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Principal’s Message

COMING EVENTS
Monday 27 April
Cross Country payment due
Wednesday 29 April
Cross Country Carnival
Thursday 30 April
Teachers Parents Night
(Booking essential)
Wednesday 6 May
Café Care 8am
Wednesday 27 May
Café Care 8am

PAYMENTS DUE
$200 due for Ski trip
$10 for Cross Country
$10 Careers Expo

RSL Representative  Mr Greg Hoving, Rochelle Arthur, Byron Paine, ex MHS student Francis Atkins, Kahn Duffey, Mali Eagle, Mr Joe Walsh

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Goodbye and Good Luck
Mr Troy Williams, our Careers Adviser, has been successful in gaining a new position at Tweed River High School. We will miss Troy and wish him all the best in his new position. Ms Vanessa Perrin will be relieving in the Careers Adviser’s position and she is looking forward to working with our students and community.

I look forward to meeting parents at our Parent Teacher evening this Thursday in the school hall from 3.30 to 6.30.

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Principal Message Cont.’d

Congratulations
I love hearing about students’ achievements. I would like to offer my congratulations to the following three students who have achieved success in their interest areas.

Chile Bainbridge was one of only 50 Year 11 public school students from across the country, who were recognised for their aspiring leadership potential by their School and the Secondary Principals Association. She attended a week long UBS program during the school holidays. The program offered emerging female leaders the opportunity to build their confidence, leadership skills and business knowledge as well as raising awareness of rising social issues. It was also a great chance to meet like-minded students and begin building a strong and beneficial professional network. Students were introduced to a diverse group of contemporary female leaders, had a day at UBS where a range of experts guided them through a program that included goal setting, career development and responsible use of social media. Students were also treated to a tour of the Art Gallery of NSW.

Callum Wilson has been selected as part of a national junior elite chess squad. He will attend a training camp as part of the 2015 Johns-Putra Australian Junior Elite training squad. This is a wonderful opportunity for Callum and we wish him well.

Over the last month, Jack Sayer has competed in two surfing competitions and has been highly successful in both. Jack competed in the New Brighton board riders’ competition and was placed second in the 18 and open category. Jack also competed in the Lennox Head Surfing competition and came first.

Cross Country 2015

The school’s cross country carnival will be held in Brunswick Heads Beach on Wednesday 29 April. The course will be over a distance of 4.5km for all students. Students not participating are required to have a signed permission note and are still required to go to Brunswick as there will be NO supervision at school.

Non-participating students will be given duties on the Carnival day. Students must have a note to receive their leave pass and parents may pick them up from school at 11am. If a student needs to leave directly from the Carnival, they will need to have a parental signed permission note and collect a leave pass from student services before the 1st bell. The cost of the carnival will be $10 and covers bus fare, BBQ (1 steak sandwich and 1 sausage sandwich or 2 walnut burgers) and drinks. Payment are required by this afternoon, Monday 27th April. Food vouchers will be distributed as students board the buses. Please state on permission note if student is vegetarian.

Voluntary Contributions and Subject Fees

Thank you to the families who have paid voluntary contributions and subject fees. We really appreciate your support. Voluntary contributions allow the school to purchase additional resources to enhance the set curriculum, to support additional programs that we initiate and co-ordinate such as our ‘Thumbs Up’ weekly awards and subsidise many extra-curricular activities.

Subject fees, as outlined at our subject selection nights, are a non-voluntary fee requirement for certain courses. These fees allow us to offer exciting, enriching elective courses. Head Teachers have sent home information with students about how these subject fees are used in each course.

We have kept both our voluntary contribution fees and subject fees to a minimum and the school is happy to assist any family who has financial difficulty in paying either fees. Please do not hesitate to contact me on 6684 2600 if you require assistance.
Surviving Adolescence Together

Adolescence is one of the greatest transitions a family must face. Extensive research has shown that the most protective factor in helping teens develop into resilient adults is a close, supportive relationship with a parent or caregiver.

This parenting course is designed to support parents/carers to understand and respond proactively to the challenges of adolescence, and to help strengthen the parent/teenager relationship.

Topics covered:
- adolescent development, how relationships are protective,
- risks teens face, challenges parents face, how parents and teens push each others buttons and how to positively influence your teen.

**WHEN:** Tuesdays 26 May, 2 June and 9 June (these are not separate seminars)

**TIME:** 10.30am to 1.00pm

**WHERE:** Byron Community Centre, 69 Jonson Street, Byron Bay

**COST:** Free

**CONTACT:** Steve 0429 190 210 reconnectballina@nrscdc.org.au

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

Northern Rivers Conservatorium at School

Are you interested in having your student playing an instrument? Classes have resumed for this term but you can contact Zoe Abbott, Head of Community Music, Music in Schools Program Co-ordinator Northern Rivers Conservatorium Cnr Keen & Magellan Sts Lismore NSW 2480 www.nrcac.edu.au Ph: 02 6621 2266 Fax: 02 6622 0244

BSC Road Construction Mullumbimby

Byron Shire Council wishes to advise residents that road construction works will be undertaken on Left Bank Road and Azalea St from the week commencing Monday 27th April 2015. This work will involve installation of subsoil drainage, removing of old pavement, replacing with new pavement and applying asphalt cement seal.

Works may extend for a period of up to 6 weeks weather permitting during the hours of 7am to 5pm Monday to Friday, and if required, 7am to 3.30pm Saturdays.

Traffic will be disrupted and access to properties will be temporarily disrupted.

Should you require any further information on the matter please feel free to contact Council’s acting Overseer Road Construction, Mr Tony Buckley on 6685 9310 at a time of your convenience.
2015 at a glance

Term 2 for students
Tuesday 21 April—Friday 26 June

Term 3 for students
Tuesday 14 July—Friday 18 September

Term 4 for students
Tuesday 6 October—Wednesday 16 December

We have scheduled Café Care for Wednesday 6 May in week 3 and Wednesday 27 May in week 6 in Term 2. We look forward to seeing parents of Year 7 and Year 8 students for a coffee and a croissant outside our Canteen from 8am to 8.50am for a social opportunity to catch up with staff and other parents.

This year, our newsletter will be prepared every Monday. If you wish to submit information to be included, it must reach the office by 12:00pm on Friday. Thank you for your cooperation.

P&C Notes

Enriching our school community

It is well known that a school’s educational and social outcomes are greatly enhanced when parents and staff work together. As parents, we can make meaningful contributions to the way our children are educated.

Mullumbimby High School P&C comprises a vibrant and committed group of parents who play an important role in supporting the school principal, teachers and non-teaching staff to enhance the learning outcomes and overall school experience of our children.

The key focus of our P&C is to provide a forum in which parents can articulate the needs and aspirations they have for their children and contribute to a developing partnership with the school. At P&C meetings parents can raise issues, initiate ideas and keep up to date with what’s going on in the school.

Many parents may feel that P&Cs are primarily fund raising bodies and if they attend meetings they will be asked to volunteer for fund raising activities. While fund raising is an important part of P&C activities and contributes to student welfare and much needed facilities and equipment, there are many other roles that the P&C takes on, including participation in the curriculum and other educational issues.

New parents are vital to the ongoing success of our P&C, and we extend a cordial invitation to all parents to come along and contribute to this community partnership. We meet monthly during term time, at 6.30pm in the library. If you are unable to attend meetings but would like to be involved, we can add you to our email list and keep you up to date. If you have any queries or if you’d like to be on the email list, please contact mullumbimbyhighschoolpandc@gmail.com

Our next meeting is 25th May at 6.30pm in the library.

Contact:
Claire Atkins
MHS P&C Secretary
Ph. 0420 986 570
mullumbimbyhighschool-pandc@gmail.com

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Chinese Study Tour Visit

Thank you to the families who have offered to host Chinese students from the 2nd August to the 16th August as part of an International study tour program. The program will involve the 20 students having a tour of our area, visiting Gold Coast theme parks and attending lessons and activities here at school. Host students will be invited to attend the theme park excursions.

We are still looking for host families for six students. If you are able to assist please contact either Donna Pearson or Chris Davis at the school on 66842600. A payment of $392 per student will be paid to host families to assist with hosting.

WINTER BASKETBALL 2015 BASKETBALL !!!

Get your teams together for our Winter School Competitions

Or just turn up during the week of team musters starting 20/4/15.

Primary & High School Boys Monday 20/4/15 and 27/4/15 @ 5.30pm

Primary & High School Girls Sat. 2/5/15 @ 10am

High School Boys Wednesday 22/4/15 and 29/4/15 @ 5.30pm

No experience necessary, Fun guaranteed.

For more info, visit website www.byronbasketball.com

e-mail, info@byronbasketball.com
or call a/h’s 66872246

SONG DYNASTY MUSIC

CHOIRS FOR KIDS AND ADULTS IN MULLUMBIMBY

MONDAYS: 4PM TO 5PM MULLUM GIRLS CHOIR
5PM TO 6PM BOYS ALOUD - TREBLE BOYS VOICES
7PM TO 8.30 PM GORGEOUS POP CHOIR

FEES: $80 PER TERM (8 WEEKS)

VENUE: SCOUT HALL, RIVER TERRACE, MULLUM (BEHIND THE POST OFFICE)

REGISTRATIONS: WWW.SONGDYNASTYMUSIC.COM 0438 965 397

TERM 2 2015
27 APRIL TO 20 JUNE
ANCQ Competition 2015
All secondary students are invited to enter the 2015 Australian National Chemistry Quiz.

The Australian National Chemistry Quiz is a unique chemical education activity. It provides a major focus for secondary school students on the relevance of chemistry in an exciting and stimulating way. The RACI invites all students to participate in the Australian National Chemistry Quiz.

The Australian National Chemistry Quiz aims to promote interest in chemistry and the role of chemists in our society. The Australian National Chemistry Quiz is not a nationwide assessment of chemistry knowledge, but rather an opportunity to promote Chemistry and for teachers to gauge the understanding their students have of the subject.

All students receive a Certificate of Participation and we anticipate that 40% of all entrants will receive Certificates of Merit to acknowledge their efforts at Credit, Distinction and High Distinction levels. Students who obtain a perfect score of 30 receive a Certificate of Excellence and a Plaque. Students are encouraged to engage with the questions and are not penalised for incorrect answers. Students will only be competing with other students from their country or state, in the same year level.

The Australian National Chemistry Quiz is a true international competition with papers translated into seven different languages. The Quiz attracts students throughout Australia and 17 neighboring countries. We anticipate an even greater response for this year’s Quiz including students from Switzerland, Austria and Germany.

The Quiz comprises of 30 multiple choice questions to be answered in 60 minutes.

The age divisions are:
• Junior Years 7-8
• Junior Years 9-10
• Senior Year 11
• Senior Year 12

Please see Ms Macleod or Mr Colli for more details.