Welcome 2011

This year’s aim is to contact more old school mates. Make yourself a part of the web, and help us find some others.

Christmas has come and gone; new year celebrations, too.

And now Australia Day has passed and the kids are back at school. Welcome to the new year.

The festive season was not a happy one for everyone. We know of a number of members who suffered the untimely loss of loved ones, and to them we send our condolences. And in three states where we have members, the weather has not been kind.

To those in the worst affected areas where floods and TC Yasi have been so cruel, we also send our greetings and congratulations on the endurance you and your communities have shown. Good luck in all that lies ahead.

ANNUAL SUBS FOR VOTING MEMBERS ARE NOW DUE

Many thanks to all those voting members who have already renewed their memberships. For those who haven’t yet, you have a little while to go before your voting membership will automatically become a non voting, Associate Membership.

For Associate members who would like to become Voting Members, please contact the Secretary.

WELCOME to David and Jenny Hughes and Gavin Ottery who all signed on as Associates towards the end of last year. It’s good to have your support and we hope to meet you all through the year.
CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 12, 2010

Those who have not had a chance to check the school website will find the news about the academic achievements of the last Year 12 very pleasing.

We have noted before that the school has a long tradition of academic excellence – a tradition laid down by some of us, as students – and it continues with the latest HSC results. Some of the tertiary assessment ratings are exceptional.

This extract is from the school website:

“Emily Riches gained an ATAR of 99.30 and a ninth in state 50/50 in Extension 2 English; Declan Burke attaining an ATAR of 99.10 and a place on the Top All Rounders list; Zali Fung with an ATAR of 98.90 and a second in state in PDH/PE with 98; Malika Amberose with an ATAR of 98.05 and a place on the Top All Rounders list; and Carly Stewart who finished third in state in Indonesian Beginners with a score of 95.

‘This year’s cohort have really outdone themselves,’ said Mullum High Principal Ian Graham. ‘Out of a class of 93 students, 12 gained ATARs over 90 and two over 99. Further, Mullum High was the highest ranked public school in the north coast region 200 top schools list for this year.’

‘We are absolutely delighted with these results and so proud of our students,’ said Mr Graham. ‘These results reflect the commitment and hard work of students and staff, as well as the support of their families. Congratulations to all.”

IT WAS A VERY GOOD IDEA – THE HOLIDAY MEETING POINT

Nerida Dean (Siwicki) was very conscientious about her stake out at the Brunswick Pub. She placed herself on plain view, got herself a drink and waited. And waited.

Someone turned up just after she left two hours later.

Oh well, it was worth a try.

We liked Nerida’s suggestion of a designated meeting point where people can just turn up when they are back for the holidays, and want to make contact with others from the past. We think it’s worth persevering with it, so we’ll try again for the Easter break. Details to come, so make a note.

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS ARE WELCOME

If you are doing some interesting work or project, or if you have changed jobs, or found a bunch of old mates in your area, let us know. Pictures are welcome, too.

Contact the Secretary mh.exassn@bigpond.com
FIND US ON FACEBOOK

Don't forget that it's easy to find us on Facebook, if that's your style.
Go to www.facebook.com/search/, search for Mullumbimby High School Ex-Students Association and there you'll find us.

Judy Hill who has been looking after the Facebook site tells us that the Facebook profile photo will change to one about the audio-visual equipment to celebrate its installation in the school auditorium.

Judy is interested in highlighting a weekly topic relevant to ex-students, preferably supported with pictures. For example this week we will feature the effects of cyclone Yasi on a member living in Cairns. So if Association members have topics they want included, they can add them to our Facebook site as members, or send their photos and content to Judy Hill – j_m_hill@tpg.com.au

NIC'S KNOW HOW

By the time some of you read this newsletter the lectern and the sound system should have been installed in the John Pearce Auditorium at the High School. However, it is just too late for this newsletter, so this mention about the project is a pictorial part 1, to show what has been done by Nic Van Horton to assemble the parts.

As the pictures show, this project has been quite an escapade, requiring all Nic's know how, patience and contacts. Thanks to Nic, Shaston King, the school's Technology Support Officer (and a muso) working with Nic, and all members who generated the funds to complete it.

HOW DID YOU COPE IN THE FLOODS AND TC YASI?

We have all seen the horrific pictures of the Toowoomba, Lockyer Valley and Brisbane floods, an area where we have numerous members. They were unbelievable sights, and it was hard to imagine what had happened, let alone try to put ourselves in your places and wonder how we might have dealt with those events.

Now we have seen the results of TC Yasi, and the consequences of that, which are still unfolding, all over Australia, it seems.

Throughout northern and far north Queensland we have quite a number of members who could have something to tell us about their experiences.

We would love to hear your accounts of what you saw, what happened to you, how it will affect your life and maybe your livelihood. And pictures are also welcome.

Send them to the Secretary mh.exassn@bigpond.com
or Judy Hill j_m_hill@tpg.com.au

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CONTACT DETAILS

At this time of the year when some people may be moving to take up new or different jobs, please don't forget to let us know if there are changes to your contact details. Call or email the Secretary mh.exassn@bigpond.com