DIARY DATES

**Wednesdays**
- Uniform Shop 8:30 – 9:30am
- Student Banking

**Fridays**
- Canteen
- Assembly

**04/02/13**
- School begins for Kindergarten
- Uniform Shop open 8:30 – 9:30am
- P&C morning tea 9:30am

**05/02/13**
- School Swimming Carnival (Yrs2-6)
- P&C meeting 7pm
- PSSA Cricket trials
- BV District Swimming Carnival
- FNC Zone Cricket
- FNC Zone Swimming
- BV District Tennis trials
- BV District AFL trials
- FNC Zone Tennis
- BV District Winter Sports trials
- FNC Zone AFL
- FNC Zone Winter Sports

**29/03/13**
- Good Friday PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- Easter Monday PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- Last day of Term 1

**Term 2**
- 29/04/13
  - Staff Development Day – PUPIL FREE
- 30/04/13
  - Term 2 commences for students

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2013 Book Packs

The school has purchased educational supplies for all students, which will be sold as “Book Packs”. This ensures every student has the tools and materials required for their class work. Packs contain all necessary stationery items, work books, portfolio folder (with school logo), etc. All students will also receive a water bottle cooler with the school logo.

Students in Stages 2 and 3 (Years 3-6) will receive some of their items in a “pack”, for which they will be responsible, while the remaining supplies will stay in the classroom and be managed by the class teacher. As in previous years, all the Kinder and Stage 1 (K-2) supplies will be managed in the classroom, without the children being issued with individual “packs”.

The cost of Book Packs for Stages 2 and 3 has been reduced this year as we have not included the Maths text book. Itemised lists of supplies will be available upon request.

**The cost of Book Packs for 2013 is:**

- Kinder $45
- Stage 1 (Yrs 1-2) $50
- Stage 2 & 3 (Yrs 3-6) $35

Parents will be invoiced for this amount and we would like payment to be made by the end of next week, thank you. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please contact the school to discuss suitable arrangements.
Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We are all genuinely excited about the 2013 school year.

Providing all students with a creative, dynamic, engaging and challenging curriculum which prepares them for life in the 21st century is at the forefront of our decision making and planning. Maintaining and building upon our strong mutually respectful school/community partnership is essential for the success of our students.

Remember the importance of support, a strong home – school – child triangle, ensures students achieve and develop socially, academically and creatively to the best of their potential.

Classes for 2013
We warmly welcome back Mrs Sue Cox as our Assistant Principal. We also welcome Mrs Kim Mullett and Mrs Melanie Hughes, who both spent many hours working in our schools on a casual basis last year, onto the 2V and 3A classes.

KD Kindergarten Mrs Diane Jones (Assistant Principal)
KT Kindergarten Mrs Mara Timms
K/1J Kinder/Y1 Mrs Maree Jameson
1H Year 1 Mr Steve Hutchinson
1S Year 2 Mr Shane McCosker
1/2M Year 2/Year 3 Mrs Michelle Maiden
2V Year 3 Mrs Amanda van den Berg (Mon, Tues) Mrs Kim Mullett (Wed, Thurs, Fri)
2/3C Year 4/Year 5 Mrs Sue Cox (Assistant Principal)
3T Year 5 Ms Sam van der Toorn
3A Year 6 Miss Andrea McLean (Mon, Tues, Wed) Mrs Melanie Hughes (Thurs, Fri)

Japanese Years 4 to 6 Miss Andrea McLean (Thurs) (N.B. Japanese cultural days will be organised for K-Y3 from Term 2-Term 4)

Librarian Mr Ross McKinnon
Reading Recovery/Music/Choir Ms Kristen Monty
Support Teacher Learning Mrs Karen Gallagher

Other Staff – Administration
School Admin Manager Juliette Sizer
School Admin Officer Sonya King (Tues - Fri)
School Admin Officer Carol Erskine (Mon)

General Assistant Barry Coleman (M/T/Th)
General Assistant Tony Steward (Wed)
School Learning Support Officer Lyndell Robson
School Learning Support Officer Ann Ritchie

OTHER PROGRAMS

Environmental Education
Thursday
Environmental Education related to COGS units (includes gardening and Kids in the Kitchen)
Begins Week 3 with Donovan and Andrew
Term 1 - S3 (3A, 3T)
Term 2 - S2 (2V, 2/3C, 1/2M)
Term 3 - S1 (1S, 1H, K/1J)
Term 4 - ES1 (KT, KD)
The Gardening Group will continue at lunchtimes throughout the year for all interested students K-6, with Prisca Du Ressac.

Creative /Arts
Music All classes 30 minutes music session each week with Ms Kristen Monty
Choir Junior Choir K-2, Senior Choir Y3-Y6, Boys Group
Instrumental Program Northern Rivers Arts Conservatorium - paid instrumental lessons in guitar, keyboard, drums, singing/keyboard, woodwind + 4 Bands
Visual Arts New in-class program for 2013 related to COGS units
Dance Two groups

I welcome our continuing and new families, especially those who are experiencing our school for the first time. I can assure you that your children will receive a supportive, engaging and exciting education and will make many new friends. I hope you can involve yourself in their learning as much as possible, and encourage you to approach your child’s teacher or myself if you have any concerns or questions.

This newsletter comes home each Thursday and is the main form of communication we have with you. I urge you to spend some time with your children reading it, as it has all the information you will need. We try very hard to give families advance notice of upcoming events. The school website is also updated regularly, and it contains copies of the school calendar plus permission notes, etc. that go home.

Kind Regards

Susie Boyle
Principal
SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our school’s Swimming Carnival will be held next Tuesday 5th February for all students in Years 2 to 6 (notes were sent home yesterday). The Swimming Carnival will be held at Mullumbimby Pool (due to damage at the Byron Bay Pool resulting from the recent wild weather) and the cost will be $7 per student, which includes bus fare and pool entry. Please be sure to return the permission note before Tuesday.

We need some parent volunteers to assist on the day – please contact the school if you are able to help out. All other parents, caregivers and supporters will be required to pay a spectator fee of $1.80.

Voluntary Contributions

Voluntary Contributions are requested of all families to help cover the cost of home readers, guided reading and classroom literacy resources. These contributions are paid into our Library Fund, and are tax deductible. Voluntary Contributions for 2013 will remain at $35 for a single child, or $70 per family. Thank you for your support of our school.

YES, you can pay for Book Packs and Voluntary Contributions using EFTPOS. Sorry, we are unable to take payments for the Uniform Shop using our EFTPOS terminal.

WIN AN IPAD!!

All families who have paid their Voluntary Contribution before the end of Term 1 and have no outstanding payments owed to the school (eg Book Pack) will go into the draw to win an iPad!

All you have to do is make sure you have paid by Thursday 11th April, and the winner will be drawn at the last Assembly for the term (on Friday 12th April). Good Luck!

Student Assistance Scheme

If you are experiencing genuine financial hardship, Student Assistance funds may be made available upon application, to assist with the cost of specific school expenses, such as excursions. Please contact the school for further information.

Crunch & Sip

This year, all classes at BPS will be having daily “Crunch & Sip”. Crunch & Sip® is a set break during the school day when students can eat salad vegetables or fruit and drink water in the classroom. Please try to include vegetables more often than fruit so that students increase their daily intake of vegetables. Whether the break is in the morning or the afternoon, the idea is to help kids to re-fuel and boost their physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom.

Each day, students bring salad vegetables or a piece of fruit to school to eat in the classroom, usually at a set time. In addition, each child has a small, clear bottle of water in the classroom to drink throughout the day. Every child will receive a water bottle cooler in their Book Pack this year to assist with keeping their water cool and identifying their bottle (the coolers will have the children’s names clearly marked on them).

Through Crunch & Sip®, schools can demonstrate their commitment to nutrition education in the classroom by making links with the curriculum and creating a supportive school environment.

Crunch & Sip® schools have a positive impact on students by:

- Creating an enjoyable daily routine that increases fruit and vegetables intake.
- Promoting a positive attitude towards vegetables, fruit and water.
- Incorporating nutrition education into key learning areas of the curriculum.

Please be sure to pack a healthy lunch for your child every day as well – NO lollies, soft drink, chips, etc.
BANGALOW SCHOOL CHOIRS

This year, we will be having 3 choirs at our school, as follows:

2pm – 2:30pm
MONDAY  Boys' Vocal Group Yrs 3 - 6
TUESDAY  Years 3 - 6 Choir
WEDNESDAY  K - 2 Choir

The numbers will be limited and students will need to fill in a choir acceptance form that they sign, show to their parents and return to the office. They will be given the form at Choir meetings next week. It will also include a section where students can list any songs they think would be suitable for the Choir to sing.

I encourage any students who enjoy singing to come along to the appropriate Choir meeting next week.

K. Monty

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SRE (Scripture) groups are being reorganised for 2013. Classes will recommence on Tuesday 19th Feb (Wk 4). A number of options are available for Bangalow students to attend during this half-hour activity. Students not in any of the scripture groups attend “non scripture” activities. Students in Years 3 to 6 who attend “non scripture” will have the option of attending a Primary Ethics class instead.

Further information will be sent home shortly, once we have finalised the arrangements for 2013.

MUSIC IN SCHOOLS

Enrolments for 2013 are open for returning and new students! Please register at enrol.nrcac.edu.au to secure your place.

Did you know that the Northern Rivers Conservatorium in Lismore sends Professional Music Teachers to your school each week?

Expert tuition in a range of instruments is held during school time, on a rotating timetable. Individual and group lessons can be arranged.

To learn more about the program please visit: www.nrcac.edu.au, phone Zoe Abbott at the Conservatorium on 6621 2266, or pick up a brochure from your school office.

If you are ready to enrol you can do so at enrol.nrcac.edu.au.

The instruments currently being taught at Bangalow school are:

- Drums with Rex Carter
- Keyboard with Dan Brown or Belinda Kelly
- Voice with Belinda Kelly
- Flute, Saxophone, Clarinet and Band with Kate Gittins
- Guitar with Alex McLeod

Please be in touch if you would like to request another instrument.

Have a musical year!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We appreciate the efforts of parents to send their children to school in uniform every day. This includes our school broad-brimmed hat. Our Sun Safe policy means that any child without a broad-brimmed hat must play in the shade. The school has a large stock of new hats for sale at $10 each. These can now be purchased directly from the front office (although we cannot accept EFTPOS payments for uniform items).

For the convenience of our new Kindergarten parents, the Uniform Shop will be OPEN on MONDAY 4th February from 8:30 – 9:30am. The Uniform Shop will continue with its normal opening hours, Wednesdays 8:30 – 9:30am. Many thanks to Sarah, our parent volunteer for making this service available.

CANTEEN NEWS

We are planning to start the Canteen again on Fridays this year, commencing in Week 3 (15/02/13). We are asking for volunteers for Term 1, for three hours, 9am to midday, on a Friday morning. Please contact Sharon Rudgley if you can help out: nrudgley@bigpond.net.au or 0427 668716.

The canteen menu and price list will be made available with next week’s newsletter.

P&C NEWS

First meeting for 2013 – Tuesday 12th February 7pm

P&C MORNING TEA to welcome our new Kindergarten parents on MONDAY 4TH FEBRUARY at 9:30am outside the Hall. All welcome!
ADMINISTRATION NOTES

Student Absences
Absences from school should be explained by a parent / caregiver in a note to the teacher, or by completing the attached Explanation of Absence slip and returning it to school at your earliest convenience. Acceptable reasons for absences include sickness, family holiday, urgent/important appointments, etc. Please do not take your child shopping, or to get their hair cut during school time.

Late Arrivals / Early Departures
Students arriving late or leaving school early will need to have a parent / caregiver report to the office for a yellow slip, which is then given to the teacher.

Changes to Home-time Routine
If your child is travelling home by a different method to usual, please complete the Variation to Home-time Routine form (attached). This is especially important with younger children and with students travelling by bus.

Sickness & Medication
If your child is unwell, please keep them at home. Children who become unwell at school will be cared for in the sick bay until a parent can collect them. If your child requires medication while they are at school, please visit the office to make appropriate arrangements. School staff are not permitted to administer non-prescription medication (eg Panadol) to students under any circumstances.

Newsletters
Newsletters will be distributed each Thursday to the eldest child in each family, unless you have requested that the newsletter is emailed to you instead. Please contact the office if you wish to change your newsletter arrangements.

Notes and Money
Please endeavour to send in exact amounts where possible as change can sometimes be an issue. Money should be placed in an envelope with name and reason for payment clearly stated on it. Notes and money are to be handed to the classroom teacher at the start of the day.

EFTPoS Payments
The school has EFTPoS facilities which you may use to make payments in person at the front office, or by completing a Credit Card Payment slip, available on our website. A sample is attached to this newsletter.

Student Banking
A Student Banking service is offered to students who hold a Commonwealth Bank Dollarmites account. Please contact the office if you would like an account opening kit.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Ballina Taekwon-do
BANGALOW PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL
Monday 4:30 – 5:30pm
BANGALOW YOGALATES CENTRE
Wednesday 4:30 – 5:30pm
First two weeks FREE!
Further enquiries please contact
Marc Bagatan on 0416 173936

Bright Lights Performance School
Excellence in Performance
We excel at providing students with the opportunities for creative expression, improving drama/dance/singing skills and stage performance
BYRON ENROLMENTS are being accepted NOW for our YEAR 3-4 GROUP, our YEAR 5-6 GROUP, our SECONDARY GROUP and our MUSICAL THEATRE GROUP Classes begin MONDAY and TUESDAY 4th and 5th FEBRUARY
PLACES are LIMITED so BOOKINGS are ESSENTIAL
Enquiries to Brian Dale 66 841932   0422 820472
briandale1@bigpond.com
Or visit our web site
www.brightlightsperformanceschool.com

PRIMARY SCHOOL TUTORING
Experienced primary school teacher 15 years
Tutoring in Literacy and Numeracy
Specialising in Children with Special Needs
(Gifted/Talented or Remedial)
Individual or small group sessions
(Max. 4 children per group)
Will tutor children up to Year 7 for numeracy and Year 9 for literacy
My aims:
- To accurately identify your child’s strengths and learning gaps using assessment tools
- To build on your child’s strengths
- To give your child the tools to bridge growing learning gaps
- To foster a positive self-esteem and self-image as a learner
Contact: Nicola Davis B Ed (Hons- Special Education)
0413407373
Byron Bay Junior AFL Inc
2013 SEASON SIGN ON
When: Sunday 3rd & 10th February 2pm–5pm
Where: Schultz Oval, Bangalow

If you’re aged between 5 and 13 (as at 1st January 2013) we encourage you to come along and sign up. If you have done the AUSKICK program at your local school? Why not expand your skill and knowledge and join our club. Training commences on a Wednesday afternoon from early March and matches are played on Sunday’s. For further enquiries call Stuart 0433 198 295 or come along on sign on day.

Play Rugby Union in 2013!
Bangalow Rugby Football Club is looking for players aged from 6 to 18 years to join our successful and growing Club for the 2013 season.

Girls up to the age of 13 are welcome to play.
Under 7s play touch footy and there are modified rules at all levels to ensure player safety.

Junior games are played on Friday evening, so it’s possible to play Rugby as well as weekend sports.

Bangalow junior rugby players also get the chance to participate in a range of other activities, including trips to watch the Wallabies.

Sign on days: Saturday 16 and 23 February from 2.00pm to 4.00pm
next to the Bangalow Bowling Club
Contacts: Dave Phillips (0412 080 614) or Paul DeFina (0400 572 028)

For more information go to www.Bangalowrugby.com

BYRON BAY JUNIOR BASKETBALL 2013
Join in the fun of our Summer Season, no experience necessary
Miniball – Recommences Tuesdays 4-5pm. (10 week program $60.00),
just turn up and register 5/2/2013
Also Team Nominations now accepted for;
Boys and Girls Miniball - Primary school Competition
Saturdays 9-11 am (starts 9/2/13)
Junior High Boys (yrs 7,8,9)
Wednesday 4.30-9.30pm (starts 13/2/13)
Senior High Boys (yrs 10,11,12)
Wednesday 4.30pm-9.30pm (starts 13/2/13)
High School Girls - Saturdays -10-1pm (starts 9/2/13)
For Enq. + Forms e-mail, r_ashdown@hotmail.com or phone Matt on 66859847.

Kids Music and Movement Classes with Julie
for Pre-schoolers, Toddlers and their Parents
starts Wednesday 6th February in Bangalow for 8 weeks.
To book, contact 0428 320 635 or
musicjewel135@gmail.com, spaces limited.

Want to be fitter, faster, or just make some new friends?!

Byron Bay Runners are a ‘not for profit’ community running club, that has recently been founded by a friendly group of Byron-based runners, for runners of all ages and standards.

We offer members access to weekly social runs (for all ages), first-class track training facilities, junior and senior squad development with Athletics Australia accredited coaches, free coaching programs from beginners to marathoners, timetrialers, team entry to major fun runs (such as Gold Coast Marathon Festival) and social events. Free Byron Bay Runners training/racing singlet with each membership: www.byronbayrunners.com

ADVERTISING SPACE
Opportunities exist to advertise in our newsletter (certain criteria must be met and conditions apply). Newsletters are distributed in full colour hard copy, via email, and on our website. Please contact the school office on 6687 1434 or email us at bangalow-p-school@det.nsw.edu.au. While we exercise due care, Bangalow Public School does not endorse or guarantee any goods or services advertised.
Willing and Able

Camp Willing and Able is a residential program suitable for people of all ages with a physical and/or intellectual disability.

The camps will provide children, teenagers and adults with the opportunity to participate in a variety of games and recreation activities. The emphasis during activities is on making friends and having fun.

Activities may include:
- canoeing
- sailing
- archery
- basketball
- tennis
- swimming
- craft
- archery
- indoor recreation
- beach games
- dance

Carers:
- Volunteer carers from previous camps, new community carers and students from Southern Cross University will be rostered on throughout the camp to care and provide support for all participants.
- It is intended to have one carer for every two participants attending the camp. Camp organisers will take into consideration the different needs of each participant and there may be times where it is necessary to allocate one to one supervision.
- For participants who normally have a personal carer, a carer must attend the camp with the participant.

Program Details

Adults (18 years and over)
Date: Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 February, 2013
Cost: $235 per person with Companion Card
       $267 per person without Companion Card

Children (9-17 years)
Date: Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 March, 2013
Cost: $210 per person with Companion Card
       $242 per person without Companion Card

Time: 9.30am Saturday to 3pm Sunday
Venue: Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre,
       Pacific Parade, Lennox Head
Note: Cost includes all meals, accommodation, activities, coaching and support staff

How to enrol
By phone: Call (02) 6618 0400 and have your credit card details ready (Visa, Mastercard).
By fax: Complete the enrolment form, include your credit card details and fax to (02) 6687 4175.
By mail: Complete the enrolment form and send to:
         NSW Sport and Recreation
         PO Box 121
         Lennox Head NSW 2478
Bangalow Presbyterian Church

Kids Club

STARTING FEBRUARY 6th
Every Wednesday 3:10 – 4:30pm for Kinder to Year 6
opposite Bangalow Public School.

This is a free, fun activity to teach about Jesus from the Bible.
We have songs, group games, bible lessons, and light afternoon tea.
You are welcome to attend with your child and see what we do.
(See our Facebook page, or www.bangalowchurch.com.au)

For more info ring leaders
Celia 0412802205 and Julian 0411148383;  
Mark Cooper-White (pastor) 0400123575

Please sign the permission note (below)
and have your child bring it with them to Kids Club.
(Keep the top part with our details on it)

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Kids Club Permission Note:

I .................................................................................................................. give permission for
my child/children ..........................................................................................

any food allergy: ..............................................................................................
to attend Kids Club at Bangalow Presbyterian Church, after school Wednesdays until 4:30pm.

I understand I need to pick my child up at 4:30pm.

Signature........................................................................................Date..............Contact number......................................................