COMING EVENTS
Monday 25 May
P&C Meeting 6.30pm (library)
Tuesday 26 May
Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 27 May
Café Care 8am
Monday 8 June
Public Holiday (Queen’s Birthday)
Wednesday 10 June
Year 7 taster
Wednesday 24 June
Year 7 taster
Friday 26 June
Last day of Term 2

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL MENU
The Hospitality students will be serving coffee, doughnuts and muffins during the athletics carnival. You will be able to purchase these from one of the students who will be roaming around the oval and place your order. Coffee & Doughnuts = $5.00
Coffee & Muffin = $5.00

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
YEAR 10 BBQ AVAILABLE
Egg and Bacon Roll $3.00
Beef or Chicken Sausage $2.50
Sanger with or without onion $3.00
Rissoles with or without onion $3.50
Veggie Burger with or without onion $4.00
Haloumi Eggplant Sanger with Avo and Chili Jam
Soft drinks/water $2.00
Chips $1.00
Bags of lollies $1.00

Principal’s Message
William Blake
It is with a heavy heart that we farewell a valued member of our teaching staff. William Blake sadly passed away last Monday 18th May peacefully in a Murwillumbah hospice after a battle with lung cancer. Will joined the Mullumbimby High School staff in 2008 as a Special Education teacher. He quickly developed close and supportive relationships with the staff and students whom he worked with. His caring nature, quick wit and intelligence were a delight for all those who were close to him.

William had a love of literature, art, food, film and travel. He was happiest at school when he was cooking with the students in the Special Education unit. There, he was able to combine his love of food and teaching. He also taught Geography in the unit and took the students on virtual adventures utilising his knowledge acquired from his many overseas adventures.

Will was a case manager to many students in the mainstream. He guided them through their personal struggles with the curriculum and helped them overcome their challenges. Staff and students alike will miss his gentle and calm nature.

In keeping with William’s humble nature his wishes were that there is no formal funeral or service because in his words he didn’t want any fuss made over him. We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to all of William’s family and friends for their loss.

Mufti Day Fundraiser
Sadly one of our families lost their home and all possessions in a fire. We are holding an out of uniform day this Thursday to raise money to support the family and ask that students bring a gold coin donation. I encourage all our students to support this fundraising day. I would also like to thank Mr Phillip Sneddon from the Lismore Telstra store for kindly donating a new mobile phone with credit to the family.

Keen Mathematics Students
I come to work pretty early but a couple of mornings a week I am beaten to school by a group of Year 9 and 11 students who come in to do Maths. It is not a scheduled class and it is not compulsory. They come in because they enjoy Maths and want to extend their knowledge. Luckily for them they also have a teacher, Mr Bill Thompson, who loves Maths and enjoys working with the students. Mullum High has always had a tradition of staff and students wanting to extend their learning beyond scheduled lessons and this is one more example.
Principal’s Message Con’td

Entertainment

This year saw the introduction of Entertainment as a Year 11 subject. Our Entertainment students are gaining an outstanding reputation within the community for their involvement in different events. They are excellent ambassadors for our school. Most recently Alicia Donnelly, Jasmine Whetstone and Garion Vogel provided stage and sound support for the Lennox Head Music Camp Finale Concert. The Executive Director of the Music camp wrote to the school commending our students on their ‘excellent attitude, skills and respect for fellow students.’

Joel Monacelli and Kyle Moir provided sound and stage support on Sunday for the Mullum to Bruns Paddle where Jolina Wilbur from Year 7 also performed. Jolina has an incredible voice and we are very proud to have her representing Mullum High.

Indonesian class students with their puppets

The Entertainment class are also working with our performers in preparing for our upcoming School Musical, Charades. The class would like to ask for your assistance as they are looking to borrow some period appropriate props. If you could help with any of the following please contact Mr Brian Wappett (6684 2600): 60s typewriter, 60s phones x 2, Old Milkbar equipment e.g. metal milkshake cups etc, an old reel to reel tape machine, old looking headphones, old audio and video equipment.

Asbestos

Local media have correctly reported that the school appears on the Department of Education and Communities’ asbestos register. I would like to reassure you that this in no way suggests that any students, staff or visitors to the school are at any risk.

The register provides information about the location and management of asbestos-containing materials known to exist or that possibility exist on schools’ grounds, and outlines the measures used to assure public safety. The majority of materials containing asbestos are safe provided the material is left undisturbed and is in sound condition.

NSW Health has the following advice about asbestos on its website:

When does asbestos pose a risk to health? Asbestos fibres can pose a risk to health if airborne, as inhalation is the main way that asbestos enters the body. Small quantities of asbestos fibres are present in the air at all times, and are being breathed by everyone without any ill effects. Most people are exposed to very small amounts of asbestos as they go about their daily lives and do not develop asbestos-related health problems.


Regular inspections are carried out to ensure that there is no change to the condition of asbestos materials on school grounds.

The Department acts immediately, in accordance with NSW and national Work Health and Safety legislation, whenever asbestos is detected on school grounds, and all remediation work is assessed to make sure it complies with WorkCover’s safety requirements.

In general, parents are notified by the school at the time when an asbestos issue arises, for instance during planned building works or the detection of a suspected asbestos fragment on school grounds.

Indonesian at our school

Yudi, our Indonesian Teacher Assistant has been working with Yr7 classes to perform a wayang, or shadow play. Students wrote and pre-recorded a conversation in Indonesian inviting a friend to go somewhere with them. They then created their own puppets and performed their play in front of the class. This was an interactive and enjoyable way to learn, speak and build on Indonesian conversations. The quality of these wayang plays was outstanding. Congratulations, year 7 and thank you to Yudi for the enthusiasm and expertise that he has brought to the teaching and learning of Indonesian at MHS. Indonesian is one of the courses students choose to study for their RoSA and HSC.

Thank you also to Linda Keyte and Elke Buhrich, our Indonesian teachers for creating this opportunity.

Microsoft & Adobe software

All NSW DEC students are eligible to download and licence Adobe and Microsoft software onto personally owned devices. Students will need to use their @education.nsw.gov.au student email address to register. One download per application only. http://tinyurl.com/swstudent

Last weekend’s fundraiser

Many thanks to the P&C for organising this weekend’s sausage sizzle. We are grateful to IGA Mullum and Devine’s Quality Meats for their support and to Bunnings for the venue.

— Donna Pearson

P & C NOTES

Discover, learn and contribute to the success of our school. The best way to discover what’s happening at our school, and contribute your ideas and enthusiasm to our school community, is to come along to our P&C meetings. The next meeting will be held tonight, Monday 25 May at 6.30pm in the library. The meetings are open to all parents. You don’t need to be a P&C member. So, come along just to listen, or add your ideas, and help to make our school community the finest it can possibly be. If you’d like to be informed by email about forthcoming P&C meetings and events. Contact us by email: mullumbimbyhigh
schoolpandc@gmail.com and we’ll add you to our email list.

**P&C RAFFLE TICKETS**
Prizes include a double pass to Splendour in the Grass as the main prize, with other fantastic prizes such as massage, Shanti Town and Kiva Spa vouchers and artwork. Tickets are $2 or 3 for $5. Families wishing to sell tickets can contact Hannah on 0431 580 485 or email hannah_massey@yahoo.com.

**THE PREMIER’S DEBATING CHALLENGE FOR YEARS 7&8 2015 REGIONAL**
Congratulations again to our year 7 & 8 debating team for winning one out of two zone debates held here at Mullumbimby High School today. Our team is currently competing in the knock-out phase of the competition to determine the zone champions who will commence on to the Regional championship next term. Today Mullumbimby High School competed and won against Wollumbin High School after competently putting forth a range of strong and insightful arguments on the topic; ‘That studying a second language should be compulsory throughout High School’. Unfortunately, Mullumbimby High School did not quite manage to win the second debate against Byron Bay High School when debating the topic; ‘That parents should only allow their children to watch TV on weekends’. Indeed this debate was a very close draw and it was a difficult and challenging decision which had to be made by the adjudicator. We have a fantastic and dynamic debating team this year and they have clearly reflected the high standard of debating Mullumbimby High School has traditionally been known for in recent years. Congratulations to Sam Clarke, Erez Lebovits, Riffkan Cole and Shareya Wilkes-Hay who have proven to be exceptional debaters this year. — Sarah Connah, Debating Coordinator

**ALTERED STATES**
On Thursday the 21st of May, Year 10 students had the chance to see the ‘Altered States’ performance by Byron Youth Theatre. It was an excellent performance depicting the risks associated with drug and alcohol addiction. The actors used real life experiences which followed three different young people and their challenges. It was an emotive and thought provoking play. Among the cast was ex-Mullumbimby student, Kia Wasley. The year 10 students also participated in a workshop. — Rosie Wild

**CAREERS ADVISER’S DESK**
**THIS FRIDAY 29th May**
**Aimed at Year 10 - Year 12**

ANZ bank will visit Mullumbimby High School this coming Friday to present a Finance talk to Year 12 Business Studies. They will also conduct an additional session at lunch time for any interested students. Great general financial tips for young people and to assist with planning your futures! See Ms Perrin or Ms Perkins for more information.

**THIS FRIDAY 29th May**
Further, Avondale College will also be at school on Friday to promote their College. Specific Careers talks for the first 30 interested Year 10 students will be held in Period 4 on Friday. A separate session about applications and opportunities at Avondale College for Year 12 students (including scholarship information) along with a free pizza lunch will be held in the Library. RSVP to Ms Perrin by Thursday for catering purposes please.

**UPCOMING: MARK THE DATE**
**TAFE / TVET Open Day at Wollongbar**
TAFE – Friday 12th June. This is for Year 10 students only. More information to follow.

**FREE EVENT “Discover Engineering”**
Thursday 25th June 6.30pm - 8.30pm - Ballina Surf Club
All students interested in an Engineer-

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BATBUS**—Wanting to go somewhere with your friends? You can book the Batbus for groups of over 8 people at a very cheap price. Dreamworld, movies, surfing, Skirmish, skate parks and more are all a possibility. For more information go to the website www.batbus.net or ring Melissa on 6685 8771. Prices start from $2 for a return trip and there is a door to door service if required.

**JOIN MULLUMBIMBY SCOUTS**
Want to build catapults, climb rope bridges? Interested in survival skills and first aid? We have games nights, hiking, canoeing and camping activities. Learn about astronomy, orienteering, make bush craft and lots more. Develop Leadership Skills and make new friends at Mullumbimby Scouts! 6.30-8.30pm. Wednesday evenings Open to kids aged 10-14 yrs (Mullum Scout Hall behind the post office) Recruiting now. Come and have a free try out! Phone Stephen Oliver (Scout Leader) Ph: 6680 1237 for further information. Check out the website on www.scouts.com.au

Keep up to date with the latest announcements and events happening at Mullumbimby High School. Take a moment to like our Facebook page.
MULLUMBIMBY HIGH SCHOOL

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS
COMPETITION

Are you a talented song writer, artist, film maker, photographer, poet or short story creator?

Are you concerned about our local environment?

This is a chance for you to use your creative skills to highlight a local environmental issue.

Renowned actor and activist Tony Barry has kindly provided $500 prize money for this competition.

Competition Guidelines:

- You must be a student of Mullumbimby High School to enter this competition.
- Choose a local environmental issue eg coal seam gas mining, global warming, marine pollution, habitat destruction etc
- Create an artwork, song, poem, short story, photograph or film clip which conveys a strong message related to your chosen issue. This can be in opposition to the issue or a positive solution to the issue.
- Entries are to be submitted to Mrs Spiropoulos or Ms Pearson by Friday 17th July
- Prizes will be award for first, second and third places

Entries will be judged by a panel of local identities
Byron Shire Council presents

Reconciliation Week Morning Tea
Monday 1 June 2015
Byron Shire Council Chambers
Station Street, Mullumbimby
10:30 am

Cultural Performances
Community Art Exhibition
Family Friendly Event
Morning Tea provided

To celebrate National Reconciliation Week Byron Shire Council will:
• Launch the Byron Shire Interagency
• Update and hold consultations on the Reconciliation Action Plan
• And find out what Reconciliation means to our community

National Reconciliation Week 2015
27 May - 3 June
It’s time to change it up