



Weekly Bulletin

Mullumbimby High School

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Our students show compassion

Like you, I found it difficult to comprehend the scale of destruction and horror of the Victorian bushfire disaster last weekend. Of the thousands of people that survived and are now homeless, many of them are children and teenagers just like our own. Sixty five schools have been closed some of which have been burned to the ground.

It heartens me when I see the students and teachers of our school community respond with compassion and a willingness to support the victims of this terrible disaster.

School Aid is an organisation which supports students and school communities to raise funds for the victims of natural and human disasters. Last year our students responded to the Chinese and Burmese disasters through packages organised by School Aid. Sadly, this year the disaster is on our own doorstep and a group of student leaders are coordinating fund raising activities for the bushfire victims.

The aid will be particularly focussed on supporting the schools and the young people affected. I urge students, parents and teachers to support the efforts of our School Aid Team.

Swimming carnival 2009

This year's swimming carnival was the best I have seen yet. Being very well attended and supported by students and parents it was a day thoroughly enjoyed by all. And the performances were stratospheric!

Twenty two records were broken, some of them long standing. Year 7 student Lorne Greenlaw broke the record for every event in which he participated.

I would like to congratulate all students for their participation and their parents for their support, I would also like to thank and commend the efforts of the PDH/PE staff and particularly Mrs. Sharon De Costa our new sports organiser for their hard work in producing a very successful swimming carnival.

Attention all parents of year 12

We are holding HSC parent and student information evening on Thursday 26 February. We are holding this night much earlier this year because we think that it is essential that students (supported by their parents) are able to get their study routines and preparations for the HSC established early. This evening has also been coordinated with study skills forum which will be provided for the students earlier in the day. In the evening information will be provided to parents and students about what it takes to get through HSC successfully.

Topics covered will include: the role and importance of the assessment program; hints and guides to effective learning, revising and exam preparing; the school/study/life balance and how parents can support their child in this intensive year.

This is a must attend for all parents and students in Year 12!

Ian Graham

Diary dates

Week 4

- Mon 16/2** - Zone Volleyball—Males Mur'bah, Female, Wollumbin
- Tue 17/2** -Lions Youth of the Year
- Wed 18/2** -NCCHS Basketball, Ballina
- Thu 19/2** -SRC Induction Assembly, P 2

Week 5

- Mon 23/2** - P & C meeting
- Tues 24/2** - Zone AFL (U15's) - Cudgen
- Wed 25/2** - NCCHS Volleyball -Evans River
- Thurs 26/2** - Yr 10 portfolio introduction
- Yr 12 information night
- Fri 27/2** - Zone swimming Mullumbimby

Canteen Roster

Mon 16/2

Paula Osborne
Mona Sloan
Janine Pike
Anna Lennon

Tue 17/2

Janelle Stanford
Gail Campbell
Mona Sloan

Wed 18/2

Lorraine Hajjar
Gai-Moana Perrot

Thu 19/2

Rosa Graham
Grace Britton

Fri 20/2

Michelle Gillespie
Mona Sloan

Kris

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SPECIAL INVITE TO ALL NEW PARENTS TO THE SCHOOL

The next **P & C Meeting** will be on Monday
23rd February 2009

6.45pm for 7.00pm start

ALL WELCOME

We look forward to seeing you there

Mullumbimby Showground Trust
is looking for someone with knowledge of
Quick Books to help set up
accounting/treasury of the trust.

Software & laptop available.

Please call Peter Buckley 0429847258

Access to Work and Training - Lismore TAFE,
Foundation Studies, is offering a free course for adults
wishing to retrain or enter the workforce. The course runs
for 10 hours per week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays within school hours.

You will study: Job-seeking skills, Work experience, First
Aid, Computers and Reading, writing and communication
skills for work. We teach in small groups with supportive
and friendly staff. **Contact Lismore Campus on
66 230 200 or Debbie Noble on 66 230 273.**

Work Opportunities for Women

Wollongbar TAFE is offering a free women's introductory
course with a focus on **Child Studies** with supportive
and friendly staff.

On completion of this "**Access to Work and Training**"
course you will also receive a **First Aid Certificate** and
up-to-date skills for job seeking.

You will also receive hands-on **computer training**
throughout the course.

The course runs in Semester 1, 2009 within school
hours on Monday and Wednesday for 16 weeks. This
course is fee exempt but a small materials charge may
apply. Contact Wollongbar Campus on **66204700** for an
Expression of Interest.

Want to get back into work or study, but not sure how to get started?

Wollongbar TAFE's free 'Preparation for Work and
Study' course still has limited places available.

The course has a **welfare industry skills** focus, but is
also a valuable preparation for any work and study area.
You will boost your confidence, and gain essential
welfare industry communication skills, job seeking skills
and study skills.

The course also includes computer training and work
experience. Supportive and friendly, within school hours,
3 days a week. Semester 1, 2009. Contact Pam on
66204765.

Information for Students and Parents

The Department of Education and Training and
Mullumbimby High School advise that it is a **legal
requirement** that students attend school for the **entire
school day**, each day that the school is open.

Absences should only occur because of illness, natural
causes (eg. floods), or other reasons approved by the
Principal.

Please note: It is not sufficient for parents to approve
absences. Parents may ask permission for their child to
be absent and medical certificates should be supplied
where necessary. Students who are frequently absent
without an explanation, may be referred to the Home
School Liaison Officer.

Notification of Student Absences.

It is a **legal requirement** that all absences be explained
in writing upon the student's return to school. Each
explanation should indicate a reason for the absence and
be signed by a parent or caregiver.

**If an absence is likely to exceed three (3) days, the
school must be notified and the Principal's approval
should be obtained for any long-term absence (eg
family holidays).**

Premier debating is for everyone

Last year students from years 8, 10 and 11 were
involved in the Premier's Debating Challenge with our
year 10 gaining equal first place in the region. This year
we hope to enter teams from years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 in
the competition. Our teams will debate schools from all
over the region, developing skills in logic, public speaking
and teamwork, and meeting interesting people.

Debating training sessions will be held in F7 from periods
4 to 6 on Wednesday 18 February and Wednesday 4
March. All interested students are welcome to attend.

Participation in both sessions is expected. During these
two sessions debating skills will be taught, a model
debate will be viewed and you will participate in practice
debates. Members and reserves for the Premier's
Debating Challenge teams will be determined during
these sessions, so your attendance is important.

Please register with Ms Maddox in the English staffroom
before period 4 Wednesday 18 February so that your
teachers are informed of your participation.

2009 promises to be a rewarding and exciting year of
debating.

BRUNSWICK HEADS JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

2009 SIGN ON

At the Brunswick Clubhouse (on oval next to Bowling Club)

FRIDAY 13TH FEB 4-6pm / SATURDAY 14TH FEB 9-11am
(existing players)

SUNDAY 22ND FEB 9-11am / SATURDAY 28TH FEB 9-11am (all
players)

Come and play for a great club – reduced fees for 2009!!

Enquiries: Kathryn 66850204 or Cornelia 66843009

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