

Byron Bay Public School

Newsletter

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Wednesday, 14 December 2016

Term 4 - Week 10

Great School

We appreciate your ongoing support of the school throughout 2016. Byron Bay is a great school with a great reputation and we can be very proud of our achievements.

Presentation Assemblies

Thank you to the parents who attended our presentation assembly last week. The assembly was a fitting conclusion to what has been an outstanding year.

Year 6 Farewell

Last week, our Year 6 students formally celebrated the end of their schooling at Byron Bay Public School. The Farewell Dinner and Dance was a fitting occasion. Special thanks to our parents and caregivers for their attendance and support of our Year 6 students during this important celebration. Also, many thanks to Mr Hutchinson and the Stage 3 teachers for organising the night and to staff who assisted with supervision. We wish Year 6 all the very best for the future.

2017 Starting date

School resumes for Years 1 to 6 students on Monday, 30 January 2017. The class lists and a school map will be displayed to assist with a smooth start to the new school year. New students starting the year will be required to meet in the school library. Kindergarten students will be having their individual Best Start Assessments on the first four days and will not start class until Friday, 3 February 2017.

School Fees and Book Packs

Next year our annual school contribution will be \$75 per student and a book pack fee of \$50. The school contribution will include the Life Education Program, two visiting performances, and student subscriptions to online learning programs, including Mathematics and Reading Eggs, as well as a voluntary contribution to assist the school. Both primary and secondary schools can request contributions to enhance the school's education programs. These school contributions are voluntary and payment is a matter for decision by parents. They help provide additional educational resources for the benefit of students. Principals will ensure that no student or family suffers any discrimination or embarrassment over voluntary school contributions.

The book pack fee (\$50) will ensure every student has all the basic educational supplies, stationery for their classrooms. Parents who are unable to pay book packs because of financial hardship may be eligible for assistance from the school. Payments are accepted at the front office.

Annual School Survey

Our annual School Life Assessment Survey is still available on our website and via this link - <https://goo.gl/forms/GJog78VJst5RyRld2> or through the school website. This survey is designed to assess aspects of current school practices, along with parent satisfaction. Please take the time to complete this survey as it will provide valuable data to the school that will be used to guide our planning for 2017. We welcome and value your feedback. The

What's Coming Up!

2016 - Term 4

Week 10

Thursday, 15 December

- * Playgroup in hall - 9.30am
- * Stage 2 - Ballina Waterslide
- * Yr 6 shirt signing (spare shirt)

Friday, 16 December

* FINAL DAY FOR STUDENTS

- * Yr 6 Final Farewell @ 3.00pm

2017 - Term 1

Week 1

Friday, 27 January

* Staff Development Day

Week 2

Monday, 30 January

* First Day for Students Yrs 1-6

* NO CANTEEN

- * Kindergarten Plan Interviews

Tuesday, 31 January

- * Limited Canteen available
- * Kindergarten Plan Interviews

Wednesday, 1 February

- * Limited Canteen available
- * Kindergarten Plan Interviews

Thursday, 2 February

- * Limited Canteen available
- * Swimming Carnival - Byron Bay
- * Kindergarten Plan Interviews

Friday, 3 February

- * Limited Canteen available
- * First Day for Kindergarten



School Donations: Building A Better Foundation

The school has established two tax deductible funds to enable parents, relatives and friends the opportunity to make donations.

The Building Fund has provided financial support to complete our school hall renovations, install reverse cycle air-conditioning units in every classroom and construct classroom computer centres. During the next three years, the Building Fund will be used to improve playground facilities.

The Library Fund has provided reading materials for guided reading, home reading and the Reading Eggs technology program.

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survey will be online and will close on Sunday, 18 December. If you are having problems accessing the survey from home, please come to school and complete it here. Staff are available to assist you if needed. Alternatively, you can ask for a paper copy of the survey to be sent home. I encourage all families to take part in this online survey.

Student Reports

Student Reports should be going home on Thursday, 15 December. The teachers have put a lot of time and effort into writing these reports, ensuring that they communicate progress and achievement.

Staff News

Mrs Peak will be taking extended leave heading into retirement. We wish her all the very best for the future. Miss Freya-Stevenson Smith and Miss Natalie Giuffre are heading overseas. Mrs Sharon Lane is heading back to her substantive position at Bellingen Public School. Miss Maddison Campbell will be taking up a permanent position at Coutts Crossing. Mrs Sue Huxley has been appointed as our Senior Educational Psychologist for 3 days a week. Many thanks for all of the great work you all have done for the school. It is very much appreciated.

Thank you to our great staff for your ongoing dedication and commitment to student learning and welfare. Staff have worked overtime ensuring student reports were informative and our celebrations of friendship and learning were enjoyable occasions for all. It has been a real team effort, congratulations.

Thank You

Thank you to our amazing parents, carers and friends who have supported us throughout the year, you have helped make our school the wonderful, caring, positive place that it is.

Thank you also to the students who have focused on their learning, working cooperatively with their peers and teachers. You can be proud of your achievements. Byron Bay prides itself on our outstanding reputation for good work, good behaviour and our students wearing their uniform with pride. Boys and girls, you are to be congratulated!

School Security

If you see any suspicious looking characters on school grounds during the holidays, please phone the School Security Number on 1300 880 021. The Council will be using our facilities as part of their Holiday Club Program.

Thank You and Merry Christmas

Once again, I would like to thank staff, students, parents, carers and friends for your tremendous support of the school. Byron Bay is a GREAT SCHOOL, thanks to you. 2016 has been an amazing year and we have much to be proud of. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please have a safe and happy holiday.

Until next time,
Mrs Linda Trigg

Choir News

Last Friday night, thirty five students from our Stage 2 and Senior Choir delighted the crowd at Carols By the Sea with two Christmas songs. Thank you parents for your efforts in getting your children there on time – no mean feat on a busy Byron Bay Friday night. A lovely surprise was the performance from Amanuel, a former BBPS student and X Factor contestant who wowed us all with his rendition of "The Sparrow" and "Holy Night". Special thanks to the busy Year 6 children who came to sing despite their busy end of year schedule and a big thank you also to Ms Monty and Mrs Watling for their support on the night.

Heda Sherab

Swimming Carnival

Byron Bay Public School swimming carnival will be held on Thursday, 2 February at the Byron Bay pool. The 2017 carnival will be held during the day. The children will walk from the school accompanied by their teachers following the daily roll being marked. The carnival is open to children turning 8 years or older in 2017. The younger children will attend school as normal on this day. More information in our first newsletter next year.

Kindergarten Christmas Concert

Our year has come to an end in spectacular fashion. Thank you to all of our visitors who made it to our performance on Friday. It has been a wonderful year and on behalf of the Kindergarten team I wish to thank all of the parents who have been such a support to the students and teachers throughout the year. The Kindergarten children were amazing on and off the stage on Friday. They knew all the words and steps, inside and out! The concert demonstrated what a hardworking and clever bunch of children we have had the pleasure to work with this year. Thank you for a lovely year and good luck in Year 1.

Bec Miller



Uniform Shop

Flexischools will be available for uniform orders over the summer holidays from 13 December to 22 January 2017. Orders will be available for pick up from the uniform shop after 22 January 2017. **On-line orders 24/7.**

There has been some price increases for 2017.

See the school website for details.

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Uniform Shop Opening Hours January 2017

Tuesday 24 January, 8:30-11:30am

Friday 27 January, 8:30-11:30am

Saturday 28 January, 9:00-11:00am

Monday 30 January, 8:30-11:30am, first day of term.



P&C Place

A great big thank you to all those families and friends of Byron Bay Public School who have supported P&C activities over the past year.

We have received support from literally thousands of people – aunts, uncles, grandparents, neighbours, members of the local community and many more - for our raffles, BBQs and cake stalls, and big fundraising events (like the Fun Fair, Carboot Sale and Golf Day). We have also fed many hungry mouths through the School Canteen and clothed hundreds of kids through the Uniform Shop. Profits from all of these activities have gone toward additional equipment and activities for students through the P&C.

We look forward to your ongoing support and inviting new faces onto the P&C for 2017. You can choose what level of involvement you want, from a few hours of volunteering at our big events, to a monthly commitment as a Canteen or Uniform Shop volunteer, through to becoming a member of the Committee and taking a more hands-on role in the way the organisation works to support our school and our children.

At our March AGM we will be presenting the full financial report for 2016 so you can see what money was raised and where it was spent. If you are interested in finding out more about the P&C in the meantime, please feel free to contact us over the holidays or as soon as you get back to school next year.

Whatever your involvement, we are always looking for passionate people to become part of the greater P&C team. In the meantime, season's greetings to you all and we look forward to your ongoing support in 2017.

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Aboriginal Learn to Swim & Survive Programs

NSW Sport & Recreation are offering "Learn to Swim" programs at Goonellabah and Tweed Heads during January 2017. The programs are for Aboriginal children aged 3-5 year ONLY. More information is available by contacting the Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre on 6625 5370 or the Tweed Heads Indoor Heated Pool on (07) 5569 3120



2017 Term 1 - Week 2 Canteen Roster

Mon 30 Jan	CANTEEN CLOSED
Tue 31 Jan	Cherrie Sheldrick
Wed 1 Feb	Debbie Garske, Jo Green
Thu 2 Feb	Jenna Agius, Tiffany Stickl
Fri 3 Feb	Jane Stanton-Gillan, Helen Safranek



As we approach the end of the year, please note some changes that will commence in Term 1 2017:

- ◆ The Canteen will be closed on the first day of school (Monday, 30 January). Please remember to pack your child a lunch.
- ◆ There will be a limited Canteen menu available from Tuesday, 31 January to Friday, 3 February.
- ◆ Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be Flexischool only lunch order days.
- ◆ Due to supplier prices increases, there will be some small price rises on some items in 2017.

Thursday and Friday are online lunch orders only.

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If you are able to assist or can't make it in please contact Mandy in the canteen or email bbpscanteen@gmail.com.

2017 Requirements for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Students need to bring the following items to school and have them every day for the year. Please have your name on everything.

Years 3 & 4

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| * glue stick | * bullet tip artline 70 | * coloured pencils |
| * sharpener | * red pen x 2 | * 0.4 artline black |
| * eraser | * pencil case | * scissors |
| * blue pen x 1 (Yr 4 only) | | |

Years 5 & 6

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| * scissors | * pencil case x 1 |
| * sharpener | * dictionary |
| * coloured pencils | * small textas |
- Thank you Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Teachers



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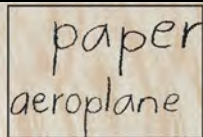
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