Car Boot Sale Success
Congratulations to the Year 6 Excursion Canberra Fundraising Team who were responsible for a successful Car Boot Sale on State Election Day. The Car Boot Sale was well supported by vendors, bargain hunters, parents and students. A parent new to the school said ‘I met so many parents and came away a bag of bargains’. The next Car Boot Sale will be held at the end of Term 2 (20 June).

Rap and Rhyme Concert
Kindergarten presented their annual concert Rap and Rhyme on Tuesday, 31 March to culminate their first term at school. Parents, grandparents, friends and their Year 6 buddies enjoyed the student's first performance at Byron Public School. Congratulations to their teachers who prepared the students and the parents who supplied the costumes

Parent/Teacher Interviews
A record number of parents (548+) attended parent-teacher interviews at the end of Term 1. I would like to thank teachers who conducted the interviews and the office staff who coordinated the booking of interview times. Parent/Teacher interviews provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to meet and discuss students’ progress and future plans.

Sporting Representatives
Term 1 is always a busy time for students seeking selection in representative sporting teams. I would like to congratulate the following students and wish them well in their sporting pursuits.
Students selected in North Coast Region sporting teams to compete at State PSSA events are:
Tennis - Timmy Yeung-Parker
AFL - Keshava Raju, Diesel Drury, Kolbi Wood, Finn Reece, Seth Carter
Basketball - Isis Crawford
Swimming - Alby Kay, Diesel Drury, Tex Hembrow, Jonah Caoyonan, Seth Carter, Milos Safranek, Rufus Scott, Jack Wilson
Your dedication and hard work has paid off.

Odd Sock Fun Run and School Cross Country - Thursday, 23 April
The School Cross Country and Odd Sock Fun Run is planned for Thursday, 23 April. The students in Stages 1, 2 and 3 will travel to Byron Bay High sports field while the Kindergarten Fun Run will be held at school. Parents are encouraged to attend this event. The Odd Sock Fun Run is the SRC major fundraising event.

Staff Changes in Term 2
Amanda Webber will replace Barry Spry who will be on leave for the first four weeks of Term 2.
Jenni McKeon will resume her position as teacher in 5M after two terms as relieving Principal at Harwood Island Public School.
Audrey Zambelli, Learning Support Teacher, will take leave during term and she will be replaced by Sue Spargo.
Sam Booker will join the school staff as Technology Support Officer while Donna Wooldridge will move into the front office.

ANZAC Day Service
The school will hold a school ceremony to commemorate ANZAC Day at school on Friday 24 April. Students and staff are invited to join the community in the Byron Bay ANZAC Day March on Saturday 25 April.

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
Week 10
Wednesday, 1 April
* Disco in Hall 3.30-7.30pm
Thursday, 2 April
* Last Day of Term

Term 2
Week 1
Monday, 20 April
* STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Tuesday, 21 April
* Students return for Term 2
Thursday 23 April
* Cross Country - Odd Sock Fun Run
* PSSA Rugby 7s Finals - Lismore
Art Show
The Art Show 2015 planning team met at the Byron Services Club last week to discuss this year’s event. The meeting was well attended by teachers and parents. This year’s Art Show will be called the Carnivale of Arts and will be held at school on Friday, 11 September. If you missed the meeting and would like to join the team, the next meeting is planned for 30 April.

Term 1 Finishes on Thursday, 2 April.
Students return for Term 2 on Tuesday, 21 April while teachers will resume the term on Monday 20 April.
I would like to wish everyone a safe holiday and look forward to term 2.

Geoff Spargo
Principal

Car Boot Sale Wrap Up
We have kicked off the Year 6 Canberra Excursion Fundraising for 2015 with a very successful Car Boot Sale, food and drink stalls on Saturday. The Car Boot Sale profit was a massive $4300.00. This massive day was made possible by willing parent and student volunteers - thank you all for the HUGE effort. We would like to make particular mention of Motoki Kuwahara who worked tirelessly all day at many locations, whatever he was asked to help with he did with finesse and flair, particularly noteworthy were his negotiation skills at the bookstall. Thanks to the wider school community for supporting us by attending. Again special mention to Trevor Mead, The Hot Bread Kitchen, Suffolk Bakery, The Crouch Family and The Wentzel Family for generous donations - helping us to make maximum profits. Stay tuned for the next exciting event.
Deanna Belluzzo, Kim Pollock and Jane Stanton-Gillan
Year 6 Fundraising Steering Committee

Car Boot Sale BBQ
A huge thank you to Ivan Motley, Yoshiie and Leo Hashimoto, Shelby Carter, Richard Whan, Margaret O'Brien, Matt Crisp, Kim Pollock, Deanna Belluzzo, Sue Ellen Strachan, Sarah Luke, Mardi and Matt Baird, Tanya and Brad Griffin, Nadine Ebb and Rhiannon for all of their help on the BBQ at the Car Boot Sale on Saturday.
Linda and Glen Whitehurst, BBQ Coordinators

2CS & 2K Hayter's Hill Farm Excursion
On Friday 2K and 2CS went to Hayter’s Hill Farm. We got there in a bus. We went into a very special rainforest. It is special because it is left over from the dreamtime. We saw some chickens, one was called Michael Jackson! I saw a really cute horse called Ebony, she is black. We also saw cows, they looked like they were breaking in! Molly
On Friday 2K and 2CS went to Hayter’s Hill Farm. First we went down to the forest. We saw lots of amazing plants and thorns. I spotted a huge spider, it was nearly as big as my hand! Kata
On Friday 2K and 2CS went on an excursion to my friend's farm. His nanna talked about his farm in the old days. Marlow
At Josh's farm we went to the rainforest. There were jumping ants! I got bitten by one. I picked up a furry leaf and a rubbery leaf. I went in a tunnel that went under the road. There was horse poo on the tunnel ground. Then we ran up a hill and then we had a little free time. We all had a refreshing ice-block, it was a little melted. One chicken was called Michael Jackson. Milarnie

Northern Rivers Conservatorium - School Holiday Make-Up Workshop
Music in Schools students who have missed lessons due to absence or school activities in term 4 2014 or term 1 2015 are invited to register for our Autumn Make Up Workshop with Michael McCabe.
Date: Tuesday 7 April
Time: 10:00-11:00 am
Venue: Northern Rivers Conservatorium, Cnr Keen & Magellan Streets Lismore
RSVP: With your name, instrument, school, and grade by Thursday 2 April to 6621 2266 or to admin@nrcac.edu.au
Cost: Free for students who have missed lessons (and whose fees are up to date), $10 for other interested Music in Schools/Community Music students (who are currently registered)

The workshops will be on the Fundamentals of Reading Music and the focus will be from an understanding of the concepts of beat, rhythm and pitch.
It will also include understanding the different symbols used in music such as key signatures, time signatures, loud and soft, speed markings. Students will explore through tuned and untuned percussion, movement and song and games which will give meaning to understanding what is written on the music. The workshop will be using Kodaly concepts and will include some composition.

Please also remember to advise us now if there are any changes to your enrolment for Term 2.

Environmental Sustainability Issues and Initiatives for 2015
The amount of rubbish that is generated at this school is increasing, so we need to put into place some initiatives that lessen our impact on the environment. As of next term we are implementing:
WASTE FREE WEDNESDAY- we are starting this program at the beginning of term 2 and we are making it a regular weekly event. We are asking parents, carers and grandparents who are making children’s lunches to support this program by thinking carefully about ‘what and how’ the children bring their food to school. We would ask that you use more reusable containers that can be taken home. Please try to reduce the use of scrunchable plastics like glad wrap, sealable plastic bags, chip packets, packaging that isn’t recyclable (not labelled...
with a 1 to 7), foil, “gimmicky” packaging items, plastic knives and forks and other junk food items that have excessive packaging.

I also hope that parents think carefully about ordering their child’s lunch through the school canteen on the Wednesday, as this can become more expensive than making their lunch. We need you to lead by example as we are trying very hard to AVOID, REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE wherever possible. This in turn will sustain our environment and leave a smaller footprint.

LOW WASTE LUNCHES - too many children are throwing away foods that they are bringing to school. We have noticed that children are composting whole pieces of fruit that should be taken home and eaten later. This also applies for cheese and crackers, yoghurts and muesli bars. Talk to your children about not disposing of unused food and also ask them if you are, maybe giving them too much choice.

EXAMPLE of a low waste lunch – sandwich (cloth serviette/reusable container), yoghurt (re-usable container), sultanas (re-usable container), pieces of fruit cut up (re-usable container), juice or water (re-usable drink bottle). By being more aware of the benefits to our environment we are also saving money on our food expenditure, which all of us are looking to do.

Please support these initiatives.

Rob Phelps (on behalf of the Environment Committee)

2014 Presentation Day Book Prize Winners
Stage 2 and 3 Book Prize winners from our end of year Presentation Day in 2014 are asked to please spend their book vouchers as soon as possible. What better time to go shopping than in the school holidays?

ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM NEEDS TUBS
As part of our need to reduce waste and recycle more within the school, we are creating a new composting system of worm farms. If anyone has any old bathtubs they would like to donate, can you please contact the school office.

The Green Team

Term 2 - Week 1 Canteen Roster
Mon 20 Apr  Pupil Free Day
Tue 21 Apr  Sue Davies, Amanda Fox
Wed 22 Apr Mauz Breslin, Natalie Wallace
Thu 23 Apr Cross Country & Odd Sock Fun Run
Lots of helpers needed please
Fri 24 Apr Amanda Paul, Danielle Wuehr

Odd Sock Fun Run and Cross Country-Thursday 23 April 2015
We will be running a canteen at both BBPS and at the High School. We will need lots of help! If you are planning on attending either of these events and can spare an hour, please contact Mandy at the canteen.

New Menu items for Term 2
- Hot chocolate will replace fruit smoothie
- Homemade muffins will replace lamingtons
- Hard boiled egg & corn on the cob available in snacks (green)
- There have been a few price increases on some products.
- Please see the attached menu for full details.

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

Easter Holiday Camp - Wednesday 15 April from 9am – 12 noon
The Sports and Cultural Complex on Ewingsdale Road
COST:  $35 CALL TO BOOK: 02 6676 3548

Community Notices
National Youth Week Battle at Bruns @ Brunswick Head Skatepark. Sunday, 19 April from 10am - 5pm. Coaching & competitions for 16 & under, 12 & under, 8 & under & Masters O’35. Free event. More info email sk8coaching@gmail.com or call 0459 466 422

Summerland House Farm Easter Holiday Fun open everyday (except Good Friday). The Artie Partie Kidz Club is on Wednesdays & Fridays during holidays. $5 per child. Tickets at ‘The Grocer’. Come enjoy art, craft, face painting, water spray park & much more. Info go to www.summerlandhousefarm.com.au

Friends of the Library Book Fair will be held at Byron Bay Surf Club on Saturday, 11 April - 9am-5pm and Sunday, 12 April - 10am-1pm

Rous Water Holiday Activity - Water science experiments, games & investigations. April 8 & 15 at Dorroughy Environmental Centre for 5-14yrs. Information to go www.watersciencelab.com.au

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HOLIDAYS: (5 sessions)
MON 13th – Fri 17th April
LOCATION: 8am-10am–Clarke’s Beach, BYRON BAY
$185 per child
TO ENROL: Call Mojosurf (02) 6639 5100
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