

MULLUMBIMBY HIGH SCHOOL

WHAT'S ON?

OUR VISION — Mullumbimby High School supports all students to fulfil their potential and become successful, confident, creative members of our diverse community and the wider world.

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Term 1 | Week 5 | Monday 20 February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed a smooth start to the 2023 school year so far, and we are enjoying our phone free school with the YONDR pouches which enables uninterrupted teaching and learning to be the heart of everything we do. Attendance improvement in 2023 is high on our agenda and we expect and hope for 90 to 100% attendance for every student. We encourage every child to be at school every day, and to be on time and be ready to learn.

We continue to hold our assemblies every Monday, which gives us an opportunity to update students about the school remediation and building projects and ensure that they understand their parameters to keep them safe. We are also able to provide them with reminders about their behaviour expec-

tations in class and in their breaks, especially in terms of playing sporting games that are safe on the back oval and keeping our school clean of litter.

As for our remediation and building projects at the moment, we have several of our buildings being reroofed with colour bond roofing. We have five classrooms being air-conditioned. We have concrete slabs being poured in several buildings to replace the old wooden floor boards, which were badly inundated in the flood and we are building an undercover walkway, so that students and staff can remain dry on weekdays as the other undercover walkways are blocked off. We are finalising our Aboriginal Education building, which is a new demountable to be fully fitted out with new carpets blinds and furniture. Also all classrooms are being painted with three coats on the walls and ceilings, all surfaces are being repaired after the installation of new electronic computerised smart boards in every classroom.

(more on the next page —>)







Photos: From building in 3-D, learning knife skills for vego and beef burgers, to hoof trim and drench on our white Suffolk sheep, learning comes in many ways.

KEY DATES

Monday 20 February

School Photographer at MHS Futsal/Basketball training

Tuesday 21 February

FNC Swimming Carnival (M'bah) Catch up School Photography

Wednesday 22 February Yr7 & Yr10 Women's Group

Thursday 23 February Yr12 Marine Studies Excursion Yr11 SLR

> Friday 24 February Yr11 SLR

Careers Uni Roadshow Yr11/12 FNC 15s AFL in Byron

> Monday 27 February Futsal/Basketball training

Tuesday 28 February FNC rugby league 15s and open

> Wednesday 1 March Yr7 &Yr10 Women's Group

TERM DATE IN 2023

Term 1: Friday 27 January -Thursday 6 April (Students start on 31 January and 1st February)

Term 2: Monday 24 April -Friday 30 June (ANZAC day on Tuesday 25 April is a public holiday) - Students start on Wednesday 26 April

Term 3: Monday 17 July - Friday 22 September— Students start on Tuesday 18 July

Term 4: Monday 9 October -Tuesday 19 December (Students start on Monday 9 October)

Today is school photo day and all students can have their photo taken. We thank all parents for helping us ensure that our students are looking great in their school uniform ready for the photos. So far, we have 99% of all students wearing uniforms. The tone of the school is excellent. They are exhibiting school pride and we are very thankful for the cooperation of the whole school community to make our school a place that we can be proud of and that has a reputation for high expectations.

If you have missed putting in an order for photos, please visit www.theschoolphotographer.com.au order and pay online. Use the code on your student's photo order or the general code for our school: X6016S50M

The main two areas for uniform improvement are black shorts (not grey) for the boys and senior white shirt for Year 12 students.

Greg Armstrong, Principal

CAREERS UPDATE

Is your child passionate about horses and looking for an exciting career?

Thoroughbred Breeders Australia has launched the Fast Track program to create a pathway for talented horse people to enter our industry. Applications for the @throuroughbredbreedersaustralia 2023 Fast Track program are now open. Enjoy 12 months full-time paid employment on a stud farm while studying for a nationally recognised Certificate III in Horse Breeding. Open to anyone with a passion for horses. The Fast Track program is run annually. Applications for the 2023 intake are now open. Successful applicants will need to be ready to commence their traineeships and the first learning block on 22nd May 2023.

https://www.tbaus.com/fast-track-program/about-the-fast-track-program/

Defence Work Experience Program

ADF delivers Work Experience placements to secondary and tertiary students to gain exposure to Defence careers available in the Australian Defence Force (ADF). Students must be 15 years and all available placements are advertised online and potential candidates go through an application process in order to secure a place on the program. Applications are currently being received for programs across Australia, including -

Army Familiarization: Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera Qld: 17 - 19 April 2023 (applications close 5 March 2023 https://defencecareers.nga.net.au/cp/index.cfm?event=jobs.listJobs&audiencetypecode=defenceworkexp

Tertiary Access Payment - Do you know someone who completed year 12 or its equivalent in 2022?

Applications for the Tertiary Access Payment opened on 1 January. Eligible school leavers from regional or remote Australia who relocate for tertiary study (Cert IV and above) can apply in their first year of study only. https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/tertiary-access-payment

Any questions, please email Leanne Clarkson, Rel. Careers Adviser at leanne.clarkson5@det.nsw.edu.au

Seeking opportunities for students to volunteer in our community

Do you know of a not-for-profit, that is local to school that offers volunteering or could do with some extra help?

- We are seeking opportunities outside of school for students 14yrs and older to volunteer 1hr a week for either 3 or 6 months, aiding them in achieving their Duke of Edinburgh Award and gaining valuable experience working in the community.
- Supervising staff require a current working with children clearance check and be willing to play a role as their Assessor to validate their award hours.
- Hosting organisations must be not-for-profit

If so, please refer them onto Dusty McOnie, our Duke of Ed Award Leader via email dusty.mcOnie@det.nsw.edu.au or phone on (02) 6684 2600

Last Monday, we had our first P&C meeting of the year and enjoyed a discussion with Leanne Clarkson, the school careers officer, about the changing world of career paths for students of this current generation. It was really interesting and thought provoking, and can present as both a scary and exciting journey ahead for your children.

The next P&C meeting for this year will be the AGM on Monday night 13th March at 5.30pm for a 6pm start. It will be held at the Mullumbimby Bowling Club next door to the school. The club's Indian restaurant (Heritage Dining) will provide some of their delicious finger foods and nibbles for us. Drinks are available at the bar at club prices.

At the AGM the current executive team will all stand down and a new executive team of President, two Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary and Public Officer will be elected. You can contact us on the details below and we will send you a nomination form if you would like to nominate for any of these positions. Nothing is too onerous on the executive as we have a skilled and willing membership base so you won't feel overloaded or over committed if you do nominate.

Our secretary, Tom Alletson, will step down and not re elect, as I will too, after three years in the President role. It would be great to hear from a new parent or citizen that is interested in stepping up into one of these positions.

It's important to the school and the broader community to have a full executive committee on the P&C, so that we can fully support the school in enhancing our children's educational journey. Please give it some consideration; if you are thinking about joining, we would love to hear from you.

Here is a summation of what the secretary role encompasses: realistically it will take one or two hours of your time per month to commit to this role. I can promise you that it will be rewarding and enjoyable rather than stressful.

Secretary

- Preparation of meeting agendas in conjunction with the president
- Sending notifications of meetings to members
- Taking minutes at P&C Association meetings
- Preparation of draft minutes
- Handling and tabling correspondence
- Dealing with administrative tasks related to meeting decisions.
- Maintaining the official records of the P&C Association, including the constitution, by-laws, rules, policies and procedures, ABN details, register of members and meeting attendance
- Membership forms are available on the school website, or from the P&C tray in the school office or you can email the P&C email (details below) and we can send you a form. Please return the signed form along with \$2.00 membership fee, to the P&C tray.

We look forward to welcoming some new parents to our AGM on Monday 13th March.

Another way that you can support the P&C and the school would be to help out at our Uniform Shop. Wendy Fisher and Caterina Barry who coordinate and manage the shop, keeping it open each Monday morning and ordering stock are looking for some more helping hands. It would be great to have someone that can commit an hour a week to do so, and learn the ropes of how it all works. If you can help out please give Wendy (0423 093 726) or Caterina (0457 222 837) a call. Or pop in and see them one Monday morning from 8.30am to 9am, they would really appreciate your help.

Questions? Comments?

Email us at mullumbimbyhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Or call Damian Farrell on 0409 994 308

GOING AWAY 5 DAYS OR MORE?

A reminder to our school community that the NSW DET requires that parents arrange holidays **DURING** school vacations.

If your family holiday is during school time, you will need to inform the School Principal in advance and submit a permission to leave from the school.

An application for leave should be provided at least two weeks prior to departure.

Ask our office for an "Application for Leave" BEFORE the holiday.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAFER DRIVERS COURSE FOR LEARNERS



Monday 13th February 4pm to 7pm

Monday 27th February 4pm to 7pm

BECOME A SAFER DRIVER AND EARN 20 HOURS OF BONUS LOG BOOK CREDIT BY ENROLLING IN A SAFER DRIVERS COURSE.

THE COURSE IS AVAILABLE TO LEARNER DRIVERS UNDER THE AGE OF 25 WHO HAVE COMPLETED 50 LOG BOOK DRIVING HOURS.

BOOKINGS: BYS.ORG.AU/TRANSPORT



WITH GUEST PRESENTERS: **SARAH & MOLLY BUCKLEY THE BUCKLEYS ZEE GACHETTE Z-STAR EMILY LUBITZ TINPAN DRANGE**



WWW.BYS.ORG.AU/YOUTH-CULTURE/THE-WOMENS-MUSIC-INDUSTRY-FORUM

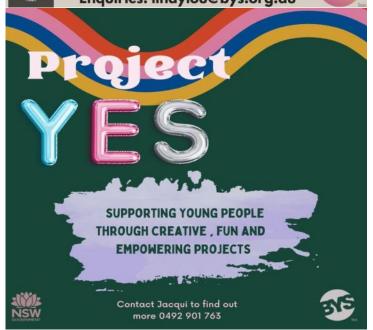
FREE EVENT



FREE HOSPITALITY & CAFE SKILLS COURSE FOR YOUNG **WOMEN (12-24YO)** @ THE YAC

March 6th - 9th Work experience at the WMIF (Womens Music Industry Forum) Saturday 11th March

Enquiries: lindylou@bys.org.au





(02) 6685 7777 **BYRON COMMUNIT** BARBER

Thursdays 3pm to 6pm @ The YAC

1 Gilmore crescent BYRON BAY

Learn the tools, trade and

and look good while doing it!



Regeneration festival - March 4

A free family-friendly festival will happen Saturday $4^{\rm th}$ March at the Mullumbimby Community Garden.

There will be heaps of activities for kids including seed-bomb making, a Spaghetti Circus play space and performance, a reading from 'Big Magic' author Sarah Armstrong, a seed propagation workshop and a tree-planting.

Lots for all ages too, with key speakers including Delta Kay, Damon Gameau and Rhoda Roberts, AO, who will chair a special Bundjalung Panel.

The festival is funded by the NSW Government, and you can book a free ticket at https://regeneration.mullumseed.org.au/



MULLUMBIMBY
Haircuts By Sammy

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All Welcome

By Appointment only

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to a more flexible and simplified way parent/carers can make payments





The Parent Portal

- Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- Sign and return permission notes digitally
- Use any credits on your account to make paymen
- View your complete payment history
- · Request a refund





Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit

https://portal.schoolbytes.educatio





SCHOOL ZONE

8 - 930 230 - 4_{PN} SCHOOL DAYS



A REMINDER that heavy fines and demerit points apply if you stop or park in front of the school between the times of 8:00am to 9:30am and 2:30pm to 4:00pm.





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GIRLS TACKLE RUGBY LEAGUE

The inaugural Tweed/Byron Girls Rugby League competition is here in 2023 ages 12/13/14 in U14s and 15/16/17 in U17s

PLAY RUGBY LEAGUE

www.playrugbyleague.com

or contact your local club today for information



BILAMBIL JETS JRL Grant Seddon - 0447 277 388



BYRON BAY LENNOX HEAD JRL

Nicky Sheridan - 0412 244 325



MURWILLUMBAH COLTS JRL

coltspresident@outlook.com Peter Weaver - 0411 484 221

TWEED COAST RAIDERS JRL

oastraidersjriregistrar@outloo Anna Bourne - 0419 901 586



MULLUMBIMBY GIANTS JRL mullumbimbygiantsirl@gmail.com Melanie Groves - 0417 472 185



SOUTH TWEED BEARS JRL

southtweedirl@gmail.com Clinton Dawe - 0412 412 493



TWEED HEADS SEAGULLS JRL Lisa King - 0418 432 267

or register your interest at

https://www.cognitoforms.com/NewSouthWalesRugbyLeague/_2023Group18GirlsRugbyLeagueEOI



www.group18jrl.com



FAST FOOTY FACTS:

- Mixed teams U6-U12, 13+ separate male & female teams.
- Mullumbimby Leagues Club. · Rugby League games held Saturdays
- League Tag games held Friday nights
- Training start dates TBC U6-9 training held Thursdays

Home games & training @

- U10 + Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Games played between Tweed Heads and Lennox Head.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Thurs, 16/2 'All club' training & info afternoon (w/sausage sizzle 4.30-
- Sunday 26/2: Giants Community Day (in conjunction with Food Truck markets) @ The Club from

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