HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

DIARY DATES

Tuesdays
Uniform Shop 8:45-9:30

Wednesdays
Student Banking

Wednesdays & Fridays
Canteen

Friday 11 December
Presentation Day Assembly 12:30pm

Monday 14 December
Y6 Farewell 5pm

Tuesday 15 December
End of Year Excursions
K-2: Sea World
Y3-4: Ballina Waterslide & Bowling
Y5-6: Wet ‘n’ Wild

Wednesday 16 December
Last day of school

2016
UNIFORM SHOP will be open:
Wednesday 27 January 8:30-10am
Thursday 28 January 8:30-10am
Friday 29 January 8:30-10am

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

Wednesday 24 February
School Photos

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Principal: Susie Boyle
Dear Parents

This has been yet another incredible 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 gorgeous 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 we very much appreciate feedback and ideas.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank 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 admired 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 2016.

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.

★★★ AWARDS ★★★

All parents are invited to attend our
End of Year Presentation Assembly
When: TOMORROW, Friday 11 December
12:30PM - 2:00PM
What: Class Awards, Overall Achievement Awards, Sports Awards & Special Awards. All parents welcome to come and help celebrate our students’ success.

★★★ COMING UP ★★★

End of Year Excursions
When: Tuesday 15 December
Where: K - 2 Sea World
3 - 4 Ballina Waterslide & Bowling
5 - 6 Wet ‘n’ Wild
Cost: $50 Sea World
$30 Ballina
$40 Wet ‘n’ Wild

Please ensure permission notes and payments have been sent to school

Please note:
Students with passes for Sea World or Wet ‘n’ Wild -

If your child has a pass for either of these theme parks, we will need to have the ORIGINAL pass with us for them to get the discounted entry.

If you have indicated that your child is a pass holder, please send the pass in to school BEFORE Tuesday, thank you. We will return the passes to students on Wednesday, or they can be collected from the teachers on Tuesday afternoon.

LATE RETURN from excursions -

Students in Stage 3 (going to Wet’n’Wild) will be returning to school at 5pm
Students in Stage 1 (going to Sea World) will be returning to school at 4pm

Please make arrangements to collect your children from school at these times, thank you.

A School Stream alert will be sent if the the buses are delayed.
**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Year 6 Farewell - Monday 14 December**
Students in Years 5 & 6 are invited to attend the Year 6 Farewell on Monday.
- Parents & students arrive at school at 5pm
- Graduation ceremony 5:30 - 6:30pm
- Students & staff have dinner, followed by dancing 6:30 - 8:30pm
- 8:30pm - parents return for cutting of the cake
The cost for dinner is $20 per child - please pay by Monday, thank you.

**‘Be Kind To Animals’ competition**
4V have been shortlisted as prize winners for the ‘Be Kind to Animals Week’ competition that they entered earlier this term. Students worked on collaborative ICT projects to raise awareness about how people can be kind to animals through the choices they make. Each team chose a particular area of focus such as battery hens, puppy farms or elephant safaris. Once finished, each team uploaded their project online. The judges were impressed with the quality and range of projects submitted. Well done 4V and enjoy your prize pack!

**WHOOPING COUGH (PERTUSSIS) ALERT**
There has been another confirmed case of whooping cough (pertussis) in a member of the Bangalow Public School community.
Whooping cough caught at school can spread to any other members at home. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and is worse at night. The infection may also occur in fully-vaccinated children.

**What should people sick with pertussis do?**
Pertussis is readily spread from an infected person to others by coughing and sneezing. If left untreated, it can be spread for up to three (3) weeks after the start of the infected person's cough.

- Do not attend work, school or a childcare facility if you or any household members:
  - Have a cough as described above. Please see your doctor.
  - Are being tested for whooping cough by your doctor and waiting for test results.
  - Are being treated with antibiotics for whooping cough for at least five (5) days after starting the medicine.

Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades. If your school-aged child has younger siblings, it's a good idea to check that they are up to date with their vaccines.

For further advice, please call the Public Health Unit 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website:

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**CANTEEN**

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

**Term 4 Roster**
Wednesdays 9.00-11.30am
Fridays 9.00 – 12.30pm

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**Last day of canteen for 2015 is Friday 11 December**
NO CANTEEN on Wednesday 16/12 (last day of school)

**Term 1, 2016**

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**HELP NEEDED!**
We still need one more person for the first week of canteen next year, on the Wednesday. Please contact Joelle if you are able to help out - 0422 963 109

Thank you to all our volunteers!
Advice for parents on student holiday reading

There are many excellent children’s books that students can engage with over the school holidays. The Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Book of the Year Awards 2015 is a good starting point for recommendations, or try their previous award winners. When parents are selecting a book, the most important advice is to choose one that will generate enthusiasm for and an interest in reading, leaving the student with a feeling of achievement and motivated to read another book.

Some tips for parents:

• Ensure the book is at a recreational reading level for the student (5 or more words on a page that the reader is unsure of or does not know indicates it is too difficult).
• Identify a suitable genre, theme or topic that is interesting to the reader.
• Suggest books where there are other books by that author. This will make finding the next book easier.
• Speak to the school or local librarian. They are experts in children’s literature and will be able to make recommendations specific to each child. They also know the most current popular books.

Supporting your Child in Learning to Read on the BOSTES website provides information and suggestions for parents when they are reading with their children at home.

VOLUNTEER ETHICS TEACHERS NEEDED FOR 2016

We’re anticipating the need for one or two new Primary Ethics teachers at BPS for 2016 with increasing school enrolments and we do need volunteers to teach these classes.

Ethics classes are an option for students who do not attend Special Religious Education (SRE)/Scripture. Bangalow Public School has been able to offer this option for the past two years due to a committed group of volunteers. Ethics Teachers are vetted and given full training and support from Primary Ethics. Primary Ethics is the organisation authorised by the NSW state government to create curriculum and deliver ethics classes.

Applications are welcome from anyone in the school and wider community. There is a possibility that training might be available in early 2016 so it would be ideal to apply before the end of December.

To find out more and to submit an application, please visit:
http://www.primaryethics.com.au

GOOD LUCK!

We wish our Year 6 students all the very best for High School next year!
Thank You

A huge thanks to Ace Kennedy and David Kennedy who cooked up those amazing curries for our disco food last night, along with Lisa Peacock, Bec Sargeant, Joelle Baker and Denise Mitchell.

Another huge thanks to everyone who helped serve, prepare food, cook sausages, sell ice blocks, drinks and then clean up - what a super team.

To Larissa Polak and all of the staff thank you so much for making the night so special and it was brilliant to see the deck being used to its full potential with all of those great singing voices.

Canteen Thank You

A special thanks to Joelle Baker our canteen supervisor. Your commitment and passion to manage the canteen has been brilliant and we will miss you in 2016. We welcome Jacqui Thompson who will be the new supervisor for 2016.

Trivia fever will be back in 2016 Saturday 12th March

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.

When: 6:30pm Saturday 12 March 2016
(So save the date and book your babysitter in advance)

Our Major Fundraiser event “Mad Hatter Tea Party” needs a new team

We are currently looking for volunteers to manage the key roles:
• Raffle co-ordinator
• PR and Marketing support
• Mad Hatters event co-ordinator

As our major fundraiser for the year we raised $27K and we will be looking to match or better this result in May 2016.

Thanks to the team led by Amanda Chadwick who have seamlessly managed this event for the past three years, just amazing. With much support we are needing a group to come and lead the way for the next year.

Could this be you?

Please contact Jenny Kennedy if you can help out or would like to know a bit more. Ph: 0400 420023

Mad Hatters Raffle prizes:

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

2015 Thanks

To Susie and all of the staff, along with the parents, grandparents and kids, a huge heartfelt thank you for making our P and C year such a success.

The P and C relies on those who give up their own valuable time to help make a difference to our kids’ education. All support is appreciated and valued.

I will be handing the P and C President role over for 2016. Thank you to everyone for your support and friendship along the way.

Happy holidays,
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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!

ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!

- FLYING TRAPEZE (5+yrs)
- HOLIDAY PROGRAM (5-15 yrs)
- FREE BALLOON TWISTING
- KINDER CIRCUS (1-5 yrs)
- PLAYSPACE (1-10 yrs)
- INDOOR CLIMBING (5+yrs)

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Open Daily Friday 11 Dec @ 7pm
Adults $10, Kids $5, under 3 FREE
Tickets on the door

Northern Rivers Writers’ Centre

Slam Poetry Workshop (Ages 8-12) with Samantha Turnbull

When: Wednesday, 20 January 2016 10am-1pm
Where: Byron Community College, 107 Jonson St, Byron Bay.
Cost: $25 members & $30 non-members
Bookings & Information: nrwc.org.au or (02) 6685 5115

Learn how to write words that are destined for the stage. Forget stuffy old-fashioned poetry - slam poets write and perform everything from hip hop and rap to comedy and monologues. Perfect for kids who just want to have fun with their writing, and may have side interests in drama, public speaking and performance. Find out why slam poetry is rising in popularity across the world with YouTube clips of epic slam performances going crazy viral. Everyone’s a poet, even if they don’t know it.

Samantha Turnbull is the author of the best-selling Anti-Princess Club series of novels for kids. She’s also a closet rapper and slam poet who has twice represented the North Coast in the NSW Finals of the Australian Poetry Slam. Sam was never into poetry as a kid because she thought it was a bit posh and had too many rules – then she discovered slams and found out that’s where all the cool writers were hanging out. Sam hopes to one day be crowned Australia’s Poetry Slam Champion (because she’s an anti-princess, that’s the only crown she’d actually wear).

FLAMENCO DANCE CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

For the first time in the Northern Rivers, Kelly Houghton from Arte Gitana Flamenco will be teaching Flamenco dance classes to children. It will be a great opportunity to not only learn a unique dance form but also to learn a bit of the Spanish language.

Classes will commence on
Wednesday 3rd February 4:00 - 4:45pm
at the Catholic Hall on Deacon St
and will be open to all primary school aged children.

For more information please contact Kelly through her facebook page Arte Gitana or directly by emailing: kellyhoughton@westnet.com.au

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16th Jan 10-12.30pm $40 (Int/Snr Workshop)
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Advertising Space Banner
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All submissions must be in jpeg or pdf format. Please contact the school office on 6687 1434 or email us at bangalow-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au details.

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# The Farm Bus Timetable

**Connecting the best of Byron**

An easy and convenient way to get around and see the best that the Byron Shire has to offer, a one day hop-on hop-off bus ticket. Pay for your pass online (& book a seat if you want to secure a time), then jump on, sit back and enjoy the scenery or get off at any of the 11 stops. Buses departing approximately every hour.

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$15 per person Day Pass Additional $10 for Night Service