

Byron Bay Public School

Newsletter

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Communicating With Our Valued Community

Term 4 - Week 9

What's Coming Up! Term 4 2021

Week 9

Thursday 2 December

- Year 5 Leadership Day
- Year 6 Leadership Day with Liz Blatchford

Friday 3 December

- Year 5 Leadership Day
- Stage 2 Swimming Assessment 10.00am - 2.30pm

Week 10

Monday 6 December

- Whole School Assembly @ 1.50pm
- Stage 3 Swimming Assessment 10.00am - 2.30pm

Wednesday 8 December

- Presentation Day - Years 3 to 6

Thursday 9 December

- SRC Fun Day
- Bravehearts Performance 'Ditto' Kinder - 2 @ 12.10pm

Friday 10 December

- SRC Silent Disco

Week 11

Monday 13 December

- Year 6 Farewell Assembly @ 10.00am in hall

- Whole School Assembly @ 1.50pm

Tuesday 14 December

- Stage 1 Palace Cinema Excursion
- Year 5 Palace Cinema Excursion
- Year 6 Mullumbimby Pool - Inflatables Excursion

Wednesday 15 December

- Kindergarten Palace Cinema Excursion

Thursday 16 December

- Stage 2 End of Year Pool Excursion

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PAYMENTS NOW DUE

- Kinder and S1 - Palace Cinema \$11.00 with popcorn \$15.00
- Year 5 Activities Day - \$8.00
- S2 Swimming Assessment - \$3.50
- S3 Swimming Assessment - \$3.50
- The 5000 Day Project - \$30

Instrumental School Band Program



Matilda playing the Clarinet



Banjo is all smiles playing the Viola



Reece posing with his Cello



Jack enjoying his Violin lesson



Finlay trialling the Drums

'Learning to play an instrument stimulates the brain cells, improving functions like memory and abstract reasoning skills, which are essential for Maths and Science. Music, in general, helps bring balance and harmony in one's life. Children who learn to play an instrument have an outlet for creativity and their emotions.'

Our school, in partnership with the Northern Rivers Conservatorium (NRC), organises a highly successful Band Program. The program provides Year 3 to Year 6 students with individual music tuition with a team of highly qualified teachers from the Northern Rivers Conservatorium Music in Schools Program.

Students have the opportunity to learn to play violin, viola, cello, flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, saxophone, percussion or bass guitar during their time at school. As well, all students in the program participate in weekly rehearsals with one of the bands or string ensembles to improve their performance skills. Throughout the year, students have many opportunities to perform at school assemblies, school extravaganzas, open performance days at the NRC, eisteddfods, band recitals at the Byron Theatre and even busking in the streets of Byron. The performances are planned to boost students' confidence and motivate them to commit to regular practice.

Many of the students continue their interest in music through high school and beyond, some students have performed with James Morrison and Sean O'Boyle. Parents have opportunities to be involved with the program as band managers and committee members, when health advice allows.

The Band Program and NRC Music in Schools Program is an extremely successful initiative that adds value to the educational opportunities provided at Byron Bay Public School. Geoff Spargo Band Manager



Anya making great sound on the flute



Jeanie practicing Saxophone



Kai learning the Bass Guitar



Member of the Lighthouse Valley of Schools

Respectful - Responsible - Fair

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.



Planning for 2022

As indicated in previous newsletters, planning for next year is well underway. The composition of classes is a very complex and time-consuming exercise. There are many factors that we need to consider. How we structure classes depends on many complex factors, including the total number of students enrolled across the school, specifically in each year level, along with the final staffing allocation that the Department of Education allocates to us.

The number and structure of classes within NSW Department of Education schools is dependent on whole school enrolment numbers. If your child/ren will no longer be attending our school in 2022, it is crucially important that we are aware of this information. If this is the case, I would appreciate you phoning or placing this in writing ASAP but by no later than this Friday 3 December. This information is very important as we consider staffing and class structures for the new school year.

Advice from Safe on Social Media

Since schools have returned to face-to-face teaching and learning, the majority of school-aged children are still using group chats to communicate with their friends.

Staying in touch with each other is a wonderful thing, it keeps human connection alive in what at times has been a very isolating learning experience. Group chats, however, can often be a breeding ground for bad behaviour, with bullying and sextortion being high amongst negative experiences that students have faced.

The most commonly used group chat apps are WhatsApp, Snap Chat, Instagram, Discord, Kids Messenger, plus Facebook Messenger, all of which allow individual and group communication.

The majority of group chat activity happens at home, parents and carers have a duty of care to minimise the risk of bullying and other dangers to a child. As such, here are a few tips to creating positive group chat experiences for your children:

- It is recommended that primary school aged children should only use Facebook Messenger for Kids so that parents can control what is going on in any group chats through the parental controls.
- Devices should never 'go to sleep' with students. Normalise handing them over to you before bedtime or to put them in another room until the next day so they are unable to respond to messages at crazy times of the night and morning.
- Help your child/ren develop the skills to leave a group chat that is not helpful or is harmful in any way. Teach them simple phrases to remove themselves from toxic conversations - 'Sorry guys, I'm not feeling comfortable talking about that' or 'This is getting a bit nasty for me, I'm going to go'.
- Remind children that they must always be kind, respectful and responsible at all times while engaging in a group chat. All it takes is for someone to take a screengrab of cyberbullying for interactions to become public and be used as evidence against them.

NSW Teachers Federation – Industrial Action

The NSW Teachers Federation has announced that their members will be on strike on Tuesday 7 December. This will impact our school. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Over the last 18 months the NSW Teachers Federation have exhausted all options to reach an agreement with the NSW state government over unsustainable workloads and uncompetitive salaries. More information will follow over the next few days.

Permission to Publish

Our new Permission to Publish note was sent home for your attention. Please make sure you read it carefully, tick the appropriate box and return the permission slip to school. Students whose parents do not give permission to publish will not appear in the newsletter or on any social media accounts. Thank you to those parents who have already returned the permission note.

Level 3 Restrictions

As of Monday 8 November, all staff and adult visitors must be fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination before entry on site is permitted. We are asking parents to not enter school grounds and to kiss and drop the children off outside the school gate. The same applies at pick up time. We are still operating under level 3 restrictions which means that parents are not allowed on site, with the exception of canteen volunteers, parents purchasing school uniforms or supporting curriculum implementation, as well as those involved in complex wellbeing matters.

Thank You to the P&C

A BIG thank you to our amazing P&C who are paying for the cost of the Year 6 Leadership Day, with special guest Liz Blatchford. They are also paying for the cost of hiring the swimming pool whilst we are doing our swimming assessments. Normally we only have to pay for lane hire but due to COVID restrictions, we also need to hire the facility. The P&C is also contributing to the Band Scholarship Fund, enabling the provisioning of two band scholarships which are split 50/50 with the school. We are fortunate to have such a productive and highly supportive P&C.

Until next time,

Mrs Linda Trigg
Principal

Weekly Achievement Awards**Term 4 Week 8**

*These awards will be presented
Term 4 Week 10*

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|-------------|-------------|----------|-------------|
| Luca | KC | Nova | KD |
| Maya | KE | Indiana | KP |
| Jarvis | 1A | Luca | 1C |
| Misael | 1H | Sylvie | 1S |
| Zachary | 2G | Grace | 2K |
| Benjamin | 2M | Daisy | 2S |
| Ambrose | 3D | Mia | 3J |
| Luey | 3P | Lily | 3/4C |
| Harlow | 4S | Indigo | 4T |
| Cooper | 4/5R | Benjamin | 5I |
| Xavier | 5P | Mika | 5/6C |
| Mame-Diarra | 6A | Mayzie | 6H |
| Leila | 6W | | |
| Technology | | Ella | 2K |
| Music | | Lily M | 5P |



A reminder to parents and students that Christmas candy canes are **not** to be given out or shared in the school grounds. We appreciate that it is a nice gesture at this time of year, however we kindly ask that you refrain from sending candy canes with your child/ren to school.



SRC Christmas Themed Mufti Day

Christmas came early to Byron Bay Public School on 19 November. Thank you to everyone who participated in the SRC Christmas fundraiser. Students and staff looked very festive in their Christmas clothes and we raised \$700 for the charity 'Doin it for Rural Aussie Kids' This money will be used to purchase Christmas presents for children across the country, whose families are doing it tough this Christmas.



2021 Term 4 - Week 10 Canteen Roster

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| Mon 6 Dec | Peta Simmons |
| Tues 7 Dec | Jodie Isaacson and Cilla Jolliffe |
| Wed 8 Dec | Genevieve Lai and Laura Cima |
| Thu 9 Dec | Simone Markovitch and Belinda Gohra |
| Fri 10 Dec | Kirsten Riwaka and Emma Rolley |

The canteen is open Monday to Friday. To place an order, please sign up at www.flexischools.com.au (lunch orders must be placed by 9.15am). Cash will only be accepted if there is a problem with Flexischools. All lunch orders need to be placed through the online ordering system. (Note: there are no pick up items available) 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. 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.

Canteen News

There will be restricted pick up specials available through Flexischools to collect from the canteen. The following items will be available: ice-creams, frozen yoghurts, slushies and Quelch frozen fruit tubes (while stocks last)



On **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** - Kindergarten and Stage 1 only can order frozen pick up treats.

On **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**- Stage 2 and 3 only can order frozen pickup treats.

Any pick up orders placed on the incorrect day will NOT be allowed to be collected.



BYRON BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL SILENT DISCO

Friday 10 December
Students may wear sun safe mufti clothing for this day. Please wear closed in footwear.

- * Kinder 9.30 - 10.20am
- * Stage 1 10.20 - 11.20am
- * Stage 2 12.10 - 1.10pm
- * Stage 3 1.50 - 3.00pm

Cost - \$7 per student
OR
2 Siblings \$10, 3 Siblings \$15, 4 Siblings \$20

SRC FUN DAY

FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL TO PARTICIPATE IN. FACILITATED BY THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday 9 December

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| ESI 9:20-10:10 | STAGE 2 10:10-11:20 | STAGE 1 12:10-1:30 | STAGE 3 1:50-2:50 |
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PLEASE WEAR YOUR SCHOOL HAT

On Thursday 9 December the SRC will be hosting the SRC Fun Day. Each stage will rotate around a range of activities that the SRC has organised. It is an excellent opportunity for our student leaders to demonstrate their organisation, communication and leadership skills. We can't wait to see everyone enjoying themselves on the back playground. Please ensure students have their school hat in order to participate.



Byron Bay Public School

KINDY
2021





2021 Weekly Achievement Awards Term 4 Week 7



Gaia KC



Celina KD



June KE



Beau KP



Constance 1A



Bodhi 1C



Billie 1H



Luna 1S



Christian 2G



Dusty 2K



Lily 2M



Zephyr 2S



Max 3D



Taj 3J



Odin 3P



Jenson 3/4C



Tyler 4S



Ivy 4T



Mali 4/5R



Dhara 5I



Rafael 5P



Lawson 5/6C



Rose 6A



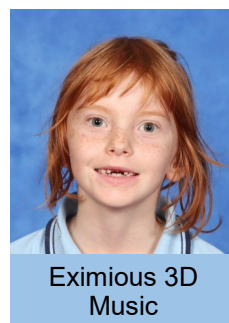
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Shae 6W



Lucie 4T
Technology



Eximious 3D
Music



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