Seniors’ Week
NSW Seniors’ Week is celebrated annually from Saturday 15 March – Sunday 23 March. On Monday 3G and 3H visited our town library and were involved in the Living Books Program.

Visit from Teachers from Byron Bay High School - 17 March
Mr Stuart Gallatley and Ms Lyons the Year 7 Advisor for 2015 met with the Stage 3 students on Monday to discuss future transition visits. Representatives from the BBHS Student Representative Council discussed their Year 7 experiences.

Stage 3 Excursion to Brisbane - 19 March
Today, the Stage 3 students will be travelling to South Bank in Brisbane to visit the ‘Falling Back to Earth’ exhibit at GOMA, ‘Our Dreaming’ at the Queensland State Library and experience a backstage tour at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre.

Congratulations to our Students on their Participation in Sport
I wish all of our very talented students who will be involved in the various sporting opportunities, eg tennis, rugby, basketball and the Brunswick Valley District Winter Trials the very best of luck and I hope that they enjoy their involvement and participation.

Harmony Day – Everyone Belongs - 21 March
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. 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.

Phone Messages to Students
There have been a large number of phone messages that come to the office especially towards the end of the school day. Quite often the number of phone messages from parents about the changes to the students’ travel arrangements is overwhelming. The passing on of the messages can be a problem especially when students are not in their classrooms because they are attending sporting activities in the afternoon up until bell time. Consequently, I ask that parents ensure that students know their travel arrangements for home or know their after school activities. In the morning, parents can write a note for the students to give to their teacher. This will help with peace of mind for us all. If there is an urgent change of circumstances, then parents can phone prior to 1.40pm so that the message can be given to the student during class time. Unfortunately, because of the large range of out-of-class activities, the office staff may not be able to guarantee last minutes messages after 1.40pm. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

School Stream
Have you used the School Stream app? We have been trialling the School Stream app. I would like to invite interested parents to attend a presentation by William Drew on 25 March at 2.30pm in the library.

What’s Coming Up!
Week 8
Senior’s Week
Friday 21 March
* Harmony Day

Week 9
Tuesday 25 March
* Schoolstream Parent Info Mtg @ 2.30pm
Friday 28 March
* 1B & 1C Seabird Rescue
* Kindness Day Mufti Day - Rainbow Colours

Week 10
Parent/Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 1 April
* Arts Committee Meeting @ 3.30pm
* Band Committee Meeting @ 6.30pm
Wednesday 2 April
* FNC Winter Sports Trials
* NC AFL - Maclean
* Kindergarten Rap & Rhyme Day

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Stage 3
* Year 6 T Shirt - $25
* Dance Group - $20 Term 1
* - $20 Term 2
Choir
* Stage 3 Sydney Choir Deposit - $100

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 to download and complete a donor card. Your support is sincerely appreciated.

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Byron Bay Public School stands proudly on the traditional land of the Arakwal people of the Bundjalung Nation
The Australian Curriculum - The English Syllabus:
The students will value and appreciate the:
- importance of the English language as a key to learning
- personal enrichment to be gained from a love of English, literature and learning
- power of language to explore and express views of themselves as well as the social, cultural, ethical, moral, spiritual and aesthetic dimensions of human experiences.

Dogs On School Grounds
On Tuesday, there was an incident when a dog that was brought into the school grounds injured one of the school’s water dragons. WIRES needed to be contacted. It would be appreciated if dogs were not brought to school. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Merran Campbell
Relieving 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.

Kindness Week
Next week, BBPS is celebrating kindness all week. We are starting on Monday with kindness focus at our school assembly in the hall. Teachers will be helping students learn about being kind through our PBL lesson focus. Children will be encouraged to perform acts of kindness this week and write or draw them to be added to a wall of kindness on Friday 28th March – Kindness Day. We will also be celebrating Kindness Day by wearing rainbow coloured mufti clothes. Please make sure that clothes are sun safe, shoes are sensible and school hats are worn (no caps please). No donation is required on this day. We hope you enjoy kindness week as much as we know we will at school and that some of that kindness comes home with your children.

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.

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

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:

Computer Skills 20 May $8.80 Years 3-6
Science 3 June $8.80 Years 3-6
Writing 10 June $18.70 Years 3-6
Spelling 17 June $12.10 Years 3-6
English 29 July $8.80 Years 2-6
Mathematics 12 August $8.80 Years 2-6

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Library Visit - Living Book Reviews
On Monday 3H and 3G walked down to the Byron Town Library to listen to a living book called ‘Feather’. She was very fascinating when she told us about her lifestyle growing up in the 1940’s and 1950’s. She also told us about having no television, electricity, fridge or dishwasher. Feather’s original name was Loraine. It was interesting listening to her stories about life so far. Keshava - 3H

On Monday 3G and 3H went to the library for Seniors’ Week and heard living local book ‘Feather’ talk about her life living the 1940’s and 50’s. She spoke about food, lack of technology, school life, medicine, family, her life in general and her life in Byron Bay today. We heard how much she loves to dance and walk on the beach. We learnt to be thankful for what we have today and how hard life was growing up long ago. We learnt how she got her name Feather. Her advice to us

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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. For parents that don’t have access to the internet alternate arrangements can be made by contacting the school office. **Online bookings close Thursday, 27 March at 9.00am.**

Save the date!

We are pleased to announce that Byron Bay Public School has secured the last Friday of every month for a monster Raffle at the Byron Bay Golf Club. Ticket sales will commence Friday, 28 March from 5.30pm with over $1000 of prizes on offer. Prizes include meat/seafood/vegetable trays, vouchers from local businesses and the highlight being tickets to Splendour In The Grass. The draw will be completed by 7.30pm. This is a great opportunity to socialise on a Friday each week. The golf club provides a Kids Club to entertain the children and The Deck Restaurant will be open to cater if you don't feel like cooking. This event will be held once a month, on the last Friday of every month, so mark it in your calendar and we will see you at the Golf Club for a fantastic fundraising opportunity for the school, thrown in with a little bit of fun for all!

Kindergarten Class Photos in Northern Star

“My First Year 2014” Kindergarten feature will be printed in the Northern Star on Wednesday, 26 March.

Multicultural Public Speaking Competition

Byron Bay Public School will be involved in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. This competition aims to heighten awareness of multicultural issues among NSW primary school students while developing their interest in public speaking and improving their speech writing skills. Children in Stages 2 and 3 may nominate themselves to be involved. Children will need to get an information letter from Mrs Whitney. They will need to write a prepared speech and perform an impromptu speech at a school based Stage Final (early Term 2). Two finalists from each Stage will then be selected to represent the school at a regional final. Participants may be involved in lunchtime workshops.

Far North Coast Tennis

On Monday 3 March, Yuri Oniki, Timmy Yeung-Packer, Kai Forsyth and Kyan Samson travelled to Mullumbimby as four of the representatives for the Brunswick Valley District. All students played very well and did our school proud. It was a hot and fast-paced day until the rain washed us out. After a ‘count back’ of games only Timmy was selected to represent the Far North Coast in Sawtell at the North Coast Trials. Timmy played on Monday of this week and after a big day and some excellent tennis he finished 6th in the North Coast. Well done to all players from our school and congratulations Timmy.
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