### COUNTDOWN TO PLUG IN
Nic Van Horton has been checking his diary and he’s found a window between gigs when the sound system we have been raising money for can be installed in the school auditorium. The work has to fit into the school program of course, which includes the HSC exams later in the year.

The timing is good as we understand the JPA is to have some upgrade work done inside, so the new equipment will add to the overall improvement of the facility.

In the last newsletter we reported that nearly $3,000 had been paid for the equipment for the system, but there is still a bit to go which we don’t know about until the installation. For example, wiring and cables are a bit hard to calculate accurately until the speakers and lectern have been properly positioned (which is hard to establish until Nic is in the hall for a reasonable period with the staff who will advise on the use it will get and where some of the equipment is best placed), so if you are interested in making a donation and having your name added to the donor list, now is the time. Send a cheque to the Secretary or make a direct deposit to the Mullumbimby High School Ex-Students Association through the Mullumbimby branch of the Commonwealth Bank, BSB 022 578 A/N 1022 4915. If you do that, please let the Secretary know so that your gift can be acknowledged.

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### NB CONTACT CHANGES
Don’t forget to let the Secretary know if your email address changes. mh.exassn@bigpond.com.

### HAS ANYONE ORGANISED A CLASS GATHERING LATELY?
When we began last year, there were frequent contacts referred by the school, from people who were organising get togethers. There hasn’t been one this year. Everyone seems to be hibernating at the moment, as things seem to have gone quiet on that front.

Every year there is a worthy anniversary for some group or another, so please let us know about what class groups are doing to keep in contact with each other. You can stay in touch through the MHS Ex-Students Alumni Group on Facebook, so if you haven’t had a look recently, check it out:

www.facebook.com/search/

### AGM
Those of you who are involved with community organisations will be aware that the Department of Fair Trading has signalled changes to some of the administrative arrangements that apply to groups like ours. The committee is working through these and they will be ready to present to the AGM in November. Details will be explained in the next newsletter.

While on the subject of the AGM, it has also been suggested that we take advantage of this important date to organise a dinner. As there don’t seem to have been many reunions or class gatherings this year that we have been told about, this would be an opportunity to get together and generally have an enjoyable evening. Let the secretary know what you think of this idea.

The AGM will be on Friday November 19. Make a weekend of it and bring your old classmates.

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‘Discussing plans for the Mullumbimby High School variety show with Hazel Phillips are, from left, student council members, Richard Taffe, Steven MacDonald, Karen Schneider and Robyn Hammond. A variety show featuring the Byron Singers is one of the major fund raising activities organised by the Mullumbimby High School Student Council. The students have organised the show with the assistance of locally based television personality, Hazel Phillips. Funds raised will help with the purchase of colour television equipment at the Mullumbimby High School. “The show is an evening of musical harmony and comedy sketches and will appeal to all sections of the community,” a student spokesman said.’ As well as the variety show, the students raised $110 on a free dress day, and also planned a fete to help with their fund raising. The Advocate, June 21, 1978.

A strong contingent from the Mullumbimby High School attended last week’s mathematics conference held at the Northern Rivers College of Advanced Education in Lismore. Discussing the conference with the president of the Northern Rivers Mathematics Association, Mr Jamie Walton, far left, are, from left, Mr. Ken Leighton, Mr. Richard Clausen, Sue Leighton, Mr. Graham Brown and Lexie Walker, all from Mullumbimby.


If anyone has news of teachers from their student days, share it by contacting the Secretary. Photos, too would be welcome. And to start the ball rolling, here is something from the local paper of 1978, above. Does anyone remember these staff members?

WHAT WERE STUDENTS DOING? AND WHAT OF OLD TEACHERS?

Old might be the operative word for some of us who are in or approaching the “old” basket ourselves.

We have had some inquiries from ex-staff who have been searching out colleagues from the past, but here are some bits about teachers we have come across.

Richard Heazlewood Ross and Ray Linabury have both retired from the classroom. Richard is delighting in the experiences he hasn’t had time for during his busy teaching life - pottery, cookery, keeping fit, for example. Richard is also keeping his hand in the eduction world with a youth training program he has been a key player in developing, and as well he has signed on as a volunteer at the Byron Bay Writers Festival.

Ray and his wife Betty are currently cruising in Europe and when he returns Ray will be putting the finishing touches to a history of the Brunswick Heads Surf Club he has been compiling. The 75 year milestone will be celebrated in October this year and Ray is one of the organisers of that.