COMING EVENTS
Monday 8 June
Public Holiday (Queen’s Birthday)
Wednesday 10 June
Yr7 Public Speaking finals @ 11am
Year 7 taster lessons
Wednesday 24 June
Year 7 taster lessons
Friday 26 June
Last day of Term 2

Principal’s Message

P&C Support
Our school greatly values our positive partnership with the P&C which is based on mutual respect, shared goals and trust. Having such an active and supportive P&C has resulted in incredible benefits for our school.

Parents have provided valuable input into the development of our School Plan via P&C meetings, surveys and forums. This plan is our blueprint for action and is available on our website. We have P&C representation on key committees, which ensures we gain the much valued parent voice in decision making. Currently, parents are active participants of the Library Committee, Curriculum Review Committee, Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Committee and the Road Safety Committee. The P&C provides representatives on panels for teaching and executive positions within the school.

Together, staff, students and parents ensure our school is actively involved in community events such as the Mullum Music Festival. Last week, the P&C donated much needed funds to the Byron Youth Activity Centre (see information on P&C page in this issue). In addition, the P&C raises funds to support school programs and provide additional resources.

Most recently, the P&C presented the school with a cheque for $4800 which will be used to further develop our Hospitality resources. The funds will be used to create a new kitchen for the Pizza oven. This kitchen will provide increased opportunities for school functions and for fundraising. However, more importantly it will provide an additional teaching space for our students in Year 8 Technology, Food Technology and Hospitality. This year we have over 50 students enrolled in Year 11 Hospitality and each of those students must complete 70 hours of work placement for their HSC. With the increased opportunity to cater for school and community functions, Hospitality stu-

National Consistent Collection of Data
Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data of school students with additional or different needs, including students with disabilities, learning needs or medical conditions. We will be collecting information already available in the school about students who receive extra support for their learning, behaviour or health care. Better data will help the Government plan for students with diverse needs. The data collection will have no direct impact on your child or the support they currently receive and they will not be involved in any additional testing process.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be

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Pictured here: Summer and Tysharna broke our school records

Very proud of all our students who were involved in our Athletics Carnival. More photos on our last page!
Principal’s Message Cont’d

identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students. All information is protected by privacy laws which regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. Information about the Australian Government’s Privacy Policy can be found here: http://education.gov.au/condensed-privacy-policy. Information about the NSW Government’s privacy policies can be found here: http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/

If you have any questions about your child being included in the data collection please contact the school. Further information about the data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education website: http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability

Athletics Carnival
The school held our Athletics Carnival last Tuesday and it was a fantastic day. Congratulations to Summer Butler who broke the school record in shotput and Tysharna Puni who broke the record in high jump.

— D. Pearson

CHRYSLASIS
For the past 6 years, our school has run a successful support program for young women who have challenging life experiences and maybe struggling with school culture, attendance and engagement. The Chrysalis Program is designed to help young women develop skills relating to self-esteem, self-empowerment, compassion and leadership. The program utilises professional counselling skills in conjunction with art therapy, drama therapy, music therapy, yoga, martial arts and meditation as therapeutic tools.

The Chrysalis Girls program is developed and facilitated by professional counsellors Amie Dreyer (Youth/Holistic) and Jane McGowan (Sexual Assault Counsellor from Indigo House, North Coast Sexual Assault Service).

The school’s Welfare Team identifies female students in need, from years 8 to 10, for the Chrysalis Program. The only way the school is able to fund the program is through donations from the community and we are seeking your support. Our target amount each year is $8000, which sees 15 girls provided with refuge and hope through their weekly sessions.

We would like to acknowledge and thank Mullumbimby Chemsave Chemist and Brunswick Heads Medical Centre, Mullumbimby RSL, Ocean Shores Country Club, Brunswick Valley Lions and Quota Clubs and some very generous local community people for their generous donations and support so far this year.

Please contact Natalie Grant 66842600 or email natalie.grant@det.nsw.edu.au for more information or to discuss any support you may be able to give to enable the Chrysalis program to provide a springboard to assist our disadvantaged young women to triumph.— N. Grant

YEAR 7 PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALS will be held on Wednesday 10 June from 11am to 12.40pm. Parents are invited to attend. Please sign in at the front office upon arrival. — E. Dunham

Every Nominee Receives a Certificate

We are searching for NSW’s best high school teachers to be part of an exciting new project that will change the face of teaching resources.

To nominate your teacher fill out the entry form at www.nswteacheroftheyear.com.au and answer in 100 words or less why you believe your teacher should win the title of NSW Teacher of the Year.


Competition closes: Friday 19 June 2015 at 23:59 AEST. Our ABN: 261 929 077 91. Full terms and conditions can be found at www.nswteacheroftheyear.com.au/competition/terms
CAREERS TO CONSIDER
Accountancy & Finance jobs market hits two year high in Australia
Australia’s accountancy & finance jobs market is showing positive signs of growth, with activity in New South Wales being at the highest levels in 2 years!!!

Health / Science
Statistics predict an expected 60,000 positions in Health and Science related fields in the next 5 years. It will be our nation’s biggest employer.

Trade and Vocational areas skills shortages ... great career alternatives

Fantastic Opportunity:
Calling All Senior Fashion Students: Fashion IT Girl 2015 program
Fashion IT Girl Internship is open to one lucky year 12 student to receive a paid internship with Fame and Partners and POPSUGAR in Sydney. In addition, they will provide the transportation costs for the student, as they don’t want anyone to be limited by their financial situation or location. Entries are now open and will close on June 29, 2015.

Gap Year Opportunities
‘Plan My Gap Year (PMGY) is an award-winning international volunteer placement organisation based in the UK. They provide the world’s most affordable, need-driven and supportive short-term volunteer programmes in Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe. Their programs start from just two weeks in duration right up to six months. Students can join throughout the year as they have two start dates per month. So, if you’re looking to travel on your vacation period, or even take a gap year to explore the world – you should consider volunteering abroad and doing something really special during your travels. There are a range of opportunities to suit people of all backgrounds and interests. Check out their website and start your adventure today – www.planmygappyyear.org’

Southern Cross University Careers Presentations - Yr 11 and 12
Wednesday 17 June from 2pm-3pm, the following guests will be visiting the SCU Lismore campus to hold a careers panel session:
- Timothy Pocock, Product Manager, Giorgio Armani, L’Oreal (Business / Accounting)
- Cassie Price, Ballina Regional Manager, Wetland Care (Environment / Science)
- Jacqueline Allen, Community Relations Coordinator, Lend Lease; and Peter Borelli, Project Director, Roads and Maritime Services (Engineering / Town Planning / Community Relations)
- Russell Eldridge, Author (Creative Writing)
If any students are interested in attending please see Ms Perrin for more information.

UMAT - Simulated UMAT Day 2015 - Intensive Preparation Workshops
SYDNEY - UNSW Kensington Campus on 6th June 2015 and 11th July 2015
If any students who are in year 11 or 12 and are considering a career in medicine, dentistry, or optometry, you will need to sit a compulsory entry exam known as UMAT (Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test) before you can apply for relevant placements in the above fields with universities. UNSW offer intensive preparation workshops. If interested, please see Ms Perrin for more information. Thank you

UQ- Plenty of opportunities for students at UQ, including Residential Camps per faculty and Scholarship Information. If interested, please see Ms Perrin for more detailed information.

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.

UPCOMING: MARK THE DATE
FREE EVENT “Discover Engineering”
Thursday 25th June 6.30pm - 8.30pm - Ballina Surf Club
All students interested in an Engineering Career should do their best to attend this session conducted by Engineers Australia. Topics covered: Why be an Engineer? What do Engineers do? How do you become an Engineer? What is it like to study Engineering? Students can see me for more information. There is an RSVP required. — V. Perrin

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
LISMORE LANTERN PARADE 2015
Come and join the celebration on Saturday 20 June fro a full day of kids activities, concerts and market delights starting at 10am. Oaks Oval—Tickets are on sale now! Don’t miss out on all the excitement from 4pm. Come grab the best seats in the house to see the Viking battle, circus excitement and live music before the Lantern Parade performance followed by the fiery finale concert, BYO picnic blankets and smiles. For more details and tickets, go online at lanternparade.com or visit the counter at the Lismore Visitor Centre and PowerMax or by phoning 1300 87 83 87.
Want to get involved, call 6622 6333 or email festivallanternparade.com for more info!

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, Skimish, 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 bushcraft 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

SOFTWARE FOR STUDENTS
MS & Adobe software for students
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
Mullumbimby High School P&C wants parents to add your voices to the demand for the Federal Government to keep its promise on school funding; when our children and all students in Public Education stand to lose so much we feel compelled to speak out, and ask you to speak out also.

The independent Gonski Review strongly recommended an increase in Federal Government funding of education in Australia. Crucially, the Gonski Review recommended that funding for education should reflect the needs of the schools and the communities they served. Under the Gonski reforms private schools retained their funding whilst the schools (both private and public) serving more disadvantaged communities received increased funding on a needs basis.

Unfortunately, the Abbott government confirmed in its 2014 budget that it was terminating funding under the Gonski model after 4 years and axing the last 2 years of the 6 year funding agreement proposed by the previous government. All political parties in both Houses of the NSW Parliament are agreed that the Federal Government needs to honour the full 6 year funding agreement. The Education Ministers from all States argued with the Federal Education Minister (Christopher Pyne) that the Federal Government needs to honour the full 6 years of Educational funding under the Gonski model. The NSW Minister for Education, Adrian Piccoli is reported as saying “The NSW government remains committed to funding its share of the 6 year Gonski agreement and continues to advocate for the federal government to honour the agreement in full” (Sydney Morning Herald May 30-31st).

Public Schools have long provided a vital foundation for our society as Public Education is the only Education System that is open and free to all Australian children. Tragically it is Public Schools that will bear the brunt of this short sighted attack on equitable funding of Education in Australia.

As parents, we want our governments to share the value we place on our Public Schools. As parents we expect an equitable funding model that meets the needs of all and sustains an outstanding Public Education System made up of outstanding local Public Schools. As parents we need to speak up when Public Education is treated unfairly.

To add your voice to the campaign to fully fund the Gonski model of needs based education funding go to http://wwwigiveagonski.com.au and contact your local State and Federal politician and let them know how you feel. Our students in Public Schools deserve a fair go!

Last week, our P&C voted to donate $500 to Byron Youth Service’s crowd funding campaign. Huge government funding cuts this year mean that the service may no longer be able to continue in the new financial year, which means at least 50 young people per week no longer have the support and assistance they need. BYS gives invaluable support to young people in our community, and many students from Mullumbimby High School have benefitted greatly from their help. Please follow the example of our P&C and make a donation to BYS crowd funding campaign. Our donations will keep the Cottage open and ensure that support and a safe space continues to be available. To make a donation paste this link into your browser: https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/at-the-cottage#/story.

MULLUMBIMBY HIGH P&C NOTES
Public Education – Government Funding – The Power of Parent Voices

WIN!!!

A DOUBLE PASS TO SPLENDOUR IN THE GRASS 2015!!

Other prizes include:
1.5 hour Lomi Lomi Massage by Naomi Gcbits ($125)
Shanti Town clothing voucher ($50)
Handmade soap carving by Melon as Anything (priceless)
Kiva Spa vouchers

Tickets: $2 each or 3 for $5

Raffle Drawn: 20/07/15

Monies raised contribute to the educational resources and the learning environment of our local kids.
Some of our students are attending the PASH 2015 conference which engages young people and the community together to strengthen sexual health, well-being and related issues. Parents are invited to attend the adult session on Day 2 (Thurs 4 June) 10:30 to 12:30 where local healthcare professionals and teachers will come together with parents to discuss health, social and legal issues, barriers and ways to support young people and their sexual health. A community panel will follow after lunch - working with the young people attending. Registration essential @ www.pash.org.au

Gabriel and Cecilia
VESSELS ALBUM LAUNCH
Saturday June 20th
Mullumbimby Civic Hall
5:30 - Doors Open ~ Delectable edibles from Healing Foods for the night.
6:30 - 1st Support TBA
7:00 - The Twins (No Frills Vanessa & Arna)
7:30 - Gabriel and Cecilia
Kids Entry - $5
Adults Entry - $10
Tickets for sale at the door.
CDs, vinyls and merchandise available on the night.
INFO: philbrandolini@gmail.com
Ph: 0402 035 042 or (02) 6629 1524

Gabriel and Cecilia
VESSELS ALBUM LAUNCH
Saturday June 20th
Mullumbimby Civic Hall

Pilates Mat Class
with MICHAEL HENNESSY
former dancer with the Sydney Dance Company and trainer with the Penrith Panthers.
ALSO CONDUCTING PERSONAL TRAINING, DANCE and FIT BALL.

Tuesdays 9.30am at the
Drill Hall
Mullumbimby

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