

Byron Bay Public School

Newsletter

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Communicating With Our Valued Community

Term 3 - Week 10



Wishing our students, their families and the school community a very safe and enjoyable holiday. We are looking forward to seeing our students back at school on Tuesday 5 October!



Tournament of Minds Teams have success in difficult circumstances!

Our three Byron Bay PS Tournament of Minds (TOM) teams have gained fabulous results!! These teams have overcome major obstacles this year- they began with preparing their solutions the usual way for the first 2 weeks - in a 3 x 3m square, to perform live in front of judges and an audience. They were told that they were going to need to film their solutions at school. The students put a lot of time into making various props and costumes. Then, with no notice, we had a lockdown and the teams needed to prepare their solutions remotely from home. The teams had to make new props and costumes (as theirs were still at school), re-work their scripts and hold team Zoom meetings to communicate what they were going to do. The filming was problematic, with all students being in their own homes. TOM regional finals were still going to go ahead.



Supersonic Minds - Arts Team
L to R top - Jolie S, Phoebe P, Mame-Diarra T
Bottom - Lucie S, Lily M, Kai K, Boyd R

Our teams became creative- recording themselves on team Zoom meetings, individually recording their parts, cutting, pasting and editing videos until they came up with their final solutions. All teams needed to re-think their presentations to come up with something that could be done remotely. The teams discovered that meeting with each other over Zoom and communicating via email and messenger groups was not always easy, but they persevered. I am extremely proud that these teams came up with such successful solutions.

At the regional finals, the teams were judged on their video solutions as well as various paperwork they needed to fill in, the 'Special Seven' STEM team and the 'Spectacular Solvers' Social Science team both received an Honours award in their respective divisions- which is second place. The 'Supersonic Minds' team **won first place** in the Arts division! The 'Supersonic Minds' will now participate in the state final this Sunday via Zoom. They will be busy training all this week. I wish them all the best and know they will do themselves and our school proud, no matter what the result.

All three teams are amazing and the collaboration, problem-solving skills and flexibility these students displayed are a credit to them all. Thank you to all the parents who helped organise the communication and Zoom meetings between the students and showed their support.

Mrs Whitney



Special Seven - STEM Team
L to R top - Blake H, William L, Kai Y
Bottom - Hamish T, Bobby A, Orlando C, Kyron V

What's Coming Up! Term 4 2021

Week 1

Monday 4 October

- Public Holiday

Tuesday 5 October

- First day back for Students
- World Teachers Day

PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE VIA THE SCHOOLSTREAM APP OR OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE
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Voluntary Contribution - \$55
(includes subscriptions to Reading Eggs, Mathletics, bus to Cross Country and Athletics plus a contribution of \$29.50)

The 5000 Day Project - \$30

Spectacular Solvers - Social Science Team
L to R top - Avalon R, Audrey S, Inishere SG, Mayzie R
Bottom - Stella B, Halo B, Emily L



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Education

Excited, Happy Children Return to School

Words cannot describe how fantastic it is to see the children back at school this week. It was hard to tell who was more excited – the students or the teachers! It is lovely to hear lots of laughter fill the classrooms and playgrounds once again. The teachers have thoroughly enjoyed having their class back again with teaching and learning getting back to normal. I was amazed by how happy all the children appeared to be and how they seemed to have not just survived isolation, but thrived in it! There were a few that were a bit anxious about coming back but they settled in quickly and had a good day. Well done, boys and girls.

A BIG thank you to our amazing families who have supported their children and encouraged them to engage with learning from home through the resources provided by the school. We are most grateful for your support. We know that it hasn't been easy, that there were challenges and obstacles to overcome. With your support, learning has continued for our students.

It is expected that all students will have returned to school this week unless they are sick or have a doctors certificate explaining that they have an illness that requires further leave. The school will no longer be providing home learning via Google classroom or packages of work.

School Laptops

If you have borrowed a laptop from school, please return it to school this week. Students are asked to return the laptops to the STEM room which is located between the technology room and Mrs Whitney's room on the bottom floor in the new building. Please remember to return the power cord, charger, mouse and mouse pad if you were provided with one. Additionally, if there were any issues with the laptop, please put this on a note/post it note and stick to the laptop. Students are asked to sign out and shut down the laptop before it is returned. When students are returning their laptop, they will need to have their name marked off our borrowing list. Laptops can be returned before class commences or at 3.15pm in the afternoon.

Canteen

The school canteen will reopen next term with a very simplified, limited menu. We ask that all orders are placed online using Flexischools, as no money is being accepted over the counter. More news about the canteen will be sent out via School Stream later on in the week.

Hygiene

We will continue to enforce sensible hygiene practices at school, including regular handwashing/sanitising and enhanced cleaning procedures. As always, please be sure to keep children at home if they are unwell.

Parents

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 now operating under level 3 restrictions which means that parents are not allowed on site. Staff are on duty at each gate in the morning and afternoon. If you are using Kingsley St as a drop off and pick up point, we ask that you please refrain from using the small front gate in Kingsley St which the bus lines use, instead please use the double gates at the entry way to the new building or the gate near Carlyle St. If you are collecting your child/ren, they will only be able to leave the school grounds if you are in line of sight. Please make sure that your child/ren know which gate you will be collecting them from. After drop off time, all gates will be locked. The gates will be unlocked at dismissal time.

If you need to collect children early, please phone ahead and let the office know. They will organise for your child/ren to be sent to the office.

Please practice social distancing when dropping off and collecting children. Parents are urged, where possible, to kiss and drop off the children. I will let you know when parents are allowed back on site.

Skateboarders and Vandalism

At least once a week, youths climb the fence and illegally enter onto our site, usually after 5.00 pm. They skateboard in the playground, leaving marks on the cement and bending seating. The Police have been called/notified but the offenders leave before they arrive. If you see them, please notify the Police as they are damaging our property and should not be on site.

First School Assembly Via Zoom

This week we held our first whole school assembly via Zoom. It was good to see everyone in their classrooms being respectful, responsible and fair whilst participating in this important event. We commended the 24 award recipients for their great work. It's good to know that even during these challenging times, we are still able to find new ways to meet as a whole school and celebrate our achievements together. Thank you to our amazing School Captains who did a great job running the assembly.

School Uniforms

Our school values are those of being respectful, responsible and fair. I ask all families to please ensure that the wearing of correct school uniform is a priority. By wearing the correct school uniform, students are demonstrating that they are responsible students who have pride in their school, along with being respectful of school expectations.

Term 4

School will resume on Tuesday 5 October as Monday 4 October is a public holiday. Tuesday 5 October is also World Teacher's Day.

We wish you all continued good health.

Until next time,
Mrs Linda Trigg
Principal



The Uniform Shop is open for online orders only through Flexischools. If you require any uniforms for Term 4, please place your order before 6.00pm, Monday 4 October and they will be delivered to your child/ren classroom on Tuesday 5 October when school returns. Thank you and have an enjoyable holiday.

PBL - Positive Behaviour for Learning

Our focus this week is Being Hygienic. Please remember to wash your hands regularly, use a clean tissue, cover your cough and when using a tissue to blow your nose, dispose of it in the bin immediately.



Year 1 Learning from Home

HOME LEARNING

Chloe 1C



Well done to Chloe, Gwen and Jude for creating excellent bedroom models.



Gwen 1C



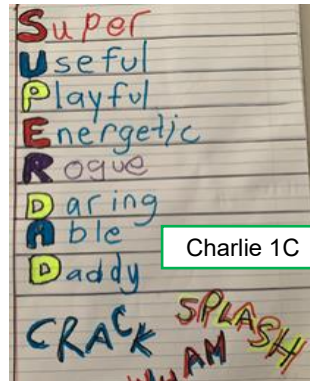
Jude 1C

Year 1 have been very busy working hard during home learning. The students were asked to create a model of their bedroom using everyday objects around their homes. We are very proud of their perseverance and for working collaboratively with their family members.

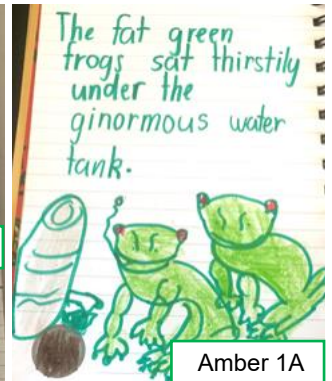
They have also been producing very descriptive and creative writing pieces during home learning. Here are some samples of the outstanding work from Year 1.

Charlie in 1C wrote this wonderful descriptive acrostic poem.

'At the magic beach there is a seahorse swimming in the ocean. It wraps its tail around my finger. The ocean is roaring and it is very rough. I can smell stinky seaweed that is near the rockpools. The sand feels soft in my fingers and hands. The water tastes salty in my mouth as I dive into the waves. I go to the rockpools and look for hermit crabs and sharp shells. My tummy grumbles telling me its time to go home for dinner.' by Winnie 1C



Charlie 1C



Amber 1A

'We get to the secret forest by boat. The secret forest has a gushing waterfall and green trees. The blue lake was shining. The blue whales spouted water up in the air.' by Winter 1C

'Once I went to a beautiful forest next to a sandy beach, there were lots of big tall trees. It was very cold because it was winter.' by Sylvie 1S

'In the forest there are big trees with green leaves. There is a waterfall. I went in the waterfall and I found treasure. It was gold'. By Brooks 1S

Amber in 1A produced this descriptive sentence with a fabulous illustration on frogs and Ivy in 1A designed this beautiful collage while learning from home.



Ivy 1A

Library News

Parents and students are able to access this free resource these school holidays from the BBPS e Library.

- Use Google Chrome
- Go to Student Portal (students need to use their usual login)
- Go to Oliver Library
- Click on ORBIT
- On Orbit home page find Online Links on the right hand side
- Click on BBPS e Library
- Follow the steps for either text or audio borrowing.



It is very easy to use and free. Enjoy!

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2022

Enrolments are now being taken for students starting Kindergarten in 2022. Enrolments can be made online by going to the school website's [Kindergarten Enrolments page](#), if you have not already done so. Parents will need to upload the required documents during this online process to complete the application. The 2022 Information Evening has been postponed. If you require further information please contact the school on 6685 6557.

The 5000 Days Project (previously known as The School of Life Project)

Parents have the opportunity to create a priceless time capsule of their child's journey throughout their school life with 'The 5000 Days Project'. This project is a video journal which involves students using an automated video monitor located in the school to answer age appropriate questions each year until they graduate from high school. Each year approximately 30 minutes of video will be collected and stored securely. The video footage is available to students when they turn 18 years of age. The cost is \$30 per year. If you would like your child/ren to participate you need to:

1. Pay \$30 per year (please make payment on the School website via the 'Make a payment' tab
2. Sign up via this link <https://www.the5000daysproject.org/>

For more information contact the school office or go to <https://www.the5000daysproject.org/>
For those parents who have previously registered their child/ren, payment is due now as recording will commence in Term 4.

THE
5000
DAYS
PROJECT

P&C News

The P&C wish to thank Tara Torkkola and First National Real Estate, Byron Bay for their kind donation for purchasing new sandpit equipment for the school.



2021 Weekly Achievement Awards Term 3 Week 8



Lennon KC



Charlotte KD



Jachimo KE



Anton KP



Isha 1A



Dylan 1C



Peyton 1H



Lily 1S



Nina 2G



Clementine 2K



Monty 2M



Lakiylaeh 2S



Taylor 3D



Rafi 3J



Sole 3P



Taran 3/4C



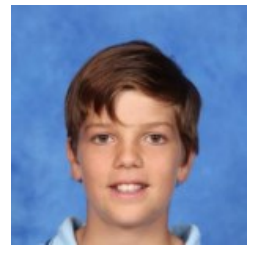
Oliver 4S



Delilah 4T



Matilda 4/5R



Spencer 5I



Grace 5P



Kai 5/6C



Maya 6A



Samson 6H



Pancho 6W



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