BANGALOW PUBLIC SCHOOL
School Newsletter

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Thursday 11 December 2014
Term 4 Week 10, 2014

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★ DIARY DATES ★

Tuesdays
Uniform Shop 8:45-9:30

Wednesdays
Student Banking

NO CANTEEN TOMORROW

Friday 12 December
Parent Thank You afternoon tea 1:15pm
Presentation Assembly 2pm

Monday 15 December
Year 6 Assembly 11am
Year 6 Farewell

Tuesday 16 December
K-2 Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary
Y3/4 Ballina Water Slide/Bowling
Y5/6 Wet ‘n’ Wild

Wednesday 17 December
Last day of school for students

2015
Tuesday 27 January
Staff Development Day - pupil free

Wednesday 28 January
School resumes for Years 1 - 6

Wednesday 28 to Friday 30 January
Kindergarten Best Start Assessments

Monday 2 February
Kindergarten classes commence

SAVE THE DATE!
Wednesday 11 February
Parent Forum 5-8pm
PARENT SURVEYS
FREE STUDENT DISCO
(if their parents attend)
P & C BBQ Sausage Sizzle Dinner

★ EPPING BOYS HS BAND VISIT ★

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Principal: Susie Boyle
Dear Parents,

This has been yet another amazing year! I would like to sincerely thank the whole Bangalow PS community: students, parents and staff for their partnership, input and support. It has been a privilege to lead and work with such an impressive team.

Parents, I commend you on your wonderful children, who are an absolute delight to teach. Thank you to Jenny, the P & C Exec, and all P & C members for the incredible contribution you make to the education of our students. Your input, expertise, support, organising of social events and fundraisers results in us (the staff) being able to provide educational opportunities for our students that would otherwise be beyond our resources and budget. Thank you also to the many parents and carers who have worked in partnership with the school to better the education for Bangalow PS students. We are so privileged to have such an amazing parent body and local community. Thank you very much for your support, commitment and thoughtfulness shown when considering the needs of the students and how we can best work together to meet these needs. Continual improvement is an inbuilt part of our own evaluations and very much part of our planning and practice.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks you to all staff who are totally dedicated to providing our students with high quality 21st century education in a positive, inclusive and nurturing environment. Each and every member of staff gives their all to ensure the very best education for all students and I thank them for their ongoing support, friendship and invaluable teamwork and totally appreciate their commitment, professionalism and enthusiasm.

I would like to wish our Year 6 students the very best as they continue their education into high school. They are a genuinely wonderful group of students who we will all miss very much. They have constantly impressed with their maturity, leadership, talents, skills and application over this year.

Thank you all for such a wonderful year. Enjoy a relaxing holiday with family and friends and I very much look forward to seeing you all again in 2015.

Kind Regards

Susie Boyle, Principal

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**Parent Action Symbol!**

If you see this symbol next to an item, then it is something that you may either have to action or note in your diary.

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**2015 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, text books, art and craft consumables, etc. The cost of these packs in 2015 will be:

- Early Stage 1 (Kinder) & Stage 1 (Yrs 1-2)..................$60
- Stage 2 (Yrs 3-4) & Stage 3 (Yrs 5-6).............................$50

Families will be invoiced for this early next year

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”. A full list of items issued for all years will be available on our school website in Term 1 2015.

**Voluntary Contributions**

Our Annual Voluntary Contribution for 2015 has been set at $45 per child, as per NSW Department of Education & Communities guidelines.

Voluntary Contributions are requested of all families, to assist with the purchase of educational resources and classroom consumables.

While this payment cannot be claimed as a tax deduction, parents are more than welcome to also make a donation into either our Building Fund or Library Fund, which ARE tax deductible.

**Get in now for Term 1!**

Local Bangalow businesses are invited to have a REGULAR ad placement in our newsletter each week. Payment will be by the term ($143 incl. GST paid in advance) and the ad specs are:

- Business Card size (90 x 50mm)     OR     Banner size (185 x 28mm)

All submissions must be jpg or pdf format. Please contact the school office on 6687 1434 or email us at bangalow-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au for details.

While we exercise due care, Bangalow Public School does not endorse or guarantee any goods or services advertised.

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**COMING UP**

**TOMORROW - Friday 12 December**

Parent Thank You afternoon tea

1:15 - 1:45pm   Outside the Hall

End of Year Presentation Assembly

2 - 3:15pm in the Hall

**End of Year Excursions**

When: Tuesday 16 December, 9:30am

Where: K-2     Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary     $30
       Y3/4     Ballina Waterslide & Bowling     $30
       Y5/6     Wet ‘n’ Wild on the Gold Coast     $40

Please ensure all permission notes and payment have been sent in by Monday
End of Year Greetings

Congratulations to all our Music in Schools students who have applied themselves with some great outcomes, including school performances this semester. Progress Reports have been sent out to the schools and should be arriving home with your children before the end of term. I hope you enjoy basking in the glow of your efforts.

I would also like to acknowledge all the parents and carers who support their children to practise regularly and remember their music folders & instruments on lesson day. Thanks also to school office staff, teaching staff and principals for their support of Music in Schools.

In these early learning years, students are setting up a strong foundation to be able to have versatile and broadly applicable skills as a musical person for the rest of their lives. Keeping a balance between fun and challenge is important, and if you would like some tips on this, see the download on our website.

A reminder for all students wishing to continue in the program next year that enrolments are now open on a first come first serve basis. Please go directly to our online enrolment form at www.enrol.nrcac.edu.au

More information about the program and our teachers is available on our website www.nrcac.edu.au and information brochures at the school office.

Our office is attended until Dec 19, so please settle all 2014 accounts by this date.

The instruments available at Bangalow Public School are:

- Piano with Dan Brown, Mondays
- Drumkit or Drum Band with Rex Carter, Tuesdays
- Guitar with Alex McLeod, Tuesdays
- Keyboard, Clarinet, Flute, Saxophone, Band with Kate Gittins Thursdays

Wishing everyone a very happy summer break, and the very best for the future to our year six and year twelve students who are graduating.

Kind Regards,
Zoe Abbott

Head of Community Music
Music in Schools Program Coordinator

Wishing you all a Safe & Happy Holiday from the staff of Bangalow School
Term 4, Week 10, 2014

President - Jenny Kennedy
Vice Presidents - Peter Doherty & Anouska Gammon
Treasurer - Bec Sargeant
Secretary - Kari Adams

School Playground Update
A huge thanks to Michael Spiteri who has drawn up some fantastic suggested playground decking solutions for under the large camphor trees. We are currently obtaining quotes and will be looking for working bee assistance in the new year. If you are able to assist with building materials/quotes, please call Jenny on 0400 420023.

School Safety
Susie Boyle and a P and C representative have recently been in contact with our local council regarding the safety of our children crossing Byron Street, in front of the school.

The school has already submitted to council the following for urgent review:

PROPOSAL
1. We request a proper pedestrian crossing in front of the school with flashing 40km/h zones solar signs in the morning and afternoon times and a crossing supervisor.

2. We request a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Station Street and Byron Road so school students can cross safely.

Most other schools in Byron Shire which are on a busy road do have a pedestrian crossing and flashing lights (plus a crossing supervisor) to ensure the safety of students as they cross the road before and after school.

This matter is a serious and urgent concern and we would ask that any parent/carer who would like to express their feedback forward it to Simon Bennett, who oversees the Traffic and Road Safety Department for Byron Council. simon.bennett@byron.nsw.gov.au.

Canteen in 2015
We will be confirming the canteen supervisor role shortly. The canteen will re-open in 2015, serving lunches two days per week on a Wednesday and Friday. We will continue to need as many volunteers as possible to work with the supervisor to keep the canteen service available.

We will also be introducing the Flexi-schools ordering and payment system to assist with streamlining the current processes.

We would like to say a huge thanks to Sharon Rudgley who has managed the canteen over the past three years. Your time, energy and efforts are greatly appreciated, thank you so much. Thanks also to Mary Vrlic who has managed the canteen rostering this year.

Christmas Disco/Carols
- sausage sizzle and raffle thanks

Thanks to everyone who helped us last night with our end of year Christmas disco. For the decorations, music, food and for selling and purchasing raffle tickets.

The winner of the Falls Festival tickets was Catherine Rogers - congratulations!
Trivia Fever will be back in 2015

So brush up on all things trivial in the holidays as we will be back to quiz you and make you laugh at yourselves in 2015. The trivia team is busy dreaming up yet another fun night. (And yes we are booking a larger and louder PA system!)

When: Saturday 7 March 2015

(To save the date and book your babysitter in advance)

Crazy Mad Hatter Madness

We are currently looking for some prizes for our bumper Mad Hatters raffle, valued at $250 and over. If you are able to donate a prize or help to purchase a prize for us to raffle please contact Jenny Ph: 0400 420023.

2014 Thanks...

In summary for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and admiration for the many people who have helped our school community and the PandC to support Bangalow Public School in 2014. We have made a significant impact on the key learning areas, the creative and performing arts, sports activities and additional programs that our children have enjoyed and greatly benefitted from.

This can only happen as a direct result of the school community actively being involved in many different areas to help realize the exciting suggestions and ideas from students, teachers, and parents. We are also extremely fortunate to have such a generous and caring broader community who continually support our school.

In 2014 the P and C fundraising, financial and school community and administration support has been significant and invaluable. Thank you and we look forward an exciting 2015.

Happy holidays everyone!

Jenny Kennedy
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

The school has established two tax deductible funds to enable families, community members and local businesses to make donations. The building fund will be used to provide technology centres in all classrooms, Wi-Fi, permanent shelving and storage cubicles. Our long term goal is the construction and development of an all-weather, multi-purpose sports area.

The Library Fund seeks to provide all students with updated printed and digital literacy resources. Our long term goal includes classrooms being outfitted with class sets of laptops and tablets.

You can visit our website to download and complete a donor card. Your support is sincerely appreciated.

Carols on the Lawn
7pm Monday December 22nd
BYO welcome, plus chair/rug & torch.
Free glow-sticks, tea & slice!

Bangalow Presbyterian Church
Christmas Eve 6pm
Christmas Day 9.30am
Every Sunday 9.30am

Jazz up your Life ... DANCE!
Enrolment Day - Sat 24 Jan 2015
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HOLIDAY CAMPS

CAMP 1 12-18yrs
Monday 19/1/15 - Tuesday 20/1/15, 9am-3pm daily
Cost - pre 14/1/15 $60 1 day/ $100.00 2 days, early birds rate.

CAMP 2 Under 12yrs
Wednesday 21/1/15 9am-3pm
Cost - pre 14/1/15 $50.00 for the day, early birds rate.
Great player/coach ratios
Participants to bring own lunch
Snacks/Drinks available for sale
More info and rego forms soon available on
www.byronbasketball.com
(Under COMING EVENTS)

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★ COMMUNITY NEWS ★

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(No Lights No Lycra Byron Shire - on facebook)

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Last one for 2014 on 16 December but returning for 2015

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AFTER SCHOOL CREATIVE WORKSHOPS
Join us on a journey of creative fun!

Byron Bay:       Mon 4-5.30 pm
Mullumbimby:    Wed 4-5.30 pm
                Thurs 3-4.30 pm
Bangalow:       Thurs 3.30-5 pm
Lennox Head:    Coming soon!

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Enclosed Heated Pool Year Round
Looking for a new School Holiday activity?  
Come to “WATER LAB WEDNESDAY”
Visit the Water Science Lab and take on several of the Water Challenges.  
Dates: Wednesday January 7th, 14th and 21st 2015  
Time: Opens 10am and closes at 3pm, last entry 2pm.

- For children 5 to 14 years of age with a supervising adult. 
- Fun water science investigations for individuals or small groups. 
- The Water Challenges involve the use of microscopes, water testing equipment, giant board game, small catchment model and a lot of other great gear. 
- At Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre, 210 Dunoon Rd, Dorroughby. 
- No cost - presented by Rous Water and supported by the Department of Education & Communities. 
- Afterwards you could spend time at Rocky Creek Dam for a walk, play or picnic; it’s only 5 minutes’ drive away. 
- More info on the Water Lab at www.watersciencelab.com.au

**Challenge 1: Would you drink this water?** Use a small catchment model and find out where soils, oils, rubbish and other things on the land go when it rains.

**Challenge 2: What does water look like as a solid, liquid and gas?** Create water molecules and the three states of water.

**Challenge 3: Does this water come from a healthy catchment?** Identify water bug using a microscope to decide on the water quality.

**Challenge 4: What water is that?** Identify the water source by testing the salinity and pH of each water sample.

**Challenge 5: Make water blow up a balloon!** Really? Magic or science, give it a try.

**Challenge 6: Can you make it rain?** Create a mini water cycle and watch for rain.

**Challenge 7: Njabai Widjabil Buderam:** Read a Widjabil Creation Story to find the custodian’s water message (“the need to share and protect the most precious gift of water for future generations”) then add your own message to the Water Wall.

**Challenge 8: Help save the water in Rocky Creek Dam?** Play the giant water hero’s board game and save water not waste water.

**Challenge 9: Where does our water come from and how does it get to our taps?** Build a dam and pipe system that delivers water to the houses.

**Challenge 10: Can you make a boat that moves?** Cut out a simple boat and see how fast and far it can go. NEW water challenges added as needed.