**Kindergarten’s Rap ‘N’ Rhyme Concert**

Congratulations to all of our talented Kindergarten students who put on an outstanding performance for parents, younger siblings and students from our local preschools. The students had a great time as they engaged with learning about nursery rhymes, culminating in their special performance which showcased their talents and enthusiasm for learning. Well done Kindergarten, we were very impressed with your performance.

**ANZAC Day 2019**

Students, staff and parents are invited to join ex-service personnel and the Byron Bay Community in the ANZAC Day March and official ceremony on Thursday 25 April. Students are asked to wear full school uniform, including broadbrim hat and meet at Bay Street, outside the Beach Hotel at 10.15am, ready for a 10.30am start. They will be accompanied by Mr Hutchinson, Mrs Lennon and other BBPS teachers. The march will finish at the Memorial Gates in Tennyson Street, then they will have the official ceremony, which will conclude at approximately 12 noon. I look forward to seeing as many BBPS students attending this significant event for our community. We will be having our ANZAC Day school service next term, on Tuesday commencing at 10.45 am.

**Outstanding Band Performance**

The Wilderband were invited to play at the opening for the new Woolworths store and they performed admirably, with onlookers singing their praises. Congratulations to all of our Wilderband students, to Cameron Smith our Band Manager and Cheryl Booker who works closely with the band on my behalf, you all have much to be proud of. Well done, everyone!

**The Odd Sock Fun Run/Cross Country - Tuesday 7 May**

The ODD SOCK FUN RUN is our school’s annual cross country event where students are encouraged to run in odd socks! It is coming up in Week 2 of Term 2. Each student should have received their ODD SOCK FUN RUN envelope and are encouraged to collect sponsors for donations to the school. This is the major fundraiser for the SRC this year and 30% of the money raised will go towards school beautification projects, such as painting murals and PBL slogans, as well as some gardening work. The class in each stage that raises the most money will receive a pizza lunch reward. There are instructions in each envelope on how to gain sponsors. All children are encouraged to be safe and wise as they seek sponsorship from friends, family and neighbours. The ODD SOCK FUN RUN date has been changed since the printing of these envelopes and it will NOT be on Friday of Week 1. Sorry for the inconvenience. The new date is Tuesday 7 May. Money will be collected until Friday 10 May. Spare envelopes are at the office. Happy money collecting and running training!
Being Safe on Social Media
Kirra Pendergast from ‘Safe on Social Media’ will be running workshops for students and parents on how to be a good digital citizen and how to stay safe on social media. The workshops are a follow up to work the students did with Kirra in term 4 last year. The workshops have been booked for 18 June. You can find out more information about being safe on social media on her website www.safeonsocial.com

Staff News
Next term, Mary West will be on leave and is being replaced by Miss Whitney Wooldridge who already knows the students and has been working closely with Mrs West to ensure continuity of the teaching and learning program. Miss Rachel Buntz will take over the Learning and Support Teacher position. Fleur Diamond will be replacing Kate Smith at playgroup. We would like to thank Kate for the great job she has done with playgroup.

P&C Meeting
The P&C are a warm, welcoming group of parents who do much to support our school. They would love to see some new faces at their meetings. Child minding is available, you just need to give the school 24 hours notice to organise this. Our next meeting is on tomorrow night, Thursday 11 April commencing at 6 pm in the staffroom. If you have a topic for discussion, please contact the P&C to have it put on the agenda for the meeting.

End of Term
This Friday marks the end of the school term which has been an extraordinarily busy one. We have continued to focus on our School Plan 2018 - 2020, driving improvements in literacy and numeracy, enriching our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Program, using point in time formative assessment strategies, enhancing our Futures Focused Learning Program with Growth Mindset, Visible Learning, STEM and collaborative practice being further embedded into our teaching and learning practice. Staff professional learning is aligned to the school plan and further supports staff through their individual Performance and Development Plans (PDPs). The leadership team has been working on instructional leadership initiatives to further enhance student achievement of outcomes. All of this, combined with what has happened with the new building project, which we have regularly communicated to our school community, has kept us very busy. We are fortunate to have such a hardworking, dedicated team of teachers here at BBPS who consistently go out of their way to deliver quality teaching and learning, along with the provision of additional, extracurricular activities for the students. All of this would not be possible without the great work done by our school administration and support staff and the ongoing support of our amazing parents who work in partnership with us, it has been a real team effort. Congratulations on a job well done!

Next Term
We will commence next term with our School Development Day on Monday, 29 April. Students return to school on Tuesday 30 April. Our term 3 School Development Day has been moved from its usual date at the beginning of term 3 to the last day of term 2, being Friday 5 July. We have had to do this to fit in with external providers who are delivering a full days professional learning for staff on Visible Learning. The external providers weren’t available at the beginning of term 3. Please make the new date for our term 3 School Development Day on your calendar.

The grassed area of our playground along Tennyson St will be out of action next term, as the contractors will be digging up the playground to lay drainage and irrigation, followed by returfing the area. We won’t be allowed back on that section of the playground until the grass has established itself. The entry gate on Tennyson St will not be able to be used. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. As I have explained to the students, it is a short term loss for a significant, long term gain. I hope you all have a great holiday and an enjoyable Easter break with family or friends.

Please, stay safe.

Until next time,
Mrs Linda Trigg
Principal

Sports News
Congratulations to the under 12’s boys touch footy team for making it to the Semi Finals. Unfortunately they were knocked out, however they proved to be exceptionally strong throughout the year. Well done!

Library News
The winners in Term 1 for great borrowing in the library were awarded a voucher at Yo-Flo at Monday’s assembly. They are: Kindergarten: Ivy M in KP, Stage 1: Harlow M in 1/2G, Stage 2: Piper L in 3M and Stage 3: Harahni D in 5I. Thanks again to the P&C for supporting this initiative by providing the Yo-Flo vouchers.

Library Lovers Day
This term in the Library, we celebrated Library Lovers Day. Amongst our activities, we ran a competition where students wrote their thoughts on why they love the library. The following students were our successful winners. Each of these students received a 2019 Treehouse Diary, which was presented at our Monday Assembly. Stage 2: Amiel 3D, Piper 3M Stage 3: Lia 5I, Nash 5R

"I love the library because I love reading. Books are the best thing in the world to have. They are a portal to imagination." Amiel

"I love the library because it's so peaceful and when I'm not feeling settled, I can just come to the library or just get a book from anywhere. I feel so calm when I'm reading. I feel like it's my happy place and I just want to keep reading." Piper

"I love the library because when you enter all you see is imagination. It's a place of peace and harmony. You can find the books that you most love and enjoy. You enter a place that you have never been before." Lia

"I love the library and every book in it because books are like imagination on paper." Nash
Weekly Achievement Awards - Term 1 Week 9

2019 - Term 2 - Week 1 Canteen Roster

Mon 29 Apr  Pupil Free Day
Tue 30 Apr  Heather Myers, Kasper Mondrup
Wed 1 May   Suzie Farrell, Ange Grice
Thu 2 May   Ben Kirkpatrick, Nicola Mondrup
Fri 3 May   Julia Green, Tracey Gamble

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 - 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.

Year 5 Opportunity Class 2020
Opportunity classes cater for academically gifted and talented students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. Instructions on how to apply online and applications for 2020 will be open from Tuesday 30 April 2019 until Friday 17 May 2017 at https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 31 July 2019.

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PILATES
Mat classes Thursdays
14 Kingsley Street
(Church across from school gate)
Improve posture Reduce back pain
10am, 12:15pm & 2pm
All classes - 45 mins - $15
All levels welcome – Enquiries: 0404 459 605
Qualified teacher Mats provided
Would you like to help others learn our wonderful language? Would extra income be nice? BBELS is always looking for lovely local families to host our international students. Contact for more information homestay@bbels.com.au or 6680 8253.