Principal’s Report 13 October 2011

1. Student and staff news
   - We advertised a vacant teaching position. Thanks to Nikki for representing parents on the selection panel.

2. Building programs
   a. Primary School for the 21st Century $3000000
      - The Art Show was held in the library.
      - The library is being moved into the new building. Thanks to Libby O’Connor, Tracy Brown, Boyd Kellner and volunteer parents. We will be commencing a conversation of B block into a team teaching classroom for Early Stage 1
      - 3S was moved into a new classroom as Asset Management intends to remove a demountable classroom.
   b. Landscaping school grounds
      - Two meetings have been held to discuss development projects. Copy of the minutes is tabled.

3. Communications with parents-
   - Teachers have commenced their Semester 2 student reports. Parents will receive reports on 9 December.
   - The process to establish classes and allocate students in K, Years 2 and 4 to new classes for 2012 has begun.

4. Recent events in the last month
   - The Art Show was conducted on 24/25 October. The show included student entries, class entries and donations from local artists. The show achieved its purpose is to raise the awareness of visual art in the school community and provide the P&C with an opportunity to raise funds for the school.
   - Athletes competed in the NSW PSSA State athletics on 19 October. All students were pleased with their results at the elite level of competition.
   - Kindergarten 2012 observation days are continuing on Fridays
   - I had the pleasure of visiting the Creative Arts Camp at Lennox Head on Friday to watch the final performance.
   - Alpha Show presented Beauty and the Beast at school on Friday. The quality of the performance was outstanding providing our students with a level of performance to aspire to.
   - The finals of public speaking competition were held on Wednesday. Public speaking is a quality program which is available to all students. This year Kindergarten will participate in a non-competitive format at their Friday assembly.
   - Students in Stage 3 participated in the Maths Olympiad at Byron Bay High School with other students from local primary schools and Byron High.

5. Coming events
   - Life Education Program will commence on 10 November for all classes.
   - Remembrance Day – The school will assemble in the hall to commemorate Remembrance Day on Friday. The school captains and the Principal will represent the school at the Byron Bay Services Club.
   - The boys’ cricket team continues to be successful in the PSSA competition.
   - Stage 1 will commence a swimming safe program on 14 November.
   - Year 6 will be travelling to Canberra for the annual major excursion while Year 5 will visit Wet and Wild.
   - The selection process for the 2012 school captains will commence next week. Students are invited to present a speech after which the student body will vote.
   - Don’t forget the P&C Christmas meeting 1 December.
   - Next week will be the third year of my tenure as Principal. I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with a fantastic group of parents and thank you for your support.

6. Financial Notes
   - Building Fund balance - $19492.93
     - Quote accepted Coolman Air-conditioning to install units in library and classrooms at a cost of $18900 GST incl.
     - Installation is anticipated to commence soon.
     - The installation of the air conditioners in the library marks the completion of a project for the building fund.
     - I would like to propose our next project for the fund is the development of playground infrastructure.
   - Library Fund balance – $22503.73
     - Allocation of funds to establishment of reading and uniform rooms.
     - 15 desktop computers to the library have been purchased and delivered.

7. Arts Committee Report
   - The recommendations for changes to the instrumental program are attached.

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