P&C AGM Thursday 13 March
On Thursday the P&C will hold its Annual General Meeting. Over my last 6 years working as Principal of Byron Bay Public School I have had the satisfaction of working with a fantastic group of supportive parents who belong to our P&C Association.

2014 will bring a new, exciting and challenging start to the P&C with a number of long serving parents moving with their children to the next episode in their children’s life (high school). This leaves the P&C with vacancies on the executive team. New members are welcome to become active members of the P&C and continue the good work of past members.

Positions on the P&C include:
President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer (canteen), Fundraising Event Organiser, Grounds and Property Officer and Publicity Officer. The P&C have four subcommittees. The subcommittees manage the P&C’s business and report back to the P&C. These committees cover the canteen, uniform shop, finance, grounds and properties and the School's Band Program.

Staff News
I will be on long service leave for the next four weeks. Sue and I will be travelling through Central America. In my absence Merran Campbell will be promoted to Principal. She will be ably supported by Jen Phelps as Deputy Principal.

Maths

Developing Resilience
We often hear complaints of "That's not fair!" from our kids when things don't go their way. Teachers talk about how you can help your child develop the skills to bounce back from everyday disappointments.


Geoff Spargo
Principal

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**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.

You can visit our [website](http://www.byronbay-schools.nsw.edu.au) to download and complete a [donor card](http://www.byronbay-schools.nsw.edu.au). Your support is sincerely appreciated.

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**What's Coming Up!**

**Week 7**

- Wednesday 12 March
  - NC PSSA Swimming - Lismore
- Thursday 13 March
  - FNC AFL Trials - BB Complex
  - P & C AGM @ 6.30pm

**Week 8**

- Senior’s Week
  - Monday 17 March
    - NC Tennis Trials - Sawtell
  - Wednesday 19 March
    - NC Basketball Trials - Grafton
    - Stage 3 Excursion - Brisbane
  - Friday 21 March
    - Harmony Day

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**PAYMENTS NOW DUE**

- **All Students**
  - Book Pack - $50
  - School Contribution - $60
- **Stage 3**
  - Year 6 T Shirt - $25
  - GOMA Brisbane Excursion - $20
  - Dance Group - $20 Term 1
  - $20 Term 2
- **Choir**
  - Stage 3 Sydney Choir Deposit - $100

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**Uniform Shop Open**

Monday 8.30am-10.30am


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**Schoolstream**

DOWNLOAD NOW

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**Member of the Lighthouse Valley of Schools**

Byron Bay Public School stands proudly on the traditional land of the Arakwal people of the Bundjalung Nation.
Harmony Day 21st March – Everyone Belongs

Harmony Day allows schools to celebrate the cohesive and inclusive nature of our nation and promote the benefits of cultural diversity. The continuing message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs with the theme – Together We Can. It is about dealing with cultural, racial and religious intolerance by promoting respect, fairness and a sense of belonging for everyone. Schools have the opportunity to share with others the importance of diversity in school and community. Harmony Day links well with our PBL focus ‘Including Others’.

The Australian Curriculum - The English Syllabus:

As students undertake the key processes of responding to and composing texts in their study of English, they are involved in additional processes such as:

- engaging personally with texts
- developing and applying contextual knowledge
- understanding and applying knowledge of language forms and features
- reflecting on their own learning.

Merran Campbell
Relieving Deputy Principal

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Be Fair-Including Others

This theme discusses strategies children can use to let others know they want to join in. It includes discussion about exclusion versus inclusion. They will also be involved in role play of appropriate behaviour regarding joining in and including others. Thank you for your ongoing support of this program. Please remember that feedback is always welcomed.

Thank you
The PBL team

Odd Sock Fun Run (Cross Country)

The Odd Sock Fun Run is coming up on Tuesday the 8th April. All students will be bringing home the ODD SOCK FUN RUN Pack which will include; a form to record the money collected and a plastic zip lock bag, together with some background notes for students and parents relating to the SRC’s biggest fundraiser for the year.

Students are encouraged to collect money from their sponsors over the next few weeks. 30% of the money each class collects is retained by the class to spend however they wish. In previous years, classes have paid for excursions, bought art equipment, purchased iPads etc. This becomes a great incentive for students and the SRC is looking forward to making this fundraiser a huge success. The best thing about this fundraiser is that all money collected stays within the school, helping to build a better education for our kids!

Thank you from the SRC.

ICAS-International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

ICAS is an annual skills development assessment program in Key Learning Areas (KLAs) for students in Years 2-12. Each test provides a continuous, independent and comprehensive record of a student’s performance and maps their development over the full period of primary and secondary schooling. ICAS enables students at all levels of ability to participate, as it contains questions designed to specifically explore both higher and lower levels of achievement. Achievement certificates are awarded to all students while medals are awarded to the top students in each subject, in each school year across each state. Previous ICAS assessments will be given to all students who return their slip along with payment, so that children can practise at home. All tests will be held in the library and the test days are:

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Please contact the school if your child does not take a letter home and would like to participate. All entries and money must be back at school by Monday 31st March, 2014.

Thank you,
Kelly Huxtable - Stage 3 Teacher & ICAS Coordinator

Library News

3G and 3H accompanied by Libby O’Connor and class teachers will walk down to the public library on Monday, 17 March at 12.30pm for the “Living Book” visit. This activity is to celebrate “Seniors’ Week 2014” and Byron Bay Library’s first living book session.
Parent/Teacher interviews will be held during Weeks 10 and 11 of Term 1. You can now book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST. Instructions on how to book online are included in this week’s newsletter. For parents that don’t have access to the internet alternate arrangements will be detailed in the information coming home.

Byron Bay High School Information Night
Byron Bay High School would like to invite parent/caregivers of Years 5 and 6 students to an information evening at Byron Bay High School on Thursday 13th March 2014 from 5.30 – 7.00pm.

The aim of the evening is for parents and students to hear about the opportunities available for Yr 7 students at Byron Bay High School in 2015 and 2016. There will also be a tour of the school.

We look forward to seeing you.

Peter King
Principal

My Own Gym Women’s Turn’s 1!
Open Day March 15th 8am-12pm
Dan and Chloe would like to extend an invitation to all BBPS parents and children to come and help celebrate the first birthday of their Women’s Only gym.
There will be FREE CLASSES on the day as well as a kids corner activities, face painting, refreshments and giveaways. It's going to be a great family event and we hope to see you out there!

PSSA Swimming
Last Tuesday, 4 March some students competed at the Zone Swimming Carnival which was held at the Ballina pool. All the children swam well and their behaviour was exemplary.

Results
Diesel Drury - 2nd 100m freestyle, 1st 50m 11yr freestyle, 1st senior relay. Seth Carter - 3rd 50m 11yr Freestyle, 1st senior relay. Finn Reece - 4th 50m 11yr freestyle, 1st senior relay. Tex Hembrow - 2nd 50m 10yr freestyle, 2nd junior backstroke, 1st junior individual medley, 1st junior relay. Beau Carter - 3rd 50m 12yr freestyle, 1st senior relay. Rex Coppin - 1st 8-10yr breaststroke, 1st junior relay. Jonah Caoyonan - 4th junior backstroke, 3rd 50m 9yr freestyle, 2nd junior butterfly, 1st junior relay. Harley Kent - 1st junior relay.
All these students will be competing at the North Coast Championships to be held in Lismore on 12 March. Best of luck to them all.

Yours in Sport
Jack Phelps
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