School Attendance
Regular school attendance is very important. When your child is absent, the school requires a note of explanation. The school is required to record the reason for any absences as a way of ensuring that your child is absent from school only when he/she is sick or has a valid reason for missing school. Examples of valid reasons are misadventure, unforeseen event, participation in special events not related to the school, domestic necessity such as serious illness of an immediate family member, attendance at funerals, recognised religious festivals or ceremonial occasions. Even when you are signing in your child at the office a valid reason is required on the yellow slip. Without a valid reason, the leave will be recorded as unjustified. Thank you to the parents for your understanding in this matter and for providing an explanation as to why your child is absent.

P&C Next Meeting
Congratulation to the new executive of the P&C. Caston Smith - President, James Robinson-Gale - Vice President, Nikki Kempnich - Treasurer, Clare Faulks and Sasha King - Secretaries, Cate Coorey - Fundraising & Publicity. We are looking forward to working with this enthusiastic team. The next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday, 10 April at 6.30pm. Feel free to come along and listen to the new and exciting plans for this year.

Positive Behaviour For Learning: Be Respectful – Being Kind
Over the next two weeks, we will discussing Be Respectful – Be Kind. This topic focuses on treating people with respect. It involves showing tolerance and accepting the fact that everyone makes mistakes. It promotes a positive environment in the school and classrooms where there are no ‘put downs’ and where teasing is unacceptable. Thank you for your support of this program. Please remember that feedback is always welcome.

Kindness Week 24 March – 28 March
On Monday, students from the SRC presented an acrostic poem – Kindness by Mia Thom 3W
K is the key to happiness,
I f someone is down, you help them up,
N ever give up on someone,
D o something nice for someone else,
E veryone can join in,
S haring is caring,
S ay something that is caring.
Congratulations to Mia and the students from the SRC for a wonderful job with their presentation.

Kindness Day – 28 March
The students will 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.

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.
Wednesday 26 March 2014

Literacy – Comprehension
Good comprehension is important for every subject. You can help your child by talking about these Super Six comprehension strategies. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/hu/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/reading/comprehension-strategies-you-can

The Australian Curriculum - The English Syllabus
The students will value and appreciate the:
- power of effective communication using the language modes of speaking, listening, reading, writing, viewing and representing
- role of language in developing positive interaction and interaction with others diversity and aesthetics of language through literacy and other texts independence gained from thinking imaginatively, creatively, interpretively and critically.

Parent/Teacher Interviews – Weeks 10 and 11
Have you made a booking to meet with your child’s teacher? Online bookings will close on Thursday at 9am or you can phone the office on 6685 6557 to make a booking. Thank you.

Band Committee Meeting
There will be a Band Committee Meeting at 6.30pm on 1 April in the staffroom.

Merran Campbell
Relieving Principal

Citizenship Awards for March
Early Stage 1 Harahni-Lace Davine KS
Stage 1 Ke’ala Trevor-Jones 1C
Stage 2 Lila McDonald 2PV
Stage 3 Harry Blair 3M

These students will be presented their book awards at K-6 Assembly on Monday 31 March, 2014 by Mr Michael Gudgeon from Ray White Real Estate, Byron Bay.

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

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

Under 12 Rugby 7’s
Last Tuesday, 18/3/14, fifteen boys made their way to Stan Thompson Oval in Brunswick Heads to compete in the ‘Future Tahs’ Rugby 7’s carnival at a district level. The boys were split into two teams: The Byron Blues – Jesse Beauchamp, Seth Carter, Harry Rutter, Max Noble, Ky Sheldrick, Beau Carter and Tim Goddard. The Byron Whites – Riley Sheffield, Eamon Schultz, Dominic Shine, Brenton Spyr, Diesel Drury, Jack Sloman, Sam Sheridan and Finn Reece. Both teams played hard and played well, with some great tackles and breaks. The white team eventually came 2nd and the blue team came 4th. This allows one Byron team to now compete at the Far North Coast Zone level in Ballina early next term (May 8th). The final team chosen to go to Ballina will be selected soon. Mrs Whitney’s players of the carnival go to: Tim Goddard (Blues) and Riley Sheffield (White)

PSSA Knock-out Tennis
On Monday this week Jonah Wentzel, Timmy Yeung-Packer, Yuri Oniki and Stephanie Korff represented Byron Bay PS in PSSA knock-out tennis. The students came up against a strong Pottsville team in the second round of the competition. All students played one singles, one doubles and one mixed doubles match each. The sets were even for the majority of the day, with the two mixed doubles matches deciding the winning school where Byron Bay won both. All students showed great sportsmanship and represented the school well. The team’s third round match will be against Centaur PS or Banora Point PS within the next two weeks. Well done Byron Bay tennis team and good luck in the next round!

Bowlarama Thank You
On behalf of the families who were invited to attend Bowlarama on Sunday, 16 March, we would like to thank the Lara Jean Association who generously gave our school the opportunity to participate. Free tickets and gift bags sponsored by local business and individuals.

Kindergarten Class Photos in Northern Star
“My First Year 2014” Kindergarten feature will be printed in the Northern Star on Wednesday, 26 March.
Weekly Achievement Awards - Term 1 Week 7

SRC ODD SOCK FUN RUN
THE COUNTDOWN IS ON! 3 WEEKS TO GO!
Stories are already flowing in about particular students and their fund-raising efforts. Calls are going out to friends and relatives across the land to raise money for our annual Odd Sock Fun Run. So, if you were lucky enough to be in the winning class last year to get the Pizza Party, you have a big job ahead of you to maintain that position. Don’t forget to check with your parents before you go door-knocking, and always wear school uniform.

GOOD LUCK AND THANKYOU FOR SUPPORTING THE SRC’S BIGGEST FUNDRAISER FOR THE YEAR!

Friday Night Raffle Fundraising
This Friday is the first of our mega raffle at the Byron Bay Golf Club, ticket sales commence at 5.30 pm with the draw to be completed by 7.30pm. Kids club will be on during this time, along with free face painting and activities for the kids. The Deck Restaurant will be open from 5 till late for those of you who don’t feel like cooking. With over a $1000 of prizes on offer, including tickets to Splendour in the Grass, Meat/Seafood and Veggie trays, products and services from many local businesses, this is a raffle not to be missed. And what is best, all proceeds go straight to our school. So see you at the Golf Club on Friday!

North Coast Swimming Championships
Congratulations to the senior and junior boys relay teams for their placings in the NC Swimming Championships held last week in Lismore. They have qualified for the State Championships which will be held in Sydney in the last week of the term. All the best, I’m sure.

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Lennox Head Junior Creative Arts Camp 2014
The Junior Creative Arts Camp is for students from NSW Public Schools and will be held at Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Camp, Lennox Head from 4pm Sunday, 27 July until 3.30pm Friday 1 August 2014. This camp is for students who show an above average ability in music, dance, vocal, visual arts and drama. Music students need to be competent at playing an instrument and reading music. All campers will be involved in a choral activity and students should be aware of this requirement before nominating. Students from Year 4 and Year 5 will be invited to attend this Camp. The cost of the camp is $480 per student. This covers everything during the week, including a Junior Creative Arts Camp T-Shirt. Transportation to and from camp is not included. If you are interested in your child attending, please advise the Office and an application form will be sent home. All forms need to be returned to the Office by MONDAY 31st March (Week 10 of Term 1). No money to be sent.

Weekly Achievement Awards - Term 1 Week 8
These awards will be presented at Assembly, Monday 31 March

Term 1 Week 8

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Technology
Cash Cratchley

Term 1 - Week 10 Canteen Roster
Mon 31 Mar: Kathyrn Dietrich, Caitlin Reilly
Tue 1 Apr: Tiffany Stickl, Richard Schuppek
Wed 2 Apr: Oliver McElligot, Megumi Oniki
Thu 3 Apr: Cristina Sharratt, Mette Vam Liempd
Fri 4 Mar: Sue Davies, Amanda Paul

Mini Burgers will now be available every Tuesday - $3.50 (perfect size for Kindy & Stage 1)

Email bbpscanteen@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer or can’t make your day.

COMMUNITY NOTICES
Suffolk Park Football Club (Soccer) has a few spots available for children turning 6 or 7yrs old in 2014. Training is at Suffolk Park Field on Thursday’s at 4pm - 5.15pm. Please call Paul on 0411546544 if interested.

FUNKY MOVES DANCE STUDIO - www.funkymoves.com.au
Byron Bay Studio - Unit 4, 102 Centennial Ct - Ph Nina 0408412788
TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR TERM 2 - STARTS MONDAY APRIL 28TH
Mondays - Tiny Tots, Ballet 6-8yrs & 9-12yrs, Contemp Dance 6-10yrs, Lyrical/Contemp Teens and Adults. Tuesdays - 6-8yrs Funky Jazz, Musical Theatre, 9-13yrs Funky Jazz, Ladies Dance Fitness - Beginners Thursdays - 12yrs & 15yrs Troupe, Grade 5/6 Ballet & Beginners pointe Fridays - Women’s Pilates, Contemp Dance for women – Open Level

MULLUMBIMBY TENNIS CLUB - OFFERING CARDIO TENNIS WORKOUTS
TENNIS WITH MUSIC – INCREASE YOUR FITNESS, BURN CALORIES AND IMPROVE YOUR GAME WITH FUN. GROUP WORKOUTS WITH MUSIC – TUESDAY & THURSDAY MORNINGS AT 9.00 AM $12.00 PER SESSION AT MULLUMBIMBY TENNIS COURTS
The session runs for approximately an hour. No tennis experience is required. Contact Steve Gort on 0412731814 or Margaret or Steve 66841526 or email gort@westnet.com.au - Bookings preferred

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