Art Show 2015
Our major community event and P&C fund raising event for 2015, the Art Show is planned for Term 3. If you are interested in joining the management team contact Nikki in the office. The 2013 Carnivale of Arts was a huge success and we plan the 2015 event to continue to raise the profile of visual arts in the school community.

Want to Support Your Child's Reading at Home?
Cheryl Booker will conduct a parent education session on Tuesday 24 February at 2.00pm in the school library. Cheryl will provide strategies to help new parents support home reading and reading tutors program at school. If you would like to join our team of grandparents, parents, high school students and friends who listen to individual students practice reading skills, contact class teachers for more information. Please book in at the office for catering purposes.

Reminder - Payment of School Fee Contributions and Book Pack Payments
Parents are reminded that school fee contributions and book pack payments are due. Payments are accepted in cash, cheque or EFTPOS at the school’s office or online through the school website “Make a Payment”. Your support is appreciated as it provides the school with funds to maintain our commitment to a quality education for every student.

Evacuation Drill
On Monday 23 February we plan to conduct an evacuation drill as part of our Work Health and Safety Program.

Band Program News
The 2015 Band Program will commence this week.

Mathletics at School and Home
Mathletics is an online educational program that is used by the school to support the mathematics program in all classes, in the computer room and at home. Your child has access to the program at www.mathletics.com. Every student has a user name and password. These are now available from classroom teachers.

Dogs on School Grounds
Parents are asked to leave their dogs at home. I like dogs but a busy school ground is not the place to walk them.

School in Our Community Project
The school community was fortunate to receive funding from a private foundation to promote projects within our school community to foster community cohesion and social inclusion. The project has played a lead role in promoting the following projects in our school.

- Playgroup every Thursdays at 9.30am
- Conversational French before and after school classes
- Annual school community events – the 2015 Art Show
- Environmental education project – The Green team and school vegetable garden project

Geoff Spargo
Principal

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.

What’s Coming Up!

2015
Term 1 - Week 4
Wednesday, 18 February
* ES1 Parent Information Meeting @ 6.00pm in KS/KR rooms
* Recycling Relays
Thursday, 19 February
* Surf Awareness - 4P & 4K
* Scripture begins for all classes
* Recycling Relays
Friday, 20 February
* School Photos Catch Up day
* FNC Swimming Carnival
* Surf Awareness - 6H, 6P & 6W

Week 5
Monday 23 February
* Stage 2 NRL Clinics
Tuesday, 24 February
* Home Reading Workshop @ 2.00pm in the Library. All welcome.
Thursday, 26 February
* BVPSSA Basketball trials

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School Contribution - $75
Stages 2 & 3 - Surf Survival - $11
Sport - FNC Swimming - $15
Year 4 - Midginbil Deposit - $100

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NSW Schools Physical Activity & Nutrition Survey 2015
Some of you may have heard about the Schools Physical Activity and Nutrition Survey (SPANS) which involves over 100 schools in NSW. I am delighted to announce that BBPS has been invited to participate. This is a great opportunity for our students to be involved in helping health professionals better understand children’s lifestyles such as their physical activity, fitness, food habits and movement skills. A team of specially trained teachers will collect the information on almost 8,000 students from Years K, 2, 4, 5, 8 and 10. The survey is being managed by a research team from the University of Sydney.

Children in some classes in Years K (KM, KG), 2 (2CS, 2S), 4 (4W, 4P) and 6 (6H, 6W) will bring home information about the study and a consent form. If you receive this package, please read carefully the information statement; if you agree to allow your child to participate, please complete the consent form, and send it back to school (using the envelope provided) as soon as possible. The survey will take place at our school on Tuesday, 3 March 2015.

School Banking
The School Banking program has commenced for 2015. Any child with a Commonwealth Bank account can participate. Information packs on opening an account were distributed last week to K, Y1 & 2 with packs for the remaining years coming soon. School Banking day is Friday. Students take their bankbooks to the office, and they will be returned back to their class teacher the following Monday.

Year 6 Canberra Excursion Information Meeting
We will be holding a parent information night re Canberra Excursion in Week 5, Wednesday afternoon 25 February at 5pm in the school library. We would like as many parents as possible to attend this important meeting.

Choir
Year 2 Choir will be commencing tomorrow in the hall after Scripture. Any student in Year 2 who enjoys singing is welcome to join. There will be a 3 week trial period for students to decide if they want to stay in the choir. So, after coming for 3 weeks, if they decide it's not for them, they can choose not to do choir. However, after the initial 3 week period, we expect anyone who joins to remain in the choir for the rest of the year.

While Choir is on, the remainder of the Stage 1 students will be doing singing. The Choir will be performing at the Showcase in Term 2 as well as other events that may come up. Students who join need to be willing to make every effort to take part in any performances. To instil a sense of performance pride we ask that children wear long black pants and a plain white Tshirt for special performances. We look forward to lots of fun singing!
Heda Sherab and Kirsten Monty

Environment Education
During 2015 the children of BBPS are going to be involved in two initiatives so we can further educate them with the purposes for recycling, reducing and reusing.

Initiative 1 - ‘Recycling Relays’
During 17/18/19 February, all classes will be involved in a half hour lesson where they will learn to differentiate items for recycling and non recycling.

Initiative 2 - ‘Trip to the Tip’
On 27 February, 6 and 13 March, Stage 2 and 3 classes will be visiting our local tip for a practical excursion on how the council recycles and reuses waste products. Kindergarten and Stage 1 will be going later in the year. All these activities are free of charge because of sponsorship from the Byron Shire Council.

The next Environmental meeting will be held on Monday 2 March at 3.30pm. Any interested parents may attend.
Jack Phelps

Lost & Found
Found at the BBPS swimming carnival in the Byron tent, an iPod. If you are the owner, please come to the office and identify the iPod.

SRC Class Representatives - Semester 1
The following students elected as class representatives to the SRC. They were presented with their SRC badges at Monday’s assembly.
Stage 3: Scout Robinson-Gale, Marli Silberberg - 6W; Kiahn Ladkin, Reid Whitehurst - 6H; Isis Crawford, Noah Starfield - 6P; Summer Young, Will MacPherson - 5R; Chloe Guye, Lily Crouch - 5M; Lila Mc Donald, Louis Trisley - 5L.
Stage 2: Yasmin Wentzel, Beau Chaseling - 4K; Elijah Trevor-Jones, Leilani Carter - 4P; Jonah Caoyonan, Jade Angel-Hostak - 4W; Ava Gudgeon, Raphael Paul - 3W; Oriana McDonald, Christopher Coppin - 3P; Jesse Barwick, Shylah Callaghan - 3S.

School Traffic Safety
Traffic rules and regulations around schools are there for a very important reason, the safety of our children. Please be aware that loss of demerit points apply when certain offences are committed in an operating school zone, eg parking in a bus zone is a minimum fine of $311 and a loss of 2 demerit points. Contact the Byron Shire Council for full details.

Year 7 in 2016
Year 6 students have now brought home an Expression of Interest for Year 7 in 2016. Parents are asked to complete the form and return to school by Friday, 20 March, 2015.
Weekly Achievement Awards - Term 1 Week 2

Relay Champions
BV Swimming Carnival

Age Champions
BV Swimming Carnival

Weekly Achievement Awards - Term 1 Week 3

These awards will be presented at Assembly, Monday 23 February

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Technology
Scarlett Knight
2K

Term 1 - Week 5 Canteen Roster

Mon 23 Feb
Libby Schultz, Dianne Brien

Tue 24 Feb
Jo Watts, Danielle Gieson

Wed 25 Feb
Sandra Vickers, Helen Blair

Thu 26 Feb
Belinda Fairbanks, Kyi Van Hooff

Fri 27 Feb
Amanda Paul, Danelle Wuehr, Jude Fanton

If you are able to assist us in 2015 please contact Mandy in the canteen or email bbpscanteen@gmail.com.

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“PLAYGROUP”

Playgroup has commenced for 2015 in the school hall from 9.30-11am. Enjoy a cuppa and chat, make new friends, share new ideas. Gold coin donation. For information please contact the school office.

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Are you looking for a way to improve your child’s confidence, public speaking, creativity and performance abilities? We excel at providing students with the opportunities for creative expression, improving drama/dance/singing skills and stage performance. ENROLMENTS are being accepted NOW for Years 2-4, Years 5-6, Secondary Years 7-12. PLACES are LIMITED so BOOKINGS are ESSENTIAL. Enquiries to Brian Dale on 6684 1932 or 0422 820 472 or brandalet1@bigpond.com or go to www.brightlightspерformance.com.au

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After years of professional surfing, Gary Elkerton (Kong) is now sharing his knowledge with children to help them achieve confidence and skills in the water. Kong For Kids has been open 6 months and already hundreds of kids are enjoying Kong’s swimming classes. Kong’s personalised attention and focus results in fast and safe swimming progress for your child. Also available with Kong are private lessons, surfing lessons and beach awareness lessons.

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