Principal’s Message
Year 7 students recently attended a three day camp at Lennox Head. This event has great importance in their high school lives and is often referenced by students in later years as a high point. Thank you to the staff and students who supported the camp and a special thank you to the organiser, Mr Carl Marshall and all the staff who worked with him to make sure the camp was a success. Below are some photos from the Year 7 Camp.
Year 6 into 7 Information Evening
On Tuesday 23 February approximately 100 people attended our information evening for 2017 Year 7 students and their parents. They were treated to entertaining performances from Year 11 students Audrey Spence and Brennah Mackie. They also heard from Year 12 students Tom Plater and Tyrin Waina as well as Year 8 student Cate Lindsay about what engages them at Murwillumbah High School. Thanks to Ms Julie Bush and Ms Julie Lister for their organisation of the night, especially the very popular tour of the school. Thank you to our Year 8 & 10 helpers. (Photograph left)

Primary School Visits
I had the pleasure of visiting our local primary schools with teacher Casey Paron, who will be our Year 7 student adviser next year, and our school captains and vice-captains. Tom Plater and Sarah Trevaskis accompanied us on Monday and Tyrin Waina and Patrick Power on Tuesday. It was fantastic to see our young student leaders rising to the challenge of explaining to Year 6 students what is so great about being a student at Murwillumbah High School. They did a brilliant job. I am so proud of them.

Meet the Teachers
This afternoon event to enable parents of Year 7 students to meet their teachers was a great success. It gave parents the opportunity to speak with teachers of their children and ask any questions they may have had. Thank you to Mrs Lister for organising the afternoon and a special thank you to her and her staff for the scones, with jam and cream, which were very popular. (Photograph next page)

Youth Frontiers
Youth Frontiers is an exciting program offered to students in year 8 and 9. The focus is on “making a difference” through a community project. 16 students will be matched with a community mentor and will plan, pitch and implement a project about which they are passionate. This initiative will build leadership skills and allow students to apply classroom learning to tackle real issues in the community. (Photograph below right)

Business Studies at Dreamworld
On Friday 26th February the HSC Business Studies class attended a marketing lecture at Dreamworld. Following the lecture an inspection of the business was required, including the opportunity to sample their product offerings. It was an informative and fun day for the Year 12 students and teacher, who now realises he is too old for most rides. The students will be able to take the practical information into their HSC exams later this year. (Photograph next page)

T5 Maths Enrichment Day
On the 26th of February, HSC Mathematics and Extension 2 Mathematics students from all of the T5 schools gathered at South Tweed Sports Club for an out-of-the-ordinary learning experience. The day consisted of workshops presented by teachers from each of the T5 schools. Based on feedback from students and teachers, these days are a complete success on many levels. Students get a full day focused on preparing their maths knowledge and skills for their upcoming HSC exam. They also get to network with fellow T5 students and learn from highly experienced teachers from other schools. Students more often than not comment that they feel more prepared for their HSC exam after a T5 HSC Maths Study Day. These days are also a valuable professional learning experience for the teachers who present and also for the teachers that attend the day with their students. These T5 study days are a positive experience for everyone involved (photograph below left)
Touch
On Thursday 25th the FNC trials for U15 Touch were held at Murwillumbah High with Mr Thomas leading the day. A total of seven players were chosen in the FNC team who will travel to Bowraville in week 7 including Kade Hill, Brandon and Nelson Ewing, Tom Vickery, Dan Butturini, Harry Bell and Riley Lack.

Volleyball
On Tuesday 23rd the NC Volleyball trials were held in Byron Bay. Most of the FNC boys team were from Murwillumbah High with the strong coaching and leadership of Carl Marshall. Tom Plater, Noel Rostron, Coan Rostron, Aaron Baker, Cormac White as well as shadows Kyle Jeffer-Prestwich, Seth Baker, Jackson Tompkinson were all chosen for the NC team who will travel to Sydney East to compete in the CHS state championships. Lucy Henderson was selected in the FNC girls team.

Football
On Friday 26th the Northern FNC football trials were held in Murwillumbah. This was a gala day where the first two rounds of the CHS knockout are played and a team is selected to play against a Southern FNC team the following Friday where a FNC team is selected. In the knockout Mr Mitchell’s Murwillumbah boys defeated Wollumbin (prelim), Banora Point and Kingscliff to progress to round three. Lachlan Southgate starred with a total of 7 goals on the day. Seven Murwillumbah players were chosen in the Northern FNC team including Lachlan Southgate, Ethan Williams, Aaron Baker, Liam Baker, Vinny Brockbank, Cormac White and Sam Chesterfield. In the Girls competition Mr White’s team met a very strong Kingscliff team in round one but defeated Banora Point in the repechage. Grace Gilliland and Roxanna Hawk were rewarded with selection in the North FNC team.

AFL
The FNC U15 AFL trials were held in Byron Bay on Friday the 19th. Individuals had to nominate and make their own way there. Charlie Trevaskis was our only entrant and he impressed the coaches to be chosen for FNC. He will now travel to Coffs Harbour on the 11th March to try out for North Coast.

Rugby League
On Tuesday 1st March the FNC open and U15 Rugby League trials were held at Kingscliff. The following students were chosen for the teams and will now play a Northern Rivers team for further selection in a Northern North Coast Team. Well done to - Opens: Nick Andreas and Connah Mills. U15’s: Tom Vickery, Harrison Bell, Kade Hill, Brandon Ewing, Nelson Ewing and Allan Kelly. On a side note ... For the second year in a row one of our graduating Year 12 students has been chosen in the South Sydney Rabbitohs Under-20s team. Well done to Riley Yates for a well-deserved achievement.

Lions Youth of the Year
Year 12 student and School Captain Sarah Trevaskis recently participated in the local round of Lions Youth of the Year contest, which is sponsored each year by Lions clubs around Australia and around the world. The students participate in an extended interview, impromptu speeches and a five minute prepared speech. Sarah spoke about the importance of family and the changing nature of families in modern society, especially given the influence of social media. She won the public speaking section. Well done Sarah. (Photograph below right)

I am looking forward relieving as Principal for the remainder of 2016.

Michael McNamara
Picking up students at the end of the school day

The traffic situation at both the top (Riverview St) and bottom (Nullum St) entries to the school is extremely dangerous at the end of the school day as over 500 students make their way out the gates to wait for buses, walk or ride home, or be collected by parents and/or other family members.

The turning area at the Riverview Street entrance was not designed as a major traffic or parking area. At the moment the number of cars parking in this turning area at the end of the school day is causing traffic backups which protrude out into, and along, Riverview Street. This puts students, those vehicles and passing traffic at risk.

The “bus bay” area in Nullum Street behind the school is also an extremely dangerous area to stop to collect students.

In the interests of student and general traffic safety parents are requested to arrange to collect students either just inside the gates at the Nullum Street entry or further along Nullum Street near, or beyond, Auto 1.

Parents are requested, if at all possible, to avoid collecting their children at the Riverview St entry to the school.

Leaving school early

If a student needs to leave school early then they must bring a signed note from a parent to the Deputy Principal before 9am explaining their reason for leaving early. Please be aware that early leave is not to be used for lunch or for things that can be done outside school time.

Leave will not be granted without a note or parent contact.

Absence Notes

If your child has been absent from school, you can write a note with the following information:

• include your child’s full name and roll class;
• include the date/s and number of days your child was away;
• explain why your child was away;
• include other information as needed.

All absence notes should be given to the roll call teacher within 7 days of the absence.

The student’s absence is unexplained or unjustified if no notice has been provided by parents within 7 days of the occurrence of the absence OR the absence has been explained by the parent but the reason provided, e.g. shopping trip, birthday, is not accepted by the Principal.

Leave for more than 10 days requires a minimum of one month’s notice and a DEC exemption form to be completed.

Leave for less than 10 days requires at least three weeks notice and a letter to the Principal seeking approval.

What happens if your child is ill at school

Please do not send students to school if they are feeling ill or have uncovered wounds. It will require us to phone you to come and collect your child. If a student presents with an illness or injury during the school day we will contact you.

If your child phones you on their mobile to say they are ill advise them to follow school procedures and to go to First Aid to be assessed, and the school will call you. Please do not ask them to meet you out the front of the school.

It is very important we are aware of their circumstances and that they are collected from the Administration Office.

Update Your Details

Have you moved, got a new email address or changed phone numbers? Please inform the front office of any changes in your living situation so we can contact you if the need arises.

Head Start

Southern Cross University has welcomed 102 high-achieving Head-Start students to their Coffs Harbour, Lismore, National Marine Science Centre and Gold Coast campuses. Tiani Freeman from our school has joined this group studying the Communication in Organisations unit. Throughout these first two weeks, the students have undertaken campus tours, completed their enrolment, learnt about their units of study, participated in IT Essentials and Library toolbox sessions, as well as collected their ID cards and textbooks and any other resources, which the students were delighted to find out have been provided by SCU.
**Wanted Pre-loved MHS Uniforms**

The school’s used uniform stocks are almost depleted. If you have any used uniform items you no longer require could you please drop them into the front office - they will be greatly appreciated.

**Year 10 “Switched On” Thursday 10th March**

“Switched On” is a mandatory program on respectful relationships delivered by a team of health professionals and service providers across the Tweed. It is a fun & interactive experience for all year 10 students.

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**Enquiry:**

If you have any questions about the above, please feel free to contact Nicole on 0422 469 698 for more information.

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For more information please visit adf.org.au/breakingtheice

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**KICK OFF YOUR SHOES AND HAVE SOME FUN!**

Murwillumbah High School P&C Association invites you to join an afternoon of barefoot bowls at Condong Bowling Club, McLeod St Condong.

$5 per person

All equipment supplied.

**RAFFLES AND LUCKY DRAW TO WIN**

**Sunday 20th March**

2pm-5pm

**barefoot bowls**

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**Week 7**

- Monday 7th March
  - FNC Rugby Union

- Tuesday 8th March
  - NC Swimming Carnival at Kempsey

- Wednesday 9th March
  - NC Swimming Carnival at Kempsey

- Thursday 10th March
  - NC 15s Touch at Bowraville

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**Week 8**

- Monday 14th March
  - Formal Assembley

- Tuesday 15th March
  - P&C Meeting - 6pm

- Thursday 17th March
  - NC Basketball at Port Macquarie

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**Week 9 - Year 12 Assessment Free Period**

- Friday 25th March
  - Good Friday - Public Holiday

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**Week 10 - Year 12 Half Yearly Exams**

- Monday 28th March
  - Easter Monday - Public Holiday

- Thursday 31st March
  - NC Rugby League at Grafton

- Friday 1st April
  - Endeavour published

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**Week 11 - Year 12 Half Yearly Exams**

- Thursday 7th April
  - NC Hockey at Grafton

- Friday 8th April
  - Term 1 ends
Canteen News

Canteen Volunteers Needed
As the main fundraiser for the P&C the Canteen needs more volunteers.

If you can help out in any way – even for a few hours – please ring Marilyn on (02) 6672 2170. If you don’t have any spare time through the week you might be able to help out at our other events which we cater for throughout the year.

We are always looking for that special person who can volunteer their time. If you have 5 hours once a month or term to spare please call me on (02) 6672 2170. We supply your morning tea and lunch and you get to meet other parents and find out what’s happening at the school. We require volunteers on the following days so if you are free please phone me.

Mondays
30th May
29th August
31st October

Tuesdays
29th March
30th August
29th November

Marilyn Butters - Canteen Manager

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The next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th March at 6pm

We encourage parents/caregivers and other members of the community to attend and we especially welcome the parents of our new Year 7 students.

Our P&C is very active and plays a key role in making decisions about the direction and running of the school.

Meetings are held in the Staff Common Room. Enter through the door to the Front Office and continue along the balcony on the same level. Supper will be available during the evening.

Have a say and make a difference to your child’s education.