



Weekly Bulletin

Mullumbimby High School

11 September 2009

PO Box 123

Mullumbimby 2482

Ph. 6684 2600

www.mullumbimb-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SAFE WORKING AND LEARNING

Violence is not tolerated in our school. Students and staff expect to learn and work in a safe and harmonious environment. Our suspension procedures ensure that students who engage in violence are suspended immediately.

The incident that occurred in the playground on Friday 28th August has been thoroughly followed up by the school and, as you would be aware, continues to be subject to a police investigation. From a school disciplinary perspective, we have suspended a number of students as a result of the incident. We have also worked with those students and their families to resolve their suspensions and return them successfully to the school community. Irrespective of the school's disciplinary actions, the police will continue with their investigations as this is a separate process.

We have acted on parent concerns about possible future points of conflict in the playground by conducting a thorough risk assessment and implementing strategies that will keep the playground safe and harmonious.

THE MAN FROM CAMDEN HAVEN

I would like to briefly introduce to you our new and extra Deputy Principal Mr Willem Holvast. The NSW Minister of Education, Ms Verity Firth, has provided our school with an extra Deputy Principal and two extra teaching positions to help us improve systems and practices that will help us ensure that a tragedy such as Jai's death will never happen again.

Mr Holvast has been getting to know our school over the last couple of days by meeting with students and staff in the playground and in classes.

"The school is a respectful and peaceful place and everybody has made me feel welcome", he said when asked about his first impressions.

We welcome him warmly in the knowledge that he will really make a difference.

HOLLYWOOD HAS THE OSCARS – MULLUM HAS THE ECOS!

We have a fantastic school with so many students who possess outstanding talents. Some of those will be on display at our inaugural ECO awards short film festival on Tuesday night 15th September 7:00 PM in our school hall. This short film competition has been organised by the Mullumbimby High School Environmental Action Group. Its theme is about any local environmental issue and I have heard (definitely not seen) that the entries are sensational. So come and join us at the school along with Mayor Jan Barham to see the amazing work of our students first hand.

Ian Graham

SUBSCRIBE & STAY INFORMED...

Forward your email address with "School Newsletter" on the subject line to receive a copy of the Weekly Bulletin, the monthly School Newsletter as well as other important pieces of information. Please also give your name, your child's name and year level.

Diary Term 3

Monday 14/9

Yr 10-11 Subject selections due

Wednesday 23/9

Year 11 exams start

Monday 28/9

P&C Meeting

Thursday 1/10

Yr 12 Breakfast Presentation

Yr 7 Ballina Excursion

Friday 2/10

Last school day Term 3

Monday 19/10

First school day Term 4
(no student free day this term)

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

It is important to nominate people who may be called in the event of an emergency when the parents cannot be contacted. Ideally, someone who lives close to the school is preferable. If this emergency person has moved on, don't forget to update your details. Call the school on 6684 2600.

CANTEEN NEWS

Our new canteen is running very successfully with a wonderful new menu. Copies of the menu and item prices can be found on our website. It will also be available as a hard copy next week with the term colour newsletter sent home.
www.mullumbimb-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Excellence through challenge and support

BYRON BAY RSL SOFTBALL CLUB

is a small and friendly club. We welcome all new players from across the shire. We have both senior women and mixed junior teams.

Juniors Teams

Tee ball, Mod Ball (under 11's), under 13's and under 15's – beginners and experienced players are encouraged to join. Training: Brunswick Heads (day TBA) and play in Lismore Friday evenings.

Women's Seniors Teams

Both competitive and social grades play Saturday Afternoon in Lismore training day and venue TBA

Come and join us—Sign Up

Friday 11th Sep and 18th September – 4:30pm until 6:00 – Brunswick Oval OR Saturday 12 Sep and 19th September – 4:00pm until 5:30 – Byron Rec Grounds.

For More information Contact:

Tracey Johnson : 66 809901
(seniors and juniors)

Mel Currie : 66 851 570 (juniors only)
Danielle O'Brien : 66 805 889 (juniors only)



Young People and Risk Taking

Risk-taking in adolescence is not only normal; it is an essential part of learning and personal development. Every healthy adolescent takes risks as he or she grows towards independence. Most researchers agree that if there is no risk there is no growth. A common problem for some young people is their inability to evaluate the potential risks and consequences of everyday behaviour. 77% of adolescent deaths are caused by road crashes – many of these are the result of risk taking.

Road safety research shows up to 85-90% of road crashes are caused by human factors – tiredness, inexperience, alcohol use, speeding and failing to use a seat belt. Road crashes occur but many "accidents" on the road are preventable.

Thrill seeking, the desire to impress one's friends, feelings of invincibility and the search for new experiences are all motivating forces that drive many teenagers.

Students in Year 11 are invited to attend a one day RRISK seminar at:

Lismore: Southern Cross University on the 17, 18, 19 November
Tweed Heads: Tweed Heads Civic Centre on 20 and 23 November

The RRISK Program aims to raise student awareness about the consequences of everyday risks involving alcohol and drug use, driving and partying.

Look for information about the RRISK Program and risk taking at our new website www.rrisk.com.au and in this newsletter over the coming weeks.



FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are now open for undergraduate scholarships with the Charles Sturt Foundation. The Charles Sturt Foundation provides over 200 undergraduate scholarships at the [Albury-Wodonga](#), [Bathurst](#), [Dubbo](#), [Orange](#) and [Wagga Wagga](#) campuses of Charles Sturt University. Most of these scholarships are funded by individuals or organisations that hold a strong belief in supporting the University and its students. To find out more visit <http://www.csu.edu.au/student/scholarships/undergraduate/index.htm>

Thinking about a career in Pharmacy, Veterinary Science or Dentistry? Applications are available online from 1 August every year. They must be received by CSU no later than 30 September. To download a form just visit www.csu.edu.au and search for your desired course. Click on How To Apply and you'll find the forms. If you need any further assistance please don't hesitate to call CSU on 1800 334 733.

THE NORTHERN RIVERS SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

The council recently launched a website www.goingplaces.org.au that may be of interest. It includes information on all kinds of public transport options on the North Coast from the Tweed Valley south to the Clarence Valley. It includes route and where possible timetable information, on local, regional and school buses, coaches, taxis, trains, airlines, youth transport, community transport, Aboriginal transport and late night services.

The site is easy to use and clickable by area. This information may be valuable to families new to the school or area, planning their school bus needs or to students and their families planning to get about the region on weekends and school holidays etc.

ADVERTISING SPACE

Opportunity to advertise in our school's quality publications exist. For more information, please contact the school office on 6684 2600 or email us at mullumbimbby.school@det.nsw.edu.au While we exercise due care, Mullumbimby High School does not endorse or guarantee any goods or services advertised.

Future Legends of Rock Talent Quest is back for 2010

Students, if you think you have the talent to enter the Future Legends of Rock Talent Quest, now is the time to start preparing for next year. You will need to have your parents' permission to enter online at www.lengendsofrockfestival.com.au or send a DVD or CD to Legends of Rock Future Talent Quest PO Box 1192 Byron Bay 2481. This event will be held at the Red Devil Park in Byron Bay on 6th Feb. 2010. More info available at the front office.

MULLUMBIMBY BRUNSWICK CRICKET CLUB SIGN ON Juniors Sign-on Brunswick Hds

Saturday 12 September
11am–1pm

Saturday 19 September
10am–11.30am

Seniors for Grd 2, 3 & 4 at the Brunswick Hds Nets

Thursday 17 Sept 4pm – 6pm
Sunday 20 September 3pm–5pm
brunswickcricket@optusnet.com.au

Or call Mary 66851676