Creating Opportunities, Achieving Success

Mullumbimby High School
Weekly Bulletin

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P&C Uniform Shop

The P&C is delighted with the response of parents this year to the concept of Mullum High as a uniform school. Over the past couple of weeks hundreds of uniform items - shorts, shirts and skirts - have been bought at the shop. The extra sales mean that the P&C will be able to further increase its contribution to school projects and activities through the coming year.

We are also very pleased with the attitude and commitment of the school administration to uniform compliance. The P&C has always promoted the wearing of uniforms as a way of building morale and pride in the school - not only because it encourages a sense of belonging in the student body, but also reflects well on the school in the local community.

I would like to thank all the volunteers (P&C members) who have given their time to help during this start-up period and encourage new parents to join us for the first P&C meeting of the year on Monday week, 25th February. Details next week.

Noel L’Orange
(President, MHS P&C)

Safety Alert

Too dangerous to think about crossing! – Jubilee Ave south of the school 3:10PM

I would like to draw all parents’ attention to two safety issues associated with the drop off and pick up of students before and after school.

Could all parents dropping off their child before school please ensure that their vehicle stops well clear of the pedestrian crossing on Jubilee Avenue in front of the school. Besides being illegal, stopping on or near the crossing poses a serious risk to the safety of your child and others attempting to cross.

In the afternoon many parents park their vehicles on Jubilee Ave south of the school near the co-op. While it is not illegal to park in this area, expecting (or beckoning) your child to cross the road at that point to meet you puts their safety at serious risk. From 3:00 -3:30 pm the entire stretch of Jubilee Avenue adjacent to the school becomes a traffic hazard. In the area south of the school, buses U-turning into the interchange and heavy traffic merging from Azalea Street makes it a very dangerous exercise for anyone to cross the road at this point.

All students have been instructed to use the pedestrian crossing only when crossing Jubilee Avenue to get to and from school. In the interest of safety please reinforce this message with your child.

More outstanding young citizens

In last week’s bulletin I wrote about Year 11 student Courtney Bailey being awarded Byron Shire Young Citizen of the Year. It would seem that we have some other students who are following this lead. Year 8 students Nadine Newell and Kamala Matuschek-Mansfield and Yr 11 student Saxon James, have been accepted onto the Byron Youth Council. Nadine and Kamala were both students of the 2012 Summit Class. They are outstanding public speakers and demonstrate a sense of social responsibility that belies their age. We congratulate them all in the knowledge they will do a wonderful job in performing this important role for the community.

Carnival runs ‘swimmingly’

Despite the ominous deluge early Wednesday morning we had a day of perfect weather for the swimming carnival. And what a fabulous day it was! The students participated enthusiastically by really getting involved in the spirit of fun and competition. There were many outstanding performances including two school records broken by Jake Musgrave in the 50m and 100m butterfly events. Parents also came in considerable numbers to support their children and the school. Visuals are to follow in the term 1 newsletter.

Ian Graham - Principal
**MUSIC IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM**

Thank you to everybody who has already enrolled in the Music in Schools program for this year. There are still some spaces available with some of our wonderful music teachers, so if you were thinking of enrolling and haven't yet done so, now is the time! If you are ready to enrol you can do so at enrol.nrcac.edu.au

To learn more about the program please visit: www.nrcac.edu.au, phone Zoë Abbott at the Conservatorium on 02 6621 2266, or pick up a brochure from your school office.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School photos will be held on **Monday 25th February**. Students have received their slips. All students are required to wear full school uniform.

**YR 7 CAMP**

The final payment for the Yr 7 camp is due on **Monday 18th February**. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you, Ms Grennan.

**HSC STUDENTS - FOR SALE**

A range of "Excel" and "Dot Point" study guides and past paper solutions books for subjects:
- Mathematics (Advanced)
- Mathematics Extension 1
- Mathematics Extension 2
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology

All in excellent condition, $10 - $15 each.

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**MARK ON YOUR DIARY**

**Monday 25 February**

School Photos
P&C Meeting at 7pm

**Wednesday 27 February**

Year 7 Camp

**Thursday 28 February**

Year 12 Parent Information 6pm

**Monday 4 March - Friday 8 March**

South Passage Excursion

**Tuesday 12 March**

Year 6 into Year 7 information evening

**Tuesday 2 April**

Year 12 Half-Yearly Exams start

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**IMMUNISATION PROGRAM 2013**

In 2013 the North Coast Public Health Unit will again be offering a vaccination service at our school.

Boys in NSW high schools will be offered human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination from 2013 to provide protection against developing infections that can lead to cancer.

In 2013, the 3-dose course of vaccine will be offered for the first time to:
- Year 7 boys as part of the routine school-based vaccination program
- Year 9 boys as part of the national ‘catch up’ program in 2013 and 2014 only

The vaccine is highly effective in preventing the main types of HPV infection and is most effective when it is given to people before they are exposed to the virus. As well as protecting males from HPV infections, immunising young men will also help protect women from infection.

The vaccine is registered for use from 10 years of age and is only provided free for all students who commence the course in Year 7 and boys only in Year 9.

The schedule for this year is as follows:

**Year 7—all students**

HPV vaccine—3 doses
Hepatitis B—2 doses
Chickenpox vaccine—1 dose
Boostrix—Diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough vaccination—1 dose

**Year 9—boys only**

HPV vaccine—3 doses

A Parent Information Kit will be provided for each vaccine offered. This kit contains information about the vaccine and the disease that it protects against as well as a consent form.

A record of vaccination will be kept by the Public Health Unit and a copy will be provided to the vaccinated student for their records.

Please understand if your child’s vaccinations are not commenced in year 7 or year 9 boys (boys HPV only), you can access this vaccine through your local doctor but the vaccine will not be free of charge.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal.

Parents with any questions or concerns can ring Bernadette at the Public Health Unit on 66 207503
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORLD EDUCATION PROGRAM (WEP)

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is now accepting applications from students who wish to participate in 2013/14 exchange programs for a summer, semester or year. Students can choose to study and live life with a carefully selected host family in more than 25 countries.

I did it! 10 months in a foreign country, without knowing the language, culture and not even a single person at first. I have experienced unforgettable moments of highs and lows, but I can’t imagine not having done this now. Thinking about all the amazing people I’ve met, the lessons I have learnt and things I have seen, I feel truly lucky to have been here living a different life. I have no regrets, as I have grown to be more mature, open to life and aware of the world around me. Despite it being hands down the hardest, it has also been the best thing I have ever done for myself. I now feel ready to start life in Australia with a clearer idea of who I am, knowing my strengths, weaknesses and my future goals. Exchange has really helped me define myself and become a stronger and more confident person.

Alison (Moreton Bay College) year program to Italy

Exchange students return to Australia with maturity, confidence, and in many cases, proficiency in another language. If learning another language is not for your child, excellent programs to the USA, Canada, Ireland and the UK are also available.

Scholarships to Argentina and China and Early Bird Specials are now available for programs commencing in 2014!

Become a WEP Host Family!

Experience the joys of hosting an exchange student and gaining an international family member. Visit www.wep.org.au to find out more.

Find Out More!

Request a free information pack. Visit www.wep.org.au, email info@wep.org.au or call 1300 884 733.

BANGALOW SOCCER CLUB 2013 SEASON

If you are intending to play soccer this season and have not yet registered to play, please go to myfootballclub website at www.myfootballclub.com.au to register online.

Should you experience any difficulties registering please phone either the hotline number on the website or phone Dale on 66872154. To avoid disappointment please register asap.

CIRCUS CLASSES

Term 1 classes
Monday 4th February—Sat 13th April

Under 10’s 3.45pm Monday and Wednesday
Teen Circus 5pm Thursday
All ages 10am Sat
Gym Mix 4pm Wednesday
Flying Trapeze + Advanced Sessions, Kinder Classes, Birthday Parties and more!
www.circusarts.com.au
Byron Entertainment Cetre
17 Centenial Circuit. Arts and Industry Park, Byron Bay
Ph 6685 6566 BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

WARATAH HOCKEY CLUB FUN DAY/SIGN ON
23rd Feb 2013 @ Burringbar Sports Ground
1pm onwards – New and existing members welcome
Fun games and activities (for all ages)
Sausage sizzle
For more details contact Annette
Phone: (02) 6677 1367 / 0402 801 492
E-mail: bobcatpat@optusnet.com.au

Hockey is a great sport to learn new skills, keep fit & to meet new friends.

BYRON JUNIOR BASKETBALL
Want to play basketball! Haven’t got a Team!!
Come down this Saturday (16/2/13) at 11.30am for a ‘Come and Try’ Session and team placements.
Enquiries, Ph; Dawn 66872246 a/h or e-mail; r_ashdown@hotmail.com

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