**DIARY DATES**

**Tuesdays**
Uniform Shop 8:45-9:30

**Wednesdays**
Student Banking

**Wednesdays & Fridays**
Canteen

**Fridays**
Assembly 9:20am

**Thursday 26 February**
Parent Information Sessions
KT, 1/2N

**Friday 27 February**
Kindy parents’ morning tea 10am

**Tuesday 3 March**
Clean Up Australia Day

**Saturday 7 March**
P&C Trivia Night

**Monday 9 March**
Byron Bay Film Festival (Y5/6)

**Thursday 12 March**
BV District Winter Sports Trials

**Thursday 26 March**
BPS Cross Country Carnival

**Thursday 2 April**
Last day of Term 1

**TERM 2**
Monday 20 April
Staff Development Day (pupil free)

**Tuesday 21 April**
Term 2 begins for students

**Wednesday 22-24 April**
Stage 2 Excursion to Brisbane

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**STUDENT LEADERS**

Our Student Representative Council for Semester 1 was inducted at a special assembly last week. Elected by their peers, they are:

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**HOUSE CAPTAINS** were also inducted:

**DEVILS** (below left)
Marlin C (absent); Millie C; Jack R; Delilah H

**DOLPHINS** (right)
Zanthe E; Milo B; Jasmine R; Hayden T

**DINGOES** (below right)
Sophia M; Nicholas P; Jetson G; Beth B

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Principal: Susie Boyle
Dear Parents

New Set Of Skills

TO PREPARE our current students for high school, tertiary education, careers, and citizenship, it’s not enough to master academics. Students also need to acquire a set of skills that will last for a lifetime. To be able to solve problems in our complex, rapidly-changing world, students must become nimble, creative thinkers who can work well with others. These competencies — known as 21st-century skills — are summed up as the ‘4Cs’.

They include the following:

Collaboration: Students are able to work effectively with diverse groups and exercise flexibility in making compromises to achieve common goals.

Creativity: Students are able to generate and improve on original ideas and also work creatively with others.

Communication: Students are able to communicate effectively across multiple media and for various purposes.

Critical Thinking: Students are able to analyze, evaluate, and understand complex systems and apply strategies to solve problems.

The 4Cs don’t replace academic learning goals. Students still need to become good readers and writers, even though they may be learning and publishing on new platforms. Using mathematics to solve problems, and seeing the world through the lens of the scientist are essential for today’s learners (our iMaths projects).

Through project-based learning, students investigate real-world problems and design their own solutions. Students use technology not just to access valuable content but also to create it. By working collaboratively, students are tackling big issues — in their communities and the larger world. Through effective teamwork, they’re also honing important social skills, learning to respect diverse viewpoints and to resolve conflicts peacefully.

In 2015 on we will teach the above skills within the classroom through the six 21st Century Learning Fluencies: Solution, Information, Creativity, Media, Collaboration, Global Digital Citizen Refer to next week’s newsletter for further information.

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

Congratulations to the following students who will receive an award at Friday’s assembly tomorrow at 9:20am.

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SWIMMING CHAMPS

Well done to the following students, who represented the Brunswick Valley District at the Far North Coast Zone Swimming Carnival yesterday:

- Alexis C
- Millie C
- Jack C
- Michael K
- Tess K
- Jasmine R
- Matilda P
- Vinnie L
- Nicholas P
- Fletcher M

COMING UP

KT & 1/2N Parent Information Sessions

When: TODAY, Thursday 26 February at 3:30pm
Where: in the KT and 1/2N classrooms

Kindy assembly Item followed by morning tea

When: TOMORROW, Friday 27 February
Assembly at 9:20am, morning tea at 10am
Where: School Hall

Byron Bay Film Festival

When: Monday 9 March
Where: Byron Bay Arts & Cultural Centre
Who: Students in Years 5 & 6 - “first in, first served” based on payment
Cost: $13 per student, including bus fare
**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Clean Up Australia Day / Trashless Tuesday**

Next Tuesday 3 March, we will be participating in “Clean Up Australia Day” by focusing on our school grounds. As a new initiative, we will also be having a “Trashless Tuesday”, when no waste is to be brought to / left at school. We encourage students to have a “nude food” lunchbox next Tuesday, with no waste packaging of their food. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Seniors Week Photo Competition**

Brunswick Valley U3A is once again conducting this competition for Byron Shire primary school students as a special Seniors Week project. Students are invited to take a photo of a grandparent, friend or neighbour, using their brains and/or bodies on the theme: SENIORS - ALWAYS ON THE GO.

Entries close on Wednesday 11 March and prizes will be awarded at the Mayor’s Morning Tea, at the Ocean Shores Country Club on Tuesday 17 March.

There are prizes of $25, $15 and $10 in three sections: K-2, 3-4 and 5-6. There is a limit of one photo per student. Photos only need to be 4”x6” (standard print size) and they can be colour or black and white. Photos should be the child’s own work, although they may need help with the printing.

Entries may be left at the school office with the child's name, class and the name of the person they have photographed.

For more information, contact Penny on 66801600.

**Student Welfare**

**Absences**

Absences from school should be explained by a parent / caregiver in a note to the teacher, or by completing an Explanation of Absence slip (available from the office or on our website) and returning it to school at your earliest convenience. Acceptable reasons for absences include sickness, family holiday, urgent / important appointments, etc. Please do not take your child shopping, or to get their hair cut during school time.

**Be On Time**

Last year we had a number of students regularly arriving late to school. Missing time = missing education. We do ask that all students are at school by 9:15am at the latest. It is a legal requirement that all children are at school for the whole day unless they are sick or extenuating circumstances prevent them from being at school. **Students who do arrive late or leave school early will need to have a parent or caregiver report to the office to sign them in/out.**

**Changes to Home-time Routine**

If your child is travelling home by a different method to usual, please be sure to contact the school or complete a Variation of Hometime Routine slip (available from the office or on our website). This is especially important with younger children and with students travelling by bus.

**Sickness & Medication**

If your child is unwell, please keep them at home. Children who become unwell at school will be cared for in the sick bay until a parent can collect them. If your child requires medication while they are at school, please visit the office to make appropriate arrangements. School staff are not permitted to administer non-prescription medication (eg Panadol or homeopathic remedies) to students.

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All families and friends are welcome to come along to our Friday Assemblies at 9:20am

Please be sure to sign the Assembly Visitors book at the Hall.
Term 1, Week 5, 2015

P&C news

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

Canteen Volunteers - HELP NEEDED
The facts:
When  Wednesday and Friday mornings 9-12ish
What  Preparing food, counting money, collating orders (it's easy, Joelle will be there to guide you)
Who  You? Please!
Why  For the glory. Kid admiration. Warm fuzzy feeling. To tick the P&C volunteering box for this term...
How  Call/text the lovely Joelle on 0422963109 to let her know you’re available

Have you paid your $45 Voluntary Contribution yet?
The facts:
Funding
We receive only $64 per child per year to purchase all classroom resources.
What can you do?
Please pay $45 per child, to ensure that our children have the learning equipment that they need each day.
How can you pay?
- Credit card/Eftpos payments - come into the school office between 8.45am and 3.15pm.
- Cash or cheque payments – please send in a clearly marked envelope your $45, child's name and class.

TRIVIA NIGHT - Saturday 7 March (dress for detention - 7pm sharp)
Are you coming? Trivia night is on its way. This is an adults only fun night to meet other parents/carers in a fun way. We are also putting tables together for those who are new to our school. Don't miss out, tickets selling fast.
When: Sat 7th March 2015
(So save the date and book your babysitter in advance)
Dress: For detention
(prize for the best dressed table)
Cost: $20 each

HOW TO GET TICKETS:
There are only 2 opportunities left to purchase tickets from the School Canteen: (CASH ONLY!)
1. Friday morning 27th February 8.30am – 9.15am
2. Tuesday afternoon 3rd March 2.45pm – 3.30pm
Any queries; contact Sharon Fraser email: sharonfraserarch@bigpond.com

P and C AGM - Wednesday 18 February 7pm (school staffroom)
Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 18th February at 7pm in the school staffroom. We will be voting for all office bearing roles at this meeting for the year ahead.
To be able to vote at this meeting you need to be a financial member of the P and C, $2 per year (see the attached form further on in this newsletter).

Positions to be voted on will be:
President / Two Vice-Presidents / Secretary / Treasurer
(up to six Executive members.)
We will also vote on other representative positions:
Uniform sub-committee / Major Fundraising sub-committee / Canteen sub-committee / Grants officer
Should you have any ideas / suggestions / like more information, please email Jenny Kennedy at: jenny@buncoffee.com.au

Mad Hatters Madness - Sunday 17 May - Calling for New Stall Ideas
The Madhatter’s Derby Tea Party is our major fund raiser for the year and is held on Bangalow Billy Cart Derby Day on Sunday 17th May this year.
We would love to hear from you if you have any ideas for a NEW STALL at this years Madhatter’s Derby Tea Party. We need new ideas to entertain families in the school grounds while raising funds for our children’s education.
Our main requirements are that the stalls are run by volunteers and all proceeds go to the P&C.
Please email your suggestions to amanda.chadwick@bigpond.com or contact Amanda on 0418 968 502.
Calling out for any Green Thumbs
We need some volunteers to help rescue our vegetable garden whilst our lovely Prisca is away. Can you help for a few hours?
Please contact Jenny if you can help. Ph: 0400 420023

Do you want to get involved?
The P and C is always looking for support/ideas/suggestions. So please join us to help better support our school. All help, big or small is very much appreciated.
To become a member simply fill out the form below and return it to school with $2 membership fee.

Class Parent Reps - could this be you?
We would like to have two parent representatives for each of our classes - we have positions available for all classes except 4V. These parent reps will assist with communication between parents, the P&C and the school, as well as support new parents with general school information.

Many thanks to the parents who have already volunteered for this role at the last P&C meeting:
1/2N  Jess O’Halloran
4V  Anouska Gammon & Lesley Kermode
5/6A  Vicki Martin
Please contact Jenny if you’d like to be a parent rep: 0400 420023.

P and C Membership Form

I ___________________________________________ (name)
would like to become a member of the P and C for 2015.
My child/ren is/are in class/es ________________________
My email address is: _______________________________________
My contact number is: ________________________________

I have enclosed $2 for 2015 membership
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

Calling all NETTY NUTS

BALLINA NETBALL ASSOCIATION
Online Registration Extended to: 28 FEBRUARY

let’s play netball

2015 Winter competition open to –
8-10 year “competition” players
Juniors: 11-17 years
Seniors: 18+

Register at: www.ballinana.nsw.netball.com.au
Email enquiries: netballballina@bigpond.com

Byron Bay Lennox Head
Junior Rugby League Club

A meet and greet afternoon will be held on
Tuesday 3rd March
4:30pm at Byron Bay Football Field (opp high school)
for all registered players and those yet to register in The Byron Bay Lennox Head Junior Rugby League Club.
A great opportunity to meet your teammates and coaches and be advised of training days/times.
There will be food and drinks provided for kids and some prizes to be won. We are fielding teams from Under 7’s to Under 16’s. Any queries contact Nicky Sheridan 0412244325

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★ BUILDING A LEARNING FOUNDATION TOGETHER ★

Our school’s Munch & Crunch program is proudly supported by

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★ COMMUNITY NEWS ★
Bangalow Public School thanks these sponsors of our newsletter who assist with the cost of publication:
WHEN: 7PM SHARP SATURDAY NIGHT MARCH 7TH
WHERE: Bangalow Bowling Club
COST: $20 per person
WHY: To meet other parents in a fun relaxed atmosphere, to stretch the brain, to raise funds for our school
DRESS: DRESS FOR DETENTION!!! Prize for the best dressed up table.

HOW TO GET TICKETS: There are 3 opportunities: (CASH ONLY!).

1. Monday afternoon 23rd February 2.45pm – 3.30pm ... outside school canteen
2. Friday morning 27th February 8.30am – 9.15am ... outside school canteen
3. Tuesday afternoon 3rd March 2.45pm – 3.30pm ... outside school canteen

Any problems / queries; contact Sharon Fraser email: sharonfraserarch@bigpond.com

GENERAL INFO:
- You can buy any number of tickets. If less than 8, we can put you on a mixed table – a great way to meet other parents.....OR
- Form a team of 8 people.
- Sorry we cant do tables of 9 or ten, strictly 8 max
- We will provide a small snack for each table. You may want to buy dinner at the bowling club before, or have dinner at home before you arrive
- You can buy drinks over the bar at the Bowlo (they will also provide table service to buy drinks). Strictly no BYO
- The night will go to about 10.30 or 11pm (that’s a rough estimate!)
- ADULTS ONLY. So you will need to book the babysitter