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BANGALOW PUBLIC SCHOOL
School Newsletter
A NUT AWARE SCHOOL

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Term 4 Week 5, 2015

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★ DIARY DATES ★

Tuesdays
Uniform Shop 8:45-9:30

Wednesdays
Student Banking

Wednesdays & Fridays
Canteen

Fridays
Assembly 2:30pm

Sunday 1 - Friday 6 November
Stg.3 Excursion - Canberra & Sydney

Monday 9 November
Alpha Shows - “Sleeping Beauty”

Monday 9 - Thursday 12 November
Book Fair

Tuesday 10 November 3.30-6.30pm
Art Exhibition ‘Living Wild’

Wednesday 11 November
P&C meeting 7pm

Friday 20 November
Y6 ‘taster lesson’ at BBHS

Bangalow Show

Monday 30 November
Y6 ‘taster lesson’ at BBHS

Y6 Moving into Teens commences

Y5 Minding Me commences

Thursday 3 December
Y5 Buddy Visit to BCCC

Byron Bay HS Y7 Orientation Day

Wednesday 9 December
Xmas Carols / Disco

Friday 11 December
Presentation Day Assembly

Monday 14 December
Y6 Farewell

Tuesday 15 December
End of Year Excursions

Wednesday 16 December
Last day of school

2016
Thursday 28 January
Y1-Y6 return to school

Thurs 28/01, Fri 29/01, Mon 01/02
Kindergarten Best Start Interviews

★ 4V CLASS NEWS ★

4V - Year 4: Mrs Amanda van den Berg and Mrs Leonie Hibble

Last Friday our class enjoyed the honour of being asked to present at the Southern Cross University. The aim of ‘Our Voice’ is to provide a platform for children and young people to voice their concerns and ideas relating to sustainability and the environment in regional Australia.

Last Friday 4V went to Southern Cross University. We taught other schools how to do a turbidity test. Turbidity means how clean the water is. Oliver, Danelle, China, Isla, Mahia and Mirai

At Southern Cross University we were in rotation groups. Our group taught about categories of bugs such as very tolerant to very sensitive

Delila, Lily, Chloe, Sam and Bronte

I enjoyed being the platypus. Nick

Story of the River

Our group did a conference called the story of the river.

The story of the river explains what happens to the river as it flows though the catchments.

We’d have a bowl of fresh water in the middle. We’d read a paragraph and add an ingredient that looked like something dirty that could make its way into the river.

Aaron

I loved doing the hands on activities.

Shanelle

I enjoyed helping and ringing the bell.

Kai

I enjoyed the presentation and listening to Holly.

Marlene

We enjoyed fracturing the photos.

Kate and Zawadi
Dear Parents

Why is GONSKI funding so important?

Gonski funding is designed to ensure that every Australian child, no matter what their background, can get a high quality education. The review, headed by respected businessman, David Gonski, said Australia was under-investing in education and not delivering funding to where it was needed most.

Under the Gonski plan, all schools are funded according to the individual needs of their students and what is required to educate them to a high level.

The Gonski agreement is a six-year needs-based schools funding model worth $10 billion. This funding began in 2014, after the independent Gonski Review warned too many children were missing out on the education they needed due to a lack of resources.

We received some Gonski funding through our RAM allocation this year and will receive extra funding in 2016; however two-thirds of the GONSKI money for schools has been held back for the last two years.

This year we have used our extra $11,000 to provide equity for our students. We have used the funding to provide more support, assistance and opportunities for our students in the following areas:

* support students with extra Literacy and Numeracy assistance;
* employ an ESL teacher to provide extra English lessons for our students with English as a second language;
* provide extra assistance to our Aboriginal students;
* assist families cover the cost of book packs, uniforms and excursions;
* provide some of our Japanese and Art programs.

It is absolutely essential to Australian society that all six years of GONSKI are funded. At the moment government spending on private schools increased faster in the past decade than for public schools. Private schools on average get $1.2 million a year more funding from all sources than public schools. GONSKI funding does not fund by sectors (public, Catholic, independent), rather it ensures that schools with students who have the greatest needs receive most of the funds. This will ensure that Australia remains a society based on equity.

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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## AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who will receive an award at Friday’s assembly tomorrow at 2:30pm.

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## COMING UP

### Alpha Shows - Sleeping Beauty

**When:** Monday 9 November  
**Who:** All students K-6  
**Cost:** $8 - please return note and payment for your child to attend

### Bangalow Public School BOOK FAIR 2015

**Sale Times:**
- Monday 9 November 3:30 - 5:00pm
- Tuesday 10 November 8:00 - 9:00am
- Wednesday 11 November 8:00 - 9:00am & 2:45 - 5:00pm
- Thursday 12 November 9:00 - 11:00am

**Where:** in the School Library

Our annual book fair has arrived! Please note the revised opening times for sales. This is a wonderful opportunity to buy children's books for Christmas presents. Your support with the book fair not only allows your child the excitement of purchasing a new book but also provides many new books for our library. Don't forget, children may come to school on Monday dressed according to the theme - "Under the Sea".

### Art Exhibition - Living Wild

**When:** Tuesday 10 November 3:30 - 6:30pm (see attached poster)

**Where:** School Hall

**Cost:** Entry by donation; food for sale (P&C sausage sizzle)

All donations will fund our 2016 art program.
**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Cool, Calm and Collected**

Congratulations to two of our S3 boys who demonstrated remarkable maturity and good sense when they came across a juvenile brown snake in a school garden. Hayden and Aidan were on their way to the front office to collect keys for the Stage 2 laptops when Hayden saw the brown snake near a tree in the garden. Aiden was already in the office collecting the keys, so Hayden stopped, walked slowly backwards to the Library stairs where he could keep an eye on the snake from a safe distance. Mrs Simpson came out of the Y5/Y6 classrooms at this time and Hayden kept calm and called out that there was a snake in the garden. By this time Aiden was coming down the ramp from the office and so Hayden called out to him to stay on the ramp where he was also safe but could keep an eye on the garden from a different angle. I was then called down to the area and after checking that all was safe, George the Snakeman was called. He arrived very quickly, caught our snake and congratulated the two boys for their safe, thoughtful and very appropriate behaviour in regards to the snake. Our snake has now been relocated.

It is timely to remind all students of the appropriate behaviour if they ever encounter a snake. SSSSS
S Stand still
S Speak calmly (don’t yell)
S See where the snake is moving
S Slowly take backward steps away from the snake, keeping an eye on its whereabouts at all times
S Send someone else for a teacher if safe and possible
S Stay safe at all times

If a snake is seen, never move closer to have a look. Don’t panic! They will not bite unless threatened. They will usually move away from humans if we keep our distance.

Well done Hayden and Aidan and thanks to George the Snakeman.

**Week 5 4V performance item**

**Week 6 Presentation of Quality Work**

**Week 7 Presentation of Quality Work**

**Week 8 School Choirs perform**

**Week 9 Year 6 Assembly**

**Week 10 End of Year Presentation Day**

**CITIZENSHIP**

This week’s winners of an iceblock were:
Luca C          Jack I          Ollie M
Audrey C          River CH
Bang Burgers voucher winners:
Noah A          Kik H

**TERM 4 ASSEMBLIES**

All families and friends are welcome to come along to our Friday Assemblies at 2:30pm.

**HELP NEEDED!**

Could you please check the roster and text or call Joelle on 0422963109 if you are able to assist.

*Thank you to all our volunteers!*

Please place your canteen orders at www.flexischools.com.au

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Homework Survey

Thank you to all the parents who have completed our online Homework Survey. If you haven’t done so, please visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YVSSPTX. It should take less than five minutes to complete and we would really appreciate your feedback.

The survey was sent out by email - if you did not receive it, please contact the school office with your email address, thank you.

Sleeping Beauty

The Alpha Shows performance of “Sleeping Beauty” is coming to our school on Monday 9 November.

Sleeping Beauty is a full production musical for all students K-6. We will be doing a lot of classroom work on the values the show covers as well as using it to inspire great drawing, creative writing and new learning about the job of being an actor, the theatre experience and positive role models.

Alpha Shows are loved all around the country and are arguably the best theatre-in-education experience with full production values, theatre quality sound, lighting rig and set. The performance will commence at 9:30am. This show promises to keep every single student engaged throughout the entire performance. For more information, visit www.alphashows.com.au.

We anticipate all students will attend this performance, in the school hall, at a cost of $8 per child. Please be sure to return the note with your payment to the class teacher by TOMORROW, Friday 6 November.

Sea World

Students in K-2 will be visiting Sea World for their end-of-year excursion. Notes have been sent home and the cost for this excursion is $50 per child. Please be sure to return the note and payment, indicating if you would like to go into the draw to be one of our parent volunteers.

Some parents have informed us that their child has a VIP pass to Sea World, in which case, the cost will only be $26 (cost of the bus only) for these children. Please let us know if this is the case, and be sure to provide the pass on the day.

In order to finalise our numbers, notes will need to be returned by Monday 30 November, thank you.

Keeping Our Students Safe Around Our School

We need your ideas!

Thank you so much to the parents who have already emailed through their ideas, regarding parking and student drop off in the morning and pick up in the afternoon. Please see the attached map, which includes several of the ideas already provided.

Jenny Kennedy (P & C President), a staff member and myself (Susie) are meeting with Byron Shire Council and the Showground to discuss changes around our school to ensure our students remain safe as they arrive and leave school.

If you have any further ideas, please email them to the school (bangalow-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) by Monday next week, as we will be meeting with Council on Wednesday.
A Journey through Landscape

Tuesday 10th November 2015
3:30-6:30pm (in the school hall)

Art activities  Sausage sizzle  Entry by donation
Our annual book fair will be arriving on Thursday 5 November and all students will have an opportunity to view the great display of books and fill out their wish list on Friday 6 and Monday 9 November. The Book Fair will then be open for sales as follows:

- **Monday 9 November** 3:30 – 5:00pm
- **Tuesday 10 November** 8:00 – 9:00am
- **Wednesday 11 November** 8:00 – 9:00am, 2:45 – 5:00pm
- **Thursday 12 November** 9:00 – 11:00am

To help make our Book Fair a fun occasion, all students are invited on Monday 9 November to dress as a book character from one of their favourite books or wear a costume that fits in with this year’s Book Fair theme of Under the Sea – Explore an Ocean of Books.
Art Show Sausage Sizzle - Help Needed

Tuesday 10 November
We need your help with food set up and BBQing / serving / packing up for the upcoming art exhibition. Please text Jenny the times you are able to assist Ph: 0400 420023

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P and C meetings
We always welcome your ideas and input on how the P and C can help the school and our kids. As volunteers, everyone’s input and help is really appreciated.

Email Jenny with ideas and your suggestions: jenny@buncoffee.com.au

Our next meeting will be Wednesday 11th November 2016 at 7pm in the staff room.

Order your child’s Canteen orders online
Thanks to everyone who is ordering lunches via the Flexischools system. We can now operate the canteen with one person less as a result of this system. It saves us time in preparing the lunch orders and managing all processes involved.

Everyone can help our volunteers by ordering lunches via Flexischools.

Go to www.flexischools.com.au and join up today.

Needing new School Uniforms for 2016?
All uniforms can now be purchased online via the Flexischools system.
- Orders can be placed at any time using your Flexischools account.
- All purchases need to be made by 8pm Monday night for preparation Tuesday mornings.
- The orders will then be delivered to the children’s classroom for them to take home on Tuesday.
- When purchasing for more than one child, please just place the order under one child's name to save time with the delivery.

The uniform shop is still open each Tuesday morning 8:45 – 9:15am.
If you have any questions at all about the online uniform shop please contact Kylie Redden on 0437 357387.

Gift Giving Charity Tree
Monday 9th November - Wednesday 9 December
We are asking for children and families to think of children in need this Christmas by giving a new toy / book / etc to another child.

We will be collecting new items including books / craft items / sports items / puzzles / etc. for kids aged 5 – 12 years (we cannot except any electrical items or stuffed toys).

Please place unwrapped gifts under the tree, which will be located in the school office, thank you.

Garden Compost needed!
The Garden Group is about to set up five new garden beds in the school grounds. We are looking for compost to help set up the gardens. If you are able to donate cow manure, chook manure or straw, please drop them off to the water tanks at the side of the school hall. Thanks in advance!
As the year begins to wind down at school, things begin to ramp up for OSHC and Vacation Care. The last day of school is Wednesday 16th of December which leaves Thursday the 17th and Friday the 18th as Professional Development days for teaching staff with no students. **Vacation Care will run on both the 17th and 18th December, all the way up to Thursday the 24th December** which will allow for all you parents to get your holiday shopping done.

Currently the Vacation Care schedule and activities are being created and should be up for you to check out very soon. If you are keen to put your child into Vacation Care I will be taking names, so come on in and reserve your dates.

**Vacation Care Dates**
- Thursday 17th December – Thursday 24th December
- Monday 4th January – Friday 22nd January

**Vacation Care will be closed from December 25th – January 1st**
**Vacation Care is closed on weekends**
**Vacation Care program will be ready in the coming weeks**
**Vacation Care may open on January 25th but is subject to numbers wanting to attend**

Nathan Darby, OSHC Coordinator  -  Ph: 6687 1686
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Limited tickets available ... book NOW!

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4pm, Sunday 29th November

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Lismore Workers Club
231 Keen Street, Lismore

Email info@dancelabaustralia.com.au