



Ginnagay (Hello) and welcome to our Medlow School website. I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which Medlow Public School stands. The Gumbayngirr people have walked these hills and valleys for many thousands of years and it is with respect of culture and country that our school community extends to elders both past and present.

As a Teaching Principal of 9 students, I have the dual responsibility of teaching and leading the school community. This is a unique opportunity to work closely with students and their families which allows me to better understand their needs and values. The knowledge I gain, together with the expertise of all the staff, means we are able to make better decisions with a sharp focus on student-centred learning.

In 2020 our focus continues to be Visible Learning, with a clear emphasis on learning intentions and success criteria. Our strategic goals are:

- Literacy and Numeracy
- Creativity
- Critical Thinking
- Collaboration
- Communication

Literacy and Numeracy: Medlow Public School is part of the Early Action for Success Strategy

Wellbeing: Live Life Well and Smiling Minds

I hope our website gives you a window into the amazing learning community at Medlow.

Kind regards,

Sarah Landers
Principal

Small School Spotlight

Medlow Public School is located on the Mid North coast – 30kms west of Macksville. We have 9 students from the local villages of Taylors Arm, Upper Taylors Arm and the surrounding farms.

Staff:

Sarah Landers – Principal
Kerry Trudgett – Classroom Teacher
Rebecca Keller – Classroom Teacher
Michelle Bowden – Senior Psychologist
Kristen Clogan – Instructional Leader
Julie Gooch – School Administration Officer
Jane Wood – School Administration Manager

John Hill - General Assistant
Leanne Goldspring - Cleaner
Jenny Donnelly - School Bus Driver

Local Programs and Highlights

- Pine forest cross country/bicycle track
- Member of the Valley 10 Community of Schools
- Small Schools Collaboration with Macleay Valley and Nambucca Valley Schools, Public Speaking, Robotics, Swimming and Athletics Carnivals, Minor and Major excursions
- Music program - drums, keyboard, guitar, ukulele and choir
- Interactive Technology in all classrooms, wifi and iPads, plus the capacity to bring your own device
- Wellbeing - Tai Chi, gardening and sand pit
- Daily Crunch and Sip, plus Live Life Well programs
- Comprehensive sport and fitness program
- Playgroup (Lifetime Connect) held in school hall every Tuesday morning
- Community Landcare projects

Opportunities for Parent Involvement

Home reading, pottery, art and craft, photography, food focus days, planting, gardening, various community events.

Medlow Public School is on the Taylors Arm of the Nambucca River. It serves students from a wide variety of backgrounds and lifestyles. All students are bussed in. The school has a strong community support and rapport as members of the community are well known to the staff and students.

The school has well-resourced, air-conditioned classrooms and library, spacious grounds for outdoor learning activities and playing fields for sport and team games.