

# Byron Bay Public School

## Newsletter

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Wednesday 11 December 2019

Communicating With Our Valued Community

Term 4 - Week 9

## What's Coming Up! Term 4

### Week 9

#### Thursday 12 December

- Band/String ensemble End of Year Busking and Picnic 9.20am - 12.30pm

#### Friday 13 December

- Kindergarten Concert 10.00am
- Kindergarten Picnic 11.00am
- S1 Christmas Party @ Palace Cinema
- Wilderband and Senior Band @ Byron Bay Christmas Carols 5.30pm

### Week 10

#### Monday 16 December

- No Whole School Assembly

#### Tuesday 17 December

- Talent Quest - Mufti Day  
Please wear red/gold coin donation

#### Wednesday 18 December

- S3 Christmas Party @ Ballina Pool & Waterslide 9.30am - 2.15pm
- S2 Christmas Party @ Mullumbimby Pool 9.30am - 2.45pm

#### Thursday 19 December

- Staff Development Day

#### Friday 20 December

- Staff Development Day

**PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE ONLINE  
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**"Make a Payment"**

**PAYMENTS NOW DUE**

S2 End of Year Celebration \$13

S3 End of Year Celebration \$22

S1 End of Year Excursion @ Palace  
Cinema \$12 with popcorn \$8 without

School of Life Project \$30

### Great School

We appreciate your ongoing support of the school throughout 2019. 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 and teachers.

### 2020 Captains and Vice Captains

Congratulations to our newly elected SRC Executive for 2020. Our School Captains are Ben R and Isabelle M. The Vice Captains are Billy B and Evie L. The other members of the executive are Archie C, Sienna E, Hayden A, Jesse S and Yuying B. 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 2020. Many thanks to our current Leadership Team who have done a great job throughout 2019.



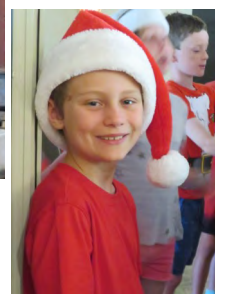
### Year 6 Farewell

Last night, 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.



### Stage 2 and 3 Christmas Choir Tour

On Friday, the Stage 2 and Stage 3 Choir's went touring with a repertoire of songs they had been practising throughout the year. They 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 and for the ice block on the return to school, plus a special thank you to Mandy in the canteen for having them all ready. Thank you to Ms Sherab for her organisation of the day, to Miss Stanton-Gillian for her work with the Stage 2 Choir and to Mrs King & Mrs Lennon for accompanying the students. Well done Stage 2 and Stage 3 on a fantastic day out!



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## Respectful - Responsible - Fair

Byron Bay Public School acknowledges and pays respect to the Arakwal people of the Bunjalung Nation, the traditional custodians of the land upon which the school proudly stands.

### 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.

### Class Celebrations/Party Days

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

### SRC Talent Quest - Tuesday 17 December

The annual SRC Talent Quest is planned for Tuesday 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 Miss Stanton-Gillan, Mrs 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 2020

We are busy planning and organising for 2020. If you know that you child/ren won't be attending our school in 2020, 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 2020, 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.

### Beginning of 2020

At the beginning of next year, students will remain in their current class for a few days until our student numbers are confirmed. 2020 classes will then be finalised. This is due to fluctuating enrolment data. While we have three plans we will not be able to activate final classes until student numbers are confirmed. All students will commence important learning and assessments immediately. In most instances, students will be placed with their 2019 teacher so that learning continuity is assured. They will begin stage assessments and stage based learning. We will advise parents as soon as we can of finalised classes.



### 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 year dictate whether or not we will have composite classes. Current numbers indicate that we may need to have several composite classes. 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 year, there is a considerable spread of abilities with students achieving above, below and at year 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.

### Two School Development Days

We are providing you with advanced notice that we will be having two consecutive School Development Days at the beginning of next year, the first one will be on Tuesday 28 January and the second one on Wednesday 29 January. This is in line with Byron Bay High School who are doing the same thing. Students, with the exception of Kindergarten, will commence on Thursday 29 January. We have been part of a pilot program being developed for schools who have new building works happening. They have targeted professional learning based on the change in teaching pedagogy required of staff in order to make best use of our futures focused teaching and learning spaces.

### End of Year

Classes will not operate after Wednesday 18 December, which is the last day of attendance for the students. Classes will resume on Thursday 30 January 2020 for Years 1 - 6. Kindergarten will be completing their Best Start assessments during the first week back and commence full days from Wednesday 5 February 2020.

Until next time,  
Mrs Linda Trigg  
Principal

### Semester 2, 2019 Perfect Attendance Award Recipients



### Citizenship Award Recipients for October and November



### BACK TO SCHOOL DATES FOR 2020

Tuesday 28 January  
Staff Development Day

Wednesday 29 January  
Staff Development Day

Thursday 30 January  
First day back for students  
Years 1 - 6

Wednesday 5 February  
First day for Kindergarten  
students



**Aboriginal Dance Workshop**

On Wednesday 4 December, students from each class and our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students had the privilege to participate in an Aboriginal Dance Workshop run by two ex-students; Kiahn Ladkin and Hunter Mains with Zanthe Evens. The three girls are currently in Year 10 at Byron Bay High School. Kiahn and Hunter are part of Bangarra's Youth Program and have danced at many prestigious events. Students started each workshop with a yarning circle to meet each other and introduce themselves. Then they learnt how to stretch, spirit/shake walks, a variety of animal movements and a dance. All students enjoyed the workshop and went back to their class and shared what they had learnt and some even performed the dance they learnt in front of their class.



**Annual BBPS SRC Talent Quest**

The annual Talent Quest is happening on Tuesday 17th December. Students have signed up for the Talent Quest during lunch and are busy practising for their performances. All students are asked to wear red on this day and bring a gold coin donation. Money raised will go towards supporting people affected by the bush fires. A reminder that this is a student-only event.

**SRC Christmas Hamper Fundraiser**

A combined effort by students from Byron Bay Public School, Ally from the 'Bay sitters' and 'Brighter Futures' saw 30 generous hampers created to brighten up the Christmas of local families. This effort attracted attention from WIN News and the Echo. Students from 4P, 5S and SRC representatives all worked together to share all of the generously donated goodies into baskets. These hampers have now been delivered to the families. We would like to thank our very generous school families for all of their donations.



**SRC News**

A huge thank you to the Fishwick family (Megan, Mike, Ivy - 4P, Violet - 2T and Maple), for volunteering on Saturday to paint a new mural in the Kindergarten toilets. This painting was an initiative of the SRC and we are so thankful for this family's generous donation of their time and skills. Mitre 10 also very kindly donated some extra tins of paint to help brighten up the Kindergarten toilets as well. Thank you!



**2019 - Term 4 - Week 10 Canteen Roster**

- Mon 16 Dec** Dianne Brien, David Digwood
- Tues 17 Dec** Amy Godman, Jodie Cope
- Wed 18 Dec** Last Day of School

As we approach the end of the school year, we will be running our stock down. As a result, some items may not be available. Please visit Flexischools to place your order. **The canteen will be closed on Thursday 30 January 2020 which is the first day for students. The canteen will be open with a limited menu from Friday 31 January 2020.**

**PLEASE NOTE ALL RECURRING FLEXISCHOOLS LUNCH ORDERS WILL BE CANCELLED OVER THE HOLIDAYS**

The canteen is open Monday to Friday from 8.55am to 12.00pm (**Lunch orders must be placed by 9.15am**). We highly recommend placing your child's lunch order the night before to avoid any issues.

**Sign up at [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) - our preferred way to order your lunch!**

If you are able to assist or can't make it in, please contact Mandy in the canteen or email [bbpscanteen@gmail.com](mailto:bbpscanteen@gmail.com).



**Uniform Shop - Back to School dates for 2020**

- Thursday 23 January 9.00am to 12.00pm
  - Saturday 25 January 9.00am to 12.00pm
  - Wednesday 29 January 9.00am to 12.00pm
  - Thursday 30 January 8.00am to 11.30pm
- (First day back at school for students)  
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# Class Awards 2019





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