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School Newsletter

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Thursday 19 November
Term 4 Week 7, 2015

DIARY DATES

Tuesdays
Uniform Shop 8:45-9:30

Wednesdays
Student Banking
Wednesdays & Fridays
Canteen
Fridays
Assembly 2:30pm
(N.B. No Assembly this week)

Friday 20 November
Bangalow Show

Thursday 26 November
S3 Bangalow Theatre Company
Y6 Moving into Teens commences
Y5 Minding Me commences
Tuesday 1 December
Conservatorium Music Concert
Wednesday 2 December
P&C meeting 6:15pm

Wednesday 3 December
Y5 Buddy Visit to BCCC
Byron Bay HS Y7 Orientation Day
Week 10 (date TBC)

Year 2 visit BBHS for Wizard of Oz
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
Tuesday 2 February
Kindergarten students commence

5/6A • 5B CLASS NEWS

5/6A - Year 5/6: Mrs Melanie Hughes and Ms Camille Reynaud
5B - Year 5: Mr Bill Dempster

Below are some of our articles which featured in the “Bangalow Blurb”, in the Northern Star’s Newspapers in Education (NIE) segment.

Life for a local police officer

Even though she had never seen the back of a police car before, Y6 student Jasmine Tan had a good idea of what to expect after reading about the job in the Northern Star’s “Bangalow Blurb”.

“I was really excited. I love being in the police force. The idea of thinking about being a police officer is really exciting. I think I would love the job because I love helping people.”

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Save Nepal

A large group of Year 2 students from Bangalow Primary School formed a committee to run a campaign to raise funds for Save Nepal.

The committee decided to host a fun day of activities at their school to gather money for Save Nepal, with the goal of raising $500.

By the end of the day, the committee had raised $425 and were pleased with their efforts.

Writing success

By Ganyn, Jenny, and Kaila

A group of Year 6 students from Bangalow Primary School formed a committee to work on creating a book to showcase their writing skills.

The committee decided to focus on creating a book that would encourage others to read and write, with the goal of raising awareness about the importance of reading and writing.

By the end of the year, the committee had produced a book that was well-received by the school community, with many students expressing interest in learning more about writing and reading.

Interviewing the interviewer

By Gemma, Jaden, and Luka

A group of Year 2 students from Bangalow Primary School formed a committee to conduct interviews with a local journalist to learn more about the world of journalism.

The committee decided to focus on learning about the different aspects of journalism, such as researching, reporting, and editing, with the goal of gaining a better understanding of the role of a journalist.

By the end of the year, the committee had conducted several interviews with the local journalist, with many students expressing interest in learning more about journalism and its role in society.

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Dear Parents

CLASSES 2016
Please refer to last week's newsletter for detailed information.

Just a reminder that we will begin to organise classes next week. Due to the number of criteria we take into consideration when we form classes, it is a 60 hour job. We really appreciate any relevant information up front, as it is nearly impossible to make changes once the classes are formed. I am more than happy to chat to any parent by phone or appointment if you have any information that would assist us as we form classes. We would need this information by the end of the school day next Tuesday. Thank you.

HOMEWORK SURVEY
Thank you so much to all the parents who completed our Homework Survey. The results are as follows:
Parents are happy to support homework at our school.
Time to spend on homework
K-4 - 10 mins; 5/6 20 - 30 mins
The most popular type of homework was Home Reading in a must do and can do grid.
91% of parents said they would sit and listen to their child read for homework.
55% of parents said they would access an online school resource if their child was having difficulty with homework.
85% of parents said they would be happy to collect resources and assist their child in a one off project
42% of parents prefer a 7 day cycle whilst 41% prefer a 5 day cycle.
We shall meet with our Homework Committee to write the policy for 2016. Homework will be consistent across the school as per our policy.

2015 FEEDBACK
Next week we shall send home a one page feedback sheet. Please let us know what we are doing well and how we can do better. Our school prides itself on seeking ongoing feedback so we can continually improve how we nurture and educate your children.

STUDENT WELL-BEING
For the remainder of this year the students will look at building emotional resilience. Next year we will have both a new Student Discipline and Welfare policy and Anti-Bullying policy. More information to follow.

Kind Regards
Susie Boyle, Principal

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.

CITIZENSHIP
This week's winners of an iceblock were:
Sam E Django K-C Leuca D William H-S Woody W
Bang Burgers voucher winners:
William W Alexander P

ART EXHIBITION RAFFLE
Students who completed their Art Exhibition activity booklet went into a draw to win an art pack. The winner was Zola C-B

COMING UP
END OF YEAR EXCURSIONS
When: TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2015

SEA WORLD
Who: Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 (K - 2)
Cost: $50 ($26 for pass holders - students must bring pass)

BALLINA WATERSLIDE & BOWLING
Who: Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)
Cost: $30

WET ‘N’ WILD
Who: Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)
Cost: $40 ($25 for pass holders - students must bring pass)

** Notes have been sent home and are available on our school website

Paying for school activities
Students will today receive a Statement of Account for any amounts owing to the school, including the end of year activities. Your prompt settlement of these accounts would be most appreciated, as the school's financial year draws to an end. Included with this statement is a payment envelope for your convenience.

Alternatively, you may wish to pay in person at our office (cash, cheque or EFTPOS) or online, via our school website - visit www.bangalow-p.schools.nsw.edu.au and hit the “$ make a payment” button.

If you are experiencing difficulty in paying your account, please contact the school to discuss suitable arrangements - financial assistance may be available upon application and all requests will be considered confidentially.
**SCHOOL NEWS**

**NO PARKING IN MARKET STREET TOMORROW**
Due to the Bangalow Show, please DO NOT park your car in Market St beside the school tomorrow, thank you.

**GARDEN CLUB NEWS**
Last week Prisca rescued an orphaned baby rabbit that we found in the school garden and the children are overjoyed to now have a mascot. We named it Phlox C, after the flower we thought we were growing, which turned out to be Dianthus.

**MONSTER RAFFLE!**

Good 4 Community Byron Shire Project

**MEGA COMMUNITY RAFFLE**
How would you like to WIN A CAR while supporting Bangalow PS?

There are also some great holiday and golf prizes up for grabs...
Our school has registered with this community fundraiser, so the school will receive 25% from all tickets purchased through our own raffle site. Please visit https://byronshire.good4global.com/raffle/92 to purchase your tickets.
Tickets are $20 each (we will receive $5 from each ticket purchased).

**TERM 4 ASSEMBLIES**

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

**CANTEEN**

Please place your canteen orders at www.flexischools.com.au
Attention all parents, the cut-off time for ordering lunches online through Flexischools is 8:30am on canteen days.
When you place an order through Flexischools, you will get the following message:

Thank You!
Your order has been successfully placed. See all your current orders in the list below.

Make sure you have chosen the correct day - Wednesday for order on Wednesday, Friday for order on Friday. Sushi can ONLY be ordered online, no written orders.

Please understand that our school Canteen is run as a business. If you forget to place a lunch order for your child, they will miss out (the office staff will call you to make other arrangements for their lunch).

Term 4 Roster

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**HELP NEEDED!**
Could you please check the roster and text or call Joelle on 0422963109 if you are able to assist.
**Bowlo Raffle – tomorrow night Friday 20th November**
Our school will be the beneficiary for the Bangalow Bowling Club raffle from 5:30pm onwards. Please come along and support us after the Bangalow Show Pet Parade. If you are able to help sell tickets please contact Jenny Ph: 0400 420023.

**Canteen Supervisor**
Our new supervisor commencing in 2016 will be Jacqui Thompson (previously from Bangalow Pre-school). I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Joelle Baker who has tirelessly managed our canteen this year and introduced the Flexischools ordering system. Joelle’s work has been really appreciated and will be greatly missed.

**Can you help with the School Carols and Disco food?**
We are looking to provide some great homemade meals for our school end of year carols and disco night, on Wednesday 9th December from 5pm. If you have any ideas/suggestions or if you are able to donate produce please contact Jenny Ph: 0400 420023.

**P and C meetings**
We always welcome your ideas and input into how the P and C can help the school and our kids.
Email Jenny with ideas / suggestions: jenny@buncoffee.com.au
Our next meeting will be Wednesday 2nd December at 6.15pm, followed by our end of year drinks/dinner. Everyone is very welcome.

**Help us in our canteen and order your child’s lunch online**
Thanks to the parents/carers who are ordering lunches online. Our canteen is more efficient and has been able to reduce the number of volunteers required along with reducing food waste thanks to this system. Paper bag lunch orders take a lot of additional time to process so please help us and get online via Flexi schools.
Everyone can help our volunteers by ordering lunches via Flexischools.
Go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://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**.
- 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 8:45am – 9:15am.
If you have any questions at all about the online uniform shop please contact Kylie Redden on 0437 357387.

**Garden News**
We are now preparing two new garden areas for Stages 1 and 2 for 2016. If you have any straw, manure or mulch to donate, please drop it off to the side of the school hall.

**Gift Giving Charity Tree**
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 accept any electrical items or stuffed toys.)
Please place **unwrapped** gifts under the tree located in the school office BEFORE WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER.
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Road works around town**

**St Helena bridge works**

Transport NSW is undertaking bridge refurbishment works at St Helena Rd, Bangalow as part of the NSW rail infrastructure program. The overbridge at Bangalow requires ongoing maintenance to ensure safe access for the public. Works involve replacing piles and girders, replacing decking boards and installing new steel guard rails and handrails.

Works are expected to run from:
- 1st to 9th December; and
- 15th to 23rd December

Site operations will run from 6:30am to 5:00pm each day. The bridge will be closed to through traffic during construction hours, with a detour in place via Bangalow Rd. There will be some noise and extra vehicle movements associated with this work. Residents may phone 1300661390 for further information.

**Pavement repair on Rifle Range Rd**

Byron Shire Council is undertaking pavement repair works at the intersection of Rifle Range Rd and Lismore Rd, Bangalow.

The works are expected to take a week and include:
- new asphalt road pavement and widening in Rifle Range Rd between Tristania St and the intersection of Lismore Rd.
- Give Way line marking and signage
- drainage pit works

No vehicle access will be available in this section of the road for the week.

For further information phone Rob Serventi on 66859341.

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**BUILDING A LEARNING FOUNDATION TOGETHER**

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.

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