Principal’s Message

Year 7 MHS Student Planners
Year 7 have all been issued with a MHS student planner. The planner looks great with photos of the school on the front and contains valuable information related to school policies and student wellbeing. CARE teachers are presenting wellbeing lessons using the planners during CARE. Students are encouraged to use the planners every lesson. They should provide parents with valuable information about due dates for upcoming assignments and homework.

Year 9 and Year 11 Change of Subject Policy
Last week students in Years 9 and Year 11 were given the opportunity to make changes if they had found that their choice of elective subjects was not meeting their interests. Students were only permitted to change provided that there was sufficient room in the subject into which they wished to change. Subject changes for Year 9 and 11 students will be allowed until the end of this week (19th February). Students who were absent during the process last week or who now wish to make a change must see the Deputy to arrange and process these subject changes this week.

Chrysalis
For the Past 7 years our school has run a successful support program for young women who have challenging life experiences and may be 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 counsellor, Amie Dreyer (Youth/Holistic). 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 the Crystal Castle and Bridgelands Mullumbimby for their generous donations and support to assist us in starting the program again 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 for and assist our disadvantaged young women in their education.

P&C AGM
It was lovely to see some new faces at the P&C Meeting last week. Our AGM meeting will be held next Monday 22nd February in the staff common room. We would love you to come along and join us. We have a very active, supportive and fun P&C and it is a great way to become involved in the school.

National NAIDOC Poster Competition
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists over the age of 13 are encouraged to submit their artwork before Monday 21 March 2016 for their chance to win $5,000 and have their artwork displayed across Australia in workplaces, schools and community organisations to promote NAIDOC Week 2016. Your artwork should reflect this year’s theme - Songlines: The living narrative of our nation. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, the Dreamtime describes a time when the earth, people and animals were created by our ancestral spiritual beings.
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They created the rivers, lakes, plants, living creatures and landforms. Dreaming tracks are sometimes called ‘Songlines’ which record the travels of these ancestral spirits who ‘sung’ the land into life.

More information and how to submit your artworks can be found at www.naidoc.org.au

Voluntary School Contribution and Subject Fees
Our school kindly asks parents to pay a voluntary contribution fee, which is used to further enhance our educational and sporting programs. We greatly appreciate your support through the payment of the voluntary contribution fees and understand payment of this fee is your decision.

However, some subjects do have a non-voluntary fee, which allows us to offer exciting, enriched programs in these courses. We have kept both our voluntary contribution and subject fees to a minimum. School fee notices will be posted out to parents starting next week.

Keep up to date with the latest announcements and events happening at Mullumbimby High School. Take a moment to like our Facebook page.
NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM 2016
Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2016, the following vaccines will be offered to Year 7 students*:

- dTpa vaccine [Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough)] as a single dose
- varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose; and
- human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months (students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 but do not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8)

The Parent Information Kits contain a consent form, information sheet and privacy statement that details how personal information will be collected, stored and utilised.

Parent Information Kits will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child’s school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at: www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation. To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible. Please note that for HPV vaccine only, parents/guardians must record their Medicare Number (all 10 digits and the 11th number beside the child’s name) on the consent form, as this is required to record the student’s information on the National HPV Vaccination Register and (for female students only) link to the National or State Cervical Screening Program.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

- Community Health Department

Authentic Dosa and Curry Night at Mullumbimby Showground on every 3rd Friday of the month starting from Friday, 19th February 2016 from 6pm—9pm. Contact John on 0449 252 476

The Mullumbimby Junior Chess Club restarts Tuesday 9th February after school until 4.45pm in room F7 Mullumbimby High School. All ages and standards welcome. Professional coaching and fun games. More details ph. Mike 6684 6281

Brunswick Valley Junior AFL Club sign on is open at Stan Thomson Oval in Brunswick Heads for all age groups. The club is recruiting GIRLS aged 13 and under to participate in the AFL Northern Rivers Juniors Girls ONLY League. 2 age groups: Under 9’s and 13 & Under. Stan Thomson Oval in Brunswick Heads. Further enquiries 0499 606 066 or email: brunswickvalleyjunioraflclub@gmail.com

Mullumbimby Brunswick Valley Football Club
2016 is looking HUGE already at MBVFC. Jonathan Flantz will remain as Head Coach at the club. We have the strongest senior Men’s teams we have had for many years as we strive for Premier League status. Our women already have an extra team this year which is fantastic news, and as usual our junior football remains one of the strongest assets of not only our club but of the whole Shire.

With Anzac and McMillan cup pre season tournaments, winter six a side, along with various seasonal and off season Skill Development Programs running, Pine Ave is a fantastic option for all your 2016 footballing needs. Registration is now open at www.mbvfc.com.au

Thankyou
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