P&C AGM Thursday 19 March
On Thursday 19 March the P&C will hold its Annual General Meeting. The monthly meeting will follow the AGM. All reports are emailed to members before the meeting enabling reports to be read before the meetings. If you would like copy of reports contact the office. Childcare is available at all meetings. Please contact the school office if childcare is required.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Parent/Teacher interviews will be held in the next two weeks of this term (23 March to 2 April). This is an opportunity for parents to meet their child’s class teacher to discuss their child’s progress and plans for 2015. Parents should have received a letter that will outline the method of how to book an interview time, or alternatively parents may book by ringing the school office.

High School Transition Programs
Over the past two years our Stage 3 teachers have worked with teachers at Byron High School to improve student transition from Year 6 to Year 7. This year the focus is on science. Our year 6 teachers and students have visited the high school to participate in lessons conducted by high school teachers. High school teachers have visited our school to work with our teachers and students to gain a better understanding of education in primary school.

Art Show
Every second year Byron Bay Public School community conducts an art show. In 2013 we held the Carnivale of Arts. This year we plan to hold an art show and community event on 16 September. An event management team will be established and our first meeting will be held at the Suffolk Park Hotel on Thursday 26 March at 6.00pm. Bring your ideas along to share.

Barbara Petchenik Children’s Map Competition 2015
The competition’s theme is “My Place in Today’s World”. Entries can be nominated in four age groups: Under 6yrs, 6-8yrs, 9-12yrs and 13-15yrs. The deadline for participation in the contest is Thursday, 2 April 2015. For more detailed information about the competition, please visit the MSIA website http://mappingsciences.org.au.

Multiplication Times Tables

Geoff Spargo
Principal

‘DOGS at School’
We all love dogs. The school grounds are a busy place and it is not the place to walk your dog, so we are asking parents to please leave their dogs at home.

What’s Coming Up!

2015
Week 8
Wednesday, 18 March
* Yr 5 BBHS - 12.45-3pm Science lessons
Thursday, 19 March
* Cricket at Rec Grounds
* P&C AGM Meeting @ 6.30pm
Friday, 20 March
* Young Leaders Day
* 2CS & 2K - Hayter’s Hill Excursion
Saturday, 21 March
* Harmony Day

Week 9
Monday, 23 March
* FNCPSSA Winter Trials

PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE ONLINE
VISIT OUR WEBSITE “Make a Payment”
PAYMENTS NOW DUE

Book Packs - $50
School Contribution - $75
Year 6 - Canberra Deposit - $100
2S & 2V - Bangalow Excursion - $8

Contact the school office to book your site.
Social Skills
During the first few weeks of term every class has been looking at our three school expectations: Being RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE and FAIR. All students have been talking about how this looks in their classrooms and at our school.

We are now looking at ‘Playing Safely’. This social skills looks at fairness when playing games and including others. It also discusses exclusion vs inclusion. Students will be involved in role playing activities to encourage appropriate behaviour regarding joining in and including others. Students will also talk about expectations about where to play safely in the playground, including walking on cement areas, playing safely under the trees and playing sensibly in the passive play area.

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.

Please contact the school if your child does not take a payment slip home and would like to participate. All entries and money must be back at school by Monday 23rd March, 2015 (Week 9).

Thank you,
Kelly Huxtable - Year 1 Teacher & ICAS Coordinator

School Banking - Volunteer Required
As from Term Two, I will be finishing as the School Banking Coordinator for the School Banking Program. If you are interested in taking on this voluntary role, please leave your details at the office. Training will be provided and only it takes a small amount of your time one day per week. School banking is a valuable service to our students and school. A percentage of the bankings is donated to the school. It is hoped that someone will step up to volunteer for this role.

Sharon Buckley - School Banking Coordinator

SRC Fundraiser – ’THE ODD SOCK FUN RUN’
The SRC are once again organising the Odd Sock Fun Run which will be held in conjunction with the Cross Country on Thursday, 23 April. This week all students will receive their sponsorship forms and introductory letter explaining how the fundraiser works.

This year the SRC has decided to put all of the money raised towards purchasing computers and maintaining the existing system. The class in each stage which raises the most money for Technology will be rewarded with a pizza lunch. Only students who participate will be included. The SRC looks forward to our school community fully supporting this wonderful fundraiser.

PSSA Tennis
On Monday the 16 February, Timmy Yeung-Packer, Jonah Wentzel, Caspian Tuckwell, Stephanie Korff and Maggie Motley travelled to Mullumbimby for the District tennis trials. All students displayed good sportsmanship and all progressed to the zone trials which were held in Alstonville on Monday, 2 March. Well done to all players for making it to Zone.

It was a massive day of tennis in Alstonville which saw only one of our students, Timmy Yeung-Packer, progress to the North Coast trials. Congratulations to all students and all the best to Timmy at the next trials in Grafton!

Kirsty Paron—Tennis Coordinator & Year 4 Teacher

Library News
Book covering will take place this Friday, 20 March from 8.30-11am in the Library. Please come and join our friendly group of helpers. Morning tea is provided.

Author Visit
A big thank you award winning children’s author, Belinda Murrell, who visited the school yesterday to speak with children in Years 5 and 6 about writing, illustrating and storytelling. The children were given order forms last week to return to the library. Belinda’s books are available in local bookstores and we have copies in our school library.

Ruth Kell
Teacher/Librarian

ICAS Assessment | Years | Date         | Cost
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Digital Technologies | 3 - 6 | Tuesday 19 May | $8.80
Science | 2 - 6 | Wednesday 3 June | $8.80
Writing | 3 - 6 | Monday 15 June | $18.70
Spelling | 3 - 6 | Tuesday 16 June | $12.10
English | 2 - 6 | Tuesday 28 July | $8.80
Mathematics | 2 - 6 | Tuesday 11 August | $8.80

Citizenship Awards for February
Multicultural Perspectives 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 - see Mrs West (Stage 3) and Mrs Whitney (Stage 2). Notes will be handed out to interested students. They will need to write a prepared speech and perform an impromptu speech at a school based Stage final. Two finalists from each Stage will then be selected to represent the school at a regional final. Participants may be involved in lunchtime workshops.

Harmony Day
Harmony Day is celebrated throughout Australia on 21 March. It has become a significant day of the year when Australians are encouraged to celebrate the cultural diversity of our country. It is also the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

For more information go to http://www.harmony.gov.au/schools/

CAR BOOT SALE
28 March 8am-1pm
As part of the Canberra Excursion fundraising efforts, Year 6 parents will be holding two stalls at the Car Boot Sale.

Cake Stall
Students will be supplied with a paper plate and are asked to return the plate filled with cakes on Friday, 27 March. Full details of ingredients will be attached to the plate.

Book Stall
We are in need of books to sell at this months Car Boot Sale. If you have any books you would like to donated, please leave them office.

Student Busking
Students will also be able to register to be involved in a busking stall on the day. Applications forms will be available at the office.

Eggs Needed
We are also after donations of eggs for our Bacon and Eggs rolls which will be sold on the day.
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