



The Lyrebird

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Farewell from staff to Kelly Spilstead on Book Week dress up day!

Well, we're about to come to the end of another busy and eventful term. Our Year 12 students have completed their courses and are preparing to sit their final exams. The HSC is like a marathon and the home straight is in sight but there's still some work to do before the finish line is crossed. I would encourage all students to use the remaining time wisely, get a study timetable in place and use it to revise each subject and sit past papers, it will be worth it. On behalf of the whole school community, I want to wish all our Year 12 students good luck and know that we are all here to support you. Also a huge thank you to the Year 12 Adviser Emily Langtry. Emily has gone over and above for the past 6 Years offering guidance, support and care for this fabulous group of young people.

Year 11 have just completed their Preliminary Exams and when they return from the holidays they will be our new Year 12 cohort. We are all looking forward to teaching, supporting and working with them as they begin their last year as Mullumbimby High students.

Our CAPA showcase this year was an outstanding success with the talent and skill on show breathtaking. The paintings, from our Year 7 students through to our Year 10 portraits and Year 12 major works were beautiful, thought provoking and inspiring. We had ceramics, prints, installations and film. The musical performances in the hall were outstanding and the professionalism of the event was there for all to see. The night finished with our Year 10 drama students performing their inspirational plays.

A huge thanks to the CAPA staff, who work tirelessly each year to put this showcase on and also to all the students who make the magic happen and the P&C for providing gourmet sausage and vegie treats.

It was great to be able to not only showcase the amazing talent of the students but to do so in our newly refurbished and renovated Multi Purpose Centre, Library and Drama Room. The rebuild is finally finished and we once again have access to all parts of the grounds. The school has never had better facilities and we are all enjoying working, teaching and learning in these state of the art spaces.

A special congratulations to Year 12 students April McGauley and Satria Sutena. April has been shortlisted for OnSTAGE, where selected HSC pieces are performed at the Seymour Centre in Sydney. Satria has been nominated for his music performance to possibly perform at ENCORE which presents a selection of outstanding major works by HSC Music students in NSW including performance, composition and musicology. It will be held at the Sydney Opera House on Monday 24 February 2025.

Another special congratulations also to Year 12 students Ash Bristow and Quinn Harding who have been nominated for possible inclusion in SHAPE, which is a selection of outstanding works from HSC Design and Technology, Industrial Technology and Textiles and Design students. The show will be held at the Walsh Bay Arts Precinct from March 2025.

Our NAIDOC celebration this year was another resounding success, with our students combining with students from our feeder schools to dance and share their stories and culture with the whole school. Auntie Sonia was, as always, outstanding and inspirational as she spoke on this year's theme, Keep The Fire Burning! Black Loud and Proud.

Next Term our Year 7 and 8 students will be heading off on their respective school camps. Year 7 are off to Burleigh Heads And Year 8 to Emu Gully. I know the Year advisers and other staff have been busy behind the scenes making sure everything is in place so all the students can have a fun and rewarding experience.

Next term students from Year 7 to 10 will be participating in their Learning Journeys. This is an opportunity for the students to share with other students and staff examples of work they have completed this year and reflect on the process and what has been learnt.

Almost all of you would know by now that Kelly Spilstead, who has been relieving as Mullumbimby High School Principal for the past eighteen months, has accepted a job as substantive Principal at Wollumbin High School. On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to thank Kelly for all she has contributed to the lives of the students, staff and families of this school over a long period of time. She has worked endlessly and with good humour to support and educate so many young people of this area. She led the school through a challenging time and we were all better off for the leadership that she showed.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a safe, happy and well deserved holiday and we look forward to seeing you all back on the first day of Term 4, Monday 14 October!

Cameron Johnson, **RELIEVING PRINCIPAL**

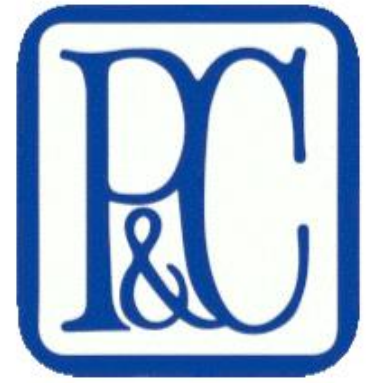
SOME IMPORTANT DATES IN TERM 4

- **Monday 14 October** Students and staff return to school & Year 8 students leave for camp at 8am
- **Tuesday 15 October** 1st exam for all HSC students — English Paper 1
- **Thursday 17 October** Year 11 to Year 12 information night at 5:30pm (parents and students)
- **Tuesday 22 October** Year 10 yearly exams start
- **Monday 4 November** Year 7 students leave for camp at 7.30am
- **Monday 11 November** Year 12 Formal

Mullumbimby High School P&C Association

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This term the P&C has been focused on preparing for, and delivering the catering for the school's Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) event. The BBQ was well received with Gourmet Sausages and Walnut Burgers. Thank you to all the vollies who helped before, during and after the event, and also to Cameron, Adam and Les. Thank you to Amy, Cindy, Damian, Dottie, Janette, Miriam, Amelia, Rich and Shaz. Thank you also to the Brunswick Byron Netball Association for the loan of their BBQ.



In conjunction, the P&C organised a fundraising raffle. The business community generously and enthusiastically supported the raffle, donating over \$7000 in prizes. Celeste and SRC students assisted with sourcing prizes, and Cindy managed the coordination of prize gathering, raffle sales, winner notifications and documentation—a big task! Thank you, Cindy.

The Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce (MCC) promoted the raffle prize drive to its members, with several businesses donating as a result and a couple making direct donations to the P&C. This was a great initiative to remember for next time. Thanks to Leanne Clarkson for providing information to the MCC.

The P&C had a raffle sales stall at the Mullum Farmers Market on 6/9/24, although most ticket sales were made on the night. The EFTPOS machine didn't work at the market site, resulting in lost sales. Thanks to Cindy, Elia, Jenga, Shaz and Rich for selling tickets at the market, and to Allie Godfrey for providing us a site at the market.

The P&C is pleased to report that a profit of \$2,111 was raised through the fundraising raffle and BBQ.



WEARING THE SCHOOL UNIFORM



UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The uniform shop is run by volunteers from the P&C and is open during school time on Monday mornings from 8.30AM to 9.00AM for anyone after uniform items and to process online orders. You can contact them by email mullumuniforms@gmail.com or [order online](#). Hemp polos are available in our uniform shop. Pop in any Monday morning or place your order online at <https://mullumhigh.wixsite.com/mullumhighuniforms/online-store>. Students will be notified at school to pick up their orders from the office once they're ready.

A school uniform should promote the health and safety of students by identifying items necessary for activities to protect students from injury (for example, items for sun protection or safe footwear).

Students who attend school in unsafe or inappropriate clothing, including inappropriate footwear, will be required to stay in the office. They will be excluded from the playground and classes until arrangements can be made to change into appropriate clothing or shoes. Parents may be contacted to ensure the provision of appropriate footwear and clothing.

Sandals, Crocs, Ugg boots, open footwear or high heeled shoes are not permitted at school. If students present for a class or activity with inappropriate footwear the student will be offered alternative educational activities until they are wearing appropriate footwear.



**THANK YOU
SO MUCH**

It takes a village to raise a child!

We are very grateful for the support and contributions we receive to run our Breakfast Club from the following businesses:

**Hot Bread Shop in Mullumbimby
IGA in Mullumbimby
Woolworths in Mullumbimby**

Thank you to all parents and families who attended our Year 12 Presentation on Thursday 26 September.

Thank you also to the following businesses and organisations for their continuous support with prize giving:

**Ampol
Rotary Club
Country Women's Association
Meadows Medical Centre
Crystal Castle
Brunswick/Mullumbimby Lions Club
Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club
Australian Defence Force
Mullumbimby High School P&C
Mullumbimby Golf Club
Southern Cross University**

Call for Scholarship Applicants — LESLEY MCPAUL AM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Lesley McPaul AM Memorial Scholarship will be awarded again in 2024 to commemorate Lesley McPaul's commitment and service to public education for rural children. Lesley's involvement with education in NSW spanned the period from 1970 until the mid-1990s. During this time she undertook many roles, including with the Mullumbimby High School P&C Association. She later became the Country Vice President of the Federation of P&C Associations in NSW where she also served two terms as President between 1986 and 1988. This was the first time a person from country NSW had been elected to this position and it enabled Lesley to give a powerful voice to the needs and challenges of regional and rural education in NSW.

Lesley was appointed by the Premier to the Committee of Review of New South Wales Schools which was led by Sir John Carrick. The recommendations from the Carrick Committee's report, tabled in the NSW Legislative Assembly in November 1989, were encapsulated in the *Education Reform Act 1990*.

From 1989 – 1995, Lesley was an advisor to successive NSW Minister's for Education. Lesley was honoured with a Member of The Order of Australia Award in the 1992 Queen's Birthday Honours List for her services to education and in particular her work with the P&C Federation.

The Lesley McPaul AM Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to support study of a Higher School Certificate at Mullumbimby High School. You are eligible to apply if you are a Year 10 student with high academic achievement, aged between 15 and 19 years, are recommended by the Principal and intend to continue to Year 12.

Your application will include a 500 word statement addressing:

- what you hope to achieve by completing Year 12
- what your aspirations are (university TAFE, type of job)
- your current community interests, work, or volunteering
- your school representative roles (SRC, sporting, IT competitions) and/or any special circumstances.

Anyone interested in applying for the Scholarship can obtain details and an application form from the Principal.

Applications close end of Week 2 in Term 4.

The application form is on school website. You can access it through this [link](#). Or visit "Forms and Info" page on our website.



DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Year 7 Digital Technologies

Our Year 7 students have been immersed in a variety of exciting digital technology projects this term. They've explored microcontrollers, learned about binary code, and even programmed their own games. The highlight of their studies has been creating a robot dance routine using Micro:bits and Maqueen robots. This project has allowed students to apply their coding skills in a fun and creative way, combining technology with music and movement.



Year 9 Computing Technology

The Year 9 Computing Technology class has delved into the world of 3D animation using Blender. Students have acquired skills in 3D modelling, texturing, lighting, and rendering. Their efforts have culminated in creating vapor-wave-inspired 3D animations set to music, showcasing their newfound technical abilities and artistic creativity.



Year 9/10 Game Design and Development

Our Year 9/10 Game Design and Development students have been working collaboratively on a major project. Working in small groups, they've been designing their own unique games from the ground up. This term, their hard work has resulted in playable prototypes, revealing a variety of interesting and innovative game concepts.

Year 11 Software Engineering

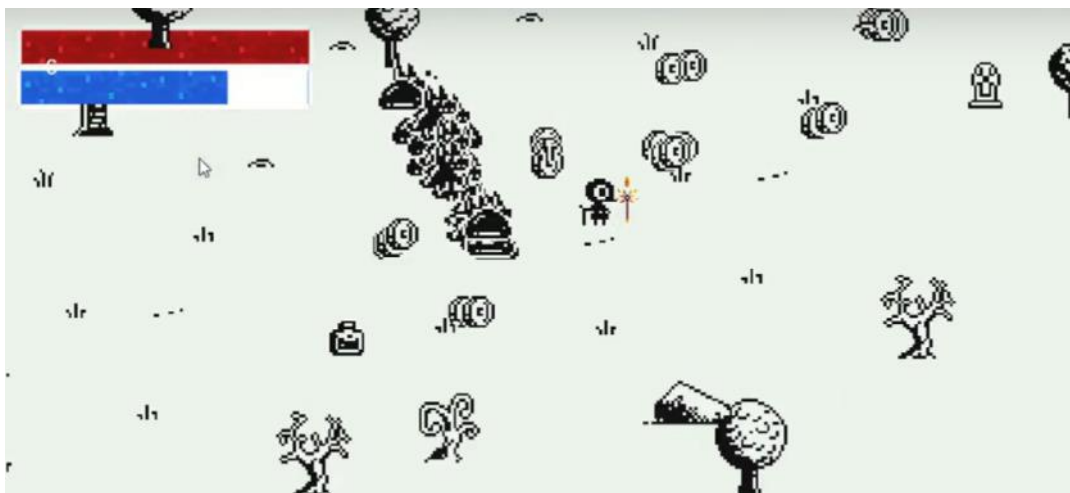
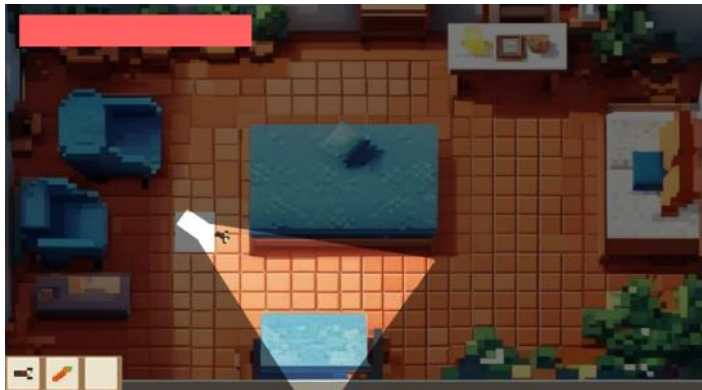
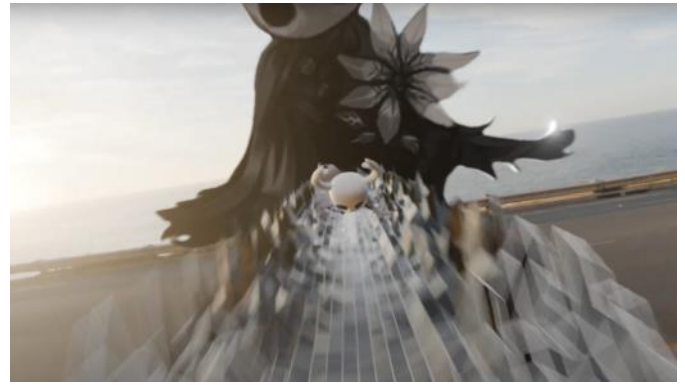
The Year 11 Software Engineering class has been exploring the fascinating field of Mechatronics. Using Micro:bits, Maqueen robots, and the Python programming language, students have built and programmed line-following and autonomous robots. These impressive machines are equipped with grippers, allowing them to pick up and relocate objects. This hands-on project has provided valuable insights into the integration of software and hardware in engineering applications.

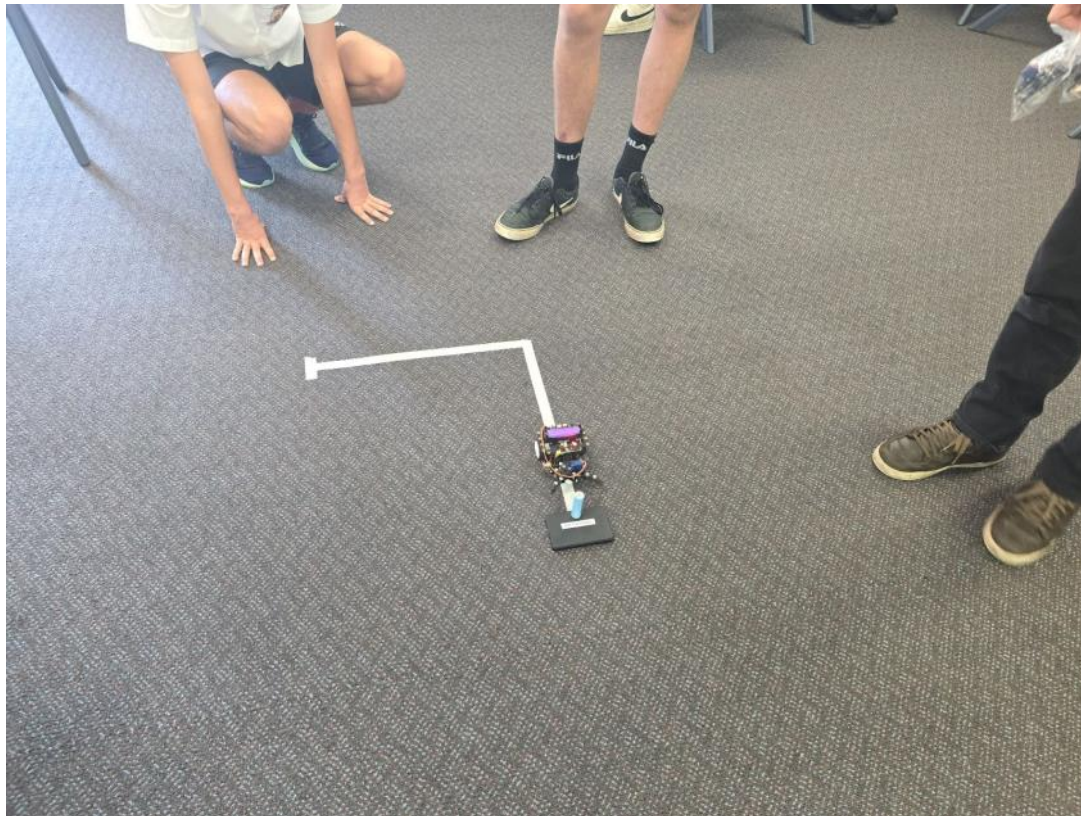
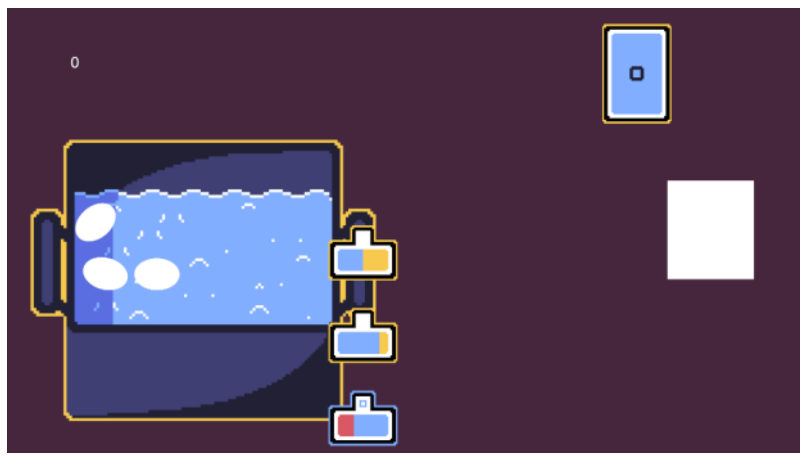
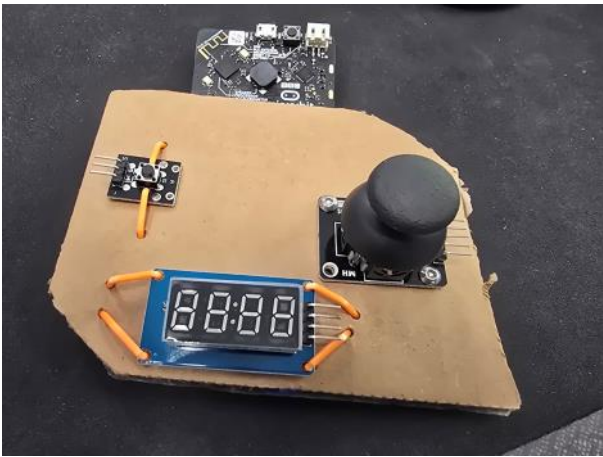


Year 12 Software Design and Development

Our Year 12 Software Design and Development students recently presented their Individual Major Projects, demonstrating impressive skills and innovation. While project themes varied, many students were drawn to game development, showcasing their ability to bring interactive experiences to life. The projects included a diverse range of creations, such as a real-time multiplayer strategy game with network capabilities, a 2D platformer, and a top-down survival game. These examples represent just a few of the many impressive projects developed by our talented students. Each project demonstrated technical proficiency, creativity, and problem-solving abilities.







INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

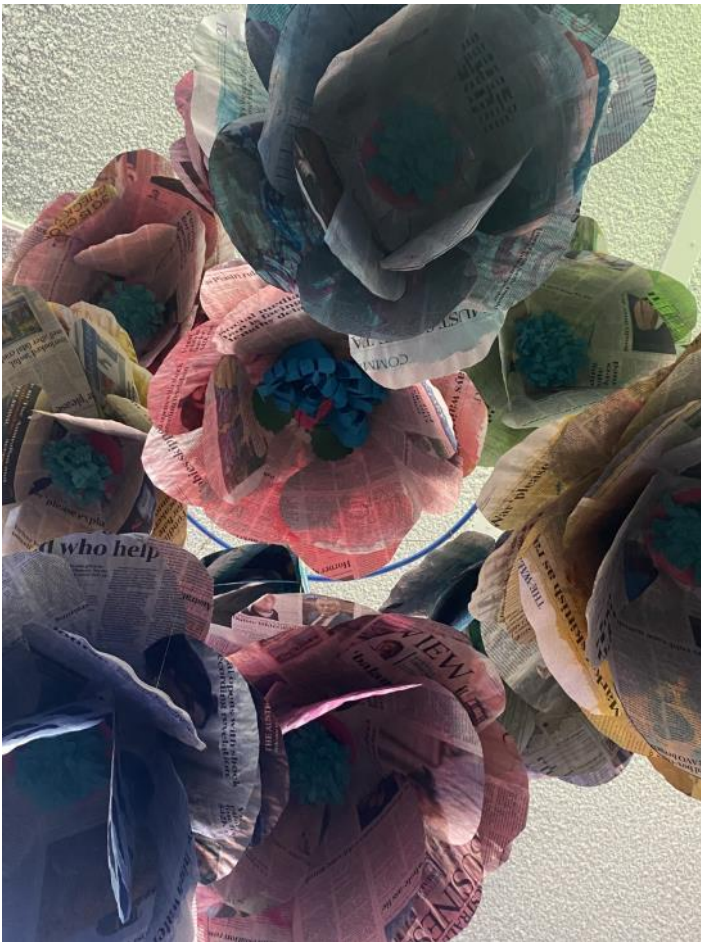


Participating in the many activities the school has on offer such as bocce and door decoration for Wear It Purple Day.





Cairo showing his winning poster in the Science Week Competition



Preparing newspaper giant flowers installation as a whole class project







Book Week Dress Up



JAPANESE EXCHANGE STUDENTS



We had a week of culture and fun at the start of the term with a group of exchange students from the island of Toshima in Japan who came with their teachers to visit Australia and stay with families from our school community. Thank you to all the families who hosted them and to Ms Tara Gallagher who organised their program and English classes.

THE ANNUAL EKKA EXCURSION



SCIENCE WEEK: SPECIES SURVIVAL

This year, Mullumbimby High School celebrated Science Week with a series of school-wide competitions aimed at highlighting the fragility of our local ecosystems and celebrating the unique flora and fauna around us. Each morning, students kicked off the day by participating in a trivia competition during CARE, testing their knowledge and getting their brains in gear.



The week also featured a poster and writing competition, encouraging students to research and showcase endangered species native to our area. They were tasked with creating informative pieces to educate the public about their chosen species, covering its habitat, the impact of human activity on its survival, and ways we can contribute to its recovery and long-term conservation.

Competition Winners:

Digital Poster:

1st Place - Maayan Visoli (Yr 8), 2nd Place - Leila Mastenbroek

Hand Drawn Poster:

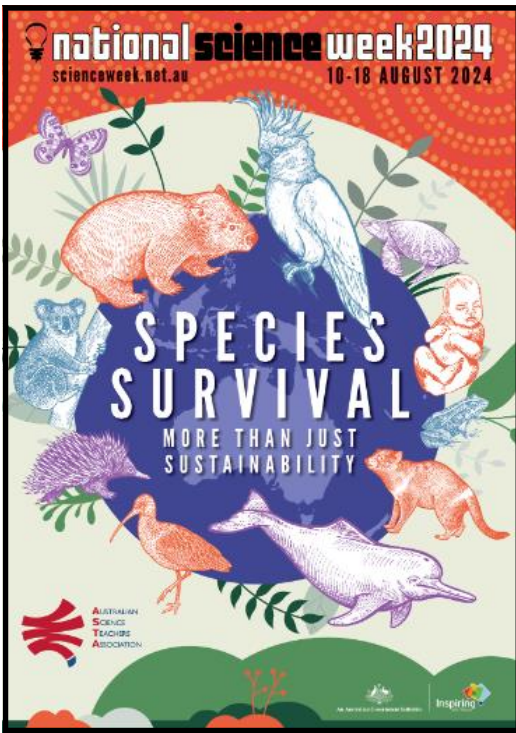
1st Place - Cairo Garrett (Yr 10), 2nd Place - Beau McKenzie (Yr 10)

Writing Competition:

1st Place - Luke Beaton (Yr 8), 2nd Place - Frank Constable (Yr 7)

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A massive thank you to all of the local businesses that sponsored the event and provided some amazing prizes for our students to win:

- Byron Bay Chocolate Co.
- Crystal Castle
- Tweed Heads Ten Pin Bowling
- Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary
- Three Blue Ducks Restaurant
- Northern Rivers Cycle and Bike Hire

Mr. Ben Harris



EXPLORING AEROPONICS

This semester, the Year 7 High Achievers class had the opportunity to explore Agriculture as part of their Science lessons. Mullumbimby High School successfully applied for a loan of an aeroponics kit from the NSW Department of Education, available for use throughout Semester 2. Aeroponics is a method of growing plants where the roots are suspended in air and misted with nutrient solution.

In Term 3, the students researched and selected a diverse range of plants to grow, including lettuce, silverbeet, zucchini, parsley, eggplant, capsicum, peas, passionfruit, and viola. They have been documenting the growth of their plants with photos and record-keeping on a class Google Site. By Week 9, the seedlings had grown large enough to be transferred to the aeroponics tower, where they will continue to grow until harvest.



YOUNG BUDDING FLORISTS

As part of the Year 10 Agriculture course, students were tasked with creating a flower bouquet as their assessment, following their study of the cut flower industry. Over Terms 2 and 3, the class explored bouquet design and practiced their skills by collecting materials from the school grounds and assembling arrangements during class.

In Week 9, students were provided with a variety of flowers and foliage for their assessment and asked to design a bouquet that captured the essence of 'Spring.' After two periods of hard work, they produced vibrant, colourful arrangements worthy of a florist's praise. Well done, Year 10 Agriculture!



AGRICULTURE AND THE SCHOOL FARM

It has been a very eventful, educational and fun term 3 in Agriculture. Earlier in the term we had the pleasure of a visit from our visiting Japanese students. For some it was their first time holding a rabbit and/or feeding sheep and goats. The smiles on their faces were from ear to ear.

Our 100-hour class enjoyed upskilling their Animal husbandry techniques by learning how to bath and groom our parent rabbits as well as learning some useful building skills through helping fox-proof our Ag farm gates and fences. We have also had some new introductions at the Ag farm with a couple of baby rabbits (kittens) being welcomed into the world in early spring. Our year 10 class has been busy learning to drive our Kybota tractor heading towards getting their school tractor licences.

The highlight of the term was the annual EKKA excursion in Brisbane. Our students (and staff) had the pleasure of immersing themselves in an array of agriculture industry related exhibitions and shows as well as side show alley with its multitude of rides and show bags of course. All in all, a fantastic term for one and all. Finally, we would like to wish our year 12 class all the very best with preparing for their HSC exam. It has been a pleasure teaching them and have no doubt that they will all be perfect fits for whichever career they choose.

Mr Eddy Buckingham



TEXTILES AND DESIGN

As we close another exciting and productive term in Textiles, we celebrate the outstanding work and learning experiences our students have undertaken across all year levels. Their dedication, creativity, and hard work have resulted in some truly impressive achievements.

Our Year 8 students successfully completed their quilted laptop cases this term, producing some fantastic results. Not only are these cases creative and skillfully made, but they also serve a practical purpose—keeping their BYOD devices safe during transit to and from school.

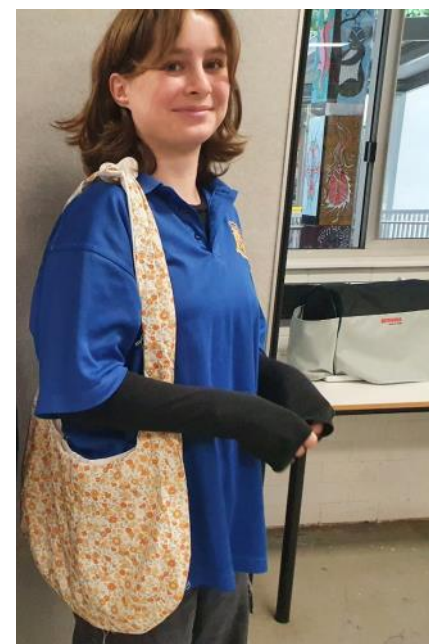
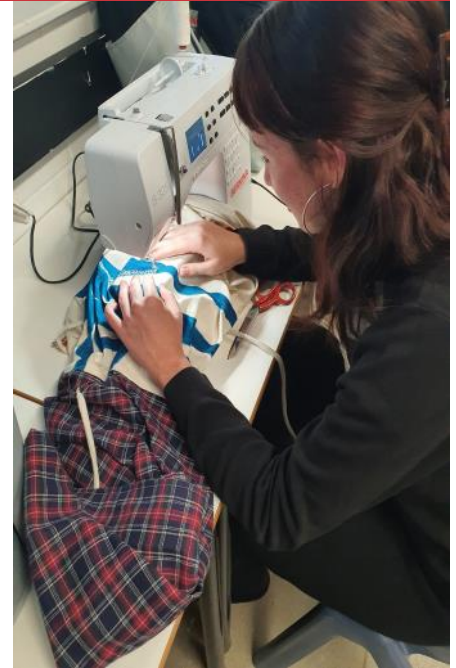
In Year 9, students finished their vibrant textile art wall hangings. After a term dedicated to mastering various decorative techniques such as fabric dyeing, painting, printing, embroidery, appliqué, beading, and free-motion quilting, their final pieces reflect their individual personalities and styles. The creativity and craftsmanship on display have been outstanding!

Year 10 wrapped up their PJ set early this term and is currently working on their mini major projects, allowing them to apply all the skills they've gained in Year 9 and 10 to a project of their choosing. With apparel, non-apparel, and textile art pieces all in progress, we're seeing remarkable creativity in their choices. We look forward to seeing these projects completed next term.

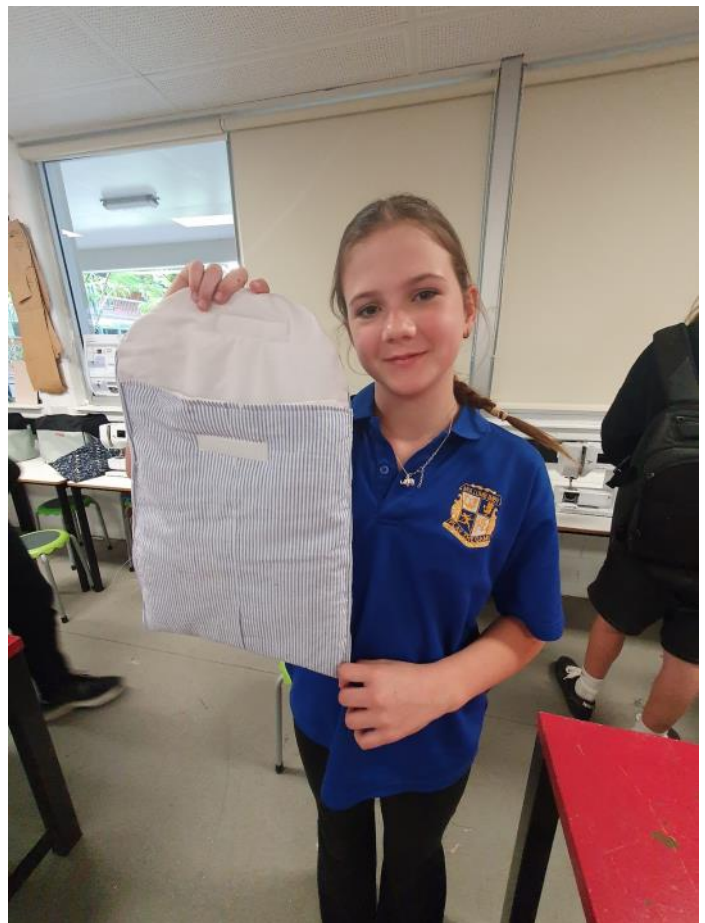
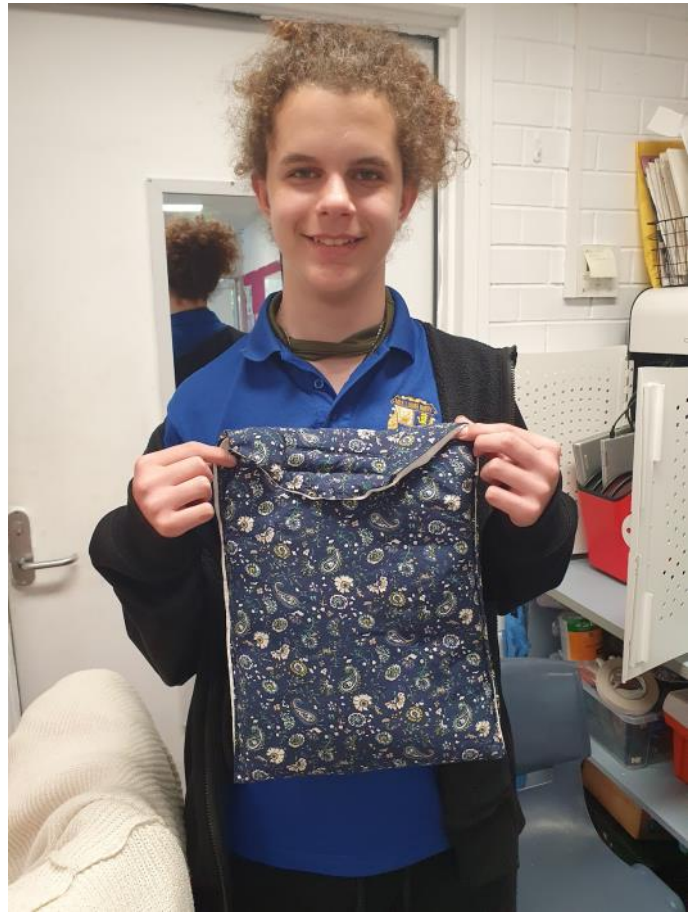
Our Year 11 students wrapped up their final major projects for the year, pushing themselves to explore new techniques while refining their existing skills. Their work included crochet pieces, textile art sculptures, wearable art, and apparel items like button-up shirts, dressing gowns, skirts, and dresses. Each project reflected their personal style and growth as textile artists.

For our Year 12 students, this term marked the completion of their HSC major projects, and they are now preparing for their final exams. In their final unit of work, they have been focusing on sustainable and ethical choices within the textiles industry. To reinforce these lessons, Year 12 went on their final excursion to the op shops in Byron Bay, where they practiced making sustainable fashion choices. This hands-on experience allowed students to apply their understanding of ethical and eco-friendly fashion as they explored creative ways to reuse and repurpose garments.

In addition, Year 10 and 11 students were fortunate to visit the Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) in Brisbane, where they experienced the stunning Iris van Herpen exhibition. This immersive showcase featured 130 garments and accessories, paired with contemporary artworks, natural history specimens, and cultural artifacts that inspire van Herpen's groundbreaking designs. Known for creating pieces for the likes of Beyoncé, Björk, and Lady Gaga, van Herpen blends traditional hand-crafting techniques with advanced technologies such as 3D printing, drawing on inspiration from the natural world and science. This exhibition was an incredible source of inspiration for our students as they explore new possibilities in textiles. — **Mrs Ashley Crawford**













CAREERS

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world." – Mahatma Gandhi

Year 12

As our Year 12 students embark on their HSC exams, I personally wish all students every success and especially as they continue to venture on many journeys. In Term 4, I will be available for students and their parents to connect with and assist as required, particularly for our students that have applied for university to help navigate their offers.

There are several resources to explore post-school options, including:

Mullumbimby High School Careers website – mullumbimbycareers.com.au

Year 13 website is another great resource - <https://year13.com.au/>

MyFuture - <https://myfuture.edu.au/>

Byron Community College – are coordinating School Leaver courses at fee-free or low cost, i.e. Barista training for Year 12 school leavers, and once advertised, we will provide details.

CONNECT Northern Rivers – <https://connectnr.com/wio/>

For students that leave school and are uncertain about their future, CONNECT Northern Rivers offer the Work It Out program that supports young people aged 15 to 21 in the Richmond-Tweed, Clarence Valley, Coffs Coast and Bellingen regions who are not currently engaged with education, training, or employment. Work it Out can help find a pathway – whether it's getting into a training course, reconnecting to education, finding employment, or landing an apprenticeship or traineeship.

CONNECT Northern Rivers also produce the School Leavers Guide –

https://connectnr.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/2024-Master-School-Leaver-Guide-Final_EditTitle.pdf

White Card Course

Thank you to Aaron Madritsch, our internal trainer for supporting students in Year 9, 10, 11 & 12 with attaining the General Construction Induction Card (White Card). This has been a significant change for students at MHS in that we can now offer this course at a very reduced price through the Department of Education RTO with Aaron as our trainer.



Year 10 Work Experience

This term for students that were not engaged with the Year 10 Snow Trip, there were 30 students that participated in work experience ranging from construction; barbering/hairdressing; environmental science; education; hospitality; retail; marine and journalism. We sincerely thank our local employers for continuing to support this initiative. All Year 10 students will engage in work experience during Week 8, Term 4 and information will be provided at the start of Term 4.

Northern Rivers Careers Expo

On Tuesday 25 July, Year 10 students attended the Northern Rivers Careers Expo coordinated by CONNECT Northern Rivers at Lismore Showgrounds. This annual event provides students with the opportunity to engage with Apprenticeship Organisations, Career Pathway Advisers, Employers, Tertiary Education, Training Providers, Universities and Volunteer Organisations. Once again, Mullumbimby High School participated in the Ready Steady Cook competition and overcame a few challenges including the electric portable stove switching off during their cook-off and needing to swap to a gas stove. Huge acknowledgement to MHS Hospitality Trainer, Ms Leah Samios and Year 11 student, Amasra King-Fletcher for their awesome effort. A special moment was when Emcee Mandy Nolan interviewed MHS School Captain, John Ray who was last year's winner of the Ready Steady Cook competition. John was at the Careers Expo with TAFE NSW sharing with students his incredible experience of studying the Certificate III in Health Services Assistance (AIN).



Baribunmani Wanyi Ngay Aboriginal Youth Careers Program

A huge thank you to Chloe Power, SLSO and Aboriginal Education Officer (relieving), for assisting with the coordination of our Aboriginal students to attend a fun and interesting day to explore allied health careers. Coordinated by Dr Marcelle Townsend-Cross, Senior Lecturer (Teaching and Research), and her team from the University Centre for Rural Health, Faculty of Medicine and Health, The University of Sydney. Supported by Tracy Bolt, RIEP, students explored nursing, pharmacy and physiotherapy careers. CPR was performed on the University's 'patients' and the students explored being a pharmacist with the creation of webster packs.

Big Day in Technology, Griffith University

Students studying Information Technology were invited to attend the Big Day in Technology at Griffith University coordinated by the ACS Foundation. Students engaged with exhibitors from a range of IT organisations and presentations from Woolworths Group; Gameloft Brisbane; Westpac; Wisetech Global delivered current information on career opportunities and prospects, particularly in cyber-security. Thank you to David Steedman, Head Teacher, TAS relieving, for assisting with the coordination of this activity.





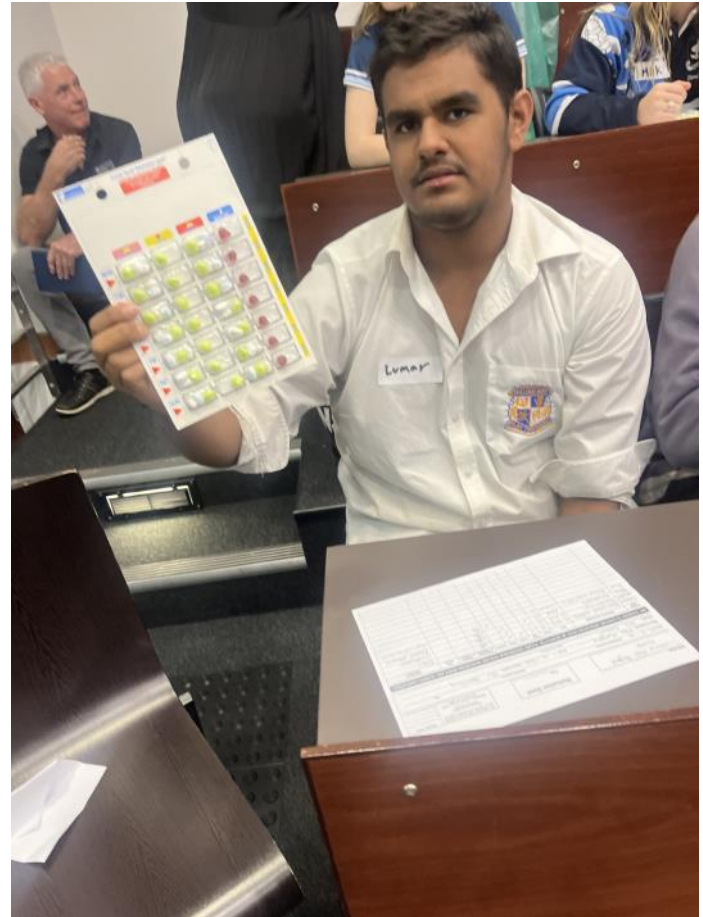
EPP START YOUR FUTURE

This term, every Friday, a group of Year 10 students interested in VET pathways have attended Kingscliff TAFE as part of the EPP TAFE START YOUR FUTURE program. In particular, our bakery students would share mouth-watering baked goods with staff and students on their return. Students are provided with the opportunity to explore TAFE courses in Bakery, Beauty, Early Childhood Education and Care and Aviation.

Mullumbimby High School is a participating school in the Educational Pathways Program, a Department of Education initiative that complements existing careers education activities through the provision of additional resources, including two key roles; Head Teacher Careers and SBAT Engagement Officer, to ensure students have access to advice and training pathways. In addition, our students are engaged with industry opportunities coordinated by the Regional Industry Education Partnerships program, the DET Pathways Engagement program and CONNECT Northern Rivers. We thank Vanessa Perrin, Head Teacher, Careers, EPP; Rachel Copeland, SBAT Engagement Officer; Tracy Bolt, REIP; Rikki Bowden, PEO and Ben Swords, CONNECT NR for your continued support of students at Mullumbimby High School and providing a range of career education opportunities. Special thanks also to the Mullumbimby High School Executive, Year Advisers and staff who continue to support our career education programs with acknowledgement of Mrs Toni Elliott, Head Teacher, Senior Studies for continued involvement in supporting the MHS career program and the Year 12 UNI Lunchtime sessions.

Ms Leanne Clarkson, Careers Adviser





Learning about medical professions

PROCEDURES FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE MONITORING AND FOLLOW UP AS IT IS A LEGAL REQUIREMENT

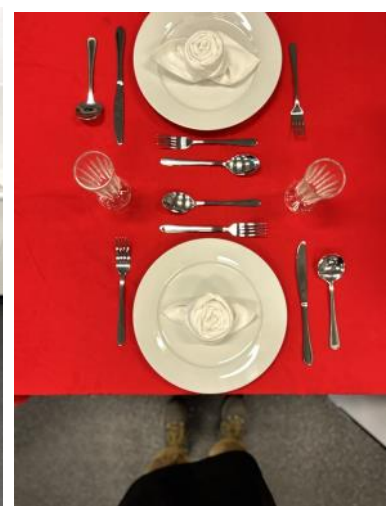
- **WHOLE DAY ABSENT** – On the day of absence, a SMS text asking to explain absences will be sent to parent.
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- **PARTIAL ABSENT** – Day of partial absence, an email will be sent asking to explain partial absence.
- **PARTIAL ABSENT** - Next day, a reminder email will be sent asking to explain any outstanding unexplained partial absence from the day before.
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FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Term 3 has been a bustling and exciting time in the **Food Technology kitchens**. We are thrilled to be back in our newly refurbished spaces and have full access to our kitchen gardens once again. The refreshed environment has brought a new sense of energy to our classes. Year 8 students have been exploring a variety of dishes from different cultures, while Year 9 has delved into the Foods of Australia unit, focusing on the culinary influences that shape our national identity. As part of their assessment, Year 9 students were tasked with creating an inventive pie flavour, drawing inspiration from two or more cultural cuisines, whether sweet or savoury.

Year 10 students have been exceptionally busy honing their catering skills, tackling a range of different scenarios. Whether it's mastering table settings for fine dining, perfecting the art of sponge cakes, or designing a dish ideal for a food truck event, they've shown great creativity and dedication. For their recent assessment, students were challenged to create a dish suitable for sale at a food truck, with the theme of "The Last Ever Bluesfest."

— *Ms Leah Samios*



SCHOOL LIBRARY

Our School Library continues to be the showcase of Mullumbimby High School.

The soundproofing installation was completed toward the end of Term 2. Aside from it being artistically beautiful it is extremely functional allowing the library to operate at full capacity as an open learning center for up to 100 students at any time.

Furthermore, I commissioned Nickolla Clark, a young Arakwal woman of the Bundjalung nation, who resides in the Byron Shire to paint for us an original piece titled Mulli Mulli Jagun (Small Hill Country) which depicts the Coolam-on scenic range sweeping into the grasslands behind Mullumbimby including Chincogan hills. We were presented with our beautiful painting on Monday 23 September and are honoured to display the talent of this First Nations young woman within our school library.

MHS school library is one of the few school libraries in the Northern Rivers that values the importance of paperback and hardcover literature over e-books.

Over the last two years, I have managed to re-stock the library with an abundance of Fiction, Non-Fiction, Teaching Resources, Graphic novels, and Picture books for our students to enjoy.

In addition, I financially supported different faculty areas within the school with the purchase of new textbooks and teaching resources to support the implementation of the new Stage 5 and 6 Syllabus.

Similarly, I was pleased to support one of our local small businesses by sourcing \$3000 worth of literature from our very own little gem, The Mullumbimby Book Shop.

Additionally, In Term 4, the graphic art installation will be installed externally on the western wall of the library. Not only will our library space be beautiful internally but externally as well. Watch out for more news to come on this initiative. Our library continues to be a popular space amongst Yr 12 students who are forever grateful for their cafe-styled Senior Hub, a specialised area within the library that is designated specifically for them to study privately.

Throughout the Term, the library space has been transformed into a lecture theatre where we have hosted Parent - Teacher evenings, information nights, guest speakers, subject selection interviews for students, and much more.

The weekly Homework Club is growing in popularity operating out of our library every Thursday afternoon between 3pm and 4pm. We have officially been in our new library for one year and I am extremely proud of the sublime space that Mr James Clarke and I have created. The library is a whole school resource utilised all day, every day. In a couple of years, when it is time to say goodbye to Mullumbimby High, after 38 years in education, I will be proud of the legacy I have created. — **Mrs Rachel Dean, Relieving Teacher Librarian**



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CONNECTION DESK

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH
MULLUMBIMBY HIGH SCHOOL**

**BOOKINGS AVAILABLE BETWEEN
9:00AM - 3:00PM**

Come and meet with an NDIS Local Area Coordinator (LAC) at our Mullumbimby High School Connection Desk. The 30 minute, one to one consultation, is an opportunity to have all of your NDIS related questions answered:

- Learn more about the NDIS and how to apply
- Help to understand your NDIS plan and how to use it to its full potential
- Understand what supports are available in the community if you don't have a NDIS plan.
- Opportunity to speak with an industry expert about any of your NDIS or disability related questions

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SPORT — TENNIS

Marielou is a highly respected individual and an invaluable asset to our school, region, and state. She exemplifies the work ethic and humility of an elite athlete, representing her state with unmatched passion and pride. Her leadership qualities are beyond her years, making her an outstanding role model and inspiration to everyone involved in NSW tennis.

Marielou's outstanding achievements representing Mullumbimby High School is making the Regional finals for the last 3 consecutive years, She has qualified as the number 1 player for the North Coast two years running. She won the silver medal at the NSWCHS Individual championships. Winning gold in the mixed doubles and bronze in girls doubles. She was selected at the Number 4 position for the NSWAS side. Marielou went undefeated in the teams competition winning crucial matches in close ties against WA and QLD. Marielou was then selected in the All Australian team.

Marielou's North Coast Open Girls team recently came fourth at the NSW CHS State Championships and she was voted player of the tournament.

Marielou is a shining example of the quality of students within the NSW education system. I have deeply appreciated her dedication to developing her knowledge, skills, and abilities, and her commitment to raising the high standards we expect from our sporting students. Marielou's relentless pursuit of excellence and her unwavering work ethic will undoubtedly lead to success not only in Tennis but in all her future endeavours. Marielou has recently accepted an offer to attend West Michigan University on a full sporting scholarship to compete in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division 1 Competition.

WTA tour lookout!

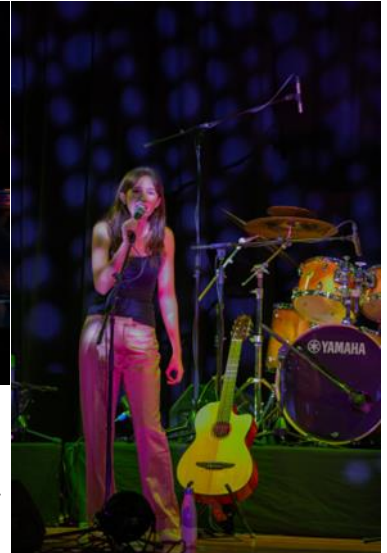
— *Bill Thompson, Teacher*



MUSIC

A Thrilling Term for Music at Mullumbimby High School!

This term has been nothing short of extraordinary for the Music at Mullumbimby High School. From dazzling performances to students representing the school at community events, the level of talent and dedication on display has been truly remarkable. The energy and passion for music within our school have never been stronger, with students across all year levels taking part in a wide range of musical activities. Whether it's on the assembly stage, in the classroom, or in the wider community, Mullumbimby High's students have consistently shown their commitment to excellence in the arts. Their creativity, hard work, and collaborative spirit have made this term an unforgettable one for everyone involved.



- CAPA Showcase:** The highly anticipated Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) Showcase took center stage this term, and it exceeded all expectations! The showcase was a breathtaking celebration of the arts, where students from every year level came together to deliver standout performances across a wide range of artistic disciplines. The night was filled with everything from mesmerizing musical performances to striking visual displays, all of which captured the creative spirit of our school. The audience was left in awe as students demonstrated their immense talent, hard work, and dedication to their art. The showcase proved to be an unforgettable experience, leaving everyone with a deep sense of pride in our school's community.
- Year 12 HSC Performances:** This term also marked a significant milestone for our Year 12 music students, who completed their HSC music performance assessments. These talented individuals have poured months of hard work into preparing for this pivotal moment, and their performances reflected their dedication and skill. From intricate classical compositions to powerful modern pieces, the students delivered high-caliber performances that impressed not only their peers and teachers but also external assessors. Their confidence and artistry shone brightly, and the depth of their musical understanding was on full display. These performances weren't just the culmination of years of study—they were a true celebration of each student's musical journey. We have no doubt that these students will continue to shine, both academically and creatively, in their future endeavors.
- Congratulations Year 12 student Satria Sutena who has been **nominated for his Music Performance** for possible inclusion in ENCORE, which presents a selection of outstanding major works by HSC Music students in NSW including performance, composition and musicology. It will be held at the Sydney Opera House on Monday 24 February 2025.

- **Assembly Performances:** Throughout the term, our talented music students have graced school assemblies with incredible performances, sharing their passion and skill with the entire school community. These regular showcases not only highlighted their musical abilities but also fostered a sense of pride and excitement throughout the school.
- **Representing Our School in the Wider Community:** Several of our students had the privilege of representing Mullumbimby High in various musical events across the broader community. Their performances not only demonstrated their remarkable talent but also served as a shining example of the school's strong musical culture and spirit.
- **Lunch Out Loud with Budjerah:** One of the standout moments of the term was the *Lunch Out Loud* event featuring ARIA-winning artist Budjerah. His incredible performance energized and inspired students, adding even more excitement to an already dynamic term.

This term has been a true celebration of the incredible musical talents at Mullumbimby High School. We couldn't be prouder of all our students, and we eagerly look forward to what's next in our vibrant music scene! Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to celebrate the artistic spirit of our school. — **Joshua Sharp**



BUDJERAH AT OUR SCHOOL



On Tuesday 24 September, Budjerah blew the roof off the hall with his incredible performance. What a massive talent! MHS are so grateful that he took the time from his busy tour schedule to share his talent and time with us. Budjerah sang four beautiful songs, did a Q&A and then spent 40 minutes signing autographs and getting pictures with the students.

This was such a treat for the end of a busy term. Thank you to Warner Music and their great initiative, Schools Out Loud. Thank you to Budjerah and his team. Thanks to the teachers for organising the hall and logistics and thank you to our wonderful students for bringing the energy, enthusiasm, excellent questions and best behaviour. Apparently Budjerah enjoyed our school so much that

LIFE READY

Year 11 Life Ready students have completed their Life Ready program this term. They have explored career options, learned about sexual health and healthy relationships, how to Study Without Stress, completed their First Aid certificate, attended a Legal Aid and Financial services workshop and volunteered at the Mullumbimby District Neighbourhood Centre cooking 300 meals for those in need. It has been a jam packed course! The MDNC were so appreciative of the efforts of our students that they threw them a thank you BBQ with spectacular cakes and all.

— *Kellie Gough*



NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATION



NAIDOC Week Celebration was held on Monday 29 July due to storms earlier in the month. Our Aboriginal students showcased tradition, dance and storytelling with the primary schools and it was wonderful to welcome the community to our school and experience such an amazing morning. Our visiting Japanese exchange students were also in attendance and enjoyed the program.

We were very proud of all our students.

VOLLEY BALL GAME — YEAR 12 vs TEACHERS



At lunch on their last Friday at school, the traditional Year 12 vs Teacher Volleyball Game was held. Despite students having an enormous team, teachers still won 2 games to none. Wishing the students better luck on Monday when they play the teachers in Dodgeball.



DRESS UP DAYS FOR YEAR 12's LAST WEEK



The theme was dressing up as your favourite teacher or future career!

SPORT, LIFESTYLE AND RECREATION

This year, Year 12 Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation students were engaged in the Outdoor Recreation unit of work and it culminated in a bushwalk to the base of Minyon Falls with the PDHPE Support class. Students had investigated bush survival skills and planned the trip, including identifying the food and clothing required for this excursion.

At the start of term, SLR students learnt the skills and etiquette involved in lawn bowls and would like to thank Mullumbimby Bowling Club for hosting our class. — *Mr Lachlan McKenzie*



SPORT RESULTS

ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all our Athletes who competed at the North Coast Athletics Championships Below are the individual results. Student Results:

Liam L	1st High Jump, 1st relay, 4th 100m
Zac B-	4th 400m, 5th 100m
12 years boys relay - 1st	
Rocco	5th 1500m
Oakie	1st Discus
Kyla C.	4th 3000m
Taminya	5th Discus, 5th Javelin
Rhianna	6th Javelin
Mia. M	3rd Discus, 3rd Shotput, 5th 200m, 5th 100m
Ella. B	6th Javelin
Kye S	1st Javelin, 1st Shotput, 3rd Discus

FUTSAL

This term saw the continuation of the success of our Futsal program. Finn McKenzie toured Brazil as a member of the 16 years Schools Australian team. Our 16 years girls team won the South Coast Queensland division of the VETO Futsal Cup. While the boys 14 years team are undefeated in the VETO Futsal Cup and will continue this competition in Term 4. The newly formed 14 years girls team have gained valuable experience and with the tutelage of coach Brian Hedge won the Far North Coast Combined High Schools Futsal knockout tournament.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all our Athletes who competed at the NSW Combined High Schools Athletics Championships which was held at Sydney Olympic Park. Special mention to LJ and Kye who both won medals at the event. Kye won a Bronze medal in the 12-15 years multi class Javelin and LJ won Gold in the 12 years High Jump with a jump of 1.45m. Kye also competed in shot put and discus and LJ was a member of the 12 years relay team. Great effort from all involved.



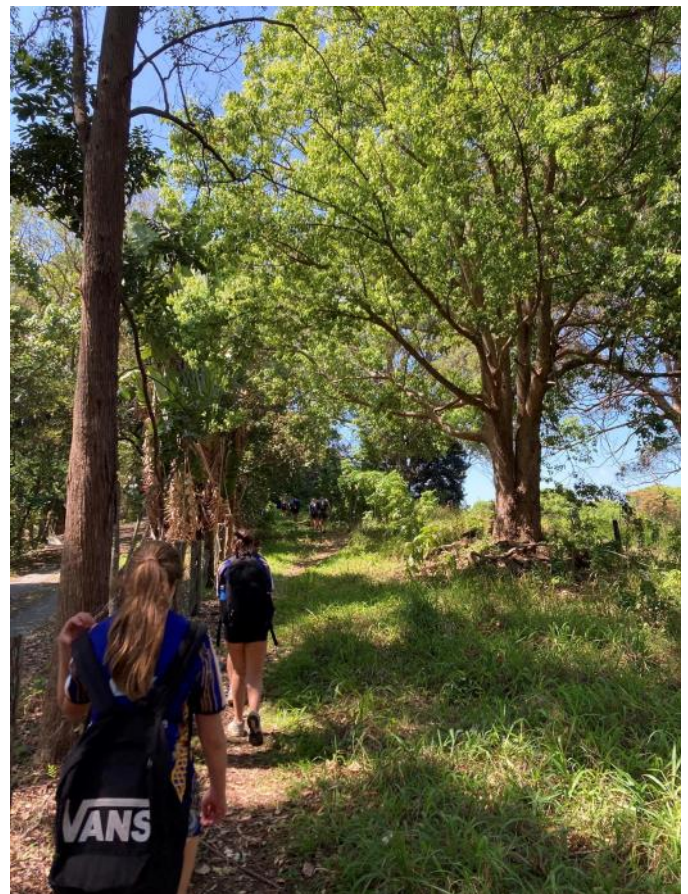
Liam-John Ludlow aka LJ

Kye Shepherd-Newell



SPORTS EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

Our students in the Year 7 Sports Excellence program had a challenging day hiking 18km of the Border track. The undulating path with stunning views of the Gold Coast and local wildlife watching on tested the students' stamina and resilience as the day progressed. Triple World Recorder holder Dave Alley was there to mentor the students and his experience as an ultra endurance athlete helped everyone to make it to the end of the course. Thanks Dave and well done Year 7.



SNOW TRIP

Students rose early on Sunday 28 July to meet at Coolangatta airport as they commenced their journey to the ski fields. The predication was for some fresh powder during the week and all students had a great time.



SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY

If you have missed out on ordering school photos, you can visit the School Photographer's website and organise ordering them online directly: <https://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au/> If you need the school code for this year, here it is: **X6009SC52M**

ABSENT, LATE OR EARLY PROCEDURES: IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL, LET US KNOW THEY ARE SAFE.

Phone: 6684 2600 Email: mullumbimb-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Office Hours: 8:30am to 3:30pm - Monday to Friday



COMING IN LATE? School starts at 8.50am including senior students. If students arrive after that time and miss CARE (roll call and important messages for the day), please call the school to explain why they are late or provide a note for them when they sign in. All students who have missed roll-call need to come to Student Services to sign in. Parents will be notified by SMS of the late arrival of their student if no valid explanation has been provided.

LEAVING EARLY? Only valid reasons approved by the Principal will be authorised. The request leave note should be at Students Service **BEFORE 9am** and a leave pass will be processed. We highly encourage for appointments to be organised outside of normal school times or during school holidays.

MESSAGES TO STUDENTS. Only **URGENT** messages will be passed on to students. Please call **BEFORE 2pm**. Thank you for your support. We cannot guarantee all your messages will be passed on. It is important for families to organise and discuss after school activities BEFORE school starts to avoid disturbing the classroom and worrying students during school hours.

MOVING? CHANGING PHONE NUMBER?

Have you changed your email address or phone number? Has your family situation changed (divorce, move, death in the family)? Please remember to let the school know as soon as possible. In the event of an emergency with your children at Mullumbimby High School, it's critical that our records are up to date so that we can reach you quickly. Change of address needs to be supported by a proof of residence.



Please contact the front office staff to check details and make changes. Ph. 6684 2600



HOLIDAYS DURING SCHOOL TIME

A reminder to our school community that the NSW Department of Education 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.



Ocean Shores Art Expo 2024
Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th of November
Secondary Schools Competition: Conditions of Entry

1. Each student is welcomed to make **ONE** entry only per section. Entry is free.
2. Entries in the secondary sections **close on Tuesday the 22nd of October at 3.00pm**. They are to be delivered to the front office of either, Mullumbimby High School, Byron Bay High School or Cape Byron Steiner School. Contact the co-ordinator if alternative arrangements are required.
Late entries will not be accepted. Entries will be returned to each school site after the Expo.
3. There are seven sections for the competition. **There is an amount of \$100** available for judges to award, for each section. Generally it will be awarded as follows:
\$50 for 1st prize, \$30 for 2nd prize, \$20 for 3rd prize and Certificates of Commendation.
Note: The judges may vary this allocation dependent on the nature and number of entries in each category.

The judges decision will be final. The sections are:

- Water colour/gouache
- Oil/acrylic
- Mixed media
- Print making/drawing/pastels
- Sculpture
- Photography / Digital Art

4. Entries should be based on the annual theme. **In 2024, the theme is "Myths & Stories."**
5. Entrants must be currently enrolled at a secondary school in the Brunswick Valley or Byron Shire. Home Schooling students in Byron Shire may also enter.
6. Entries should meet the following conditions :
The entry must be clearly labeled on the back with the, **Title of Artwork , Section Entered, Artist full name, School and the Year Enrolled at school. The labels MUST be supplied by the artist. Entries will not be accepted if not correctly labeled.**

All 2D art work **MUST** be able to be hung or mounted (using Blu Tack) to a wall.
Oils must be dry.

Please note that the maximum size for hanging works is 75 cm x 75 cm.
3D sculptures footprint no larger than 75cm by 75cm. Height 75cm maximum.
Must be able to be carried easily by one person.

Refer to www.osartexpo.com

Any enquiries should be directed to Stephen Oliver 6680 1237

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barista Courses



Learn how to make the perfect espresso, latte, cappuccino, and more
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Tuesdays 15th & 29th October

4 to 7pm

Fee: \$100



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