

# A School for Mulligan's Flat.

*Department of Public Instruction  
Sydney  
23rd March, 1896*

*Sir,*

*Referring to your letter of 14th February, and to other correspondence, respecting the application for the establishment of a school at Mulligan's Flat, near Gininderra, by Mr W. Ryan and others, I am directed to state that, having considered the reports obtained upon the circumstances, the Minister has decided to establish a provisional school, to be conducted in the building provided by the residents. Steps are accordingly being taken to appoint a teacher. The residents have been warned as to the necessity for sending their children regularly, and to maintain a sufficient average attendance to keep the school in operation.*

*I have the honor to be, etc.,  
J. Gibson, for Under Secretary.*

# Young Patriots?

The pupils attending the Hall and Mulligan's Flat schools are preparing a soldier's bag each. The girls are entering most heartily into the work and are fully realising the meaning of Empire Day and Australia's position in the Empire.

[Queanbeyan Age 21st August 1914]

## The 'poor cousin'?

“Hall, with its row of neat cottages, its modern emporium, and its bowser, is in clover compared with the school at Mulligan’s Flat, which lies some miles east of the main road, which the traveller leaves just south of the crossing of the Jinninderra Creek.

Here, a half-time teacher attends to the needs of about eight children, who share with Tallagandra – over the border – the privilege of his divided attention. It is astonishing what can be done under these conditions, and the progress of the children appears to be quite normal”.

[Canberra Times 25 Nov 1926]

Ginninderra. Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 1895

*Dear Sir,*

*I beg to hand you my tender for making  
Four Desks and Four forms for Mulligans  
Flat Public School.*

*Yours Truly  
H R Curran*

Making 4 Desks. Desks to be 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> feet long) 16 inches wide 2 feet 1 inch high at the lower side) 2 feet 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches high at the upper side to be perforated with Four holes to hold ink wells. Four forms 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> feet long 14<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches high. All to be of good sound Pine.

£7.10.0

[Note: Henry Curran was the Ginninderra Blacksmith]