

Byron Bay Public School

Newsletter

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Wednesday 16 December 2020

Communicating With Our Valued Community

Term 4 - Week 10

What's Coming Up!

Term 4

Week 10

- LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS
Happy Holidays

Term 1 2021

Week 1

Tuesday 26 January

- Public Holiday

Wednesday 27 January

- Staff Development Day

Thursday 28 January

- Staff Development Day

Friday 29 January

- FIRST DAY BACK FOR
STUDENTS YEARS 1- 6

- Canteen Closed

Kindergarten Orientation Days

From Friday January 29 - Thursday
4 December

Week 2

Monday 1 February

- Canteen Open

(limited menu available)

Friday 5 February

- Swimming Carnival (Years 3 - 6)
and students turning 8 next year

Great School

We appreciate your ongoing support of the school throughout 2020. Byron Bay Public School is a great school with a great reputation and we can be very proud of our achievements. There is no doubt that it has been a challenging year in many ways. Staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that students continued to be at the centre of decision making. We responded to the many challenges that COVID presented us with, making accommodations and developing new ways of doing things. Hopefully 2021 will see a further easing of restrictions that will enable parents to be back on site, in order to drop off and collect students. We will send out a Schoolstream message at the beginning of next term with the latest updates in relation to parents being allowed back on site.

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.

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 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 2021 as we work together on the implementation of our 2021-2024 School Improvement Plan.



Year 5 Leadership and Activity Day

On Thursday and Friday of Week 9, Year 5 participated in Leadership and Activity Days. Thursday was a Leadership Day filled with fun learning tasks and games to strengthen leadership qualities. On Friday, our activities included paper origami, wood weaving, an inflatable obstacle course and a big game of trivia, where students had to answer trivia questions, and complete trivia challenges. Students enjoyed these days and also their pizza and sausage sizzle lunches.



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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.

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Education

Year 6 Farewell

On Monday evening, our Year 6 students formally celebrated the end of their schooling at Byron Bay Public School. The farewell dinner 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.

End of Year

Classes will not operate after today, Wednesday 16 December, which is the last day of attendance for the students. Classes will resume on Friday 29 January 2021 for Years 1 - 6. Kindergarten will be completing their Orientation Program and Best Start interviews during the first few days and will not commence full days until Thursday 11 February 2021.

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 it's 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.

Beginning of 2021

At the beginning of next year, students will remain in their current class for a few days until our student numbers are confirmed. 2021 classes will then be finalised. This is due to fluctuating enrolment data. While we have several plans we will not be able to activate final classes until student numbers are confirmed. All students will commence important learning and assessments immediately. Where possible, students will be placed with their 2020 teacher so that learning continuity is assured. They will begin stage assessments and stage based learning. We will advise parents of finalised classes as soon as we can.

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 our Vacation Care Program.

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. 2020 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

Band Impromptu Performances

The students in the Senior Band and Wilderband presented three impromptu concerts for students over the last three weeks. In between band numbers, individual students showcased the musical skills they learnt from their music teachers. The Band Committee recognises the work of: Music tutors - Michael, Neil, Sean, Kate and Cameron. Parent helpers - Jan, Lisa, Vicky and Clare. Anita and Janene form the NRC, all the students in the program and finally Cheryl Booker. Parents are able to enrol their children for the band Program 2021 by contacting the front office and the Northern Rivers Conservatorium.



Canteen News

Please note Canteen is closed on Friday 29 January 2021 (First day back). We will reopen on Monday 1 February 2021 with a limited menu. Wishing you all a very safe and Merry Christmas.



Library News

Congratulations to our Term 4 Library Yo Flo winners -

- Kindergarten** Penelope O (KC)
- Stage 1** Milla R (2M) and Cooper K (2G)
- Stage 2** Lucie S (3D) and Stella B (3W)
- Stage 3** Marlee B (6H)

These students were presented with their Yo Flo vouchers during assembly this week. Thank you to everyone who has returned their overdue books. Please return all overdue books as soon as possible at the office to ensure borrowing can recommence in 2021.

Book Fair 2020

Thank you to all parents, staff and community who purchased from our COVID safe Bood Fair. Your purchases have enable the Byron Bay Public School library to receive commission in the way of books. We would also like to thank our local provider, The Book Room for their work in assisting us. All Book Fair books have been distributed, if your child has not received their ordered book(s), please contact The Book Room on 6685 8183 or email byron@thebookroomcollective.com.

Congratulations to our Citizenship Award Winners for November and December

Pictured with their awards are Gemma R, Emma L, Ohji G, Tali B and Mac B with Mr Michael Gudgeon from Ray White Real Estate. Absent : Reece H and Saxon C.





Year 6 Farewell



Student of the Year
Dominic S GW



Class
of
2020





Byron Bay Public School Presentation Day 2020



Arts Award



Rotary Citizenship Award



Technology Award



Academic Excellence Award



Premiers Reading Challenge
Platinum Awards Year 5



2020 Joy Graham School Captains
Leadership Award



Premiers Reading Challenge
Platinum Awards Year 6



2021 School Captains and Vice Captains



Library Awards



Class Awards - 5/6A



Class Awards - 6H



Class Awards - 6W



Class Awards



Class Awards - 3D



Class Awards - 3W



Class Awards - 4P



Class Awards - 4T



Class Awards - 5R



Class Awards - 3M



Class Awards - 4B



Class Awards - 4S



Class Awards - 5I



Class Awards - 5/6A

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