CALENDAR UPDATE

As you read this, the 2016 wall calendar we have created as a fund raiser for projects and students we support at MHS has had final touches applied and is on its way to the printer for a limited print run. Early responses and reactions have been positive, so merchandise co-ordinator Keith Wood has been happy to give it a tick to send it on its way. It will sell for $10 plus postage, to be advised.

Without wanting to spoil the fun of a first sight, some of its features can be previewed. Of course it has a twelve month calendar noting all national public holidays and Queensland and NSW school holidays (the two states where most of our members live) and space for short notes. The grid is big enough to note appointments or special NBs, and the numbers large enough to see without your specs (with apologies to younger members).

Covers are in colour, and feature some interesting new photos. The front is a little bit historical (as is the content), the centre piece of which is a painting of the school in 1980 by Phyl Richards. The back carries a photo of a recently built, interesting and prominent feature of the school grounds facing the road – the wood fired pizza oven used to create pizzas sold at school to raise funds.

Inside, each month has photos and a little bit of history about public education in Mullumbimby, including MHS, its badges, its first principal, sporting achievements, cadets, the real story behind Mullumbimby’s tag of the ‘biggest little town in Australia’ – a wonderful school story, did you know? – and other little known or forgotten snippets. So for every month there is a little story to remind you of the wonderful school tradition you contributed to.

This calendar is a thoughtful tribute to the rich history of MHS, very suitable as a Christmas or other gift for anyone with a connection to the school, now and in the past. If you would like to secure a copy, or copies, please contact the secretary, mh.exassn@bigpond.com

DONATIONS

This year’s support for students will be in the form of a perpetual trophy for the outstanding sports achiever of the year, valued at $300. See the update on this story on page 2. If you would like to help us in this effort, direct deposits can be made to the MHS Ex-Students Association Inc. account at any branch of the Commonwealth Bank, BSB 062 578, A/N 1022 4915. Please note your name so we can thank you.

Post cheques to the Treasurer, 1/19 Cassidy Crescent, Bogangar, 2488.

Other programs always in need of funding are Chrysalis, supporting vulnerable girls, and the literacy and numeracy program LANDE. Help if you can, and identify your choice if you DD.

Sporting Hero (and others) Found

What wonders our members and their connections are. Gabriel Burns and her husband Brian seem to have kept a good address book and they are often able to fill in gaps when ex-students search for each other. So it was when Heather Smith (née Johnston) put out the call for her reunion on August 15. But then, last month, we wondered where a sporting hero from 1968 might be. Gordon Green’s illustrious school career was unearthed as we prepared the 2016 calendar soon to be on sale. He was a high achiever in all facets of school activity but was especially gifted in a range of sports, playing in rep. sides both for MHS and district competitions. So, where is he now?

Thanks to Ian Wakely, not a member but connected to one, we can report that Gordon is living in retirement not far from his old school and continued to play football through his student days and into his time as a teacher at various north coast schools. Thanks to Ian for his information.
SPORTS TROPHY UPDATE

When President Neville started talking about details with MHS staff, about the sports awards we have offered, it was apparent some fine tuning was necessary. So here is how it will now work. The total value of the award will be $300 for an annual, perpetual trophy for the best sports person, regardless of age, gender or discipline. This will cover the trophy itself, set up with our badge and name plates for ten years, intended to be displayed in the trophy cabinet in the Admin. reception area. There will also be a smaller personal trophy for the winner, accompanied by a cheque for the balance of the $300. The plan is to have it presented by an Association member. This has taken some negotiation and perseverance, but it is now well in hand and will be ready for the prize giving later in the year. Many thanks to Neville for his work on this, and for drawing all the threads together so effectively.

REUNION 1961-1965

The reunion dinner for the years 1961-1965, organised by Heather Smith (née Johnston) is on this weekend at Ocean Shores Country Club on (Saturday 15 August). The recovery session at the Brunswick Hotel on Sunday from 10.00 a.m. should put the finishing touches to a successful event. Thanks to much effort from the team involved, close to 60 ex-students will attend together with staff including the Brockingtons, Manyweathers and Perrins. Heather can be contacted on Phone: 0427579703 OR Email: smithhh0311@gmail.com . We hope to bring some of the photos of the event in due course.

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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.

Please tell us if your contact details change