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BYRON SHIRE NAIDOC WEEK AWARDS

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Byron Shire Council celebrated NAIDOC Week with a flag raising ceremony held at the Council chambers during the holidays.

The Deadly Dancers were once again magnificent performers and the photo on the front of the Byron Shire News highlighted this. Mayor Simon Richardson thanked all who attended and gave a special warm welcome to the winners of NAIDOC Week Awards for Byron Shire.

Our indigenous students were recognised for their leadership and commitment to culture. Jessica Power is currently undertaking her HSC and was awarded the Child of the Year (12-25) Award. She demonstrates her leadership through mentoring younger students, dancing, singing and learning about her culture. Recently she addressed a crowd with a wonderful speech about reconciliation at the Reconciliation Week celebrations held at Byron Shire Council.

Logan and Coen Sentance were runners up in the Youth Award and recognized for their participation in the Deadly Dancers troupe and commitment to culture.

We are also so proud to have on our staff the winner of the Aboriginal Educators Award - Scott Sentance. Scott was recognised for his outstanding contribution to the coordination of many cultural programs held in the school and especially the acclaimed Deadly Dancers and mentoring programs. Scott is passionate about encouraging all students to reach their full potential and grow up being proud of their Aboriginal heritage. Scott also won this award in 2014.

LESLEY MCPAUL AM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

As mentioned in an earlier newsletter the family of Lesley McPaul have chosen our school to award a scholarship. The scholarship commemorates Lesley McPaul’s commitment and service to public education for rural students.

Lesley was an active member of the Mullumbimby P&C and the Federation of P&C Associations in NSW. The scholarship will be awarded to a Year 10 student with high academic achievement to assist with their studies in Years 11 and 12.

As Year 10 students now have their Semester One report cards, they may wish to consider applying for this award. Applications close in September and application forms can be collected from the Principal.

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

An increasing number of students own mobile phones and other electronic devices. In addition, mobile phones have significantly changed from just being phones. We recognise that mobile technology has become an integral part of daily life and that electronic devices may be used appropriately while students are at school.

However, we have noticed that an increasing number of students are becoming distracted by their phones and other electronic devices during classes. As a result we have updated our policy regarding the use of mobile phones and other electronic devices.

Students will be made aware of the new policy during lessons today and I have included a copy of the policy with this newsletter.
MULLUMBIMBY HIGH SCHOOL

Policy on the Use of Mobile Phones and other Electronic Devices

Preamble
Mullumbimby High School recognises the increasing reliance on mobile technology as a means of communication and organisation of information. We recognise that mobile technology has become an integral part of daily life and that these devices may be used appropriately while students are at school. It is the inappropriate use of mobile phones/electronic devices at school that can become problematic.

Policy
This policy applies to the use of mobile phones and all other electronic devices such as ipods, ipads, video cameras, cameras, laptops, tablets and gaming devices during all school activities, including travelling to and from school.

While it is understood that parents may on occasion wish to contact their child while at school it is essential that students comply with the following rules:

- Students must not use their mobile phone/electronic device during class time without the express permission of the teacher. During class time mobile phones/electronic devices should be on silent and away. Earphones should also be out of ears and away. Students may use them before school, at recess, lunch and after school. This same rule applies when students are on excursion.
- A duty of care exists for students while they are at school. As such, parents wishing to contact their children should do so via the Office reception by phoning 66842600, rather than calling students directly on their mobile phones/electronic device. In addition, students feeling unwell or wishing to sign out must do so via the front office sickbay and should not make arrangements directly with their parents.
- Use of a mobile phone/electronic device on school premises is considered inappropriate when it:
  - disrupts or is likely to disrupt the learning environment
  - interferes with the operation of the school
  - threatens or is likely to threaten the safety, well being or privacy of any person
  - is in breach of any law
  - results in communication that bullies, intimidates or harasses another person
  - results in the capture of images or filming of another person who has not given their consent. Filming of fights or criminal behaviour involving students at school, during school activities or on the way to and from school is inappropriate and unacceptable.
  - Recording conversations, including lessons, without permission is illegal and totally unacceptable. Students must seek permission to capture images/film/sound of any school activities from the teacher involved.

Activities that violate these principles will be dealt with under the school’s discipline policy.

- Students bringing mobile phones and electronic devices to school do so at their own risk and no responsibility for loss and/or damage to any of these devices will be held by the school.
- Students undertaking examinations must not take their mobile phone/electronic device into the examination centre. The device can be left with the front office during examinations. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action, which could potentially impact their result.

Classroom Procedures
- If a student uses a mobile phone/electronic device during class without the express permission of the teacher:
  - A warning from the teacher should be given in the first instance.
  - Continued inappropriate use of the mobile phone/device could result in the confiscation of the device for the remainder of the lesson. Students will hand the device to the teacher when asked. The Teacher will not remove the device by force. The teacher will return the device at the end of the lesson.
  - Students who refuse to hand the device to the Teacher are to be referred to the Head Teacher who will deal with the matter under the school’s discipline policy. This may result in a detention, parent contact or other forms of disciplinary action.
  - The Teacher should refer persistent inappropriate use of a mobile phone/electronic device to the Head Teacher who will determine the appropriate disciplinary action. This may include referral to the Deputy Principal.

- Inappropriate use of a mobile phone/electronic device to bully, intimidate, harass or to film or record without consent should be referred immediately to the Deputy Principal. The Deputy Principal will determine the appropriate disciplinary action. This may include confiscation of the device, parent contact, suspension or liaison with the police.
Mullumbimby High School presents “Charades – The Musical”.

“Girls are foxy, guys are hunky, life’s a gas, far out and funky It’s groovy hip, it’s fab and nifty – this is living in the sixties…”

It’s Australia 1963. Music promoter, Holly Pop and her overworked assistant, Jenny, have put together an all girl singing group with the hope of attracting a young audience of teen fans to buy records, merchandise and fashion. Add a hopeless song writer, two bumbling Russian spies, a paranoid financier, a Beatnik sound engineer and a bunch of other quirky characters – mix it with a live band playing bouncy 60’s pop tunes and Go Go dancing “back up singers” - and you have a night of enthralling, hilarious family fun suitable for all ages.

Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd of July at 7pm in the Mullumbimby School Auditorium.

SCHOOL READ-A-THON

We will be holding a School Read-A-Thon between 23rd June, 2015 and 4th September 2015, as a major fundraising event this year for the library. The School Read-A-Thon is a stimulating, fun and literacy based fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about developing a healthy mind. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

All students have received a Sponsorship Form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. The funds raised will be used to purchase library resources.

We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. In the Sponsorship Form you will find all the tools you need for successful fundraising, and more!

Students wanting to track their progress, and use online fundraising, can do so by logging onto readathon.com.au/students and creating a Student Profile Page.

Finally, we would like to welcome parents and family members to become involved in the School Read-A-Thon. If you would like to volunteer and help out on the day please contact the school on 02 66842600.

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

Janice Edwards (Librarian)