COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 18 August
Sport Excellence Surfing

Wednesday 19 August
Cafe Care Yr7&Yr8 parents

Thursday 20 & Friday 21 Aug
Yr 12 HSC Drama Evening in Drama Room at 6.30pm

Friday 21 August
Legal Studies Excursion SCU

Monday 7 - 18 September
Yr11 Exams

Thursday 17 September
Year 12 Presentation Night

Thursday 3 December
Yr6 All day Orientation

Principal’s Message

NOLA MCMAHON

Nola McMahon was born in 1937 and passed away quietly on Sunday evening the 9th August 2015.

Nola started her working life as a nurse and she always brought the care that she had for others into everything that she did. Nola began work at Mullumbimby High School as a teacher’s aide in 1973 and she officially retired in 2010 - a career spanning 37 years and thousands of students.

During her time at the school Nola was the “School Matron” and she looked after any student who was unwell or injured. A phone call from Nola got our students immediate access to a doctor, the hospital or an ambulance. Her room offered a safe haven to those in temporary need.

Nola also managed the “Audio Visual” network throughout the school and for someone with no formal information technology training she ensured that Mullumbimby HS was ahead of every other school in NSW in terms of the technology available to teachers and students.

Nola was also the production manager for every major public function that occurred at the school from academic presentation days, to major musical productions, to school dances, to parent teacher evenings and all of these ran like clockwork and according to Nola’s grand plan.

It would be impossible to measure Nola McMahon’s contribution to Mullumbimby High School but some idea of the respect, love and esteem in which she was held could be judged by the number of people at her funeral and the fact that there were staff and students from the 1970’s up until present there to pay their last respects.

Nola was truly a larger than life personality who touched everyone that she came in contact with in a positive way.

(Information supplied from Ray Linabury - ex Deputy)

YEAR 12

Year 12 have now completed their trial HSC exams and are in the final weeks of school. It is important for students to still be attending classes for the rest of this term. A good formula for them to be working on is E=R (Effort = Results). Students can improve on their trial results. It is not too late. In these next few weeks PBE = PBR is my best advice (Personal Best Effort = Personal Best Result).

Also I would like to remind Year 12 that their Formal Tickets will be available once they have signed out after their last exam. If any students have a last exam less they three days before the formal we will make...
arrangements for those students only to collect their tickets before signing out. Final payment for tickets needs to be made by the end of this term. Signing out involves ensuring all owing fees have been paid and school resources returned.

**SPLENDOUR IN THE GRASS GRANT**
We are extremely excited and appreciative of the Community grant of $6,250 we have just received from Splendour in the Grass. The grant will be used to upgrade our sound and lighting equipment. It will allow our entertainment and music students the opportunity to work with some state of the art equipment in the fields of production and performance. It’s great to see a large event, such as Splendour, working with and giving back to the community. We have some very talented artists and production crew here at the school and are looking forward to seeing them in the future gracing the stages at Splendour.

**THE PARTNERS IN LEARNING PARENT FEEDBACK SURVEY**
Our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 7th September and 16th October. We will also have computers available for parents to complete the survey as part of Parent/Teacher night on 8th September. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. However, your responses will be very much appreciated.


**CYBERBULLYING**
I would like to draw your attention to the newly formed Office of the Children’s esafety Commissioner and to explain the cyberbullying complaints scheme which is now administered by the Office under the Enhancing Online Safety for Children Act 2015. The Act allows children suffering from serious cyberbullying to contact the Commissioner to have content removed if social media companies do not remove the offending content after it has been reported to them. The Office will also work with schools to combat cyberbullying. The Office’s website is [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au)

**COMING EVENTS**
- Café Care for Year 7 and 8 parents this Wednesday 19th August. It is a chance to have a cup of coffee and an informal chat with support staff and starts at 8am.
- Parent/ Teacher Night will be held on Tuesday 8th September. Further information will be emailed to parents later this week.
- Year 11 Preliminary Examinations will be held from the 7th September to the 18th September. Students will be issued with an Examination Timetable this week.
- Italian students will be visiting our school from 31st August until the 18th September as part of the school’s Italian Exchange Program.

**YEAR 12 END OF TERM EVENTS**
- Monday 7th September - Reference forms due to Ms Elliott.
- Wednesday 16th September - Charity Collection & morning tea with MHS Staff.
- Thursday 17th September - Church breakfast, final payment for the formal and Presentation Evening.

**YEAR 12 DRAMA PERFORMANCE**
The Year 12 Drama Students would like to invite friends & community members to their HSC Drama Performance Showcase “First Appearances” on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st August at 6.30pm in the Drama Room. There will be a $5 entrance fee and a light supper will be provided.

**SCHOOL READ-A-THON**
We are holding a School Read-A-Thon between 23rd June, 2015 and 4th September 2015, as a major fundraising event this year for the library. More info on readathon.com.au/students

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 librarian on 02 66842600.

**MULLUMBIMBY HIGH P&C NOTES**
Neville Newell - President
Claire Atkins - Secretary
Hannah Massey - Treasurer
Contact: mullumbimbyhighschoolpandc@gmail.com
Until 8 September, collect your stickers from the Woolworths Earn & Learn program and drop them off at our school so we can boost our supplies in our classrooms. Thank you for your support!

THE SRC is sending a request for good used children’s clothes for children in cyclone ravaged Vanuatu and that clothes can be dropped off at the science staffroom where a box has been organised. — Ms Macleod

Scan this QR code and visit our school website
SCU 2016 Star Early Entry Scheme NOW OPEN

Flyers are available for students in my office.

Griffith University Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS)

Online SRS applications are now open and close at 5.00pm, Wednesday 30 September 2015.

Many Early Entry programs are now open … please make sure you apply within the designated time frames to avoid being disappointed.

Career Options - Tertiary Applications / Scholarships

Please see Ms Perrin for further information and or links to a variety of Career opportunities, pathways, and assistance or guidance with University and Scholarship applications.

Some helpful deadlines are listed below:

QTAC & UAC—DUE DATE FOR ON-TIME APPLICATIONS
30 September 2015
- Southern Cross University Star Scheme Entry (Early) 9 September 2015
- Griffith University Connect Guaranteed Admissions (Early Entry) 30 September 2015
- University of New England Early Entry Scheme 30 September 2015
- University of Wollongong Early Entry 28 August 2015
- Charles Sturt University Principal's Report (Early Entry) 30 September 2015
- University of Canberra Principals Recommendation Scheme 30 September 2015
- Uni of Technology Sydney Principals Recommendation 30 September 2015
- UQ link - Uni of Queensland Special Adm. (Fin. hardship) 30 November 2015 (Through QTAC)
- Q-Step Special Adm. (Fin. hardship) 30 November 2015 (Through QTAC)

HEALTH SCIENCE / NATURAL MEDICINE

Five scholarships to help high-achievers step forward

Are you a student who excels in the sciences? Then keep reading. The Endeavour scholarship program for school leavers covers student tuition fees in one of Endeavour’s Bachelor of Health Science degrees.

Applications close on 30 November 2015, with applicants finding out if they’re successful in January 2016. To find out more, visit endeavour.edu.au/scholarships.

Endeavour College’s Natural Health Open Day - Saturday 17 October, 10 am

The day is filled with opportunities to listen to and chat with our expert academic staff and admissions team about our higher education courses and flexible study options.

Find out more at naturalhealthopenday.com.au.

Last Call …

GIRLS IN – Engineering, Science and IT - Ballina Surf Club Function Room - Thursday, 20 August 2015 5.30pm – 7.00pm. Contact Maree Savins at SCU engineering@scu.edu.au or telephone 6620 3026 or see Ms Perrin for more information.

FINAL REMINDER: TRIAL HSC DATES for YEAR 12 TAFE / TVET students
KINGSLIFF STUDENTS: Monday 24th August 2015.
WOLLONGBAR STUDENTS: Wednesday the 26th of August 2015.

YEAR 10 - STARTSMART … All of Year 10 will be participating in the StartSmart program offered free of charge by the Commonwealth Bank. Our session will be conducted here at Mullumbimby High School on Wednesday 26th August at 9am. Please note the session runs for approximately 90 minutes, from 9 am – 10.30am. Students, be ready to receive some great financial tips for your future!

ABORIGINAL / INDIGENOUS OPPORTUNITIES

The Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme is for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who intend to study courses in Health. Eligible areas include: Aboriginal and TSI health work, Allied Health, Dentistry and Oral Health, Medicine, Midwifery, Nursing.

School based traineeships are now available for application through the ANZ Indigenous Program. The closing date is the 31 August 2015. See Ms Perrin asap if interested.

Avondale College invite Year 11 and 12 students interested in a Career in Nursing to their Open Day on Sunday 30th August 2015.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN BAKING? Local and highly supportive opportunity available for the right person! Must be available to work nights, reliable, hard-working … See Ms Perrin for details on all the above information.

REMINDER TO SENIOR STUDENTS: Please check out the Careers Noticeboards on a regular basis for Open Day and other relevant information (located outside the Careers Office – A Block)