Friday Night at the Movies
The Band Committee will host a night at the movies in the hall. The evening will feature Mary Poppins with guest appearances from the school choirs and band students.

Year 6 Excursion to Canberra
Next week Year 6 students will travel to Canberra as part of the school’s educational excursion program. I wish staff and students safe travel. I would like to congratulate the excursion fundraising team. A total of $10,000 was raised to reduce the cost of the excursion for families. I would like to recognise the staff who will accompany the students as their days will be long. Thanks to Tony Hutchinson, Heather West, Kamley Lyndon, George Glasson and Kathy Frame.

Tricks for Encouraging Kids to Read
Is your child a reluctant reader? Why not try helping them find the book that goes with a movie or DVD they’ve enjoyed, or are about to see. Encouraging your child to read can help them to build their imagination as well as giving them a better vocabulary. Kids who read different types of books develop a wide range of language skills and are better placed to understand different types of texts as they progress into high school. School A to Z has lots of tips and ideas on encouraging your child to read at http://bit.ly/HLPmB9

Parents and Citizens
I would like to thank the members for their work and support during the year. The P&C is a school based organisation consisting of parents and citizens residing within the school enrolment area. The role of the P&C is to promote the interest of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close cooperation. The P&C has assisted in providing facilities and equipment for the school and the welfare of the students. Within the P&C there are subcommittees that oversee the operations of the school band program, school canteen, fundraising projects, uniform shop, school finance and grounds.

The P&C encourages parent and community participation in curriculum and other issues in the school as well as assisting teaching staff at public functions associated with the school. In 2015 we need to encourage parents to keep our P&C a strong and viable organisation. As it happens every year as children move onto high school so parents leave the P&C. If you are interested in seeing the great work of our P&C continue, join our P&C in 2015.

Mathletics During the Holidays
The Mathletics program has been a successful inclusion in our Mathematics program this year. Before the end of the year, teachers will remind students of their user name and login code. This will enable students to continue using Mathletics during the holidays.

Volunteers’ Afternoon Tea
On this Thursday 27 November we hope all of our volunteers will join staff at our annual volunteer’s afternoon tea. The afternoon tea is recognition of the role our volunteers play in our school community.

Band and String Recital 10 December 2014
Students from the Byron Bay Public School Instrumental Program will showcase their talents at the Community Centre Byron on Wed 10 December at 6.30pm. We have 2 Bands performing. Our younger members are in the Bunyip Band. This is their first year of learning an

School Donations: Building A Better Foundation
The school has established two tax deductible funds to enable parents, relatives and friends the opportunity to make donations. The Building Fund has provided financial support to complete our school hall renovations, install reverse cycle air-conditioning units in every classroom and construct classroom computer centres. During the next three years, the Building Fund will be used to improve playground facilities. The Library Fund has provided reading materials for guided reading, home reading and the Reading Eggs technology program. This fund will continue to expand reading resources and technology for literacy learning.

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instrument and it will be very exciting to have them perform at such a wonderful venue. Our strings ensemble, percussionists, soloists, duets ensembles will also delight you. Come along for a fantastic evening and support the young musicians at Byron Bay Public School. Tickets are now live at the link below: http://www.byroncentre.com.au/ai1ec_event/band-and-strings-recital-2014-presented-by-byron-bay-public-school/?instance_id=11593

Geoff Spargo
Principal

Children’s Absences
The Education Act 1990 requires your child to attend school each day that instruction is provided unless prevented from doing so by sickness or another good reason. The Act requires parents/guardians to explain your child’s absences within seven days of their occurrence. Failure to do so will result in an unjustified absence being recorded and if attendance is unsatisfactory, a referral to the Home School Liaison Officer can be made. Therefore, in these cases an explanation of student absence is required. Alternatively, you may wish to contact the school to discuss your child’s attendance. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Cheryl Booker
Deputy Principal

ICAS - Mathematics
My apologies to any parents who attended last Monday’s assembly expecting to see their child receive an ICAS award. Due to unforeseen circumstances these awards were not issued. Due to the Year 6 Canberra excursion these awards will now be presented on Monday 8 December to congratulate these students for their achievements, so please come and join us.

Kelly Huxtable

Byron Big Hall Musical presents ‘Mary Poppins’
On Friday 28 November we are having a fantastic night at the school. The choirs will be performing, along with some students from the school band. We will then be watching Mary Poppins in the school hall. It’s such a great experience for the kids to bring their doonas and pillows and lie back and watch a good old fashioned musical with their friends. Our Crescendo Café will be available or BYO picnic. Come and join in the family fun. Tickets on sale from the school office or on the night, $5 each or $20 per family. Gates open 5pm.

Skin Cancer Prevention Awareness Week
Remember Sid the Seagull’s words and SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, SEEK & SLIDE! Try to get into the habit of wearing a hat and sunsafe clothes, applying sunscreen frequently throughout the day, seeking shade when outside and protecting your eyes by wearing sunglasses. If you do all of these, you will reduce the chances of getting skin cancer.

SRC Talent Quest
If you can answer “yes” to any of these questions, then you should be part of the SRC Talent Quest which is being held at the end of the term. It’ll be so much FUN!

So, make sure you get your name on Mrs West’s list, organise your costume, practice lots and you’ll then be ready to perform in front of the whole school at the 2014 SRC Talent Quest!

Book Fair
What a wonderful day we had last Tuesday as the school held its annual Scholastic Book Fair. Total sales for the day were $10,000 and that entitles our school to purchase $3,000 worth of new resources for the Library. I would like to thank all the wonderful helpers on the day. Staff members were on board early for the morning rush and our amazing parents, Melissa Tysoe, Karen Simpson and Ali O’Grady worked tirelessly for the whole day. Well done and thank you to all who participated and also to those wonderful parents who granted the wish lists for their child/children to make this day such a success.

Anti-Racism In Our School
The NSW Department of Education and Training rejects all forms of racism. It is committed to the elimination of racial discrimination – including direct and indirect racism, racial vilification and harassment – in its organisation, structures and culture, in its curriculum, and in the learning and working environments for which it is responsible.

All teaching and non-teaching staff contribute to the eradication of racism by promoting acceptance of Australia’s cultural, linguistic and religious diversity, challenging prejudiced attitudes and ensuring that sanctions are applied against racist and discriminatory behaviours. Silence and denial are fundamental to the continuing existence of racism.

Breaking the cycle of silence and denial is an early step in giving the community confidence that schools will not tolerate racism. For this reason, all NSW government schools have Anti-Racism Contact Officers (ARCO’s) to whom students, parents, staff and community members can bring complaints regarding racism. ARCOs assist in dealing with complaints of racism in a timely and professional manner. I would like to introduce myself as your Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO). I have taken on this position in our school to support the NSW Department of Education and Training, Anti-Racism Policy.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me or our Principal Geoff Spargo if you have any questions or need any information regarding this important issue.

Regards
Libby O’Connor - Teacher Librarian
Wednesday 26 November 2014

Weekly Achievement Awards - Term 4 Week 7

P&C Place
This Friday, 28 November sees the last of our monthly golf club raffles for the year, the major prize this month is 2x4 day Falls Festival tickets (inc camping). We also have plenty of other amazing prizes on offer so come along and support the school. Tickets sold from 5.00pm. Raffle draws commencing at 7.00pm. A big thank you to all the wonderful local businesses that have donated prizes every month and to the golf club for hosting our evening. For dinner reservations please call The Deck restaurant on 6685 6470. Email us at anytime byronbaypandc@gmail.com.

Band News
In preparation for the Band and Strings Recital, there will be a full band rehearsal (for Senior and Bunyip bands) on Saturday 6 December from 1-3pm. Please text Ben if you are unable to attend on 0432 575 911. It is hoped that all members can attend.

BBPS Uniform Shop Holiday Hours
Our uniform shop will be open during January at the following times:
- Thursday, 22 January 9.00-11.00am
- Saturday, 24 January 9.00-11.00am
- Tuesday, 27 January 9.00-11.00am
- Wednesday, 28 January 8.30-10.30am

Citizenship Awards for November
- Early Stage 1: Milo Dartguenave Johnson - KJ
- Stage 1: Marley Dekker - 1KC
- Stage 2: Lily Crouch - 2PV
- Stage 3: Pearl Truswell - 3W

These students will be presented with their book awards at K-6 Assembly on Monday 1 December by Mr Michael Gudgeon from Ray White Real Estate, Byron Bay.

Weekly Achievement Awards

- Term 4 Week 8
- These awards will be presented at Assembly, Monday 1 December

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- Technology: Mal Priestley
- Senior Band: Hana Sezer
- Reading: Marlowe Jackson

Term 4 - Week 9

Canteen Roster
- Mon 1 Dec - Helen McCaffery, Amanda Fox
- Tue 2 Dec - Tiffany Stickl, Belinda Whitecock
- Wed 3 Dec - Oliver McElligot, Cherrie Sheldrick
- Thu 4 Dec - Suzie Farrell
- Fri 3 Dec - Brendan Keevers, Jude Fanton

If you are able to assist us in Term 4, or cannot make it please contact Mandy in the canteen or email bbpscanteen@gmail.com.

Community Notice
Refugee Information & Fundraiser Evening will be held on Friday 28 November at the Lennox Head Community Centre. Ticket $10. Enjoy artwork by asylum seekers and refugees. Finger foods & cold beverages, plus Between The Devil & The Deep Blue Sea. All proceeds going to Refugee Advice and Casework Services

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