



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 2 | Week 6 | Monday 29 May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

School Athletics — Our Athletics Carnival has been rescheduled to week 6 on Friday 2 June. We are looking forward to excellent attendance for all students on Friday.

Sorry Day—Last Friday was National Sorry Day, a day to acknowledge the trauma experienced by survivors of the Stolen Generations and encourage healing within our Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities. All students took part in an extended assembly today to learn more about what National Sorry Day means.

It has been 25 years since the 'Bringing them Home' report was tabled in Federal parliament in 1997. This report detailed the investigation into the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families and communities. For many, this was the first time these stories were told and acknowledged, the first in many steps towards healing and reconciliation.

Our students and staff were able to take the time to remember the past policies of forced removal of children and reflect on the experiences of the survivors of the Stolen Generation and also reflect on the resilience, generosity and contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to our society and culture.



KEY DATES

Monday 29 May

Trade Readiness Course for Year 10
Futsal and Basketball Training

Tuesday 30 May

Trade Readiness Course for Year 10
15s Rugby League, Country Cup
Yr8 and Yr9 Women's Groups

Wednesday 31 May

Yr7 and Yr10 Women's Groups

Thursday 1 June

Yr7 Vaccinations
Student Leadership Parliament of NSW
Flat Rock Ecology Excursion
One Vision Music Video Workshop

Friday 2 June

Athletics Carnival
EPP TAFE Yes+ Program
Careers Screen Futures Expo
NC Secondary Gymnastics @Woolgoolga

Monday 5 June

P&C Meeting at 6pm

Monday 12 June

King's Birthday - Public Holiday

Wednesday 14 June

FNC Athletics @Cudgen

Thursday 15 June

Yr10 Gold Coast Museum Excursion
One Vision Music Video Workshop

Friday 16 June

EPP TAFE Yes+ Program
NC Cross Country @North Byron
HTANSW History Study Day

Monday 26 June

Year 8 Camp at Lake Keepit

Friday 30 June

Last day of school in Term 2

Every Monday

Chess Club in B7 at 2.30pm.

Every Wednesday

Sports for Year 7

Every Thursday

Sports for Year 8

Homework Club: 3pm—4pm

Every Friday

Breakfast Club 8am—8:45am

TERM DATES

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)



This week is National Reconciliation Week (NRW) and this year's theme, 'Be a Voice for Generations' urges all Australians to use their power, words and vote to create a better Australia for everyone.

Attendance — I have previously communicated to our parents and carers about the importance of attendance for all students, our aim to have the best attendance sta-

tistics for the North Coast and how we plan to ensure MHS staff strive to provide high quality and engaging learning experiences. We also promote high expectations for all staff and students to be part of a great school.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to create an engaging learning environment for our students.



Over the next few weeks, you may see the **Every Day Matters** campaign highlighting that good school attendance is key for your child to being able to fulfil their potential and make good progress at school.

We know that the classroom is the best place for your child to learn and we are here to support your child to feel ready and motivated for school every day.

Please let us know if your child needs to miss school so we can make sure your child's learning and wellbeing are supported when they return to school.

Careers – Mullumbimby High School was privileged to host a practical workshop for our year 9 and 10 girls, supported by SALT (Supporting and Linking Tradeswomen) and the DoE EPP (Educational Pathways Program). The event allowed tradeswomen from all over Australia as well as some working on the Mullumbimby High School flood recovery program to work with and inspire the next generation. MHS Girls spent the day working with qualified tradeswomen in designing and constructing timber caddies. Today, a similar event is taking place for our boys. Students developed new skills and confidence in using machinery to complete projects. In addition they heard stories of the various opportunities, pathways and training available for women in trade industries. Two great days were had by all!

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea — Last week, our school organised a fundraising for Cancer Council and we raised \$680. Thank you to Sarah Pierce for organising it!



- Greg Armstrong, PRINCIPAL

A REMINDER — All students arriving **LATE** (after 8.50am) should ALWAYS sign themselves in at Student Services with a note or a phone call from parents explaining the reason for their lateness.

Requests for an **EARLY** leavers note (before 3pm) from parents with a valid reason should be dropped in or called in before 9:30am to Student Services. Leave passes will be handed to students at recess so they can leave the class for their appointment before the end of school.

Kindly support your student to organise all after school plans BEFORE school begins to allow them to be fully engaged in their school work without any interruptions.

P&C NOTES

The P&C welcomes parents, carers and local citizens to support our talented students at Mullumbimby High School. Please feel free to make contact with the P&C President, Amy Colli, to chat about how you can be involved and what the association is up to in 2023.



Currently, we hold P&C meetings twice a term via zoom. We will also be having some in-person meetings as the school construction works are completed. We would love to welcome you to a meeting anytime, or to join for the minimal cost of \$2 per annum. If you would like to join the meeting, please RSVP to Amy Colli.

Our next P&C meeting is in Term 2, Week 7: Monday 5th June, 2023 at 6pm

Questions? Comments?

Email us at mullumbimbyhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Or call Amy Colli on 0429 804 890

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Byron Shire
Community Awards 2023**

What makes our Community Great?

Do you know someone who deserves an award to recognise their achievements and contribution to Byron Shire?

Categories for nominations are:

- Community Member of Byron Shire
- Young Community Member of Byron Shire
- Giving Back to Byron Shire Award
- Community Initiative of Byron Shire
- Caring for Country Award
- Contribution to Health and Wellbeing Award
- Creativity Award
- Access and Inclusion Award
- Open Award

**Nominate online
by 1 June 2023**

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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.





Dear Parent or Caregiver

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) is one of the key learning areas for students in Year 7 to 10. Our school's PDHPE program aims to provide opportunities for students to learn about, and practise ways of, adopting and maintaining a healthy, productive and active life.

Our school's PDHPE program provides the opportunity for students to explore issues that are likely to impact on the health and wellbeing of themselves and others, now and in the future. These issues include physical activity, mental health, drug use, road safety, sexuality and sexual health, nutrition, respectful relationships, personal safety, diversity, gender roles and discrimination.

Some of the content of the program deals with sensitive issues. The school recognises this by teaching about these issues within the context of a developmentally appropriate program and by providing information to you about the program.

The PDHPE program aims to encourage students to make informed decisions about their lifestyle taking into account the values of the family, culture and religion to which they belong. The school program will be implemented in a manner that supports the role of parents and caregivers, and reflects the ethos of the school community.

An overview of some of the content of the PDHPE program that may be considered sensitive is provided below.

Table with 2 columns: Stage 4 (Year 7 and 8) and Stage 5 (Year 9 and 10). Rows include Relationships, Drug Use, Sexual Health, and Rights and responsibilities in sexual relationships.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of the course or would like more information, please contact Lachlan McKenzie on telephone 6684 2600 at the school.

Yours sincerely

Greg Armstrong
Principal

Lachlan McKenzie
Head Teacher PDHPE