PROGRESS ON ALL FRONTS

This month we can tell you more about the 2016 calendar we are printing as a fund raiser for projects we are supporting at MHS. First, thank you to those members who have already placed an order. From now, merchandise coordinator Keith Wood will be taking all orders, so please contact him directly – keith.wood5@bigpond.com.

The calendar is a wall hanging design with the calendar grid roughly A4 size, allowing space for adding notes. Each month features some subject relevant to MHS – the first principal, histories, badges, sport, drama, fashion, cadets and more including the real story behind Mullumbimby’s tag of the biggest little town… a great school story. Did you know?

COST: for Voting Members who have paid their annual $10 sub, the cost including postage is $10. For Associate Members who receive newsletters but have not paid an annual sub the cost is $10 plus $2.50 postage, total $12.50. If you are not sure of your status, Keith has a current membership list, so please consult him.

SPORTS AWARD
The trophies for our sponsored award, Sports Person of the Year have also come to fruition, and will be awarded on September 17. Keith Wood and Chris Boyd will be involved on our behalf, and we thank them for taking time to represent us and make us a visible presence on the occasion.

The winner will receive a personal engraved trophy, their name will be on a shield on a perpetual trophy set up for 10 years, and they will also receive a cash award of $250. This is significant enough to make a good contribution to the costs of pursuing their sporting activities.

A Successful Reunion

Congratulations to the organisers of the very successful 1961-1965 reunion held last month. It was so good they have promised to meet again in five years. Heather Smith (Johnston) is our member who informed us of who was missing (we found some people for her) and how the plans were advancing. Thanks to Heather who supplied the report on page 2 and photos on page 3.

She explained our aims and activities and encouraged her old classmates to consider a membership. They also added to our kitty by donating the left over funds from their reunion, amounting to $100. This has allowed us to reconsider the cash award for the Sports Person of the Year and increase it to the sum mentioned above.

So thanks to the 61-65ers who have not only enjoyed picking up the threads of the old friendships, but have enabled a contemporary student to receive a more generous award for their achievements in sport.
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.

VALE NOLA
Just as the last newsletter was about to go out, we heard the sad news of the death of Nola McMahon, an unforgettable member of MHS support staff. Nola was a trained nurse, but as the wife of a teacher in small schools, she quickly learned that adaptability was the key to survival, supporting her husband Brian in his teaching of art, music, swimming and sewing. Signing on at MHS in 1974, her duties included “medical”. She carried the label MATRON, but also operated the Gestetner to print school material. She looked after the video library when it was started, beginning her show biz life at the school, and was heavily engaged in setting up the school-wide audio visual system. She was involved in major school stage productions, the formation and promotion of student bands, publicity stunts such as the launch of a new truck with school performers and Mr Universe in tow, fashion shows, and anything else needing a mic and a video cam. She described herself as a “facilitator” who encouraged students and others to do things, to use talents ready to be developed. She helped many people on their journey, earning their gratitude and a lasting place their hearts.

REUNION 1961-1965
Well, our reunion for students starting in ’61 and finishing in the intervening years up to ’65 has come and gone so quickly. We had 59 attend - a great response. We also had five of our teachers attend which was again fantastic. Fine food and many ‘remember whens’ made the night an absolute success. We continued with a slightly reduced contingent at the Brunswick Hotel on Sunday then a river cruise from...
GALLERY OF PICTURES FROM Reunion 1961-1965

Tony Perrin, Heather Smith (Johnston) and Tom Hadwell

Janice Timmer (Arthur) and Robyn Daly (Andrew)

Howard and Dora Brockington (former teachers)

Rayna Belcaid (Wilson), Dennis Marks and Ian Brown

Jeanette and Richmond Manyweathers, Jeanette (Wood) and Ron Tibbey

Gayle and Ken McDonald and John Farrugia

Margaret Shaw (Graham) and Jennifer McCray (Rose)

Belinda Oakman (Sheldon) and Charles Garrard