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School Newsletter

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Thursday 12 March 2015
Term 1 Week 7, 2015

DIARY DATES

Tuesdays
Uniform Shop 8:45-9:30

Wednesdays
Student Banking

Wednesdays & Fridays
Canteen
Fridays
Assembly 9:20am

Monday 16 March
Belinda Murrell author visit (Y2-6)

Tuesday 24 March
Water Watch (4V)

Thursday 26 March
BPS Cross Country Carnival

Friday 27 March
Water Challenge - Byron Bay (Y3-6)

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

Tuesday 19 May
ICAS comp - Digital Technologies

Wednesday 3 June
ICAS comp - Science

Monday 8 June
Queen's Birthday public holiday

Tuesday 16 June
ICAS comp - Spelling

Monday 15 - Friday 19 June
ICAS comp - Writing

Friday 26 June
Last day of Term 2

TERM 3
Monday 13 July
Staff Development Day (pupil free)

Tuesday 14 July
Term 3 begins for students

1/2N Class Teachers:
Miss Sarah Daly &
Miss Leonie Hibble

1/2N CLASS NEWS

I loved the part when Wilbur makes friends with Charlotte. I hope the pig doesn’t die. Claire

In Literacy we have been studying the books ‘The Gruffalo’ and ‘Charlotte’s Web’. Here are some excerpts from our writing about our favourite story events:

My favourite part was when Charlotte tries to save Wilbur. Tess

I felt happy when Fern saves the little pig from her dad. Maddy B

In Mathematics this week we have been looking at different options for measurements using ourselves using length and mass.

Our HSIE unit is called ‘I am Me’ and we are learning about our personal qualities and how we can connect with our friends.
This week's focus is on how we can help ‘connect the dots’ for children to be successful, confident life long learners. The main idea of building confidence includes discussing what trying is, about what effort actually looks and feels like.

In classrooms we see students building confidence through communication, problem solving and collaboration activities. Early lessons in sharing and cooperation set the stage for effective teamwork. Our budding young readers and writers are using their literacy skills to communicate important ideas. As we explore new topics we have students asking probing questions and indulging their curiosity. Developing inquiry skills helps them work towards solving tomorrow’s challenges. Many hands-on classroom investigations and projects are led by student inquiry questions and seeking out solutions.

As we progress through the grades we see our students tackling more complex challenges, such as evaluating online information sources that allow them to apply their critical-thinking skills. Engaging projects help to focus their attention on learning, while also teaching life lessons about managing time, planning ahead and working effectively with peers.

Opportunities for practicing collaborative problem solving skills happen daily if you look for them. This is not one skill alone but requires a complete skills set including self-control, stress management, self-awareness of both thoughts and feelings, perspective taking and empathy, listening and effectively communicating, goal setting, anticipating consequences and evaluating actions. Take the time to connect the dots at home, specifically praising those small steps when your child is showing stamina building their personal confidence.

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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This week’s winners of an iceblock were:
Nellie C     Alaria M     Piper A     Vinnie L     India J
Bang Burgers voucher winners:
Maddie R     Evelyn A

CITIZENSHIP

Author Visit - Belinda Murrell
When:     Next Monday 16 March
Where:    School Hall
Who:      Students in Years 2 - 6
Cost:     FREE

Parent Visit by Belinda Murrell, bestselling Australian children’s author, next Monday 16 March 2015 in the School Hall. It’s a FREE event for students in Years 2 - 6. Each child will receive a free book at the launch.

Belinda Murrell is doing a series of FREE school visits in February and March 2015 to promote her timeslip historical tales (years 4–7), her Lulu Bell series for younger readers (years 1–4) and her Sun Sword fantasy series (years 3–6). Each visit will involve a:
• 40 minute high-energy talk about the wonders of reading, imagination, the writing process and Belinda’s inspiration. Guaranteed to get students hooked on reading and inspired to write their own stories
• 20 minute Q & A session with students
• 30 minute book-signing – perfect for nurturing readers

All the visits are FREE on the proviso that students be given the opportunity to pre-order books. We will work with your local bookshop to provide books for the visit. Sample chapters, teachers notes, posters and order forms will be sent to your school when your booking is received.

• Perfect for years 2–7
• Audience size between 90–800 students
• A signing table is required

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Contact your local bookshop to book your school visit now.
Have you paid your Voluntary Contribution?

If you have, you could go into the draw to

WIN a Mini iPad!!!

All children who have paid their Voluntary Contribution before the end of term and have no outstanding payments owing to the school (e.g., Book Pack) will go into the draw.

The winner will be drawn at the Week 2 Assembly in Term 2 - Friday 1 May.

Our 2015 Voluntary Contribution of $45 per child (set according to Department of Education guidelines) supports the school’s learning programs and purchase of resources.

Eftpos facilities are available at the school office, or you may send in a payment in a collection envelope with cash, cheque or credit card details. Envelopes available from the office - pick up a few next time you are in.

Trash Free Tuesdays

Don’t forget to send your child to school with a “nude” lunch on Tuesdays, as we try to reduce the amount of rubbish that goes into our bins at school. There are some great lunchboxes available that keep different foods fresh and eliminate the need for wrapping. Any plastic wrap, packets, etc. that are used on Tuesdays will need to be taken home to be disposed of. Thanks for supporting this initiative!

School Banking Program

For over 80 years, the School Banking Program has been teaching Australian children smart saving habits and lifelong money skills. Students with a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account are welcome to participate in the program, making deposits into their account on School Banking Day (Wednesdays). Information about the program is available from the front office.

New stock has arrived!

The Uniform Shop has finally got new polo shirts in stock! If you can’t make it in to the Uniform Shop on a Tuesday morning, please see the office staff for an order form. Completed and paid orders can then be left at the office for collection.

Term 1 Assemblies

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. Thank you.
Trivia Night - “Winners are Grinners”
It started out tough and the competition grew intense as the teachers’ table led the way to be the new “Trivia Champions” for 2015.
We loved the dressing up, the competitive spirit, the calling out, the interesting answers and mostly that you had a laugh whilst helping to fundraise for our school.
We raised $4330 for our school and are so grateful to everyone who really got behind this exciting annual event.
Special thanks to SAE for loaning us the monster sound system and to all of the sponsors and prize donators including: Byron Bay Muesli, Salty’s, Utopia Café, Kingscliff Hotel, Italian Diner, Spagetti Circus, Bangalow Cellars, Byron Farmers Markets, Bangalow Foodworks, Bangalow Bowling Club, Richard Windeyer Photography, Surfing Byron Bay and IGA Byron Bay.

Mad Hatters Madness – any other new stall ideas? (Sunday 17th May)
The Madhatter’s Derby Tea Party is our major fund raiser for the year and will be held on Bangalow Billy Cart Derby Day Sunday 17th May.
We would love to hear from you if you have any ideas for a NEW STALL at this years Madhatter’s Derby Tea Party. Please email amanda.chadwick@bigpond.com or text on 0418 968 502.

Raffle Ticket Help
Next Tuesday 17 March 9.30 -11.15 am
We are getting ready for our Mad Hatters fundraiser raffle and need some help with stapling raffle tickets. So please come along with your stapler to the school office.

School Sign
We are looking for ideas of how to update the school sign that communicates key messages to our community. Can you help us out? Please call Jenny on 0400 420023.

Class Parent Reps
Please contact Jenny if you’d like to be a parent rep for your child’s class - phone 0400 420023. We have positions available for all classes except 4V.
Thanks to those who have already volunteered: K/1R - Gavin Burton; 1/2N - Jess O’Halloran; 4V - Anouska Gammon & Lesley Kermode; 5/6A - Vicki Martin

Join us at the Bangalow Bowlo!
Join us at the Bowlo tomorrow (Friday 13th) from 5:30pm for the raffle. All proceeds go to our school.

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
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