Class: KD Kindergarten

Class Teacher: Diane Jones

Our new Kindergarten students are settling into big school with the help of their Y1 and Y6 buddies.

Some of our Kindergarten students are choosing to play outside in the morning whilst others are still enjoying the inside activities.

We are having lots of fun learning new things at big school.

In English we have started our L3 Program focusing on the concept of ‘Belonging’ which includes belonging at school, with their family and with their friends.

In Mathematics we are doing lots of counting games and looking at the concept of time relating to sequencing daily events.

In Science they are beginning to learn about the needs of living things which will involve looking at pets, animals and themselves.

In ‘You Can Do It’ the children are using Connie Confidence to learn with the new experiences at big school.

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Principal: Susie Boyle
Dear Parents

CLASSROOM RESOURCES

We are asking everyone to pay the VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION THIS YEAR if at all possible.

It is only $45 per student per year which equates to $11.25 per term. This may not seem like a lot but last year less than 50% of our families paid which meant that we lost many thousands of dollars for classroom resources.

If we receive $45 per student that is $13 095 which is just spent on equipping our students with the best resources possible for their learning.

We only receive $64.45 per student per semester from the government but this must also cover all administration costs, paper, telephone rental, photocopier costs, computer and internet costs, school maintenance, some teacher professional learning and some casual teaching costs.

Please pay your $45 if possible. You are welcome to pay in instalments but if you pay your $45 before the end of Term 1 your name is placed in the draw for a mini-ipad.

SCHOOL HOME CONNECT

We are proud of the strong connection we have with our parent body and the local community. We encourage all parents to be involved in your child’s schooling as much as possible.

One way that you can assist us is through the P & C.

Our school could not provide the level of education and resources that we do on the small amount of government funding we receive. Last year the P & C donated approximately $44 000 in total to our school. This made a huge difference to our school budget and to the resources we were able to provide your children.

Jen Kennedy led our team of parents in 2014-2015 as the P & C President. She gave so much of herself and ensured that all parents felt connected to each other and the school. We all miss her greatly and probably need to replace her with 10 people. We would all like to thank Jen wholeheartedly for her outstanding contribution to our school and its students. The P & C and school have organised a gift to thank Jen.

We do however need a group of parents to work together to support our school and its fundraising efforts. If you can assist please contact me asap.

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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TERM 1 ASSEMBLIES

- Week 4 SPECIAL PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY commencing at 2:15pm
  - Induction of Student Representative Council
  - Sports House Captains & Vice Captains
  - School Swimming Carnival Awards
- Week 5 Presentation of Quality Work
- Week 6 Kindergarten performance item
- Week 7 Presentation of Quality Work
- Week 8 1P performance item
- Week 9 Good Friday - NO ASSEMBLY
- Week 10 Presentation of Quality Work
- Week 11 ANZAC Day ceremony

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

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COMING UP

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SCHOOL PHOTOS NEXT WEEK

Individual and class photos will be taken on WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY for all students EXCEPT those in 4/5R, 5/6B & 5/6MK, who will have their photos taken on THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY.

The Whole School Photo will be taken on Thursday, and Sibling Photos will be taken over both days.

Please be sure to return your photo order envelope prior to the day of photography. Sibling order envelopes are available from the front office.

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Far North Coast Zone Swimming Carnival

When: Friday 26 February
Who: Selected students
Where: Murwillumbah Aquatic Centre (parents to arrange transport)
Cost: $10 levy (payable to the school), plus $4 to be paid at the pool

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent the Brunswick Valley District at the Far North Coast Zone Carnival:

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2016 RESOURCE PACKS

Resource Packs (formally known as Book Packs) have been purchased for all students K-6. This ensures every student has the tools and materials required for their class work. Packs contain all necessary stationery items, work books, text books, art and craft consumables, interactive learning resources, etc. By purchasing in bulk on government contracts, we are able to keep costs to an absolute minimum for families.

The cost of these packs in 2016 are as follows:

- Kindergarten $70
- Years 1 - 6 $65

Students in Stages 2 and 3 (Years 3-6) will receive some of their items in a “pack”, for which they will be responsible, while the remaining supplies will stay in the classroom and be managed by the class teacher. As in previous years, all the Kinder and Stage 1 (K-2) supplies will be managed in the classroom, without the children being issued with individual “packs”.

All families will receive a Statement of Account next week, which will include a breakdown of items provided for each year group. Please endeavour to settle your account asap, thank you. Families who are experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to contact the school to discuss suitable arrangements.

Voluntary Contributions

Our Annual Voluntary Contribution for 2016 has been set at $45 per child, as per NSW Department of Education & Communities guidelines.

Voluntary Contributions are requested of all families, to assist with the purchase of educational resources and classroom consumables. This equates to school fees of only $11.25 per year which is an absolute bargain, however, our classroom budgets really suffer if all parents do not pay. Thank you for your support.

While this payment cannot be claimed as a tax deduction, parents are more than welcome to also make a donation into either our Building Fund or Library Fund, which ARE tax deductible.

Payments

Please send any cash or cheque payments to school in a clearly labelled envelope with your child’s name and reason for payment written on it (money collection envelopes are available at the office, for your convenience). Credit card payment forms and EFTPOS are also available at the front office OR you can make ONLINE PAYMENTS by visiting our school website and selecting “$ Make a Payment”.

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 (eg Resource Pack) will go into the draw!

The winner will be drawn at the Week 2 Assembly in Term 2 - Friday 6 May.
Next Meeting - AGM

Wednesday 9 March, 7pm
Meetings are held in the school staff room and new members are always welcome. For more information, email Damion at damion.cavanagh@gmail.com

Madhatter’s Tea Party – make it happen!
We need a Madhatter’s team ASAP to make this event happen. This is the P&C’s major fundraiser. There will be a huge number of parents involved throughout the process, but at this stage we need a small group to get the ball rolling. We are still looking for volunteers to manage the key roles:
- Raffle co-ordinator
- Event co-ordinator
Two people can share these roles, so get together with a friend if you like.
The event has been running for several years, and the bones of the event are now firmly in place. It is an ideal opportunity for the P&C to raise crucial funds for the school. The amazing team who have previously run this event have generously offered to provide a supported handover of the event. You won’t be alone, and there are systems already in place.
We just need some key people to kick start the process.

With the P&C AGM scheduled for March, and the Billycart Derby in May, ideally we need a Madhatter’s leadership group to start the planning process ASAP.
Please contact Susie Boyle if you can help.

Raffle Prizes
If you can donate a prize valued at $250, or help purchase a prize, please contact the school office.

Trivia Night
A reminder that the Trivia Night will be on Saturday 12th March at The Bowlo. Book your babysitters and check the newsletters for more information.

 Byron Bay High School Information Evening
Students in Years 5 & 6 and their parents are invited to an information evening at Byron Bay High School on Thursday 10 March 2016, from 5:30 - 7pm.
The aim of the evening is for parents and students to hear about the opportunities available for Year 7 students at Byron Bay High School in 2017 and 2018. There will also be a tour of the school’s facilities.

Financial help is available for parents
Back to school costs are putting parents under pressure. To help out, Byron Community Centre offers No Interest Loans to people on low incomes for essential goods and services. The Byron Community No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS) loans range from $500 to $1000 and can include education items such as computers, textbooks, school fees, and uniforms.
This community run loans program is safe, fair and interest free. Run by the community for the community.
Call: (02) 6685 6807
Email: nils@byroncentre.com.au
Visit: www.byroncentre.com.au
Drop in: The Byron Community Centre, 69 Johnson Street, Byron Bay

More student fundraising for our school!
Last weekend, Lulu and Frankie M, two of our new students, held a cake stall to raise money for our school. They showed great enterprise skills and raised $100 - thanks girls!

Playgroup Thursday Morning 9:30 -11am School Hall
A reminder that the Trivia Night will be on Saturday 12th March at The Bowlo. Book your babysitters and check the newsletters for more information.
Did You Know?
In NSW, most children (90%) do not eat the recommended amount of vegetables.

Some ideas to try:

- An important first step if you want your child to eat their vegies is to make sure they see YOU enjoying your vegies on a regular basis at home. Children are quick to pick up if you don't like something or are avoiding eating something, and may often imitate your eating habits!
- Offer vegies in a positive, casual way and believe your child will enjoy them. They may not of course, but it's best to start out by thinking positively!
- Children's food preferences can change very quickly. Keep offering small amounts of disliked vegies, as the more familiar it is, it may lead to them accepting it. Serve bigger quantities of their favourite vegies.
- Cook vegies just until tender or crisp by steaming, microwaving or stir-frying them. Don't overcook them so they're soggy. Overcooking can make vegies' taste, texture and smell unpleasant, and makes them lose their goodness.
- Raw vegies like capsicum strips, peas in the pod, cucumber, bean sprouts and tomato wedges are often the most popular with younger children as they make great finger foods.

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.

Brunswick Valley District Swimming Carnival

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Bangalow Bluedogs soccer sign-on for 2016 season is well underway. Sign up now at www.myfootballclub.com.au. Questions call 0434 559 700 or email info@bangalowbluedogs.com.au

BYRON BAY JUNIOR BASKETBALL SUMMER 2016 - TERM 1
MINIBALL (8-12yr olds) Tuesdays 4-5pm @ Cavanbah Sports Centre starts Tuesday 9/2/16
AUSSIE HOOPS (5-8yr olds) Thursdays 3.30 - 4.15pm @ Byron Bay Public School (Term 1) starts 11/2/16
For more information www.byronbasketball.com or ph; 66872246 a/hrs e-mail, info@byronbasketball.com

You are invited to join the Bangalow Parklands team at the Grand Opening of THE WATERFRONT bandstand building, Ashton & Deacon Streets, Bangalow
Promptly at 11.30am Sunday 21 February 2016

BYO Picnic
Event runs 11.30—12.30pm
With MP Tamara Smith, Byron Mayor Simon Richardson, MC Mick O'Regan + others
RSVP Lynn: email ljs19@bigpond.com
The Great Host Family Hunt is on again!

World Education Program (WEP) Australia, a registered, non-profit student exchange organisation is looking for volunteer families who would like to host a 15 to 18-year-old girl or boy.

Our students come from countries such as Italy, France, Belgium, Finland and Chile and are arriving in July 2016. They are looking forward to living and learning about Australia and enjoying our famous Australian hospitality and lifestyle.

Without the generosity of families around the world, student exchange could not exist. Experiencing a foreign language and culture in your own home is the next best thing to living overseas.

To request a free information pack for your family, contact us today!
1300 884 733     info@wep.org.au       www.wep.org.au

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Ballina on Richmond Physie

Classes at Alstonville and Ballina

What is physie?
Physie is the only dance sport with variety, where girls & ladies can learn 5 kinds of dance & exercise in every class. It’s twice the fun at half the price! $8 per class. We are non-profit organisation offering optional competitions for teams and individuals at a National Level for all ages 3 to 73yrs.

Sign on Day - 1st February with classes starting Monday 8 Feb. Alstonville Uniting Church Hall, Bugden Avenue, Alstonville.

   Sign on Day - 3rd February with classes start Wednesday 10 Feb. Ballina Public School Hall, Crane Street Ballina.

   New members - 1st lesson free:
Gaye 0401 264 103,Theresa 0428 862 660,Bec 0406 666 118

   email: ballinaonrichmondp Physie@gmail.com
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