

# Byron Bay Public School

## Newsletter

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Wednesday 12 December 2018

Term 4 - Week 9



Stage 2 & 3 Christmas Choir Tour



Weekly Achievement Awards Term 4 Week 7

### What's Coming Up!

#### Term 4 - 2018

##### Week 9

##### Thursday 13 December

- Year 6 Farewell Byron Services Club - 5.15pm

##### Friday 14 December

- Kindy Christmas Concert 10am
- Year 6 Shirt Signing - Lunch & Recess

##### Week 10

##### Monday 17 December

- Talent Quest - Middle Session
- No Assembly Today

##### Tuesday 18 December

- Reports Sent Home

##### Wednesday 19 December

- Last Day for Students
- Stage 2 Xmas Party - Mullum Pool
- Stage 3 Xmas Party - Ballina Pool
- Year 5 Farewell Year 6 - School 3pm

### Great School

We appreciate your ongoing support of the school throughout 2018. Byron Bay Public School is a great school with a great reputation and we can be very proud of our achievements.

### Presentation Day - A Celebration of Learning

Presentation Day acknowledges our outstanding achievements throughout the year and the many talents of our amazing students. Congratulations to the boys and girls who received awards for their outstanding achievements. Thank you to our special guests, parents and P&C representatives who attended. The Presentation Day was a fitting conclusion to what has been an outstanding year. A BIG thank you to Mrs Lennon for organising the day, with support from office staff.

### 2019 Captains and Vice Captains

Congratulations to our newly elected School Officials for 2019. Our School Captains are Molly Matkevich and Elliott Farrell. The Vice Captains are Jasmin Sezer and Joshua Holland. Thank you to all of the boys and girls who stood for election. We are looking forward to working with our new Leadership Team in 2019. Many thanks to our current Leadership Team who have done a great job throughout 2018.



### Student Reports

Student Reports will be going home next week. The teachers have put a lot of time and effort into writing these reports, ensuring that they communicate progress and achievement. If you have any concerns regarding the content, please contact the class teacher and make an appointment for an interview.

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**PAYMENTS NOW DUE**  
Stage 2 Xmas Party Mullumbimby Pool - \$14.00  
Stage 3 Xmas Party Ballina Waterslides-\$20.00  
Year 6 Farewell - \$15.00

### Uniform Shop

#### Donations Needed

Donations of second hand items and plastic bags needed in the uniform shop.

#### Volunteers Needed

If you would like to volunteer in the uniform shop for the extra opening days, please call Melissa 0413 850 702

### 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.

This fund will continue to expand reading resources and technology for literacy learning.

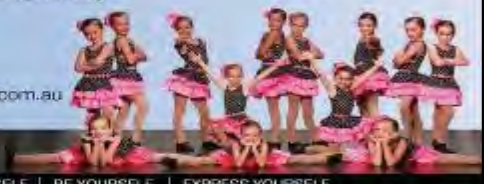
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**Year 6 Farewell - 13 December**

On Thursday 13 December we will say our official farewell to the students in Year 6, many of whom have attended the school for seven years. The farewell will be held at the Byron Bay Services Club and students are sure to have a memorable night.

**Class Celebrations/Party Days**

Please refer to the 'What's Coming Up' section on the front page. Notes have gone home outlining each class's activities.

**SRC Talent Quest - 17 December**

The annual SRC Talent Quest is planned for Monday 17 December. The SRC has been promoting the Talent Quest to provide opportunities for students to explore their performance talents and skills in front of their peers. The work of Holly Stanton-Gillan, Kelli Stevens and the SRC is appreciated. This event is for the students only and parents are asked not to attend.

**The Perfect Present**

Last week I received two glowing letters of appreciation that I passed on to the relevant members of staff. As a teacher, there is nothing more rewarding than receiving a 'Thank You' letter or email from a satisfied parent or student. As a school Principal, I love receiving letters and emails, hearing about how fantastic our teachers are or about the good deeds they have done. When it comes to school excursions, which involve a lot of extra work for staff, a simple 'Thank you' goes a long way.

**Planning for 2019**

We are busy planning and organising for 2019. If you know that you child/ren won't be attending our school in 2019, with the exception of Year 6 students, could you please inform the office. Similarly, if you are aware of any students moving into our area who will be attending our school in 2019, please ask the families to make contact with the school. We need this information to form classes for next year. Also, if you are having an extended holiday and your child/ren will not be back at school on the first day, please let us know in writing before the end of the year.

**Lost Property**

Coming to the end of the term, our lost property bins are overflowing. If you have lost any items, clothing, lunch boxes etc. please come and have a look. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity on the last day. It is important to clearly label any items of clothing, lunch boxes etc. so they can be returned to the child's class.



**Composite Classes**

Student numbers in each grade dictate whether or not we will have composite classes. Current numbers indicate that we will need to have both a composite Year 1/2 and a composite Year 3/4 class. There should be no disadvantage to students being in a composite class as teachers are accustomed to differentiating their teaching to suit student needs. In straight classes, consisting of only students in the same grade, there is a considerable spread of abilities with students achieving above, below and at grade level. The same can be said of composite classes. Students in composite classes participate in stage assemblies, sport and excursions with the rest of the grade. They also work towards achieving the same outcomes.

**End of Year**

Classes will not operate after Wednesday 19 December, which is the last day of attendance for the students. Classes will resume on Wednesday 30 January 2019 for Years 1-6. Kindergarten will be completing their Best Start assessments during the first week back and commence full days from Tuesday 5 February 2019.

Until next time,  
Mrs Linda Trigg  
Principal



**Year 2 Choir Excursion**

On Thursday 6 December, the Year 2 Choir visited Feros Retirement Village Byron Bay with Mrs Sherab and Mrs Greenlaw, to entertain the residents. Forty two students sang a number of songs they had been rehearsing and finished with 'Rudolph' and 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas'. The trio of Evie, Tali and Feather sang 'Do Re Mi' and Sam from 2W gave an impromptu piano recital of 'Fur Elise'. Residents were delighted to meet the students as they wandered around introducing themselves after their performance. Students enjoyed the welcome refreshment of ice blocks before returning to school.



**Rocky Creek Dam Excursion**

On Tuesday 4 December, 1E and 1G went on an excursion to Rocky Creek Dam. In Science, students have been learning about where water comes from and how we conserve it. Tamlyn from Dorrroughby Environmental Education Centre took us on a guided walk to the dam where we learnt about the plants and animals that live in the surrounding area. After a picnic lunch, students explored the playground and then enjoyed making large bubbles with the Centre's bubble makers. On the journey home, staff and students agreed it had been a fantastic day out!







**Citizenship Award Recipients November**  
 Pictured: Kan'dis, Keira, Clancy

**Term 4 - Week 10 Canteen Roster**

Mon 17 Dec - Dianne Brien, Michelle Roesler  
 Tue 18 Dec - Tiffany Stickl, Roberta Zaiantchick  
 Wed 19 Dec - Danielle Gleeson, Kathy Gleeson

As we approach the end of the school year, we will be running our stock down. As a result, some items may be unavailable. There are also some items which will be discontinued at the end of the year. Please visit Flexischools to see discontinued or unavailable items.

All recurring Flexischool orders will be cancelled at the end of the term.



**Stage 2 & 3 Christmas Choir Tour**

On Friday the Stage 2 and Stage 3 Choir went touring with a repertoire of songs they had been practising throughout the year. We visited retirement homes in Mullumbimby, Bangalow, Suffolk Park and Byron Bay. It was such a delight to see the joy this brought the residents in these communities. This was a huge day for our students and the teachers were very impressed with their behaviour and their beautiful singing. Thank you to the P&C for their donation of the bus charter. Well done Stage 2 & Stage 3 on a fantastic day out!!



**Library**

It is that time of the year again when we are asking for all library books to be returned to the library for "safe-keeping" over the holidays. Overdue notices are going home this week. Please help & encourage your child have a thorough search for these books. They can often be hiding at the back of cupboards, under beds & in miscellaneous piles. If these cannot be found, our school policy is that these need to be paid for by the end of term. Thank you for assisting with this.

**Glasses for PNG**

Thanks to everyone who donated their old reading and long-sighted glasses to the *Glasses for PNG* appeal. I will collect them when I arrive in Byron Bay on 14 December and gift them to teachers and students in the adult literacy program we developed. The glasses will provide Papua New Guineans in the New Guinea Islands with sight. Most of these people have no access to optometrists or no excess funds to buy glasses. Geoff Spargo

**Spanish Lessons**

Come and join us for the new Spanish lessons starting in 2019. Children have fun while learning Spanish, good for their brains and good for your travels! Contact Esther at byron.spanishfun@gmail.com for more info.

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