Proudly supporting the school’s Munch & Crunch Program with fresh fruit and vegetables... And a BIG thank you to our parent helpers!

DIARY DATES

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

**Fridays**
- Canteen
- Assembly

01/03/13  Clean Up Australia Day @ school
05/03/13  Byron Bay Film Festival (Years 4-6)
07/03/13  BV District Tennis trials
12/03/13  BV District AFL trials
14/03/13  FNC Zone Tennis
15/03/13  BV District Winter Sports trials
16/03/13  P&C AGM 7pm
18/03/13  Game Training Roadshow (Yrs 4-6)
18-22/03/13  K-3 Swimming Program
21/03/13  FNC Zone AFL
27/03/13  FNC Zone Winter Sports
29/03/13  Good Friday PUBLIC HOLIDAY
01/04/13  Easter Monday PUBLIC HOLIDAY
03/04/13  SCHOOL PHOTOS
11/04/13  P&C Meeting 7pm
12/04/13  ANZAC Day Assembly
          Last day of Term 1

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

Friday Assembly: Our SRC Induction Assembly will commence at 2:30pm tomorrow (we had to postpone it last week due to the weather). All families and friends are welcome to attend.
Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you is extended to all staff and students who have coped remarkably well with the ongoing inclement weather which has resulted in most of our days being spent indoors.

Unfortunately at the moment much of our sport has been put onto hold. Our cricket team is certainly hoping for some fine weather in the near future.

Remember our two main focus areas are: RAISING THE BAR and CLOSING THE GAP

- What’s best for the kids and their learning?
- Working together as a strong, mutually supportive and empowered team to ensure our kids are offered the very best education possible. As a whole school community it is important we are involved in processes that promote success and lifelong learning for ALL our students.

How can I help my child at school?

The very best way to support your child at school is to ensure there is a strong home-school-child triangle. Educational research from around the world consistently shows that a strong, positive collaboration between the child - teacher/school - parent has the most profound impact on your child’s educational success.

There are many ways to engage in the education of your child.

For a full explanation please refer to our Week 3 school newsletter.

In summary:

1. Decision-Making
   P & C
   Forums

2. Support Fundraising – The School and Your Children NEED YOUR SUPPORT
   Voluntary school contributions
   P & C fund-raising activities
   Library and Building Fund: Contribute tax-deductible donations to our school

3. Parents/Community Assisting Learning Programs
   We need 4 to 5 parents in each classroom for approximately an hour each day.

Our 1:1 Literacy program requires parents to work with our students.

Please send a note in to your class teacher if you can assist.

4. Parents/Community Watching Celebrations
   Parents and community members are always welcome to watch our weekly assemblies, special occasion assemblies, biannual Musical / Art Show.

5. One on one Teacher/Parent Level
   Please feel free to make an interview time to discuss concerns, performance, achievements with your child’s class teacher. They are always your first point of call. You are always very welcome to make an appointment with myself if you have further concerns/whole school suggestions. As Principal of Bangalow PS I actively encourage open communication. It is only through working together and fostering within our school culture a sense of belonging for all that the students will achieve to their true potential. Building strong positive relationships between families, Bangalow PS and the community is essential to this process.

HOMEWORK

Our homework is based on ensuring every child develops the skills they need in literacy and numeracy to be successful at school and later in high school.

At the Homework Training sessions I explain why each part of Bangalow PS homework is so integral to your child’s learning. Please come along to ensure your child is making the most of the valuable 1:1 time you spend together.

It would be fantastic for our students if ALL PARENTS were trained. Please complete and return the slip in this newsletter to let us know of your intention to attend the training session.

Kind Regards

Susie Boyle
Principal
NAPLAN
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2013

The NAPLAN assessments will be completed by all students in Yr3, Yr5, Yr7 and Yr9 in all Australian schools.

The dates are as follows:

**Tuesday May 14**
Language Conventions: spelling, grammar and punctuation

**Tuesday May 14**
Writing

**Wednesday May 15**
Reading

**Thursday May 16**
Numeracy

For all parents of students in Yr3 and Yr5 please refer to the attached letter for further information. Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s class teacher or Mrs Boyle if you require any further explanations.

We ask that parents do not take students out of school for family holidays, etc. in the weeks preceding or the week of the NAPLAN assessment.

Homework Information Session
Tuesday 12 March

I would be interested in attending a Homework Explanation Session with Susie Boyle on Tuesday 12th March.

Preferred time:  
3.30- 4.30pm [ ]  
6.00- 7.00pm [ ]  
(Please tick)

Child/ren  
___________________________  __________
___________________________  __________

My name  _____________________________

Signature  _____________________________

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Tomorrow, Friday 1 March, the school celebrates “Clean Up Australia Day” (weather permitting!), by cleaning up our school grounds at 1pm. Clean Up Australia Day helps to raise awareness for the care of our environment and to build a sense of civic pride. Children are encouraged to bring gloves (gardening or rubber gloves) to school to assist them in this activity.

2013 International Competitions & Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are encouraged to participate in the annual ICAS academic competitions run by the University of NSW. Every student receives an individual diagnostic report as well as a UNSW certificate acknowledging participation and celebrating achievement. Testing takes place at school under the supervision of a teacher. Students in Years 3-6 have received a note and entry form for these competitions. In order for your child to take part, please return it to school with the relevant payment by the end of Week 10 Term 1.

Byron Bay Film Festival (Yrs 4-6)  
Tuesday 5 March

Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be attending a schools’ screening of the Byron Bay Film Festival at the Star Court Theatre in Lismore next Tuesday. All films, from around the world, are G rated and appropriate to the school curriculum. Please be sure to have returned the permission note and $12 in order for your child to attend. Students will be required to wear school uniform for this excursion.

HIGH SCHOOL 2014

All students in Year 6 will shortly be receiving a booklet entitled *Moving into Year 7 in a NSW government school in 2014*, which includes an information guide and an Expression of Interest form for parents to complete. **All Year 6 students need to return this form to school by Friday 22 March** (even if your child will be attending a private high school in 2014). Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions about this process.
GAME TRAINING ROADSHOW
Monday 18 March

On Monday 18 March, students in Years 4, 5 and 6 are invited to take part in the 2013 NSW Game Training Roadshow, here at school from 1:30-3pm.

Students will learn to create their own commercial quality video games, writing simple artificial intelligence code and character animation code, as well as learning the most important coding concepts needed to create games for all major platforms, mobile devices and games consoles.

The cost of this incursion is only $25 per student, which includes access to a library of game development resources valued at over $3,500!

Please secure your child’s place by returning the permission note and payment by Monday 11 March, as we will then open this activity to other schools.

OFFICE HOURS

Our admin office is open from 8:45am to 3:30pm. Please direct your enquiries to the school between these hours, thank you.

UNIFORM

Thank you for sending your children to school in the correct uniform, which includes the yellow polo shirt with bottle green shorts, skirt or ‘skort’, or our school dress. All children should wear the Bangalow School broad-brimmed hat, which is available from the office for only $10 each.

Please be sure to write your child’s name on all items of uniform, and check to see that they have not picked up another child’s uniform by mistake.

The UNIFORM SHOP is open every Wednesday morning from 8:30-9:30am for all your uniform needs.

SCHOOL HOURS    8:50am – 3:15pm

N.B. If your child needs to arrive at school before 8:50am then please enrol them into OSHC which operates on the school grounds from 7:30am - 8:50am in the mornings and from 3:15pm – 6:00pm in the evenings.

8:50am School open for students (It is good if your children can be at school by 9am so they have time to play and socialise before class – this time is an important social aspect of schooling.

9:17am Morning lessons commence

1120am Lunch

12:00noon Middle session lessons commence

1:30pm Recess

2:00pm Afternoon lessons commence

3:15pm School finishes

JUNIOR CHOIR

Next week, all the Kinder students will be attending choir. Those who then wish to remain in the choir need to return a permission note that they will be given next Thursday with the Newsletter.

Kristen Monty

WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

Multiplication times tables

Inspiring Not Retiring – Photography Competition

3A students are participating in a photography competition named 'Inspiring, Not Retiring' being run by the Brunswick Valley University of the Third Age (U3A). The competition is to celebrate Seniors Week and is open to all primary school students in the area. Students are asked to take a photograph of a grandparent, friend or neighbour using their brains and/or bodies to show that they are 'Inspiring Not Retiring'.

There are 3 different year sections: K-2, 3-4 and 5-6. The photos need to be a standard 4x6 size and can be colour or black and white.

If you are interested in entering a photo in the competition and you are not a student of 3A please send in your printed picture to Miss McLean by Thursday 7th March. She will enter all photos from the school together.

There are prizes for each section - 1st $25, 2nd $10 & Popular Vote $25. The prizes will be awarded at a special U3A/mayor's morning tea at Ocean Shores Country Club on March 19th.

Happy Snapping!

Bangalow OHSC

Bangalow OSHC is owned by Northern Rivers Child Care Services and we are a not for profit organisation. We rely heavily on permanent bookings and government funding. We are looking to boost the numbers for before school care to keep this valuable service running for working parents who rely on this service. We are open 7:30am to 9:00am and sessions begin with $12 for permanent booking and $13 for a casual booking. We also offer CCB to assist parents with these fees. Activities at before school care involve craft, a range of board games, handball and Wii games. It is a fun way for the children to begin their day at school in a relaxed environment amongst other peers of same and different ages. Please, if you are interested in using and supporting this service to stay functioning both before and after school, give Sian a call on 6687 1686.

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don't have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting the website www.australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink - Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

Congratulations to the Bangalow boys who were part of the winning team, “Taipans”, in the Regional Futsal Challenge – well done!
Could all parents send correct change in a paper bag not an envelope. Last week we had over 30 envelopes arrive as lunch orders, these are very time consuming to process (all who have done canteen know how pressed for time the helpers are to prepare and organize 170 plus lunches in 2 hours). If you don’t have correct money and a paper bag maybe give canteen a miss for that day!

Also... When placing lunch orders, please only put the money for hot food and drinks in the bag. All other items are to be purchased over the counter.

TERM 1 ROSTER

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This roster will be displayed and updated as needed. Please phone Sharon Rudgley 0427668716 or email to nrudgley@bigpond.net.au to be added to the canteen roster or for any enquiries for the canteen.

P & C AGM
Thursday 14 March
7pm

P and C News

Please note, our P & C Meetings have changed days and will now be held on the second Thursday of each month this year.

Place these dates in your diary – 7pm in the School Staffroom – all parents are very welcome – come along and be part of the decision making in your child’s school. This is a monthly forum for parents.

2013 P & C dates are:
AGM 14 March
11 April
9 May
13 June
18 July
8 August
12 September
14 November
12 December

P & C Meetings are for adults only.
We trialled a babysitting service last year but it was not being utilised.

P&C ROBOTICS CLUB!

The P&C would like to start up a Robotics Club for our students, on Friday afternoons (3:30–4:30pm) in the school library.

This will be run by a couple of enthusiastic parents and will be free of charge. Please complete and return the slip below if you would like your child to attend. We will advise you of a commencement date for this activity once we have an indication of interest.

ROBOTICS CLUB
Expression of Interest

I would like my child: ____________________________

to join the P&C Robotics Club in the school library on Friday afternoons, 3:30 – 4:30pm.

Signed: _______________________________

Parent/Carer Name: ________________________

Contact Ph No: ____________________________
P and C Trivia Night

BPS TRIVIA NIGHT – BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!

We’re back with our weekly reminder of all things Trivia.

Tickets for the fundraiser are now selling fast so if you want to be part of the inaugural Bangalow Public School Trivia Night (Saturday March 16th at the Bowling Club from 7.30pm) you need to get your skates on. Tables will be pre-allocated based on who buys tickets first and can be bought as a group (table of 8) or individually. If you have a smaller group or are buying an individual ticket, our wonderful table co-ordinators will place you at a friendly mixed table. So come on clever clogs. Get a move on or you will miss out!

Tickets for the trivia night are just $15 per person with all profits going directly back to our school.

This week’s trivia questions are:
1. In which hand does the Statue of Liberty hold a torch?
2. Who is Fred Flintstone’s wife?
3. Which superhero has a butler named Alfred?

How did you go with the trivia questions last week?
The answers are:
1. Ian Fleming; 2. The Rolling Stones; 3. The Osmonds

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.
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BANGLALOW PUBLIC SCHOOL
TRIVIA NIGHT
TABLES OF 8!

MARCH 16TH BANGLALOW BOWLING CLUB
SATURDAY NIGHT

An adults only BANGLALOW PUBLIC SCHOOL fun fundraiser!
Dinner available (orders in 5.45 - 6.45). trivia starts 7.30 sharp!
Only $15 a ticket! Buy individual tickets or organise a table of 8!
Drinks over the bar (no BYO). Each table receives a complimentary cheese plate.

DINNER!! THE BOWLO IS KINDLY OFFERING A PASTA + SALAD + BREAD ROLL DEAL FOR $15

Put on your thinking caps and get social with other parents.
Here's your first question!
Question: Where do I get my tickets?
Answer: Take money and order form to the school office.
(Please make sure you include your name, contact number and a name for each ticket on the order form). The order form is in this newsletter.

PRIZES!! FOR THE BEST TEAM NAME, FOR THE WINNING TABLE AND A LUCKY DOOR PRIZE . . . SMALLER PRIZES THROUGH THE NIGHT