YEAR OF 1960 REUNION?
It was at this time of the year in 1960 that about three dozen students sat down to do their final exams - the Leaving Certificate as it was then called. Then, like all such groups, they went their separate ways.

So, which one of that group is organising a golden anniversary reunion? Do let us know. The AGM in November would be a good time to make it.

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And I expect that someone from the 1961 year is already beavering away to update the contact list for their 50th next year.

As each decade passes it gets harder to track people, so if anyone has a contact list that allows this organisation to help keep the world wide network of Mullumbimby Ex-Students and staff in touch with each other, please let us know.

AGM
Another reminder that the AGM is on Friday 19 November in the school library, with a reunion dinner to follow. The dinner is open to all ex-students and ex-staff and their companions, so please give it some thought, let the Secretary know if you can come and a venue appropriate to the numbers can be arranged.

A reminder that all members are welcome to attend the AGM, but you must be a voting member to be an active participant, rather than an observer. If you want to convert your membership from Associate to Voting, please contact the Secretary without delay so that the necessary steps can be taken before the AGM meeting. mh.exassn@bigpond.com.

This would also be a time when it should be possible to make a tour of the school for those who haven’t been there for a while. The new campus is worth seeing and comparing with times past.

This will also be the weekend when the sound equipment will be installed in the auditorium so there is plenty happening that members can be involved in if they feel so inclined, or to observe from the sidelines if that suits better.

NOTICE BOARD
If you think it’s time for a reunion, don’t just think about it.
Do something, and let us know, too.

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NOSTALGIA
Until 1987, students at Mullum High could be sure to have class mates from Byron Bay amongst their friends. The friendships were life long but those days were numbered and in the High School Notes of the October 29 edition of the North Coast Advocate, 1986, some of the changes were foreshadowed.

“Next, year, Mullumbimby High School will be reduced in numbers because of the establishment of the new school at Byron Bay.

“It is estimated that Mullumbimby High will have 930 students and 64 teachers while Byron Bay will commence with 330 students and 22 teachers.

“Parents at Byron Bay have been busy doing preliminary work to establish the school. It is hoped that the new principal will be appointed this week so the organisation can be accelerated.” (Jack Harper of Walgett...
Whitla, Beth Ashdown and Sarah Gipton were runners up in a competition involving eight high schools from the region. The competition was hosted by Alstonville High who also won the competition which according to reports, displayed debating of a remarkably high standard.

Mullumbimby High students were no slouches when it came to brain games. Here is a story from the North Coast Advocate, October 29, 1986:

**Australian Schools Science Competition**

In 1986, 178 students from Mullum High took part in the University of Sydney Schools Science Competition sponsored by Esso, along with 45,000 others. Mullum High achieved very meritorious results, including two high distinctions (top 1%), 15 distinctions (top 10%), three credits and 27 certificates of achievement.

Some of the names of the distinction winners are on our membership list, but here they all are: Nathan Andrew, Denis Bowden, Christopher Liebke, Barini Wark and David Whitla from Year 7; Roger Bathie, Belinda Berry, Colin Donnelly and Jasper Vada of Year 8; Matthew Boorman of Year 9, and Trevor Bridgland, Alissa Brown and Lynette Creagan of Year 10. Only three girls. The balance would be different today. Wouldn’t it?

**Gift of the Gab**

A field of student endeavour in which Mullum High students excelled was debating. A Year 7 team comprising Katrina Alidenes, Zoe Egan, David

**Pic from the past**

It is a long tradition that sees Mullum High School taking part in the Combined High School State Athletics carnival with great success. In recent years there have been performances that have

**Launched athletics into Sport Academies and international competition. They follow the trails laid by gifted athletes a generation ago.**

At the beginning of the final day of the 1986 competition, Mullumbimby High was leading the carnival and finished fourth, only 23 points behind the eventual winner, Tweed High. The squad was trained and coached by teacher Terry West and Little Athletics coach, Bill Couell.

Some of the outstanding performances were: **Gavin Nichols**, second Under 14 shot put, and broke the old state record; **Rachael Hauwert**, first 16 Years discus; **Jodie West**, first 16 Years 400 m, first 16 Years 800 m and set a new CHS record of 2:14.1 sec. **Others in the group** included Richard Evans, Todd Cole, Andrew Nichols, Michelle Wilson, Luke Soric, Andrew Loomes, Adam Bateson, Andrew Edwards, Kim Kent, Sean O’Neill, Derek Graham and Roger Clifford.

The picture from the paper of October 22 tells the story at the half way mark. Andrew Nichols checks the score board.

Isn’t it nice to have come from a school with a tradition of such accomplishment?