Congratulations to the following students who receive awards this week:

**MERIT AWARDS**

KD    Imogen J  Arki G-P
KT    Ashlen M  Hollie P
K/1J  Indigo S  Sol R
1H    Boudica G-W Jett B
1S    Otis S    Danielle M
1/2M  Tiggy H    Isabel W
2V    William P  Finlay C
2/3C  Marlin C  Bridie B
3T    Soleil A  Riley M
3A    Charlie A  Liliana G

**QUALITY WORK**

This week, students will present work they have done on the Harmony Day theme.

**DIARY DATES**

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

**Fridays**
- Canteen

**22/03/13**
- Harmony Day

**28/03/13**
- FNC Zone Winter Sports
- Young Leaders’ Day

**29/03/13**
- Good Friday PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**01/04/13**
- Easter Monday PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**03/04/13**
- SCHOOL PHOTOS

**05/04/13**
- School Cross Country Carnival

**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**
- Staff Development Day – PUPIL FREE

**01/05/13**
- Term 2 commences for students

Please note, school resumes for students on the Wednesday in Week 1, Term 2.

**Harmony Day Assembly**

The assembly this week will begin with a Harmony Day introduction, followed by each class showcasing what they did to celebrate Harmony Day. The assembly will conclude with all the Year 1 students performing a Japanese Song they learnt last year with Junko and 3T performing a familiar children’s song in Japanese. We hope to see you all there – TOMORROW AT 2:30PM.
Dear Parents and Carers,

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.

Harmony Day

Today March 21 is Harmony Day. The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. In 2013 the theme is: Many Stories – One Australia.

Around 7 million people have migrated to Australia since 1945.

45% of Australians were either born overseas or have a parent born overseas.

Australia is the great country it is due to the many cultures that come together to make our nation. Bangalow PS has 11% of our families who speak a language other than English in their home. We have 12 different language backgrounds in our school.

Today’s question: what % of students were born overseas or have a parent who was born overseas? Find out next week...

We will be celebrating Harmony Day tomorrow; organising our activities around the K-3 Swim School. “Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, the students can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it.”

Each class will be engaging in a range of Harmony Day activities tomorrow. They will be looking at a culture which has specific interest / importance / cultural heritage for some of the families and students of the class. An example or explanation of their learning will be presented at our Harmony Day Assembly tomorrow afternoon at 2.30pm.

Earth Hour Saturday 8.30-9.30pm

This year our school is conducting our Environmental Sustainability Program each Thursday. Our two permaculture gardeners are in the school working with a different stage each term teaching about sustainability around food – in our school garden, around waste and around energy use.

Earth Hour – the phenomenon that was started in Australia and embraced by the world – is returning at 8.30pm on 23 March.

“Earth Hour is a gathering of the global community to show what one simple idea can achieve, and what one person’s actions can inspire. It has become the largest global movement for the environment. It is much, much more than a symbolic action of switching off lights for an hour; it’s a continuous movement driving real actions, big and small, that are changing the world we live in. From new legislation in the Russian parliament to better protect seas from oil pollution, to the initiation of two huge reforestation projects in Africa – the impact of Earth Hour is widespread and real.”

This Earth Hour, you can switch off your lights as a show of unity in protecting the planet from 8.30-9.30pm on Saturday night or undertake further actions as outlined on the website.

http://earthhour.org.au/about/earth-hour-2013/

Kind Regards

Susie Boyle
Principal
**“Inspiring Not Retiring” Photography Competition**

On Tuesday Maya, Milly and I went to the Ocean Shores Country Club for the presentation of prizes from the ‘Inspiring Not Retiring’ photography competition. Once we got there we wandered around and got a chance to vote for the ‘People's Choice Award’. We were surprised the photos were really good, there was a large variety of people doing lots of different things. We got to watch an Aboriginal Dance, that all the kids ended up joining in with. It was great fun. Our school won lots of prizes; Year 3/4 section - 1st Milly C, Year 5/6 section - 2nd Sam C, 3rd Remy D, and Maya C and I both received a Highly Commended Award. Our photos are now on display at the U3A in Brunswick Heads before going to the Shire Council Offices in Mullumbimby. It was great to spend time and hang out chatting with the old people who were all so nice and funny.

*By Isabella S, 3A*

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Milly’s winning photo of Bobbie (who teaches Buddhism at our school on Tuesdays), and receiving her award.

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**Year 7 2013**

We would like to inform parents of students in Year 6 that **ALL of the Year 6 students attending Bangalow PS have now been granted automatic entry into Byron Bay High School**, regardless of their current residential address.

Please could all Year 6 students return their **Expression of Interest form for High School ASAP**, even if they are not planning on attending a public high school. Many thanks to the families who have done this already.

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**What can you send in for Crunch & Sip?**

Did you know that 85% of primary aged children in NSW eat the recommended intake of two serves of fruit per day but ONLY 22% eat the recommended intake of 5 serves of vegetables a day!

Crunch and Sip is a great opportunity to increase your child’s vegetable intake. Consider packing vegetables some days instead of fruit – or a combination of both. Great vegetable options include carrot and celery sticks, green beans, cherry tomatoes or crunchy snow peas or peas in the pod. Some students are already munching on cauliflower and broccoli and loving it! Sweet juicy capsicum is another favourite and kids love corn kernels cut freshly off the cob. Remember to wash all vegetables and fruit at home and to pack easy to manage or bite size portions.

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**Proudly supporting the school’s Munch & Crunch Program with fresh fruit and vegetables.**

**NO LUNCH ORDERS FOR K-1 TOMORROW**

Students in KD, KT, K/1J and 1H will NOT be able to order lunch from the Canteen tomorrow, as they will be attending Swimming during the normal lunch break. Please be sure to send a packed lunch as normal. Thank you.
**BAND NEWS & MUSIC MARATHON**

Bangalow School has five pop bands this year. A junior mixed band, two girl bands and two boy bands. We are working on some devised pieces featuring “The Cup Song” and some old favourites such as Mission Impossible, James Bond and Cantaloupe Island. We will be playing at the Billy Cart Derby.

This Saturday 23 March, three of our fantastic musicians – Olivia C, Maya C and Isabella C – are performing at the Music Marathon. Come and hear them at 4pm in the Concert Room at the Conservatorium of Music and stay for the Conservatorium Jazz Ensemble. Free entertainment for a good cause. Music will be on all day 9am to 9pm.

**SPORT NEWS**

**Winter Trials**

Congratulations to the following students, who will go on to represent the Brunswick Valley District at the Far North Coast Zone Winter Trial for their respective sports:

- **Soccer (Boys)**: Remy D, Conor B, Sam C
- **Soccer (Girls)**: Chloe R, Pearl M, Kate C
- **Netball**: Lily S, Freya P

**Rugby 7s**

Well done to the boys who played in the Rugby 7s tournament in Lismore yesterday. The boys played well and thoroughly enjoyed the day. Thanks to the parents who assisted with transport.

**PARKING IN THE SHOWGROUND**

We appreciate that parking around the school can be scarce, however please be careful NOT TO PARK IN FRONT OF ANY GATES. Thank you for your attention to this.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Term one is well under way and many students have been borrowing regularly which is great to see. To help support your child with their reading, it is always good to encourage them to take responsibility with the returning and borrowing of library books on their allocated library day. Please remember that the library also opens every lunch time for students to visit with their books. Feel free to drop in and have a look at your child’s library at any time.

As part of our 21st century learning in the web 2.0 world your child and you are able to access our library’s catalogue from home. You may like to take a look at this and maybe even suggest a book that your child could look for. The Links4Learning tab, which is maintained by the Department of Education and Communities head librarian in Sydney, has many sites that your child would be able to explore at home.

There are also links to our local Richmond Tweed library catalogue and the Bangalow Public School website.

Please bookmark the following link into your favourites.


Yours in reading
Ross McKinnon
Teacher Librarian

**K/1J Kinder Best Start Feedback**

Letters will be sent home to parents of kindergarten students in K/1J in tomorrow’s communication folder. For those kinder parents who might like to discuss their child’s progress, I will be holding a short meeting in the K/1J classroom next Tuesday 26 March at 3:30pm.

Maree Jameson
WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

School A to Z – tools, tips and resources for parents - www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/

This is the NSW Department of Education and Communities website which has many fantastic practical tips for parents. Make it a favourite.

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. Please note, black shorts are NOT part of our school uniform. 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
Crunch n Sip during this session – send in fresh vegies or fresh fruit. All students should have a water bottle on their desk so they can drink when they are thirsty.
11:20am  Lunch
12:00noon  Middle session lessons commence
1:30pm  Recess
2:00pm  Afternoon lessons commence
3:15pm  School finishes

CANTEEN NEWS

Finally we have filled our Term 1 roster! Thank you to all the volunteers... The Term 2 roster will commence on Friday 3rd May, so please contact Sharon (0427 668716 or nrudgley@bigpond.net.au) if you could spare three hours on a Friday morning.

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OSHC NEWS

Dear Parent/Carers,

It is imperative that your child is enrolled in OSHC (before and after school care) before commencing care. This includes meeting with either myself, or another OSHC staff member, receiving an enrolment form and general information about the service we provide and returning the enrolment form filled out and signed off at least one day prior to your child commencing care. It is against our policy to take children who are not enrolled. This is to ensure the safety of your child (that they’re where you have arranged for them to be). It is also important that all health issues that need to be discussed have been addressed and understood, including allergies and asthma. It also allows us time to ensure all the information on the enrolment forms are completed including CRN’s for correct billing and that all payment options have for fees have been discussed. Any questions or enquiries please contact me on 66871686 or in person at my office in the music block adjacent with Market Street.

Change to casual bookings from Term 2

Beginning Term 2, all casual bookings must be paid on the day of care. For parents who have a CRN this means you will need to be aware of your percentage so that we can charge you accurately on the day. If you are not sure of your percentage you can call 136150 or you will incur the full fee of care. Before school care casual - $13 per session and after school care casual - $22 per session.

Sian Henry, Bangalow OSHC Coordinator
Water Testing and Environmental Education Activities
Byron Creek, Bangalow
Class 2/3C      Tuesday, 19th March, 2013
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P and C NEWS

BANGALOW PS TRIVIA NIGHT WRAP UP!

In a room filled to capacity, the trivia tables were packed with brain busting participants last Saturday night at the Bangalow Bowlo.

Yes we had some fun and some bloopers, but most of all we saw again what the Bangalow School and greater community is very capable of - having fun for a great cause.

As voluntary organisers we were overwhelmed by everyone’s support - socially, financially and physically. You helped us raise a not so trivial $3,876.40 - money which will go directly back to our beloved Bangalow Public School.

We thank you so much for making it a great night for us all and congratulations to The Moops for taking out the inaugural first prize!

Signing off from your trivia team!

PS: Get studying for next year!

The BANGALOW PUBLIC SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT would not have been possible without the support of the following people and local businesses:

A HUGE THANKS to:

- Juliette and Sonya at the office for selling all of the tickets
- Susie Boyle for her ongoing support
- Margo Simpson for trophy design and production
- Luke from the Bangalow Bowlo
- Bangalow Bowling Club
- Redcape Hotel Group for the Peppers voucher provided by Angus and Tracey Southwell
- Foodworks Bangalow
- Byron Farmers’ Market
- Millar and More
- Kate Nutt Photography
- Brookfarm
- The Cellars, Bangalow
- Byron Bay Chocolate Co.
- Bun Coffee
- Byron Bay Chilli Co.
- Aldi Byron Bay
- The Honey Wagon
- Byron Audio
- Bobby the bowlo bus driver

COMMUNITY NEWS

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