The Leaders

I had the great pleasure of attending the Mullumbimby Public School Student Representative Council induction on Thursday. Four school captains and five portfolio ministers were inducted in a ceremony that focused on what it means to be a leader. The nine Year 6 Mullumbimby Public School leaders were supported by our high school captains Max Foggon, Tayla Browning, Maya Moses and Carl Foreman. Both Max and Maya spoke about some aspects of leadership and what that meant for them. While it is easy for the old to find fault with the young, my experience with the young leaders in our local public schools gives me lots of confidence in the next generation of young adults.

Mr Randle’s year 10 Mathematics in the ‘bean bag’ classroom

21st Century Learning environment

Any experienced teacher will tell you that creating an environment that is learning friendly is critical for success. Very often it can be the physical environment and conditions of the classroom that can really make a difference. Innovative mathematics teacher Mr Chris Randle has made the leap from the traditional table and chair classroom to set up something more learning friendly in the 21st century.

With the help of our vocational pathway students, Chris has furnished his classroom with 30 well constructed bean bags each paired with the laptop device friendly ‘stable table’. Chris explains that his classroom furniture is far less constraining than table and chairs and allows for movement of the individual and groups. All sorts of learning configurations can be set up quickly allowing students work together or individually on tasks. Chris has already observed the calming influence and positive impact this has had on student behaviour and engagement. So far students have received the new furniture enthusiastically and are providing highly positive feedback.

Reminder

A reminder to parents of Year 9 laptop information and issue night is Thursday evening 7 March. School hall 6.30 pm. Before the laptop can be issued, each student will need to be accompanied by one of their parents or carers on this night and submit a signed laptop charter. If this is not possible, please ring our technical support officer, Shaston King on 66842600 to make an alternative arrangement.

Ian Graham, Principal
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: Tuesday 5 March 2013

Mullumbimby High will be participating once again in this worthwhile event on Tuesday 5 March during the course of the day.

Play the game ... think global and act local!

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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.

Any Student who is absent on the day of vaccinations will be involved with the Immunisation catch up program that will occur with the next round of vaccinations.

Please forward all enquiries to Lesley Sayers, HT Welfare 6684 2600. Thank you.

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**One Day Meditation Course For children and teenagers 8 - 16 year olds**

**Sunday March 10th from 9.00am to 3.30pm** Rosebank

A one-day introductory course in meditation for children and teenagers.

During the course, students learn the technique of Anapana meditation, a simple meditation that involves focusing on the breath.

Regular practice of meditation gives many benefits, including: improved concentration and memory; increased awareness and alertness of mind; more peace and calmness; greater self-confidence and increased goodwill for others.

The meditation courses cater to each child so that everyone from the oldest to the youngest learns to meditate according to their individual capacity.

The day incorporates meditation sessions with games and activities.

There is no charge for the courses. All courses are funded by donation.


Or further information ph 0466 311 001 or

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**MOVING & NEW PHONE NUMBERS**

Don’t forget to update the school about any changes by calling on 6684 2600.