlotte, Frankie & Bindi
Arts- Aydn, Rani, Lucia & Lucy

Parents joined parliament members for badge presentation.

Thanks
Chris