



# Weekly Bulletin

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### BREAKING NEWS

Attention - Parents and students of Year 9. The arrival of your laptops is imminent! The Department of Education has informed me that they plan to deliver the laptops sometime in the week beginning August 24<sup>th</sup> (Week 5). While this date may be subject to change, our school will be the first on the far north coast to roll out the laptops.

We are holding a parent information evening on the laptop program on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm. Some topics for discussion on the night will include:

- Policy and guidelines regarding issue and use of laptops to students including the 'laptop user charter'
- Learning in a one-to-one laptop environment
- Safe and healthy use including ergonomics

In the meantime we will be sending each Year 9 student home with the laptop 'user charter'. This charter includes a commitment to take the laptop home and charge the battery. This charter must be signed by the student and by a parent/carer before the student laptop can be issued.

This program is called the Digital Education Revolution and we believe that it WILL revolutionise learning in our schools by engaging students and preparing them for success in the 21st century. The excitement is palpable!

### OUR TALENTED YEAR 7 STUDENTS

I had the enormous pleasure of judging our annual Year 7 famous scientist competition last Monday. Both myself and Irene Dawson - Head Teacher Science were astounded by the quality of the assignments presented and the depth of Science understanding displayed by the students. Congratulations to Celeste Withey (Charles Darwin) and Aquila Van Keuk (Archimedes) who shared first prize for their outstanding efforts. See more on this in our week 8 achievement newsletter.

### ADVANCE WARNING

This is a reminder that we are holding an information night for students in Year 8 and their parents/caregivers on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August. The aim of the night is to provide information and support prior to students making their elective choices for Year 9 2010. Teachers will be available to talk to about the subjects that are on offer next year.

*Jan Graham*

**REFUNDS POLICY** Students who are due refunds for cancelled excursions etc will be issued with note offering three options: the refund used to offset outstanding fees; a cheque sent home to parents; or cash given to the student if the amount is \$50 or less. If the refund is greater than \$50, this option is not available. Once you have made your selection, signed the note and returned it to school, please allow at least one week for the process to be completed. When students have been given cash, they will be asked to sign an acknowledgement that they have received it for our records. Thank you.

**DON'T FORGET TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE** [www.mullumbimb-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.mullumbimb-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)

### 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 17/8—Friday 21/8

- Jindabyne Excursion
- Work Experience Yr 10

### Monday 17/8

- Yr7 Excursion at Drill Hall

### Monday 24/8

- P & C Meeting

### Tuesday 25/8

- Yr 8-9 Information Night
- Yr 12 Drama Showcase

### Thursday 27/08

- Info Night on Year 9 laptops

### Monday 31/08

- Yr 12 Uni Info sessions

### Friday 11/09

- OH&S Green Card Course

## Canteen Roster

- Mon 17/8 -** Janine Pyke  
Anna Lennon
- Tue 18/8 -** Jenelle Stanford  
Gail Campbell
- Wed 19/8 -** Gai-Moana Perrot
- Thu 20/8 -** **HELP PLEASE!**
- Fri 21/8 -** **HELP PLEASE**

### Attention All Canteen Volunteers:

*A small change to the way you sign on for canteen duty: on arrival at school, can you please report to the front office and sign-on in the Visitors Book - - You will also need to sign-off as you leave.*

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### HOME SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICERS (HSLO)

Over the coming weeks, HSLO working with the school, will be conducting interviews with students. Students with poor attendance and unexplained absences will be targeted with a view to improving their attendance at school. If your child is absent from school, please provide an explanation in writing upon the student's return. If the absence is likely to be more than three days, please notify the school by phone. Long-term absences eg. holidays, will require approval from the Principal.

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE

### VOLUNTEER TUTORS

- Interested in becoming a volunteer
- Adult English language/literacy tutor?
- TAFE is running a short FREE training course in BYRON BAY for people who would like to assist another adult improve his/her English language and/or literacy skills. The learners may be migrants, refugees or people with small children unable to attend classes. It is a 30 hour course run over 6 weeks on Fridays at the senior citizens hall in Marvel Street, Byron. The course starts on 11 September and will run for 6 weeks 9.30am -3pm, excluding school holidays. Following the course, volunteers will be expected to commit to a 6 month placement 1-2 hours a week.
- This course is especially suited to people who want to become volunteers in community work or get some experience working with adults who need English language assistance.
- Information and applications: Ballina TAFE 66818900 or email [penlope.beaumont@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:penlope.beaumont@det.nsw.edu.au) by end of August.

## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

### Have your say...

This year, teachers and students at Mullumbimby High School have been working together applying the three school rules of **I AM RESPECTFUL, I AM RESPONSIBLE** and **I AM LEARNING** to the different parts of our school environment and community.

An important aspect of school life is the praise and recognition students receive for their efforts and achievements. We would like to know what you think about this, by answering these two questions :

- What areas of school life do you think deserve recognition and reward?
- How would you like this information communicated to you?

Please jot down what you think on a piece of paper and send it into Student Services, or better still, email us at [mullumbimb-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mullumbimb-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) Subject: **Rewards In School**

### NRMA 500km GOLD MEDAL CHALLENGE

The NRMA 500km Gold Medal challenge is a race to build up 500km of riding time before March 2010. The competition is free and open to all secondary students across NSW, aiming to increase the levels of physical activity. Cycling is a great way to get fit and strong and enduring a challenge like this will be a great opportunity to get the ball rolling. Students and teachers can include in their log books any cycle time that they put in including, but not limited to: riding to school, riding to the shops, riding at school, riding with friends or riding for sport. There are plenty of prizes to be won throughout the competition: CatEye Cyclocomputers, Velodrom workshops, training sessions with IronMan Champion Guy Leech to name a few. Each student who completes the 500km will also win a gold medal to celebrate their hard efforts. For more info: 9218 5405 or Email: [ride@school@bicyclensw.org.au](mailto:ride@school@bicyclensw.org.au)  
[www.bicyclensw.org.au/category/news/ride2school](http://www.bicyclensw.org.au/category/news/ride2school)

### PLEASE HELP PARTY FOR KIDS WITH CANCER FUNDRAISING DRIVE



#### PJ BEAR FUNDRAISER

\$2.00 A TICKET

or BUY a PJ BEAR FOR \$30.00

All money raised will be going to

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All enquiries to Jeannie: 6680 5090

### FRIDAY NIGHT @ THE YAC

6-10 pm

Drop in fun for 12-17 y.o.

#### Movies, Music, Art, Gaming, Food & more...

Parents welcome to drop in, have a coffee and a chat or meet the staff and volunteers of Byron Youth Services

1 Gilmore Crescent in Byron Bay

#### YOUNG PEOPLE MATTER

Friday nights supported by BUDDI-CDAT (Byron Underage Drinking and Drug Initiative—Community Drug Action Team) Street Cruise, BDCSA and StreetBeat Ballina.

### ADVERTISING SPACE

### NOW AVAILABLE

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