Why the P&C needs you! Now.

The P&C is rejuvenated each year by new members. Several long term members (including some of the executives) are retiring this year. The guard is changing. Time to welcome new talent.

The P&C provides parents with a direct line of communication with the school. If you’re interested in how Mullum High works and the kind of nurture its teachers provide your children with, your best source of information is through the P&C. Its monthly meetings give you an opportunity to contribute ideas, and ask questions about your children’s education. The principal attends every meeting. Teachers often attend to outline new projects or initiatives.

A new executive is elected at the Annual General Meeting held each year at the end of March. Any member is entitled to stand for office but only eligible members vote. You become eligible after one month’s membership. Joining costs a dollar.

P&C meetings are held on the fourth Monday of every month during school terms at 7pm in the teachers’ common room. The first meeting of the year is next Monday, 25th February. If you join on Monday, you can vote at the March meeting. Come and join us.

Noel L’Orange
(President, MHS P&C)

Pay fees and contributions in full and your child could win this iPad

Your contributions make a difference

Invoices for fees and contributions are soon to be mailed to all families. In recent years we have added extra incentive for payment of fees and general contributions by holding draws for iPods for all those families who have paid in full. This year we are ‘upping the ante’ by offering two 16GB iPads as prizes!

In 2012 the school netted approximately $30,000 dollars in general contributions made by parents. This money was spent on things like: a grand piano for the music department; new sewing machines; a lighting desk for the drama performance room; digital SLR cameras and an efficient ride-on mower that allows maximum use of the sports ovals.

While the government provides funds for us to maintain the school and deliver educational programs for your children, we would not be able to afford these extras without your help.

Thirty thousand dollars is only about half of what we could collect if every family paid their general contribution. Paying your contribution equates to more facilities and extras that benefit your child (and gives them the chance to win an iPad.) First draw will be early in term 2 and second early in term 3.

Last Laptop roll out

Attention all parents of Year 9 students. The laptops have arrived and we will be issuing them to students on Thursday 7 March at 6:30 pm in the school hall. With a 64 bit operating system, this year’s device will be the fastest and most hi-spec laptop issued so far.

The Department of Education and Communities has indicated to schools that 2013 marks the final year of the Australian Government’s DER National Partnership funding and the final rollout of laptops to schools.

Having had five years of rollouts and ‘one to one’ laptop environments in classrooms, high school communities around the state are contemplating a world without laptop rollouts. While we are very keen to continue with increased use of technology in the classroom, all high schools will need to develop plans and strategies to continue a technology focus using the resources we have. Watch this space.

In 2013, the Department has also made a policy change with respect to the ownership of the laptops. Laptops issued to students in previous rollouts are to become their property when they complete Year 12 and leave the school. The 2013 laptops, however, will be classed as a school asset loaned to the students. They will remain the property of the school after the current Year 9 complete Year 12. As a result of the policy change parents and students will be asked to sign a revised laptop charter this year.

Ian Graham, Principal
**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

**Friday 1 March**
University Showcase Yr 12
Schools Clean up Australia Day

**Monday 4 March**
Visual Art visit to GOMA Brisbane

**Thursday 7 March**
Laptops issued to Year 9 students 6.30pm school hall

**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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**HSC STUDENTS - FOR SALE**
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**IMMUNISATION PROGRAM 2013**
Please find below the dates for our vaccination program 2013:

**Year 7 Students**
**Term 1** - Booked for 7 March 2013
1. Hepatitis B 1st dose all students
2. Gardasil (HPV) dose 1 to all students

**Term 2** - Booked for 9 May 2013
1. Varicella (chicken pox) all students
2. Gardasil (HPV) dose 2 all students
3. Boostrix (diphtheria, tetanus & pertussis) all students

**Term 3/4** - Booked for 12 September 2013
1. Hepatitis B 2nd dose all students
2. Gardasil (HPV) dose 3 all students

**Year 9 Students**
**Term 1** - Booked for 7th March 2013
Dose 1 Gardasil—boys only
**Term 2** - Booked for 9th May 2013
Dose 2 Gardasil - boys only
**Term 3/4** - Booked for 12 September 2013
Dose 3 Gardasil - boys only

Forms have been handed to students and must be returned by 7 March 2013.
Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.
Please forward all enquiries to Lesley Sayers, HT Welfare 6684 2600. Thank you.

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**UNIVERSITY SHOWCASE**
On Friday March 1st during period 4, a variety of university representatives will be setting up stalls with important university information for Year 12 students, including early entry schemes, scholarships, accommodation, course and general application info. The session is extremely important in preparation for their big decisions later in the year. They should be starting to think about this now, therefore it is highly recommended that they attend this session. It also compliments their Brisbane Uni excursion undertaken just recently. Participating universities include: University of New England, Queensland University of Technology, University of Queensland, Southern Cross University, Griffith University and University of Technology Sydney.

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**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2013**
Clean up Australia Day is a simple way you can take action to clean up, fix up and conserve our prized Australian environment.

In 2012 an estimated 591,400 volunteers cleaned up 16,169 tonnes at 7,363 sites right across Australia. But we can do better! So be a good sport and join the team to Clean Up Australia on Sunday, 3 March 2013.

**Key dates for Clean up Australia Day 2013:**
Community Clean Up Day: Sunday 3 March 2013
Schools Clean Up Day: Friday 1 March 2013

Mullumbimby High will be participating once again in this worthwhile event on Friday 1 March during the course of the day.
Play the game ... think global and act local!