

Byron Bay Public School

Newsletter

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Wednesday 18 December 2019

Communicating With Our Valued Community

Term 4 - Week 10

What's Coming Up! Term 4 - 2019

Week 10

Thursday 19 December

- Staff Development Day

Friday 20 December

- Staff Development Day
(no school for students)

Term 1 - 2020

Week 1

Monday 27 January

- Public Holiday

Tuesday 28 January

- Staff Development Day

Wednesday 29 January

- Staff Development Day

Thursday 30 January

- School resumes for students
Years 1 - 6
- First day of Kinder PLAN
Interviews

Friday 31 January

- Kinder PLAN Interviews

Week 2

Monday 3 February

- Kinder PLAN Interviews

Tuesday 4 February

- Kinder PLAN Interviews

Wednesday 5 February

- First day for Kindergarten
9.20am Cheers and Tears in Hall

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.



Kindergarten Christmas Concert

Last Friday, our Kindergarten students put on an outstanding Christmas Concert for their parents and our local preschool students. They sang Christmas songs, performed to the music and thoroughly entertained the audience. It was an absolute pleasure to watch. The students made their Kindergarten teachers very proud and they all looked fabulous in their Christmas outfits! The concert was followed by a picnic with parents and friends. Thank you to our wonderful Kindergarten parents for your amazing support throughout the year.



Student Reports

Student reports were sent home yesterday. The teachers have put a lot of time and effort into writing these reports, ensuring that they communicate progress and achievement.

Staff News

There will be a few changes to staff in 2020. Mrs Elaine Watling has retired and Ms Raelene Mordecai, who is now the SEO2 Aboriginal Education Consultant, has relinquished her position. Mrs Brooke Fox, our School Counsellor, has been transferred to another school and Mr Andrew McIntyre has been appointed as the SEO1 Digital Technology Officer. Mrs Mauz Brezlin, one of our School Learning Support Officer, has accepted a position elsewhere. We would like to thank these members of staff for all they have contributed to Byron Bay Public School and wish them well in the future.

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 extremely pleased with your achievements. Byron Bay Public School 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!

Thank you to our great staff for their ongoing professionalism, dedication and commitment to delivering quality education to our students. Staff have worked overtime ensuring student reports are informative and our celebrations of friendship



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)
Uniforms are also available to order at
Flexischools online over the school
holiday break.

Volunteers needed

If you would like to volunteer in the uniform shop, we would appreciate your help, please call Melissa on 0413 850 702.



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and learning are enjoyable occasions for all. It has been a real team effort, congratulations to all. I am looking forward to our continued journey in 2020 as we work together on the implementation of our 2018-20 School Plan.

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 Vacation Care Program.

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.

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 PLAN interviews during the first week back and commence full days from Wednesday 5 February 2020.

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 30 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.

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 Public School is a GREAT SCHOOL, thanks to you. 2019 has been a BIG 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
Principal

Premier's Reading Challenge - Platinum Recipients

We are very proud of the following students who achieve Platinum Certificates in the PRC this year. To achieve this award they have completed the challenge for 7 years. The PRC encourages students to read widely and to develop habits for lifelong reading, as well as fostering a love of reading and improving their literacy. Congratulations to Ashante R, Oscar T, Marley A and Hayden A.

Library News

Thank you to our school community for your support and enthusiastic borrowing throughout the year. It is BBPS library policy that all lost books need to be paid for. Please assist us by making payments at the school office so that borrowing for your child can recommence in 2020. Thank you for helping to create an environment celebrating books and literacy within your home. Best wishes for a safe and fun Christmas holiday with your family. We also wish to congratulate the following students for consistent borrowing from the library in Term 4. Kindergarten - Finn G (KP), Stage 1 - Kai H (1C), Stage 2 - Sasha S (3/4S), Stage 3 - Milarnie K (6C). Thank you to the Byron Bay Public School P & C for donating Yo Flo awards to these students. Mrs O'Connor and Mrs Korff

BBPS PLAYGROUP
Playgroup will resume on
Thursday 13 February
2020



Enviro Stories Competition

Congratulations to Sienna P (5I), who is one of the winners of the Enviro Stories Competition which is an activity that promotes science and agriculture in primary schools in the Gwydir catchment area. The theme this year was 'our farming community'. Sienna was a lucky winner of her very own published book titled 'A Perfect Storm'. Well done Sienna on a fabulous story!

KM students were shown an electric vehicle by Lily's dad, Alex, who has converted a VW Kombi. Students learnt about how it runs, it's use of solar power to charge the battery and the difference between the original version and the new one. Thank you Alex for coming to show the students.



Uniform News...
The school bag has arrived!
Backpack style bag, light weight, extremely strong and long lasting, available at the Uniform shop and online through Flexischools for \$55. Also in 2020 will be stocking hemp/cotton school polo shirts for \$30 each in sizes 4 -16.



Year 6 Farewell



2020 - Term 1 - Week 1 Canteen Roster

- Wed 29 Jan Staff Development Day
- Thurs 30 Jan **CANTEEN CLOSED**
- Fri 31 Jan Elle Astrup, 1 helper needed

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.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



2020 Class Requirements for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Students need to supply the following items and are required to bring them each day to school. Please clearly label all items with your child's name.



Stage 2 - Years 3 and 4

- * Lead pencils
- * Sharpener
- * Coloured pencils
- * 0.4 artline black pen
- * Red pen x 2
- * Pencil case
- * Blue pen x 2 (Year 4 only)

Stage 3 - Years 5 and 6

- * Scissors
- * Sharpener
- * Coloured pencils
- * Pencil case
- * Dictionary
- * Small textas

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21st Jan: 10 to 12 Yrs

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