Byron Bay Public School

Newsletter

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Friday 1 February 2019

Welcome Back

WELCOME BACK to our wonderful school. I hope you all had a relaxing break and the students have returned to school keen to learn. Our school motto is, 'I Aspire, I Achieve' and we believe in 'excellence, opportunity and success.' Our core values are based on being respectful, responsible and fair. In order to provide the highest quality education for every student it is essential that we all, staff, parents, students and community members, continue to work together in a supportive, collaborative partnership based on mutual respect. We are fortunate to have a great school community. 2019 promises to be another wonderful year at BBPS with many exciting programs and activities planned for the students throughout the year. It's an absolute pleasure to be Principal of such a great school.

A Great Start to the Year

It has been a very enjoyable experience to walk around the school and see so many smiling faces in the playground. It was obvious that the boys and girls were happy to be back at school. I was very impressed, they were all in school uniform and wearing it with pride. They look fantastic. Congratulations on making such a great start to the year.

Welcome Kindergarten

A BIG, warm welcome is extended to our 100 Kindergarten students who are coming in for their PLAN assessments this week. They will start in class on Tuesday.

Welcome to Our New Families

On behalf of the staff, students and parents, I would also like to extend a warm welcome to the students and their families who are new to our school community. I encourage you to join the P&C, volunteer in the canteen and to offer your support in the classroom, where possible. Please look out for our new families and make them feel welcome.

Temporary Classes

A note was sent home yesterday regarding temporary classes. This year our student numbers are right on the line for forming an additional class. As a result, classes will remain temporary until we can confirm actual numbers. Hopefully we will know in the next day or two. We are keen to wrap up this process as quickly as possible. This is common practice at this time of year in large primary schools across the state.

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.

You can visit our website to download and complete a donor card. Your support is sincerely appreciated.

Member of the Lighthouse Valley of Schools



Principal: Linda Trigg **Deputy Principal: Natalie Lennon**

Term 1 - Week 1

What's Coming Up! Term 1 - 2019

Week 1

Friday 1 February

• Kinder PLAN Interviews

Week 2

- Monday 4 February
- Kinder PLAN Interviews
- Whole School Assembly 1.50pm
- **Tuesday 5 February**
- First Day for Kindergarten
- Cheers & Tears in Hall 9.20am Thursday 7 February
- First 2019 Playgroup in Hall 9.30am
- Friday 8 February

School Swimming Carnival

PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE ONLINE VISIT THE SCHOOL WEBSITE "Make a Payment" PAYMENTS NOW DUE

School Contribution - \$80 Book Pack - \$55 Swimming Carnival - \$4.50

Uniform Shop

Flexischool Online orders 24/7 www.flexischools.com.au

Uniform Shop Opening Hours Mondays 8.30-10.30am

The uniform shop is in need of volunteers to help for 1 hour twice a term on a Monday. Please call Melissa if you are able help. 0413 850 702 Thank you!

The uniform shop also sells donated second hand uniforms and all donations are gratefully received!

Lastly, if you have any clean plastic bags laying around, we would appreciate any donations. These can be left at the office at any time.



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Staff News

A BIG warm welcome to Mrs Ebony Browning who joins our teaching team, along with Miss Emily Dickinson, Mrs Natalie Van Der Leeden & Ms Brooke Fox. Sadly Jenny Dobson, one of our valuable School Learning Support Officers, has been transferred to Wilson Park Primary School. We will miss Jenny and thank her for all that she has done during her time with us.

School Swimming Carnival – Friday 8 February

The school Swimming Carnival will take place on Friday 8 February. The carnival is for students 8 years and older. All students are to arrive at school as normal, with the exception of students competing in the Individual Medley and 100m Freestyle events. These students are required to be at the pool by 9.00am. Teachers will mark the roll at school before walking the children to the pool. Students will return to school before 3.15pm and go home as normal.

Students will be representing their sport house and should wear their house colours. If you wish to purchase a sports uniform, you can do so at <u>www.flexischools.com.au</u> or at the uniform shop on Monday morning between 8.30am -10.30am. Cost for the carnival for children is \$4.50. For students who hold a season pass, the cost is \$1.50. For spectators the cost is \$3.50.

Parents wishing to take their children directly from the pool are required to have their names marked off at the recording desk before leaving the carnival.

Online only canteen lunch orders will be available on this day. Lunches will be delivered to the pool around 12–12.30pm. No pick-up items will be available, eg frozen items, slushies, custard cups etc. Fish Heads will also be open for students to purchase food and drink items.

Students need to return their signed permission notes with \$4.50 pool entry or pool pass number and \$1.50 to their class teacher by Wednesday, 6 February. Students who do not return their permission note will NOT be allowed to attend the carnival.

Caring, Dedicated Teachers

I would like to thank staff who spent a considerable amount of time at school during the holidays and also staff who spent time working from home on plans, programs and organisation for 2019. We are fortunate to have very professional, caring, dedicated staff.

School Contributions and Book Packs

Our annual school contribution is \$80 per student, along with a book pack fee of \$55. The school contribution includes the Life Education Program, two visiting performances, student subscriptions to online learning programs, including Matific and Reading Eggs, as well as a voluntary contribution to assist the school. Schools can request contributions to enhance their education programs. These school contributions are voluntary and payment is a matter for decision by parents. School contributions provide additional educational resources for the benefit of all students. The school will ensure that no student or family suffers any discrimination or embarrassment over the payment of voluntary school contributions. The book pack fee (\$55) will ensure every student has all the basic educational supplies and stationery for their classroom. Payments are accepted at the front office or online through the school website at <u>www.byronbay-p.schools.nsw.edu.au</u>. Parents who are unable to pay for book packs because of financial hardship, may be eligible for assistance through the school assistance program.

Staff Professional Learning

On the School Development Days, professional learning was provided on visible learning, what works best, aspects of quality teaching and learning, mandatory child protection & code of conduct training, along with future directions in relation to our School Plan 2018-20. Many thanks to the parents for keeping the boys and girls at home on the School Development Days at both the end of last year and the beginning of this year, it was very much appreciated.

Cheers and Tears – First Day for Kindergarten – Tuesday 5 February

Starting Kindergarten for some parents can be a time of mixed emotions. After parents deliver their children to their new classroom, parents are invited to join other parents in the hall for a chat. 'Cheers and Tears' is a great way to meet other parents, debrief over a cup of tea or coffee and ask questions.

Parents and Citizens Meeting

Everyone is welcome to attend our P&C meetings which are held monthly. The first meeting for the year is on Thursday 14 February at 6.00pm. The P&C AGM will be held on Thursday 14 March at 6.00pm. All meetings are held in the staffroom. The meetings are only for parents, not students. If you need child minding organised, please phone the school before hand, no later than midday and this can be organised. Bring a friend along and support your school, we would love to see some new faces.

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Band Program 2019

If your child is interested in learning an instrument and joining our school band in 2019, please enrol at <u>www.enrol.nrcac.edu.au</u> and select the Music in Schools Program. The band program will be commencing in Week 3.

School Community Charter

The Department of Education has just released the new School Community Charter which outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff to ensure;

- Collaborative, respectful communication.
- Our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.
- We all treat each other with respect.

• We prioritise the wellbeing of our students and staff It points out that the following behaviour from parents and community members is unacceptable -

- Aggressive or intimidating behaviour, be it verbal of physical.
- Inappropriate language and use of inappropriate tone of voice.
- Unsafe behaviour.

A BIG thank you to the 99% of our amazing parents who already abide by this part of the charter. Please ensure that whilst on site or at school events beyond the school gates, you all abide by this charter. If you would like to discuss any concerns with your child's teacher, please make an appointment. Trying to discuss things with teachers as they are taking their class in is not an appropriate time.

Until next time, Linda Trigg

Uniform Shop

The school uniform shop has been flat out providing uniforms for all the students—all made possible by our wonderful volunteers. A massive thanks to: Sonia Hickey, Christine Berry, Eva Matheson, Sheridan Richardson, Fernanda Mascitto, Celia March,

Melissa Beautista, Sharon Pendergast, Lexie Arabadjis, Natalie Straun.

'One of the Kids' Workshop

A workshop for families of children with developmental disability currently attending or approaching the school years. Please see image below for more information.

Ballina	Tuesday 19 February—Ramada Hotel
	2 Main St, Ballina
Tweed Heads	Thursday 21 February—Bayswater Tweed
	129 Wharf St, Tweed Heads
TIME	9.30am-3pm
Refreshments available	e on arrival with lunch and a resource pack provided.
REGISTRATION	Online or via www.family- advocacy.com
CALL US	1800 620 588 or (02) 9869 0866
EMAIL US	advocacyandleadership@family-advocacy.com

2019 - Term 1 - Week 2 Canteen Roster

Mon 4 Feb	Jane Stanton-Gillan, Roberta Zaiantchick	
Tue 5 Feb	Meg Parker-Herriott, Kate Williams	
Wed 6 Feb	Suzie Farrell, Ange Grice	
Thu 7 Feb	Hannah Bright, 1 helper needed	
Fri 8 Feb	Yvonne MacDonald, 1 helper needed	
Bolognaise Pasta and Fried Rice will return in Week 2.		

Bolognaise Pasta and Fried Rice will return in Week 2. Tuesdays Burger Day will return in Week 3. The Canteen is open Monday to Friday from 8.55am to 12pm

(Lunch orders must be placed by 9:15am) 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 <u>bbpscanteen@gmail.com</u>.

2019 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.

pencil case x 1

dictionary

Years 3 & 4

- f lead pencils * bullet tip artline 70 * coloured pencils
- * sharpener * red pen x 2
- * eraser * pencil case

* blue pen x 1 (Yr 4 only)

- Years 5 & 6
- * scissors
- sharpener
- coloured pencils * small textas

Thank you, Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Teachers

Community Notices French Lessons

French lessons with Francoise are recommencing this year. Available from Kindy to Year 6. If you are interested please ring Francoise on 0417 250 600.

Netball

Registrations have opened for all of the local clubs. Competition begins on Saturday 16 March. Please contact Brooke on 0434 277 663 for more information.

All Girls Surfriders

Sign on day for All Girls Surfriders is Saturday 9 February from 8am to 10am at Lennox Beach, opposite the pub. Contact Jane on 0427 930 699 for more information.

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Spanish Lessons at School

Hola, come and join us for Spanish lessons this year. Children have fun while learning Spanish. Good for their brains and good for your trips! Contact Esther at



byron.spanishfun@gmail.com for more details.



tor 8 weeks. 3.30 to 4.15pm at Byron Bay Public <u>Mini Beez:</u> Ages 8 to 12yrs. - Tuesdays commencing 5/2/19 for 8 weeks. 4.00 to 5.00pm at Cavanbah Center All <u>NEW</u> Registrations receive a Singlet, Ball and Bag, simply register online at: www.aussiehoops.com.au Costs per Term: New participant \$100, returning participant only \$80

Enquiries: Email. info@byronbasketball.com or Ph: 0403 580 140

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