COMING EVENTS

Thursday 3 December
Yr6 All Day Orientation

Friday 4 December
Yr10 Drama Excursion

Tuesday 8 December
Yr10 Formal

Thursday 10 December
Presentation Yr7 to 10

Thursday 11 December
Wet’n Wild Reward Excursion

Wednesday 16 December
Last day of school

Thursday 17 December
SDD (staff only)

Friday 18 December
Staff only

PAYMENTS DUE
School fees to finalise
Yr10 formal $40 (overdue!)
Maths online $20
Wet’n Wild $45
Yr10 Drama Excursion $15
Yr12 Brisbane $80
Yr7 Cinema $16

Principal’s Message

BUNYARRA DANCE GROUP
Over the weekend of 21/22 November, staff member Scott Sentance had the honour of being part of a combined group of Deadly Dancers and Arakwal Dancers called Bunyarra Dance Group — which means coming together or beautiful together. They were invited to Sydney Opera House with 20 other Aboriginal and Torres Trait Dance Groups who had travelled from all parts of Australia to compete in the first ever Homeland Corroboree organised by Rhonda Roberts with over 150 indigenous dancers. They all performed in front of a very supportive crowd of people and in the words of Scott, a very humbling experience to be part of the Bunyarra Dancers. These dancers made not only their people proud but also all of Byron Shire proud. Booglebeh (thank you) to all involved in organising this group.

STUDENTS SHOWCASED
This year’s Mullumbimby Music Festival showcased the talents of our best performers. We had staged a “live auditions” concert, with industry based judges, to determine who would gain a chance to perform at the festival on both the main and youth stages. Winner was Yazmin Wright with Jasmine Whetstone, Misty Henderson and Sophie Garland runners up. They were joined by three of our very talented Year 7 students, Brahminy Porter, Jolina Wilbur and Claire Melene who were excited to be able to experience live performance. The girls performed a wide range of material — Yazmin with quirky songs from Edith Piaff and Rosemary Clooney; Misty with Gospel and Indie/folk; Jasmine with country/folk; Sophie with Indie Rock and Folk and the year 7 girls with Soul and Jazz. Every single one of them performed their hearts out and I was amazed at their skills and growing confidence. I had so many great comments about them from community members and other performers.

I would like to make a special mention and thanks to Rex Carter and Nick Sergi, two highly regarded professional musicians who

The Binyarra Dance Group with Scott Sentance, Dinnawan and Delta Kay with members of the Deadly Dancers and Arakwal Dancers — also former students at Mullumbimby High School
joined our own Brian Wappett backing the singers. The students shine when given these opportunities and we are very proud of their achievements and the way they represented our school.

**BUSH TRACKER OWNERS DONATION**
Many thanks to the Bushtracker Owners Group pictured here with our school captains and representatives of local organisations. While staying in our area, the Bushtrackers extended their financial assistance to many organisations including our students’ efforts towards the purchase of a defibrillator for our school community. We are very grateful for this generous contribution.

**YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE**
Last week, 73 of our Year 10 students participated in a 5-day block of Work Experience. For many students, it was their first “real taste” of what the workplace has to offer.

Overall our students did very well, receiving much praise from their employers, which was most pleasing to hear. There are already murmurs of full time job offers, casual employment and School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships which is a fantastic result.

Some of the comments and feedback included:
“excellent, a natural teacher ... relates well to the students”
“excellent, very impressed”
“well presented, reliable and our shop has never been cleaner”
“feels like he has been working here for years already”
“fantastic, better than expected or imagined”
“amazing and incredible, she is taking on every challenge with ease”

“can I keep him?”
“better than some of my full time staff”
“an absolute delight, we don’t want him to go”

Many employers have stated that they will employ our students and have given their commitment to take on placements for Mullumbimby High School students again next year. Many thanks to our Mullumbimby High School Staff, Ms Vanessa Perrin, the School Careers Adviser, parents and the wider community for all of your support to make this program happen.

And huge congratulations and well done to each of our students for proudly representing yourselves, families and school in our wonderful community.

**ARAKWAL EXCURSION**
The men’s and women’s groups (pictured above) were invited to meet with Arakwal leaders at Cape Byron National Park and learn about our local culture for their final activity organised by Deb Pearson from Byron Youth Services. The reports received were that our students made us proud in their attitude and behaviour.

**YEAR 6 AT MULLUM HIGH**
We are looking forward to having year 6 students on Thursday 3 December at our school!

Donna Pearson, Principal
Are you planning a family holiday of 5 days or more?

The NSW Department of Education and Training requires that parents arrange holidays during school vacations.

If your family holiday is during school time, inform the school principal in advance and submit permission to leave from school.

IMPORTANT:
An Application for Leave should be provided at least 2 weeks prior to departure.

Ask our Office for an Application for Leave BEFORE the holiday.

This form and information about our attendance policy is available from our school website www.mullumbimby-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

ONLINE PAYMENT
To support parents pay for excursions or school fees, we now have an online facility which has been developed by our Westpac bank which is a secure online payment option. It is available on our website. Any questions, please call the school.

WHERE ARE YOU NOW? OR LIFE AFTER MULLUMBIMBY HIGH SCHOOL
To last year’s or 2014 ex-MHS Year 12 cohort! We are making a survey of the destination of our ex-students and would love to have your feedback. Please share this with your child and with others who we may have missed as this helps in preparing future curriculum. Here is the link to the survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FQZLFWC

UNIFORMS—During the school terms, the Uniform Shop is open Mondays and Thursdays 8.30am to 9.15am. We are also happy to receive pre-loved school uniforms for resale. The more volunteers can help the more able we will be in keeping the shop open on both days!

Keep up to date with the latest announcements and events happening at Mullumbimby High School. Take a moment to like our Facebook page.
Prizes for best dressed
Friday Dec 4th
1970's Multi Day - Gold Coin Donation