**A World Class School**

**Ulladulla High School**
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**Back2Basics Less is more**

On one level, turning your lights off for “Back2Basics” is a symbol of environmental and social action. It was an idea born from a need to act, to do something, to rally and to connect. To take a moment to consider the environmental challenges we’re facing (they’re big ‘uns like climate change) and the part that we can play to overcome them. But it’s more than symbolism. It has to be.

So how does a symbolic act translate into action? Well, in the case of “back2basics”, it’s a conversation starter and a prompt to consider, and even change, how we live. And that’s why we see lots of students taking on other environmental projects. It gets you thinking.

And conversations like these have led to other changes at home and at school. Together, we try to work out the best way to lessen our environmental footprint. But for me, ‘Back2Basics’ goes beyond that. It’s an opportunity to both disconnect and reconnect. In this crazy day-to-day life, ‘Back to basics’ is an oasis. It’s the chance to connect with colleagues, students and family and the important things in life, away from the cacophony of the computer, iPad and mobile phone. Maybe for us, ‘Back2Basics’ is really about a bit of old-fashioned together time.

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**Thanks for belonging to a great community.**

**We say thanks!**

We appreciate the outstanding support our community provides to us, in so many areas, from ESL tutoring, Canteen, P & C, grounds, sport, TAFE, apprenticeships, the Men’s Shed, Lions, Rotary, Apex, the Surf Club, Driver’s Ed, the list goes on and on. We appreciate what you provide to us. Every year our students initiate, coordinate and create a superb luncheon. This year it is Year 10 Food Tech and Year 11 Hospitality who have created the most delicious range of delicacies. Absolutely outstanding.

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**Our First Robotics Competition team…**

**Kids, Robots and a Passion for Science**

Our students are making a name for themselves in the highly competitive area of STEM and Robotics. In 2016 we have a number of initiatives being undertaken. Congratulations to all our students who are taking on the challenges. We have just received a grant from usFirst (USA) Argosy Foundation. In addition, Ulladulla High School and Narooma High School have been invited to participate in the Macquarie University Robotics Project. A Macquarie University FRC team will be attending UHS for three days in the first week of February. To enable this outstanding initiative, we are being supported with a grant from the Department of Premier and Cabinet to meet the usual participation costs.

Along with that we have been awarded the Google Australia RFC Rookie Grant. Our First Lego League team progressed to regionals on the 28th November and we have just received an email inviting us, on a wild card entry, to Australia Nations on the 5th December…. Our next step after that is “Worlds” in America. Look out world! A huge thanks to Mr. Macdonell for his leadership of these outstanding initiatives.

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**Principals last word.**

‘Continuous effort – not strength or intelligence – is the key to unlocking our potential’ Winston Churchill

**Unlock your potential.** Don’t ever tell yourself that you’re not good enough. Whether or not you’re good is all but irrelevant. All that matters is that you take the raw material you’ve got and then keep working at it until you get where you want to go.

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**App of the Week**

**Three Ring APP**

The easiest way to capture qualitative evidence of student learning. Three Ring for teachers and students to document anything, organize it in seconds, and have it seamlessly available at school and at home, both in the app AND on the web.

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**Have a fantastic Week!**

Denise Lofts  Principal

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**White Ribbon Day**

On Thursday 26th November all Year 10 students attended the White Ribbon Day Assembly in order to raise awareness about the issue of Domestic Violence. Guest speakers on the day included Mrs Joanne Grant from Ulladulla Domestic Violence Intervention Service and Mr Darren Stephen who both provided a great insight as to why it is important to speak up about the issue, seek support and develop respectful relationships with each other. At the conclusion of the assembly all male students, staff and special guests took the pledge against domestic violence. After the assembly Year 10 students participated in activities to further show their support towards White Ribbon Day which included creating their own pledge or message and displaying it on the mural.

PDHPE Faculty.

![White Ribbon Day](image)

**L to R – Dylan Armstrong, Zaine Hooper, Matthew Gilkes, and Tom Woodward show their support**

**Trial Café Opening for Students on Tuesday**

Tomorrow a trial opening of the Spotted Gum Café will take place for both staff and students. The café opened last week to for staff only and proved to be very successful, serving about 40 sandwiches and 50 beverages. How about having a reasonably priced smoothie or fresh orange juice with your free toast before school? If the day proves popular and successful, the café is aiming to open 2 days a week in 2016. Any reasonable ideas from students will be listened to concerning new menu items. The aim of the café is to give Hospitality students a real life experience at making beverages, espresso coffees and sandwiches, as well as serving food and beverages to customers. These are all competencies required to meet their VET Hospitality Certificate II. You will find the full menu on our webpage.

![Teaching and Support Staff enjoy the trial opening day](image)

**Senior First Aid**

Year 10 students had the opportunity to obtain their Senior First Aid qualification last week.

![Senior First Aid](image)

**Friends of the School Luncheon**

On 3 December we hosted another successful Friends of the School Luncheon for the volunteers and community members that contribute so much to our school. We thank the Year 10 Food Technology classes for designing the menu and producing the amazing food as part of their assessment task. We also thank the Year 11 Hospitality students for doing such a great job on Front of House. Thank you also to the staff who make this event so great— Mrs Murdoch, Mrs Curry, Mrs Unger and Mrs Bingham. The meal was amazing once again!

![Friends of the School Luncheon](image)

**Back2Basics Day**

Back2Basics Day is taking place on Friday 11th December. The aim of the day is to limit the use of electricity and other power sources within the school.

**Minimise the power … Maximise the future**

This SEC initiative is about raising awareness on climate change and to demonstrate how much we rely on electricity. Teachers are encouraged to run lessons without lights, computers and other everyday technologies. While students are being asked to leave their laptops, mobile phones and other technology at home for the day.

This is an important annual event as it demonstrates to students, teachers, parents and the wider community how a school like ours can work together to reduce power consumption.

The SEC greatly appreciates your support in making this a successful day.

![Back2Basics Day](image)

**Lachlan Oliver and Jacob Webb getting ready to switch off the power for Back2Basics Day**
Uniform Shop
OPEN Monday-Friday 8am-10am
Entry available through lower St Vincent Street gates
(Dial #152 on intercom to request gates be opened)

Last day of trading for 2015 is Tuesday 15 December
closing at 10am
January trading hours are
Monday 18th-29th 8am-4pm
(closed weekends and
Tuesday 26/1 Public Holiday)
Retain receipts for exchange or refunds and
label all uniform items

Uniform price list on school webpage. Use link:

Uniform Swap Shop
Open
Wednesdays 8.15am-9am
Fridays 8.30am - 9am
located behind Canteen
Last opening day for 2016 is Friday 11 December
Please send in your clean preloved uniform

Canteen
Lots of yummy food at great prices!
Order your lunches before 8.55am or at recess.
Choices also available from designer menu.
Bags, pens and price list supplied.
http://www.ulladulla-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/
our-school/canteen

Thank you to all our volunteers in 2015. In 2016 our Canteen will be desperate for volunteers.
Can you volunteer some time? Ph 4454 1758

Students of the Week
Keira Sloane, Year 7, is always happy to recite Welcome to Country at Year meetings and cultural activities. Great effort Keira.

Jayden Lever-Coad, Year 9, for consistent all round effort. Jayden has excelled at sport as well as other subjects and has been praised for his citizenship this year.

Congratulations to Keira and Jayden. Keep up the good work!

We look forward to bringing you next week’s students of the week!

Promotion Roll Call

The Tree Up On The Hill
by Rocco Forrester-Sach

There is a lonely, leafless tree up on the hill
And when I look at it, it gives me the chills.
A chill quite like I used to get
When I looked at that girl I will never forget.

I’d see her sitting all alone
Under the tree, that was fully grown.
Under the tree, her light would shine
Away from that place was not so divine.

Her head would hang, her shoulders bent
She looked like an old woman who was spent
Away from that place her light would not glow
She would walk her black dog, as if on show.

One day she went missing, she just wasn’t there
Those all around her, just didn’t care
The tree’s leaves blew away like wings on a bird
It was really strange, rather absurd.

I visit that tree every day
Just like that girl, who went away,
I nurtured the tree back to health
And now it’s back to its normal self.

UHS NFL
Superbowl
On Friday 27th November all Year 9 students participated in the UHS Superbowl.
The day was a huge success, the cheerleaders displayed breath taking performances to inspire the NFL players who strived for victory in each game. Red Raiders were champions of the day, they worked extremely well as a team and were unbeaten. Arcane Warriors and the Untagables showed great skill and ability but could not match the force of the Red Raiders. Special thanks to all the staff and students who helped make this day happen.

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Community News

A Toast to community support!
Free Toast available Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday mornings at MPC thanks to SRC, Bakers Delight, Ulladulla Anglican, Hayden’s Pies. Give the brain a good start to the day!

Top 10 Underrated
1. I Dare You To Break My Heart – Reel Big Fish
2. Woah Woah Woah – Watsky
3. Red Flag – Billy Talent
4. 1985 – Bowling For Soup
5. A Path of Its Own - Dream on dreamer
6. Rolling Stone – Falling In Reverse
7. Knights Forever – The Bennies
8. She Doesn’t Mind – Cosmo Jarvis
9. Recovery – Frank Turner
10. Smoke and Fire - Moog

White Card Course
Friday 11 December at a discounted rate of $99 if there are 10 UHS students participating. Year 10 students studying Construction or Entertainment will need a white card. Course will take place at the Master Builders Ulladulla from 8am to 4.30pm and the course cost should be paid directly to them (make sure you tell them you are from UHS). For more information call 4454 1955.

Dates to Remember
Mon 7/12 P&C Meeting 7pm
Wed 9/12 Y8 Jamberoo Excursion
Fri 11/12 Students return from Greenpatch 12pm
      Y9 Jamberoo Excursion
      Back2Basics Day
      Swap Shop closes for 2015
Mon 14/12 Presentation Night
      Year 10 Report Assembly
Tues 15/12 Uniform Shop closes at 10am for holidays
      Year 7,9,10 Report Assemblies
Tues 15/12 Year 10 Wet ‘N’ Wild Excursion
Wed 16/12 Last day for students
Thurs/Fri 17-18/12 School Development Days (pupil free)
Mon 18/1/2016 Uniform Shop reopens (8am-4pm)
Wed 27/1/2016 School Development Day (Pupil Free)
Thurs 28/1/2016 Years 7, 11 & 12 return to school
Fri 29/1/2016 Years 8, 9 & 10 return to school

Community News

Mollymook Surf Club Mako’s Music Night
All junior patrol members, SRC & Bronze. Bring a friend.
Friday Night 11 December 7.30pm-9.30pm
Light refreshments supplied

Basketball School Holiday Camp
FRIDAY 15TH JANUARY 2016  10AM – 2PM
Fun day of Basketball for all. Accredited coaches with years of experience. Learn the basics or improve your skills. Ages 7-16 Cost- $30 per child or $60 for 3 or more siblings. Milton Basketball Stadium, @ the Showground. Pre-register or check us out on Facebook! Milton Ulladulla Basketball Association.
PH -0407 083915 or 0458 914455
Please bring appropriate shoes, drink bottle and a light lunch.
Fresh fruit will be provided.

7 White PBL visit to MPS
On Monday 1 December, 7 White went to Milton Public School to present their PBL: How can a picture book save the world? They read their stories to Year 1 and Year 2 students and donated a full anthology to the MPS Library. It was a fabulous experience for 7 White to showcase the amazing work they have been doing in HSIE and English over the past term and was received with excitement and enthusiasm from the students and teachers at MPS. Congratulations 7 White!
Mrs Hunt

Coolendel interview from Promo Roll Call
How was it? Jack: It was good Harm: Awesome
What was the best part? Jack: the rapids and jump rock
Harm: the rope course
What was the worst part? Jack: the walk
Harm: the flies and the songs were really bad.
What was there to eat? Jack: hamburgers and on the last day egg and bacon
Harm: lots of sausages and watermelon
Did you like the groups? Jack: yeah they were good
Harm: yeah we were in Cat’s Claws
Zoe Hewitt Promo Roll Call

Year 7 2016 Orientation Day
Last Tuesday we hosted an Orientation Day for our 2016 Year 7 group. Students familiarised themselves with the high school grounds and took part in a number of activities. We look forward to seeing them all next year.