



Weekly Bulletin

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Teachers learn about Aboriginal culture

Seven teachers from Mullumbimby High School (plus yours truly) have been taking a TAFE course called 'Aboriginal Cultural Education'.

The course comes with accreditation and is delivered by Aboriginal TAFE teachers and includes input and presentation from local Aboriginal elders and community members.

So far we have learned about traditional Aboriginal society, the dreaming, the relationship with land, kinship, art and technology.

We have also learned about the impact of the European invasion, and colonisation in the 19th Century and the policies of protectionism and assimilation in 20th century as well as issues facing Aboriginal Australians today.

At one point the presenter scattered hundreds of pieces of torn up paper in front of us. We had been asked to write the three most important things in our lives on this paper the week before. The presenter used this demonstration as a metaphor for what had happened to thousands of Aboriginal people under the policies of the protection board and particularly the removal of Aboriginal children from their families.

The final part of the course is designed to apply our deeper understanding of Aboriginal culture to the school and our classrooms.

We have been asked to find ways of integrating Aboriginal Cultural perspectives into our lessons.

Not only does this support Aboriginal students by acknowledging and recognising their backgrounds and culture in our classrooms but it also increases the awareness and understanding in the non Aboriginal students.

In short it makes for a more inclusive school!

Ian Graham

Principal

P&C news

Thank you to all the parents that joined us for our August meeting.

Items discussed at this meeting included:

- Update from Ian Graham on newsletter—weekly bulletin going well and the week 8 publication is well on track. Improvements to website underway with the aim to have a functional tool. Public Education Awards to be held September 11 at Murwillumbah with awards for a parent, teacher and student.
- Fundraising for shade continues. Planned—Home Business Expo on 6 September; Gaming Night; Raffle; and Carols Night planned for December 11.
- Working Bee at the school Sunday 31 August to attend to much needed gardening.

See you at the next P&C meeting, September 22 2008, 6.45pm for 7.00pm start.

We look forward to you joining us.

Diary dates

Week 7

- Mon 1/9** -On Track Year 9
- Tue 2/9** -Year 11
Cyberbullying
- Wed 3/9** -Year 12 practical
Drama exam
- Thu 4/9** -Year 10
Cyberbullying
-Indigenous
students
leadership
- Fri 5/9** -FNC Zone Ocean
Shores
-School &
Hospital Variety
Night Civic Hall

Week 8

- Mon 8/9** -Drama Festival
all week
-On Track Year 9
- Tue 9/9** -IMPACT parent
support group
- Wed 10/9** Yr 11 Hospitality
Practical exam
- Fr 12/9** "A Night of
Chance" RSL Club

Canteen Roster

Mon 1/9

Gail Marsden
Rebecca Rixon

Tue 2/9

Kate Govett
Niki Kitta-Connell

Wed 3/9

Ester Hurley
Kelly Hildebrandt

Thu 4/9

Vanessa Van Keuk
Lorraine Hajjar
Carol Dixon
Dagma Iten

Fri 5/9

Sue Foyster

Kris

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School fun run fundraiser

Mullumbimby High School will be holding a magnificent fundraising event on Wednesday, 10 September.

The Run/Walk will take place on our beautiful pristine beach starting at Tyagarah and finishing with a gourmet BBQ at Torakina.

The BBQ will be prepared under the supervision of head chefs Peter Davidson and Leonie Greentree. Davo has been stirred into a fever of indifference about cooking for this prestigious event and he has promised a new and improved menu to complement his signature dish (mind you his grain fed beef with caramelised onions on home made sourdough bread with a tomato salsa takes some beating).

Students will be collecting sponsors over the next two weeks in an attempt to raise much-needed funds for equipment at the mighty Mullumbimby High School.

The Run/Walk is slightly longer than the school cross country, which takes approximately one and a half hours to walk at a reasonable walking pace.

Prizes will be awarded to the best dressed and probably the worst dressed at the end of the day.

There will be the annual Tug of War grudge match between the teachers and the sports houses with the teachers looking well honed as most elite sportsman and women are. Students need to be warned that Mr Ricketts has been drinking milk in an attempt to bulk up for the event. He's huge!

Students will receive prizes in accordance to the amount of money raised and these can be seen in roll groups and on posters around the school.

Organiser Robyn Wright is so overcome with emotion because everyone will be participating in her beloved sport of running (or walking). Through her tears of joy she promised a popper for every student who participates. This just goes to prove that she is excellent at athletics but pathetic at math's because $900 \times \$0.50 = \450.00 . Marvelous effort that!

This hopefully will be one of the most enjoyable days of the school year, so please encourage your son/daughter to attend and get involved.

Remember, One world—One School—MULLUM!!

The Water Boy

Mullumbimby Hospital Variety Night

Friday September 5, 2008. 7pm start.

Mullumbimby Civic Centre

\$10 adult, \$25 family

M.C.—Micheal Pelmore

Including: Mullumbimby High School Stage Band, Serena Joy and the Flamenco Dancers from "Arte Gitana", Alison Watson, Mullumbimby Public School Kindergarten dancers, Mullum Rouge and many more.

Delicious supper available during interval

Home Business Fair

Showcasing the variety of business expertise here in our local community.

Mullumbimby High School Hall

Saturday 6th of September

10.00am to 3.00pm

This is a fundraiser by the Mullumbimby High School P&C to provide shade for our kids.

Come along and experience the variety while helping to provide the best for our kids.

Stall holder enquiries: Anne 6677 1363

or Jeannie 6680 5090

Entry: Gold coin donation

Refreshments available

Fatherhood festival game show

The Uncle Project, the local boys' mentoring organisation, will present their exciting, informative and entertaining live game show. "The Testosterone Facotr" at the A&I Hall in Bangalow on Thursday September 4 as the opening night of the 4 days of non-stop action of the 5th Annual Fatherhood Festival.

Months in the making, this unique night out for parents and their teen age kids incorporates Vox films recorded all over the region, live music, some audience participation and tonnes of insight as the big issues facing our youth are raised and examined.

The evening will be emcee'd by celebrity chef, author and father of 7 Anthony Telford and includes Tex Perkins, Mandy Nolan, Lisa Parkes and other special guest from several generations. They will tackle such issues as teenage sexual awareness and attitudes, substance abuse, anger management, morality, ethics and risk-taking behaviour in a tense 'fingers on the buzzer' kind of live game show.

On the rise local band 'Half Nelson' will blow your mind and La Belle Femme will perform their visually delectable antics. Don't miss this wild night out for parents and their teens.

Free transport between Byron Bay and Bangalow will be provided for under 18's. Phone 6680 8582 for more information.

Tickets \$12.00, concession \$8.00 and are available from Southern Cross Credit Unions, Barebones Artspace, Mullumbimby bookshop and online at www.fatherhoodfestival.com.

13 to 17 year olds are free.

More info, call 6684 2309 and visit www.uncle.org.au.

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