

Byron Bay Public School

Newsletter

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Communicating With Our Valued Community

Term 4 - Week 6

What's Coming Up! Term 4

Week 6

Thursday 19 November

- S1 Intensive Swimming
- Captains Speeches in Hall @ 10.00am

Friday 20 November

- S1 Intensive Swimming

Week 7

Monday 23 November

- S1 Intensive Swimming
- Whole School Assembly via Zoom @ 2.00pm

Tuesday 24 November

- S1 Intensive Swimming

Wednesday 25 November

- S1 Intensive Swimming

Thursday 26 November

- S1 Intensive Swimming

Friday 27 November

- S1 Intensive Swimming

World Kindness Day

World Kindness Day is celebrated across the world on 13 November. Activities on this day highlight the good deeds being carried out in our communities, in our towns and cities, as well as our rural areas. There are some amazing acts of kindness that go on each and every day that we never hear about, that are truly worthy of celebration and acknowledgement. It is the positive power of human kindness and the spirit of kindness that binds us together.

Our SRC students created a Kindness Chain which was displayed in the playground. Each individual link had a kindness message written by students. The Kindness Chain reminded students and staff to spread kindness and added a sprinkle of colour and happiness to our playground.

Thank you to the SRC for running the Kindness Day activity.

The following was written by the SRC Executive, 'We enjoyed creating colourful strips of paper so that every student could write a kind message and add it to our extra long kindness paper chain. It looked amazing and it was great to see the trees decorated with beautiful, bright, kind messages. Some teachers even told us that they wished the paper chains could stay in the trees permanently. It was really special to watch students from Kindergarten to Year 6 contribute to making the chain. We hope everyone enjoyed our kindness paper chain activity and spreading kind messages to celebrate World Kindness Day at Byron Bay Public School.'

Thank you to Mrs Woodrow and Miss Stanton-Gillan for supporting the SRC with their organisation of our Kindness Day activities. Thank you also to Ms Elliott for organising some Kindness Challenges to be completed over the coming weeks. Wouldn't it be good if we could make kindness the norm for everyone. A smile or friendly gesture can go a long way and often make someone's day.

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 Wednesday 27 and the second one on Thursday 28 January.

The Department of Education has adjusted its policy on School Development Days and from next year onwards, we will have two School Development Days at the start of the year, followed by one at the start of Term 2 and Term 3, then only one at the end of the year, instead of 2. Students, with the exception of Kindergarten, will commence on Friday, 29 January. Kindergarten will be completing their Orientation Program and Best Start assessment.

Planning for 2021

We have commenced our planning and organisation for 2021. If you know that your child/children won't be attending our school in 2021, 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 2021, 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/children will not be back at school on the first day of 2021, please let us know in writing, before the end of the year.

COVID Restrictions Continue

COVID-19 school related restrictions still remain valid and are still in place. This includes parents/carers not being permitted on-site at school, with the exception of those supporting



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Kindergarten End of Year Celebration - Palace Cinema - \$13.00 with popcorn/\$9.00 without popcorn
S1 Palace Cinema End of Year Celebration - \$13.00 with popcorn/\$9.00 without popcorn
The 5000 Day Project - \$30



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education programs and parents who need to discuss complex wellbeing issues. Any visitors entering our school site, including parents who enter school grounds to go to the front office on important business must complete the Department of Education's 'External Visitors to School Site' form every time they set foot on school grounds. I will let you know when these restrictions are lifted. Please maintain social distancing when dropping off and picking up students. Please stay in contact with our school via phone calls and emails during this time. We look forward to the day when our school is open to all members of our school community, including our wonderful parents. We miss you and hope all is well with the family.

Great P&C

A BIG thank you to our P&C who have approved the purchase of a range of resources, including Kindergarten's Fun Friday games, passive play games that are used during the lunch break, additional furniture for the new building, the 'Leave Your Legacy' plaque for the new building, covering 50% of the cost of the K-6 'Bullying, No Way!' webinars, the Year 6 Leadership Day, plus additional STEM equipment and Calm Kits for every classroom. We are currently in the process of designing a new COLA that will be located in the Stage 2 eating area near the hall. This is another P&C initiative. Thank you to Claudia Bernardazzi and Celia Cheetham for the amazing concept design which is now ready to progress to assets management and the engineering phase. The P&C has provided us with much needed support throughout the year. We are fortunate to have such an amazing P&C who represent the parents and citizens in our school community. Thank you to everyone who has participated in their fundraising endeavours, it has been a real team effort.

Until next time,
Mrs Linda Trigg
Principal

**Weekly Achievement Awards
Term 4 Week 5**

These awards will be presented Term 4 Week 7

Althea	KC	Harper	KD
Zimmy	KE	Dy	KP
Nina	1A	Ellucca	1C
Rhys	1H	Indiana	1S
Jediah	2G	Riccardo	2K
Lucas	2M	Wyatt	2S
Laly	3D	Sebastian	3M
Lily	3W	Jarvis	4B
Lachlan	4P	Carden	4S
Benjamin A	4T	Emile	5I
Kai	5R	Kinayda	5W
Lea	5/6A	Diaz	6H
Bohi	6W		
Music		Winnie	KC
Technology		Stella	3W
Instrumental Program		Chungte	5I

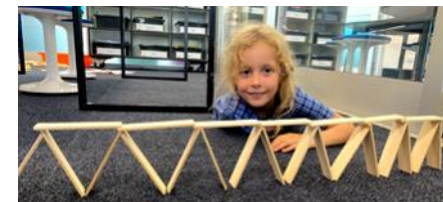


Kindergarten students enjoying the new resources donated by the P&C

In 1A and 1H, we have been learning about things that grow and change. We have been fascinated to watch the life cycle of a butterfly happening right before our eyes! The students have also been very excited to grow their own sunflowers...with varying degrees of success. The students now know, first hand, the challenges that our farmers face.



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Thank you to the P&C for purchasing Stage One some new STEM resources. 1S were fortunate enough to have some time to trial the new equipment. They had a lot of fun problem solving and constructing with the new resources. The students made the tallest towers and constructed bridges. 1S thinks the other classes will love them too!



Attendance

In accordance with the Education Act (1990), all students who are enrolled at school, regardless of their age, are expected to attend that school whenever instruction is provided. Parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven days to the school. An explanation for absence must be provided to the school within 7 days of the first day of any period of absence. Regular attendance at school is essential to assist students to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students.

Here at Byron Bay Public School, we are committed to providing your child with an excellent education. The building blocks of a great education begin with all students coming to school each and every day. Regular school attendance is vital and missing school days can have a big impact on a child's future – missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they'll have missed more than a year of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day. Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible. Openly communicating with your child's teacher about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a Home School Liaison Officer. A School Home School Liaison Officer is a NSW Department of Education employee who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school may put them behind.

NAIDOC Week Activities in the Library

Students from 1H enjoying NAIDOC week celebrations by completing an Aboriginal art animal puzzle.



Remembrance Day

Students from 2G proudly wearing a poppy which they made to commemorate the men and women who have served and are still serving in our defence forces and remember those who have died or suffered in conflicts, wars and peacekeeping operations. Well done, 2G!



2020 - Term 4 - Week 7 Canteen Roster

- Mon 23 Nov** Monika Konstantynowicz & Jen White
- Tues 24 Nov** Emma Blake
- Wed 25 Nov** Madeleine West
- Thurs 26 Nov** Natalie Moffitt
- Fri 27 Nov** Yvonne MacDonald & Karyn Shaw



The canteen is open Monday to Friday from 8.55am to 12.00pm. Due to COVID restrictions, the canteen is not handling any money. All lunch orders and pick up items need to be placed through the online ordering system. **To place an order, please sign up at www.flexischools.com.au (Lunch orders must be placed by 9.15am).** We recommend placing your child's lunch order the night before to ensure that the order has gone through. Please make sure that you follow the process all the way through to the order confirmation. Please check for a confirmation email after you have placed your order. If you have any problems with the Flexischools App, please try logging on through the Flexischools website. Canteen volunteers are now allowed. If you would like to volunteer in the canteen (9.00am - 12.99pm), please contact Mandy in the canteen or email to bbpscanteen@gmail.com.

Choir News

COVID 19 has changed many things, including the Annual Carols by the Sea. Usually this community event, sponsored by the Combined Local Churches, is held at the beach front and enjoyed by many. This year, Carols by the Sea has been pre-recorded and will be live streamed on Friday night, December 11 and possibly kept accessible online until Christmas. Five of our Year 6 choir students went along on Saturday to record 'Silent Night'. The students sang so beautifully that Music Director Sharny Russell asked them to also sing along with her on her original track, 'One Little Baby'. Pictured on stage with Sharny from L to R: Ben R, Sienna P, Milo D, Hayden A and Jesse S.



Uniform Shop opening hours for 2021 will be -

- **Friday 22 January**
9.00am - 12.00pm
- **Thursday 28 January**
9.00am - 12.00pm
- **Friday 29 January**
9.00am - 12.00pm

Then every Monday morning from 8.30am - 10.30am once the term commences.



Book Fair

Thank you to all who have supported this years Book Fair 2020. All orders online will close November 18. If you wish to make an order and have missed the online cut off you can pop down to 'The Book Room' until Friday 20 November and add your order to BBPS. Thank you again for your support. Ms O'Connor and Mrs Korff Teacher Librarians



★ Class Achievement Awards Term 4 Week 5 ★



Althea KC



Harper KD



Zimmy KE



Dylan KP



Nina 1A



Ellucca 1C



Rhys 1H



Indiana 1S



Jediah 2G



Riccardo 2K



Lucas 2M



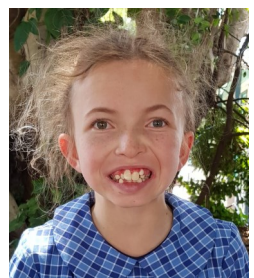
Wyatt 2S



Laly 3D



Sebastian 3M



Lily 3W



Jarvis 4B



Lachlan 4P



Carden 4S



Benjamin 4T



Emile 5I



Kai 5R



Kinayda 5W



Lea 5/6A



Diaz 6H



Bohi 6W



Winnie KC
Music



Stella 3W
Technology



Chungte 5I
Instrumental



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