Principal’s Report 13th September 2012

Thank you for your attendance and welcome to all new members.

Seb, the singer at the Trivia night is organising the Jive Lounge at the Bangalow RSL and has made the school as a beneficiary of the proceeds of the night. Information was emailed to parents.

The school in conjunction with the Bangalow Pony Club have been approached about coordinating a PSSA horse sport event at Bangalow. The P&C is invited to cater as a fund-raiser for the school.

1. Student and staff news
   ● Student enrolment is 646.
   ● We had an increase in teaching staff allocation but rather than establishing a 26th class, the teacher allocation was used to support the Stage 1 classes in literacy and numeracy.
   ● We also received a two hour per week entitlement which we used to provide additional time for teaching staff to manage whole school programs.
   ● We had an increase in the number of teacher aide hours under the Every Student Every School program. We employed the equivalent of two teachers’ aides to support students with disabilities.

2. Building programs
   a. Landscaping school grounds
      ● The garden project is proceeding well; next step is to plant gardens.
      ● The school vegetable garden was judged second in the school garden section of the Byron garden competition.
      ● The new long jump pit is close to completion.
   b. B block redevelopment
      ● Collecting quotes for work. We plan to commence work in the September school holidays.

3. Communications with parents
   ● Monday message to parents as email has been well received by parents.

4. Technology innovations
   ● Trial wireless technology in computer room. If the trial is successful our plan is to install wireless technology in F block and other classrooms in the future.

5. Recent events in the last month
   ● Year 6 Interrelate personal development program
   ● Stage 3 ART SMART program for talented and aspiring artists
   ● The school band and flutists were very successful in the Lismore Eisteddfod.
   ● During Book Week 2012 book illustrator Kim Toft conducted a workshop and painted a silk painting which the school will display in the library.
   ● Jump Rope for Heart was an inclusion in our physical education and student leadership program. Skipping was introduced into our PE program and into our playground activities. Senior students produced a multimedia presentation with the help of Heather West and Kenn Sealy. Students in the SRC helped the classes with their activities on the day.
   ● Far North Coast Zone and North Coast Athletics Carnivals were held. Students performed very well with two relay teams and individual students selected to represent the Region at the State athletics in October.
   ● Numeracy Week was celebrated with a Mathematics day at school.

6. Kindergarten 2013 orientation program with information nights, school visits and school tours with the Principal have started and will continue into Term 4.

7. Rights to Passage Dr Arne Rubinstein spoke to parents and staff about raising Gen Z children and organised the Campout for Kids. Sixty parents attended the talk with twenty-five families enjoying a Friday night at school.

8. Coming events
   ● Arts Extravaganza Wednesday evening. The Arts Committee will cater. Class performances include 1J, 2P, 1C, 2J, 3H, 3K, 2PV, 1W, 3D, 1E plus junior and senior bands; Stage 2 & 3 choirs; String Ensemble; Stage 2 dance group; individual items.
   ● Stage 2 aspiring writers and their teachers will have the opportunity work with visiting consultant Angela Maxwell on improving their writing skills.
   ● Plans to complete work on the gardens surrounding E block and library during the holidays

9. Arts Committee Report
A band committee meeting was held on Wednesday 12th September.

The senior choral choir is preparing for their performance at the Choral Festival in the Sydney Opera House on 18 October.

Arts Extravaganza will be held at school, showcasing the school’s performing and creative arts programs.

Junior and senior bands, string ensemble and choirs will perform at Arts Extravaganza.

Band Recital will be held on 11th December.

Plan to offer the combined band to allow Year 7&8 students to continue their involvement in a music education.

The senior and intermediate bands have combined. A workshop with David is available to students as part of the instrumental music program.

10. The University of NSW Educational Assessment Australia

Byron Bay Public School students have been participating in International Competitions and Assessment for Schools since 2006. The ICAS tests provide students with exceptional ability or interest in in academic area with an opportunity to challenge them and measure how well they are doing compared to a wider cohort of students. No students are groomed for ICAS tests.

Executive summary of student performance in ICAS 2006-2012

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11. Financial Notes

- **Building Fund balance** - $15491.86
  - Focus for the Building Fund 2012/14 will include the development of the school gardens, the improvement of the movement area near L block, the extension of the COLA and the installation of a multipurpose sporting surface under the COLA.
  - I have planned a meeting with Spantech, a firm who constructed COLA, on Friday and a meeting with John Sherwood, a representative of the firm who installed the surface in the hall. The purpose of the meetings is to clarify the scope of the project for the building fund, that is the extension of the COLA using Spantech roofing and install a multi-purpose sport floor over the concrete.

- **Library Fund balance** - $13692.06
  - Future expenditure is planned to install shelving in the reading room, purchase guided reading texts and literary texts to use when the National Curriculum in 2013.

- **Earn and Learn 2012**
  - Families collected over 155000 stickers which will be used to acquire teaching and learning resources from Modern Teaching Aids.

12. Other business

- I would like to congratulate Taylor Kempnich and Brodie Snow for their election as captains of Byron Bay High School. Taylor and Brodie were members of the school’s 2007 SRC. Both families have been long-time supporters of Byron Bay Public School and Public Education.

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