COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 10 June
Yr7 Public Speaking finals @ 11am
Year 7 taster lessons for Year 6

Thursday 11 June
Yr12 Study Day at Southern Cross
Friday 12 June
Yr10 TAFE Open Day Excursion

Thursday 18 June
Primex Excursion (Pay by Friday 12)
Friday 19 June
Zone Athletics (Kingscliff)
Tuesday 23 June
Business Studies (Tweed Heads)
Wednesday 24 June
Year 7 taster lessons for year 6
Thursday 25 June
Flipout Merit Excursion
Friday 26 June
Last day of Term 2

Principal's Message

National Reconciliation Week
National Reconciliation Week is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision. Once again, our Indigenous students did Mullumbimby High school proud in a public showcase of culture, dance, tolerance and acceptance.

Byron Shire Council invited our students to speak and perform at their National Reconciliation Week celebration that was held in the shire chambers on Monday 1 June. In front of a full house, year 12 student, Jessica Power delivered a moving reconciliation speech that was both informative and passionate. Other students from Brunswick and Ocean Shores Public School also addressed the audience to inform us about the importance of reconciliation to themselves and the Nation. Our Deadly Dancers closed the ceremony with a typically outstanding performance.

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Safe Schools Coalition Australia
Mullumbimby High School has recently joined the NSW branch of Safe Schools Coalition Australia. This group is dedicated to supporting gender diversity in Australian schools. It is the first national coalition of schools bringing together school staff, students and families to create safer and more inclusive learning environments for same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse young people. Staff at Mullumbimby High School will be participating in training provided by the Safe Schools Coalition team later this year. Our joining confirms our commitment to building a school that is free of homophobic and transphobic bullying, and is safe and inclusive for the whole school.

—Donna Pearson, Principal

PASH Conference
Year 11 PDHPE and Community and Family Studies students attended the Positive Adolescents Sexual Health (PASH) Conference at Byron Bay last week. Students were in groups with students from 6 other High Schools and were involved in discussions and viewed performances all centred around sexual health. Some of the “hot topics” covered included youth disability and sex, identity gender and sexuality, tattoos and piercing, social media and sex, what’s legal and what’s not, healthy mind, negotiating sex, love and sex online, loving the body you are in, check ups and where to get help, if it’s not on ... it’s not on, reproductive health and party safe. A highlight for Mullumbimby High School was when Jessica Power and Brooke Diehm took centre stage with the Keeping Our Mob Strong Hip Hop performance delivering safe and positive sexual health message in their song. Their performance was very impressive given they had only spent the previous day writing their song. All these students were great

Pictured here: our students performing at Byron Shire Council’s National Reconciliation Week Celebration

Principal: Ms Donna Pearson
Deputy Principal: Mr Cameron Johnson
ambassadors for our school and they have also gained 6 hours towards their mandatory Crossroads course. — Mr Lachlan McKenzie, PDHPE & Welfare Head Teacher

Pash Conference Attendees from our school

CAREERS OFFICER’S COLUMN
THIS WEEK - THIS WEEK!
TAFE / TVET Open Day at Wollongbar
TAFE – Friday 12th June. (This is for Year 10 students only)
Have you brought in your note and $10?

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 Ms Perrin for more information. PLEASE NOTE There is an RSVP required.

Southern Cross University Careers Presentations - Yr 11 and 12
On Wednesday 17th June from 2pm-3pm, guests will be visiting the SCU Lismore campus to hold a careers panel session in: Business / Accounting; Environment / Science; Engineering / Town Planning / Community Relations; and Creative Writing
If any students are interested in attending please see Ms Perrin for more information

UMAT - Simulated UMAT Day 2015 - Intensive Preparation Workshops
Attention Year 11 or 12 potential Medicine, Dentistry, or Optometry students, you will need to sit a compulsory entry exam known as UMAT (Undergraduate and Health Sciences Admission Test) before you can apply for relevant placements in the above fields with universities.
UNSW offer intensive preparation workshops on the following date:
SYDNEY - UNSW Kensington Campus - 11th July 2015
If interested, please see Ms Perrin for more information.

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.
Enteries are now open and will close on June 29th 2015.

bsstreetsmart Smarter Safer Drivers are running sessions in August, in Sydney if any students are interested. (see attachment for more information)

GAP YEAR INFORMATION
Antipodeans Gap Break Application Days During School Holidays – Don’t miss out!
Antipodeans Abroad is running important GapBreak Application Days from Tuesday 30 June - Thursday 2 July 2015. If students wish to participate on a volunteer or paid work travel program in 2016, they need to select a time for a 25 minute Application Meeting on one of these days. Students who attend an Application Meeting are given priority over other applicants when selecting their preferred destination.

When: Tuesday 30 June - Thursday 2 July 2015
Where: Application Meetings are held over the phone for all students based outside of Sydney For more information go to: www.antipodeans.com.au/Programs/GapBreak<http://antipodeansabroad.cmail1.com/t/t-ltuudlhy-djhrdtyr-p/>

What is Antipodeans GapBreak?
GapBreak is an international travel program providing school leavers with volunteer and paid work programs around the world. Run by Antipodeans Abroad, an Australian company with a 20+ year track record in educational travel; and a strong reputation in Australian schools and Universities.
School leavers gain independence and resilience while contributing to an overseas community.
Programs are carefully vetted & planned to ensure value & sustainability for local communities.
School leavers travel with a group of like-minded Australian students.

If interested, see Ms Perrin for more information

Plan My Gap Year
‘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 two weeks 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 – consider volunteering abroad and doing something really special during your travels. Many opportunities to suit people of all backgrounds and interests. See their website and start your adventure today – www.planmygapyear.org’ - Ms Vanessa Perrin (Careers Officer)
WIN!!!

A DOUBLE PASS TO SPLENDOUR IN THE GRASS 2015!!

Other prizes include:
1.5 hour Lomi Lomi Massage by Naomi Gobits ($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.

Mullumbimby High School
P&C Association

Under One Sky
THE AFRICAN CHILDREN’S CHOIR

Byron Bay/ Mullumbimby

PUBLIC WORKSHOP
Sunday 14 June 2015
2pm to 3pm

PUBLIC CONCERT
Sunday 14 June 2015
6.30pm

Mullumbimby High School
Auditorium
9 Jubilee Avenue,
Mullumbimby NSW 2482

Contact: Janet Swain
0438 965 397
Tickets at door:
Workshop - $15 kids $10
Concert - $25 kids $15
Bookings: www.trybooking.com
www.kwaya.org/underonesky.html

Mullumbimby High School
under licence from Play On Words
presents
Charades
The Musical

"This is living in the 60's"

July 22nd & 23rd @ 7pm
Mullumbimby High School Hall
Tickets $10/ $8 Family $35

Written by John Mawson & Rob Smith. Music by Roslyn Jennings. Additional songs by Brian Wappett

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 Spiriopoulos or Ms Pearson by Friday 17th July
• Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places

Entries will be judged by a panel of local identities
Local experts help Northern Rivers parents initiate dialogue with teens

Two of Australia’s leading experts in teenage and family therapy, local psychologists Peter Chown and Michael Hawton, today announced an opportunity for Northern Rivers parents to learn how to effectively hold tough conversations to tackle teenage behavioural issues when they present a two-part seminar, Engaging Adolescents™, at Mullumbimby High School on 1 and 8 August.

Engaging Adolescents™ has already helped over 20,000 parents around Australia and is the only course of its kind in the country. It aims to teach parents of pre-teens how to manage challenges to before they escalate and to provide parents of teens already crossing the line with strategies and solutions to deal with common behavioural problems.

Michael Hawton MAPS is a local psychologist, published author, international speaker and teacher who has primarily worked in the area of child and family therapy including with the United Nations. He has developed several nationally recognised parenting education courses that have helped over 100,000 Australian parents.

Peter Chown MAPS is a respected local psychologist specialising in youth health who has worked with adolescents for 30 years. Prior to moving to the region, he was head of the Outreach Unit for the Children’s Hospital in Sydney. He also consulted in youth health to the United Nations and provided expert advice to Headspace, a national system of mental health services for young people.

Michael Hawton said, “Our aim is to help parents struggling with their children’s behaviour to know how to deal with issues effectively and maintain bonds through the challenging teenage years.”

Principal of Mullumbimby High School, Donna Pearson, said “I would encourage any parent who is interested in a new way of effectively communicating with teenagers to attend this course. It’s sometimes a difficult task for all us parents!”

In the course, parents will learn:
- Common ground shared by parents and how to hold reasonable expectations of a teenager
- New understandings of adolescent brain development
- How to build a healthy relationship with a teenager and make the best of non-crisis conversations with them
- Skills for touch conversations to address the problems they cannot ignore
- A handy flow chart for decision-making

The Engaging Adolescents™ program is being presented in conjunction with the University of Southern Queensland, which is conducting further research to demonstrate the ways that the course helps parents. Parents who attend both sessions and participate in the research study by completing a series of short, confidential surveys, may be eligible for a rebate on registration costs.

The Engaging Adolescents™ program will be presented at Mullumbimby High School on Saturdays 1 and 8 August 2015 between 8:30am - 12:00pm. Cost $59 per person or $99 for 2 people. Bookings are essential as spaces are limited. Registrations close Friday 19 June 2015. Parents can find out more and register at Parentshop.com.au.
Welcome – 10th Anniversary!

B STREETSMART NEWSLETTER

Allphones Arena, Homebush - Tues 25, Wed 26 & Thu 27 August.

NEW FINISH TIME!! Event runs from 9.45 am to 1.30 pm!!

2015 bstreetsmart event
163 Schools have already registered 20,528 students for bstreetsmart 2015. Don't miss out!!
Avoid disappointment and register now on:
www.bstreetsmart.org

bstreetsmart Ambassador:

MORGAN EVANS

Back by popular demand, Morgan Evans, our bstreetsmart ambassador, will return to our bstreetsmart event in August 2015. We are very proud of Morgan Evans who has recently been awarded with the “Global Country Artist Award”.

The CMA (The Country Music Association) presented Morgan Evans with “The Global Country Artist Award” which recognizes outstanding achievements by a Country Music artist originally signed outside of the United States – in both furthering the popularity of Country Music and bringing attention to the Country Music format in their foreign-based territory.

The winner of a record 3 Country Music Channel Music Awards in 2014, Morgan Evans was recently signed as a presenter, host, and ambassador for the Country Music Channel in Australia. He has toured with Country superstars including Alan Jackson and Taylor Swift, as well as headlining his own tours in Australia and New Zealand. Evans was recently signed to William Morris Endeavour Agency.

Students attending bstreetsmart this year will hear Morgan's personal story & that of his close best friend who was involved in a crash.

bfilme:

A reminder that the bfilme competition is currently up and running. Get your school involved in this great project - it ties in beautifully with the Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) syllabus for Road Safety.

The bfilme Competition is the perfect tool to ensure your students fully understand the important message of Road Safety whilst having fun and learning. See our website for full terms & conditions. Competition closes 3 July.

2014 Student Comment:
“Felt like we were there. Confronting, didn’t try and hide anything”
“It made things a lot more real”
“It was cool to talk to the police and ambulance. It was cool to see what they see”

2014 Teacher Comment:
“We have been every year since it started. It fits well into our syllabus”
“I think it’s the best program I have seen for young people. It’s the most relevant event for 16-18 year olds. It’s got a really great message delivered extremely well.”