

Byron Bay Public School

Newsletter

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Wednesday 9 December 2020

Communicating With Our Valued Community

Term 4 - Week 9

What's Coming Up! Term 4

Week 9

Thursday 10 December

- Kinder End of Year Celebration @ Palace Cinema
- Year 5 Leadership and Activities Day

Friday 11 December

- S1 End of Year Celebration @ Palace Cinema
- Year 5 Leadership and Activities Day

Week 10

Monday 14 December

- Whole School Assembly via Zoom @ 2.00pm
- Aboriginal Dance Workshop Year 1 and 2
- Year 6 Farewell @ Bangalow Bowling Club 5.30 - 8.30 pm

Wednesday 16 December

- S2 Christmas Party Fun Day @ Mullumbimby Pool
- S3 Christmas Party Fun Day @ Byron Bay Pool
- **LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS**
Happy Holidays

Term 1 2021

Friday 29 January

- **FIRST DAY BACK FOR STUDENTS YEARS 1-6**

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VISIT THE SCHOOL WEBSITE
"Make a Payment"
PAYMENTS NOW DUE

- S1 Palace Cinema End of Year Celebration - \$13.00 with popcorn/\$9.00 without popcorn
- Year 5 Leadership and Activities Day - \$7.50
- S2 Christmas Party Fun Day - \$12.50
- S3 Christmas Party Fun Day - \$3.20

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.

Presentation Day - A Celebration of Learning

Presentation Day acknowledges our outstanding achievements throughout the year and the many talents of our amazing students. Congratulations to the boys and girls who received awards for their outstanding achievements. A big thank you to our special guest, Delta Kay. The Presentation Day was a fitting conclusion to what has been a year full of change and ongoing adjustments to suit COVID regulations, including the livestreaming of the event. A BIG thank you to Ms Lennon for organising the day, with support from office staff and teachers. Thank you also to Ethan Snow for organising the livestreaming.

2021 Captains and Vice Captains

Congratulations to our newly elected SRC Executive for 2021. Our School Captains are Avalon R and Banjo K. The Vice Captains are Mayzie R and Camden W. The other members of the Executive are Crispin C, Maya C, Jack M, Phoebe P, Tallulah S and Chase W. Thank you to all of the boys and girls who stood for election. We are looking forward to working with our new Leadership Team in 2021. Many thanks to our current Leadership Team who have done a great job throughout 2020.



Each Tuesday afternoon during Week 7 and 8, Year 4 students participated in a variety of fun filled activities. These activities offered the students the opportunity to interact, problem solve, cooperate and engage in new or familiar experiences. The Club Activities were gardening, sport, board games and Mandala rock painting.



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- Turn taking
- Sharing
- Cooperating
- Discussions
- Compromising
- Negotiating
- Interacting
- Creating
- Physical
- Fairness
- Fun
- Caring
- Problem Solving



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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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Student Reports

Student Reports will be going home next week, on Tuesday. The teachers have put a lot of time and effort into writing these reports, ensuring that they communicate progress and achievement.

Class Celebrations/Party Days

Please refer to the 'What's Coming Up' section on the front page. Notes have gone home outlining each stage's activities.

The Perfect Present

Last week I received two glowing emails of appreciation that I passed on to the relevant members of staff. As a teacher, there is nothing more rewarding than receiving a 'Thank You' letter or email from a satisfied parent or student. As a school Principal, I love receiving letters and emails, hearing about how fantastic our teachers are or about the good deeds they have done. When it comes to extracurricular activities, which involve a lot of extra work for staff, a simple 'thank you' goes a long way.

Planning for 2021

We are busy planning and organising for 2021. If you know that you child/ren 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/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 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.

Composite Classes

Student numbers in each year dictate whether or not we will have composite classes. Current numbers indicate that we may need to have several composite classes. There should be no disadvantage to students being in a composite class as teachers are accustomed to differentiating their teaching to suit student needs. In straight classes, consisting of only students in the same year, there is a considerable spread of abilities with students achieving above, below and at year level. The same can be said of composite classes. Students in composite classes participate in stage assemblies, sport and excursions with the rest of the grade. They also work towards achieving the same outcomes.

Road Safety Flyer

Please see the road safety information on the attached flyer.

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. Students, with the exception of Kindergarten, will commence on Friday, 29 January. Kindergarten will be completing their Orientation Program and Best Start assessment.

Until next time,
Mrs Linda Trigg,
Principal



Thank you to the SRC students for organizing the Decade Day Fundraiser and thank you to everyone for dressing up and making it a successful day. The funds raised will be donated to the Brighter Futures Foundation who support families, by providing hampers at Christmas time.



Citizenship Awards

Congratulations to the following students -

November

Early Stage 1	Ohji G	KE
Stage 1	Reece H	2K
Stage 2	Tali B	4B
Stage 3	Gemma R	5I

December

Stage 1	Emma L	2S
Stage 2	Saxon C	4P
Stage 3	Mac B	6W

These students will be presented with their book awards at the K-6 Zoom Assembly on Monday 14 December by Mr Michael Gudgeon from Ray White Real Estate, Byron Bay.



Congratulations to Year 4 students who received a Merit or Distinction for the NSW University ICAS tests.

Reducing Home Food Waste over the Festive Season

North East Waste in conjunction with Council and the NSW EPA are running a [Food Smart Program](http://www.newaste.org.au/foodsmart/) to help Northern NSW families reduce the amount of good food wasted at home - particularly over the coming summer holiday period. Sign up online to the FREE Food Smart Program at <http://www.newaste.org.au/foodsmart/>.

For more ideas on how to save money and avoid food waste, sign up to the FREE program. For 2 weeks, you will get handy emails with food storage tips, recipes, hints, meal plan ideas and smart shopping solutions. If you sign up and finish the program by 31 January, you will also go in the draw to win a freezer worth around \$750.

The FREE Food Smart Program is open to households in the Ballina, Byron, Clarence Valley, Kyogle, Lismore, Richmond Valley and Tweed local governments areas.

Lost Property

Coming to the end of the term, our lost property bins are overflowing. If you have lost any items, clothing, lunch boxes etc. please come and Have a look. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity on the last day. It is important to clearly label any items of clothing, lunch boxes etc. so they can be returned to the child's class.



CANTEEN

**2020 - Term 4 - Week 10
Canteen Roster**

Mon 14 Dec	Monika Konstantynowicz
Tues 15 Dec	Vicky Liddle
Wed 16 Dec	Madeleine West



As we approach the end of term, we will be running down our stock in preparation for the holidays. As a result, some items may be unavailable. There will be some menu and small price changes in Term 1. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 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 - 12.00pm), please contact Mandy in the canteen or email to bbpscanteen@gmail.com.

Band News - Scholarships available

A reminder that Scholarships are available and parents need to apply in writing, with applications closing today. Please send your applications to -

byronbay-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

P&C Full Trombone Scholarship: this scholarship covers fees for one year of individual tuition, weekly band sessions and instrument hire.

P&C half-year Scholarships: Two half-year scholarships which cover fees for six months of individual tuition, weekly band sessions and instrument hire. There is an expectation that students will continue in the Band Program.



From the Northern Rivers Conservatorium:

We extend our sincere thanks to the community of Byron Bay Public School for their partnership in the Music in Schools program in 2020. In spite of the many challenges we faced together this year, the students have achieved wonderful musical results and our teachers couldn't be more proud. Thank you to our teachers, Sean O'Boyle, Michael McCabe, Neil McCann, Kate Gittens and of course Cameron Smith, who have provided such dedicated music tuition both over Zoom and onsite at the school.

2021 enrolments for continuing and new students are NOW OPEN! Continuing students — <http://enrol.nrcac.edu.au/music-in-schools/continuing/>

New students — <http://enrol.nrcac.edu.au/music-in-schools/new/>

All our best wishes for the festive season and the school holidays. We look forward to more music making in 2021.

Anita Bellman, Executive Director



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