Education Forum
Parents and community members are invited to join the Principal and Deputy Principal at an Education Forum at Byron Bay Public School.

The purpose of the forum is to provide an opportunity for the school executive to have a conversation with parents and community members about school direction and future educational innovations at Byron Bay Public School.

Topics for conversation will include:
- Implementation of the new Australian curriculum
- Technology for teaching, learning and communications
- School finance
- Future directions for development

The format for the forum will be a presentation followed by open discussion and workshop.

Education Forum times (3 time sessions are available to cater for family member’s attendance).

- Tuesday 3 June 9.15 - 10.15am
- Wednesday 4 June 6.00 - 7.00pm
- Thursday 5 June 2.00 - 3.15pm

If you will be attending one of these forums please register by ringing the office on 6685 6557.

Mental Maths Strategies
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics/help-sheets#secondary

Car Boot Sale
What a good way to finish of a week at Byron Public with a very successful Car Boot Sale. Congratulations to the event management team, staff, parents and community members who worked together to ensure Saturday was a great community gathering.

Schoolstream
Last week Channel 10 prepared a news story at school about Schoolstream our latest strategy to improve communications within the school. The report was shown in all capital cities but missed the local news. At this stage we have 172 families who have downloaded the Schoolstream App. Our goal is to achieve 75% of families using School Stream by the end of the year.

Geoff Spargo
Principal
SRC Mutti Day Week 6
WHEN: Thursday 5 June
WHY: To raise money for the school and the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal.
MUFTI: All students are to wear RED sun-safe clothing.
CAKES: S2 and S3 students to please bring in cakes to be sold 2nd half lunch and recess.
COST OF CAKES: All cakes are 40 cents each.
If you are making specialty cakes, eg. gluten free, please label them.
If you wish your container to be returned please label with name and class to ensure it is returned.
THE SRC WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU IN ADVANCE.

SRC Waste Free Innovative
Byron Bay Public School is now introducing sustainable environmental programs to help reduce our schools carbon footprint and reduce our impact on the earth.

All across the school in the eating areas we’ve brought compost bins in to dispose of our food waste. The bins are then collected and emptied in the big compost bins near the vegetable gardens. Over time, when it breaks down, it can serve as a great fertiliser for the gardens. This will not only save our school money, it will also educate students on how to reduce waste and look after our environment. Composting is the single biggest things we can do to reduce our carbon footprint. Composting food scraps can reduce carbon emissions by 50%, which will in turn reduce climate change, which is important in a school as big as ours.

The first week the project wasn’t going so well, food scraps were mixed in with plastic waste and the bins were hardly filled. But as the project has progressed, children became more aware and now the bins are reasonably full and there is no sign of plastic. It is important that we understand the concept as it is a skill that we need to carry on through our life. This is a great step in making our school eco friendly and it certainly won’t be the last one. In the words of Mahatma Gandhi “the future depends on what we do in the present”. Mia Thom

ICAS - International Competitions and Assessments for Schools
On Tuesday 3 June, 28 students from years 2-6 will be sitting the second of 2014’s ICAS tests. Each ICAS exam provides a continuous, independent and comprehensive record of a student’s performance. The Science exam will be held in 3K’s classroom with Mrs Huxtable straight after lunch (12.10pm). Students are asked to arrive promptly so that the test can start on time. Good luck to all the students involved in this international exam.
Thank you
Kelly Huxtable

AFL Representatives
Byron Bay Public School students Keshava Raju, Beau Carter and Diesel Drury were selected to play in the North Coast Primary Schools AFL team which played in Sydney last week at the State Carnival. Over the week the boys displayed excellent skills and sportsmanship. Two of the boys are in Year 5, so playing against older boys was a real challenge. The boys’ parents were very proud of their achievement, winning 3 out of their 6 games. Well done.
Barry Spry - AFL Coordinator

Byron Bay Writers Festival
Early Bird tickets selling out. Don't miss out. Book Now! Byron Bay Writers Festival will be held on 1-3 August 2014. The program includes some of Australia’s best writers and thinkers from US author Poe Ballantine, Malcolm Fraser, Clare Wright (winner of the 2014 Stella Award), Julian Burnside, Bob Brown and Tim Flannery to ML Stedman, Ashley Hay, Alex Miller, Andy Griffiths, Mem Fox and many more. The full program, including the complete international line-up, will be available from 6 June 2014. Pick-up your heavily discounted 3 Day Pass and Youth Pass now before they sell out. Call 1300 368 552 or www.byronbaywritersfestival.com.

Thank You
I would like to send a big thank you to, Melissa Tysoe, Helen Safranek, Emma Roley, Suzie Farrell, Chris Fern, Angie Grice and Georgia Laddin, the wonderful parents who helped cover our new library books over the last 2 weeks. It is so wonderful to get these new resources out on the shelf for all to enjoy.
Libby O’Connor – Teacher Librarian
My Trip To Sea World
On Friday, after a never ending bus ride, I went to Sea World! First, I went to the seal show which was weird and cool at the same time and then the dolphin show which was action packed! Then I had the best lunch ever! Have you ever had lunch under water with sharks? After lunch, I went on some rides and attractions but for 5 minutes I could not because it was raining. The first thing I went on was the log ride and I got wet. After that, I touched some stingrays and my shoes got soaked. Then we went to Castaway Bay and I squirted heaps of people on boats. While I was there, I went on the Sky Maze where I risked my life. At the end of the day, I went back onto the bus. I'm going to go back to Sea World some other time!

By Sam Fisher 2C

Midginbil Hill
On Wednesday, 14 May, Year 4 went to Midginbil Hill for a school camp. The activities we did were: Initiative Games, Orienteering, Canoeing, Problem Solving, Archery and Rock Climbing. I didn’t have a favourite one because they were all awesome. The one that I would rate 10 out of 10 would be canoeing because capsizing was extremely fun! The food there was so good it was like I was in heaven! My favourite meal was morning tea because we had delicious cakes.

The people who were in my cabin were: Jasper, Lily, Leila, Jannali, Aaliyah and me. The rooms there were so luxurious and the beds felt like one thousand feathers when you lay on them! I strongly recommend that everyone should go to Midginbil Hill. It’s been the best experience of my life!

By Mink Godfrey-Asseraf 2C

P&C Monthly Raffle
This Friday 30 May is our monthly monster raffle at the Golf Club. If you have missed out so far it’s your last chance to win tickets to the sold out ‘Splendour In The Grass’ festival. Not only that there is over $1000 of prizes up for grabs. It’s a great night to catch up with friends from the school and the kids love it. Kids club is running from 5.30pm and for those wanting to eat at The Deck Restaurant, it is open for business. For bookings call 0457 662 913. Tickets will be sold from 5.00pm and drawn at 7.00pm. So see you there for another fun Friday at the Golf Club.

If you would like to get involved in the P&C or would like to find out more information, the next meeting is on 3 June at 6.30pm or email byronbaypandc@gmail.com

Term 2 - Week 6 Canteen Roster
Mon 2 June: Helen McCaffery, Amanda Fox
Tue 3 June: Tiffany Stickl, Megumi Oniki
Wed 4 June: Oliver McElligot, Cherrie Sheldrick
Thu 5 June: Cristina Sharratt, Jodie Cope
Fri 6 June: Suzie Farrell, Nada Wentzel

** Upcoming Canteen Specials**

Wed 18 June - Chicken and Sweet Corn Soup with a Buttered Dinner Roll - $3.50 cup/$4.50 bowl

Hot Chocolate now available before school for $1.60

If you are able to assist us in Term 2, or cannot make it please contact Mandy in the Canteen or email bbpscanteen@gmail.com.

Thank You
Thank you to all students for their understanding in late changes to their lunch orders on Tuesday morning. This was due to an unscheduled power outage at the school.

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