Wednesday 9 December 2015

Back to School 2016
The Department provides back to school information at the following website.

Starting 2016
Students in Stage 1, 2 and 3 students will return on Thursday, 28 January, 2016. The class lists and a school map will be displayed to assist with a smooth start to the new school year. New students starting the year will be required to meet in the school’s office foyer.

Kindergarten will be involved in the BEST START program from Thursday, 28 January to Tuesday, 2 February. Their classes will commence on Wednesday, 3 February.

Next year our annual school contribution will be $75 per student and a book pack fee of $50. The school contribution will include the Life Education program and two visiting performances as well as a voluntary contribution to assist the school. Both primary and secondary schools can request contributions to enhance the school's educational and sporting programs. These school contributions are voluntary and payment is a matter for decision by parents. They help provide additional educational resources for the benefit of students. Parents who are unable to pay because of financial hardship may be eligible for assistance from the school. Principals will ensure that no student or family suffers any discrimination or embarrassment over voluntary school contributions. The book pack fee ($50) will ensure every student has all the basic educational supplies and stationery for their classrooms and will include an annual subscription to online programs, Reading Eggs and Mathletics.

Resilience
The well-known psychologist Andrew Fuller has spoken at a number of NSW public education conferences. In the following he discusses the importance of resilience and ways in which our young people can develop resilience. The 17 minute video gets off to a relatively slow start, but the ‘pace’ improves the further that the interview proceeds. I suggest that it is well worth viewing.

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.

What's Coming Up!

P&C Calendar 2016 - Available NOW - $15

PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE ONLINE
VISIT OUR WEBSITE
“Make a Payment”
PAYMENTS NOW DUE
Stage 3 - End of Year Pool Party $5
Stage 2 - End of Year Pool Party $20

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.
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 2016 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 2016.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The final day for the 2015 school year for students is Wednesday, 16 December. The teachers will finish their work on Thursday, 17 December and administration staff will finish on Friday, 18 December.

At this stage I would like to thank all our dedicated school staff members who have worked extremely hard at school and beyond to provide the quality learning programs for our students.

I would like to thank the school executive team; Cheryl Booker, Jen Phelps, Michelle Spry, Jack Phelps, Bec Miller, Tony Hutchinson, Andrew McIntyre, Jane Anderson and Gaye McKenna who managed the teaching, learning and administration programs this year. Jen Phelps, Jack Phelps, Cheryl Booker, Amanda Webber, Jane Anderson and Kelly Huxtable will be leaving Byron Bay Public School. Kelly is transferring to Ocean Shores Public School. Amanda will be travelling in Central America; Jane will be taking sabbatical leave while Cheryl, Jen and Jack will be moving on to retirement. We wish them well in their new ventures.

Geoff Spargo
Principal

Attendance Awards

The following students have a perfect attendance record for Semester 2. Congratulations to Tanakrit Kingkaew - KT; Jack Matkevich - KG; Oscar Trisley, Evie Feldmann - 2K; Mali Valentine - 4P; Jed Feldmann - 4W; Lucy Irvine, Will MacPherson - 5R; Indyanna Mark - 5M. These students will be presented with their certificates at their stage assemblies this week. Stage 1 Assembly - Thursday, 10 December @ 1.10pm, Stage 2 Assembly - Thursday @ 12.10pm and Stage 3 Assembly - Friday @ 9.20am.

Uniform Shop

A big thank you to this year’s uniform shop helpers - Martine Gudgeon, Sheridan Richardson, Zoe Campbell, Margaret O’Brien and Christine Berry and her amazing I.T. skills! You have done an amazing job.

Volunteers are needed for our uniform shop to help cover extra opening days at the end of January 2016. We are also needing volunteers for next year, twice a month for an hour on Monday mornings. We would love you to come and join our friendly team. If you can help please call Melissa 0413 850 702. Thankyou!!!

Band Program 2016

Congratulations to all our wonderful Music in Schools students for another exciting year of learning and performance through the Northern Rivers Conservatorium. Enrolment for 2016 will commence from 14 December at www.nrcac.edu.au. Music in Schools Program will start in Week 3 of Term 1, 2016. The tutors for 2016 will consist of Michael McCabe for Strings and String Ensemble, Michael Blyth on Clarinet and Saxophone, James Cox on Percussion, Zoe Abbott on Flute and Ben van Kleef on Brass and Band Leader. The Music in Schools Program is a wonderful way for your child to engage with an instrument within school hours, to learn in a one-on-one or ensemble/band setting with lessons delivered by expert and inspiring teachers.

If your child is interested in learning an instrument and joining our school band in 2016 we will send further information this week. We are currently offering two full 12 month scholarships for the trombone in 2016. If you would like more information on either or these, please contact the school office.

Lost Property

Coming to the end of the term, our ‘Lost Property’ bins are overflowing. If you have lost any items, clothing, lunch boxes etc please come and have a look. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity on the last day. It is important to clearly label any items of clothing, lunch boxes etc so they can be returned to the child’s class.

Choir Christmas Tour

On Friday last week the combined Stage 2 and Stage 3 choirs amazed the residents of retirement homes around the Byron Shire with their angelic voices and Christmas spirit. It was a wonderful day seeing the elderly residents joining in and dancing with our choirs, plus a surprise visit from Ms Pav. A special thanks to Helen Jarvis, our volunteer and sound technician, who enabled our four soloists Ruby Robertson, Molly Davenport, Layla Goundrie, and Hettie Loubser-Reed to be heard. A big thank you to Mrs Sherab, Mrs Peak, Miss Webber and Mrs Watling for co-ordinating such a special day.

Written by Sophie Paskin 6P
P&C Place

2016 Calendar - A Great Christmas Gift
As a result of the Arts Carnivale, held this year, a beautiful calendar has been produced featuring all the class art works that were auctioned at the Carnivale. The cost is $15 and orders are being taken or alternatively they can be purchased from the school office, on Flexischools, the canteen and uniform shop. All proceeds go to the Byron Bay P&C. The calendars would make a great gift for relatives and friends.

You can email us anytime at byronbaypandc@gmail.com.

School Banking
Thank you to Sharon Buckley who has worked tirelessly as our School Banking volunteer for a number of years. Thank you to Jo Watts who will be taking over the roll for 2016.

Goodbye from Mrs Huxtable
After 8 years of teaching at Byron Bay Public School, I will be transferring to Ocean Shores Public School in the New Year. I have enjoyed my time at Byron, being a Computer Co-ordinator, Stage 3 and Stage 1 classroom teacher. I have found the Byron Bay school community very welcoming and generous. I’d like thank all parents and fellow colleagues, for their support and friendship throughout these years. I have gained lots both personally and professionally from my time at Byron Bay Public School. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2016!

2016 Requirements for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Students need to bring the following items to school and have them every day for the year. Please have your name on everything.

**Years 3 & 4**
- glue stick
- * bullet tip artline 70
- * coloured pencils
- * sharpener
- * red pen x 2
- * 0.4 artline black
- * eraser
- * pencil case
- * scissors
- * blue pen x 1 (Yr 4 only)

**Years 5 & 6**
- * scissors
- * pencil case x 1
- * sharpener
- * dictionary
- * coloured pencils
- * small textas

Thank you Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Teachers

Term 4 - Week 11 Canteen Roster

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CHRISTMAS CUPCAKE SPECIAL
Wed 9, Thu 10, Fri 11 December only
Vanilla cupcake with butter icing - $2.00 each
Limited cupcakes available each day. Order your cupcake online at www.flexischools.com.au to avoid disappointment.

NO burgers or sausage sandwiches for the remainder of the year.

Flexischool Orders - Please note all recurring lunch orders will be cancelled over the school holiday period.
If you are able to assist or can’t make it in please contact Mandy in the canteen or email bbpscanteen@gmail.com.

Community Notices
Free Kittens
Kittens free to good home. Available early January.
Call Helen 0412 140 057

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS
FOR JANUARY 2016
Friday 22 January 9-11am
Saturday 23 January 9-11am
Wednesday 27 January 9-11am
Thursday 28 January 8.30-10.30am

Byron Bay Public School
PLAYGROUP
This Thursday will be our LAST playgroup for the year.
Hope you have a happy & safe holiday.

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