Badge Review Panel Update - first meeting
The first meeting of this panel was a constructive one which set about defining the task and took steps towards resolving a long term image problem for the school. Another meeting is set for June 12.

The meeting was convened and chaired by the P&C President and those who attended were a teacher, the co-ordinator of the uniform shop, another P&C rep, a Year 10 member of the SRC and Association Secretary Robyn Gray (Harkness).

It was clear from the beginning that this was not a process of choosing this badge or that; the two emblems in current use will continue to be used, and the task is to identify which will be used and in which situation. Recommendations will be made to the new Principal (see page 2).

As we have already noted, there are two images displayed on school signs and printed materials – the High School badge, dating from 1955, and a graphic representation of Mt Chincogan introduced in 1995, a time when the school had a very poor public image, there was a general refusal to wear school uniform, and the principal was attempting to reconnect students with school values.

The 1955 badge clearly represents those values including a motto with some universal life long relevance (see above left, the badge tagged for Association members). The graphic, above right, lacks these references, has been re-interpreted in different ways by different printers so is not always the same, but has become the de facto badge, seen on the home page of the school website, sports shirts, annual school reports and some correspondence.

There are numerous types of correspondence, some of which has the badge letterhead and some the graphic. At times the graphic is accompanied by words that appear to be a corporate aspiration – Creating opportunities, achieving success – which are not relevant to the aspirations of students.

With all these things in mind, the committee has agreed on where the badge should be seen – the home page, school annual reports, school certificates and banners, and certain kinds of correspondence.

Perhaps one of the most important and productive decisions to come out of this meeting was a recognition of the need for style guidelines that will provide users with the right format for the right occasion. This should ensure the badge is restored to its proper place as a symbol of the school. In due course we hope to pursue a review of the graphic.
**Thank You**

Our support for the Chrysallis and LANDE programs at the high school has totalled $700, thanks to individual members who have added $200 to the $500 given by the Association.

Any other members interested in supporting these programs can do so at any time. We will pass on donations identified for these worthy projects.

**Making a donation**

Direct deposits can be made to the account of MHS Ex-Students Association Inc. at the Mullumbimby branch of the Commonwealth Bank, BSB 062 578 A/N 1022 4915. Cheques can be posted to the Treasurer, PO Box 1121, Mullumbimby 2482.

NB: Please identify yourself if you are making a DD, and if possible the purpose of the gift.

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**Farewell**

The Principal of Mullumbimby High for the past eight years, Ian Graham, is retiring at the end of this month.

Ian has had a very busy eight years, and he has thanked the school community for their support throughout. Not every moment has been easy. It was Ian who managed the aftermath of the tragic death of a student in a playground incident which attracted national media coverage. He has also been a strong supporter of a trial venture in co-operation, the Lighthouse Learning Community, comprising public schools throughout Byron Shire together with Alstonville High. It has been a great success, and a worthy legacy from his incumbency.

He was also the Principal we negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding with, when we formed our Association.

It is hoped that a new Principal will start with Term 3.

In the meantime, all the best, Ian.

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**Order Association badges** from Keith Wood, ph – 0755244014 or 0417623008, email – keith.wood5@bigpond.com or post – 4 Oakland Parade Banora Point NSW 2486.

He will explain payment details.
REUNION for ’64

Peter Maslen has been toiling away on the organisation of this Class of 1964 reunion. There is still a sizeable missing list, however. If you know of anyone on the list, however many degrees of separation, please let Peter know.

Date, venue

The date has been set: 22 November.

The venue is likely to be the Ocean Shores Country Club, a popular place and central to where many people are likely to stay. TO BE CONFIRMED.

The 25th anniversary was a memorable one for this group, so the golden anniversary should be equally enjoyable.

Peter has set up a Facebook site – Mullumbimby High School Reunion Group Class of ’64.

His contact details are:

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The newsletter is attached to the school website: under the top menu bar heading see “OUR COMMUNITY”, under that the Association name. The school www also has links to membership application forms, the secretary and the membership co-ordinator.

Find our Facebook page in ‘Groups’, Mullumbimby High School Ex-Students Association. A request for membership will get Judy’s approval and her encouragement for you to use it.

Get togethers are fun, whether flipping snags on the BBQ or gathering for a picnic at Brunswick. These photos from November 2009. Have you got any to share?

The missing list

Gillian Ainsworth (Mason)
Robert Archie
Marie Arthur (Donaghy)
Bob Austin
Judith Baker (Gay)
Dawn Bale (Lewis)
Frances Baxter
Wendy Benbow
Robert Bryant
Timothy Boutsis
Dianne Boorman
Pam Doyle
Carmel Evans
Geoff Gardener
Peter Hatch
Deidre Hughes (Nicoll)
Lex Jackson
Paul James
Helen Joyce
Michael Lofts
Heather Kahn (Elliott)
Sandra Kemp (Currie)
Helen Mackenzie
Allison Maddy (Wraight)
Carolyn Morgan (Fletcher)
Trevor Neilley
Robert Newell
Gaile Redman
Terry Rogers
Merrilyn Rosolen (Forsyth)
Colin Shrubb
Edward Singh
Norma Singh
Judy Smith
Helen Stewart (Willis)
Arthur Tallis
Ray Tarlington
Jeffrey Taylor
Allan Thompson
John Thomson
Kay Vincent
Helen Willis
Pam Woolnough
Malcolm Webb
John Woods
Our Aims
We aim to provide social opportunities for ex-students and staff, and to support the school with special projects.

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Eligibility
Voting membership is open to all ex-students and staff (teaching and non-teaching) who have spent one year or more at the Mullumbimby High School. Membership opportunities are also available for others. For more information about all the choices, contact the Secretary, or Judy Hill.

NB Don't forget to update your contact details if they change