Addressing bullying behaviour

Today is national day of action against bullying and violence! At Mullumbimby High School we have strong and effective systems in place to address and stop bullying if and when it occurs. Our anti-bullying strategy is not just about reacting to situations as they arise but also working proactively with our students to develop resilience and prevent bullying from happening in the first instance.

This initiative is being run by Head Teacher Welfare Lesley Sayers who has delivered a series of workshops for all Year 7 students this week. Lesley says the workshops were developed to encourage students to think and gain increased understanding and awareness of bullying behaviour. Students were shown short films as stimulus for discussions of bullying concepts and for the positive behaviours needed to prevent and cease any form of bullying behaviour. Lesley congratulates all Year 7 students for their outstanding engagement in discussions and their willingness in creating a positive, mature learning experience for everyone.

Working together

Byron HS, Alstonville HS, Mullumbimby HS – B.A.M – have formed a strong learning partnership in the last twelve months. These three school communities have many similarities in their demographic and cultural profiles. For one, the BAM schools contain the highest performing students in the north coast region and this is reflected in a consistent pattern of outstanding HSC results from each school. One of the most productive ways in which we can work together is through the professional collaboration between the teaching staff from all three schools. On the first of the School Development Days in Term Two, the teachers from the three campuses will come together at Alstonville High School.

The main focus of the day will be preparation for the national curriculum due for implementation in 2014. Using their collective wisdom, teachers and executives from our three campuses will work on new programs while tackling such questions as:

- How do we meet the needs of our gifted and talented students?
- How do build the literacy and numeracy skills of students across all subjects? (not just English and Maths)
- How do we build the capacity of teachers to use technology, to deliver their subjects in a variety of modes?

The leaders and staff of BAM schools are committed to working together in the knowledge that there are enormous benefits for students, teachers and parents if we do.

Advanced warning

Our first Parent/Teacher night for parents of students in Years 7, 11 and 12 will be held on Thursday 9 May 4-7 PM in the school hall as students in these years are in crucial phases of their secondary education. We believe that providing this opportunity for early dialogue between parents and teachers is essential. We will be using our normal internet booking systems for the interviews. Further details will be provided in week one of Term 2.

Noel L’Orange
(President, MHS P&C)
MARK ON YOUR DIARY
Monday 25 March
P&C AGM Meeting 7pm
Friday 22 March
“Grin & Tonic” - drama performance Yrs 7-9
Monday 13 May
Yr 11 & 12 Careers Expo at Royal Pines Resort
Wednesday 15 May
Yr 12 RSA Training
Friday 17 May
Yr 10 Careers Expo at Goonellabah Sports, Aquatic Centre
Thursday 1 August
Yr 7-12 Aust Maths Competition

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
GUITAR LESSONS
- Beginner guitar lessons
- Monday and Friday afternoons
- $15/hour

If you would like to learn a song, music basics or just a few chords, I’ll be able to help. I’ve been playing guitar for about six years and have experience in most styles of music.

You can contact me on 0423 045 644 or send me a message on facebook :)
Lucca Mason

AFL JUNIOR CLUB SIGN ON
Sign on for 2013 season will be on Friday 24 March at Byron Regional Sports Complex, Ewingsdale from 4.30pm - 7.30pm. Over twenty Gold Coast SUNS players will actively participate in the afternoon’s activities, interacting with kids and families, performing football skills as well as offering expertise, autographs and photos.

AFLQ will also be providing kid’s inflatable football equipment, a family BBQ as well as heaps of Gold Coast SUNS giveaways.

For more information contact Trent Ryan 0424 156 247

BOYS HIP-HOP/BREAK DANCE
Classes with Jason Campbell in Mullumbimby
For further information contact 0439 681 217

SCHOOL SOCIAL
The school social will be held at the Mullumbimby High school hall on Wednesday March 20th 2013 between 7:00pm and 10:00pm. The theme for this social is:
‘I can’t believe you wore that’

Tickets will be on sale outside the canteen/library each lunchtime by the SRC up until lunch on the day of the social. Cost: $10.00

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COME FLY A KITE ON SUNDAY 24TH MARCH 2013
You’re invited to the Kites and Bikes Festival in Brunswick Heads on Sunday 24th March from 9am to 4pm, the weekend before Easter. This is a magical, relaxing day of eco-friendly kite flying, bike riding and community participation for the whole family, featuring a packed program of kids activities, entertainment and good old-fashioned fun by the seaside. There’s loads of parking, BBQ’s for lunch, community stalls and giveaways. There’s a bike decorating workshop and parade, kite-making workshops, giant kites and the amazing spectacle of the community fly-in on the foreshore at 2pm. Plus there’s performances from Circus Arts, the Samba Blistas, Buckley Family Band, Ukulele sing along, a jumping castle, face painting and much, much more.