

Zoe & Tomas received Academic Achievement awards at our Presentation Assembly last week



I begin this final newsletter on a sad note. Unfortunately, we have had another parent pass away this week. Scott Basso died suddenly on Tuesday. Our thoughts are with Krysten, Tonaya, Kasey and Ella at this very sad time.

The **Year 6 Farewell** was a great success on Monday night. Thank you to Andrea, Ross and Barry for their organisation of this. Some photos are displayed later in the newsletter which show what a great time everyone had. All class parties were also enjoyed by students. Thanks parents for providing treats and money for students to have such a good day!

As you know, some students in Year 4 and 5 have had the opportunity to do **Robotics** this year with Ivo Correia. They have completed some interesting projects. The Correia family is moving to Brisbane, after a holiday in South Africa. They will be missed by our school community. Before he left, Ivo very kindly donated four robotics kits to the school. Thank you, Ivo. This is greatly appreciated.

Our **Bush Dance and Carols will be held tonight, at 6:00pm**. This is a family event and parents are invited to attend this evening with their children. The dinner and dancing will be held in the playground and we will move to the hall for the carols, **finishing at approx 8:00pm**. Glow candles will be sold on the night. Children and parents are invited to **wear bush clothes or Christmas clothes**.

It has been a busy year for Bangalow School. We have had Mr Edwards retire and Mr Flannery move to Ballina to take up a substantive position. We thank them both for their contributions to this school. We will begin 2012 with a new principal – Susie Boyle.

She is very fortunate to become principal of such a fantastic school and I wish her and the school well in 2012.

The teachers and support staff of Bangalow Public School are a very dedicated group. I thank them for their dedication and know that Bangalow School would not achieve as well as it does without the time and effort they all put into the school. In particular, I would like to thank Diane Jones and Ross McKinnon who have been so supportive of me during the time that I have relieved as Principal during this year. I would also like to thank Juliette and Sonya who are the welcoming faces to our school. Their assistance to me in the past six months has been very much appreciated.

Our school also has lots of wonderful parents who support us throughout the year. A big part of this assistance is initiated by the P & C. Thank you to Karen Stafford, the president of the P & C for carrying out these duties. She is ably supported by a small group of parents who have dedicated much of their precious time to these improvements. We appreciate this very much. We have several families leaving us this year, particularly of Year 6 students, and I wish them well in the future.

Our students have achieved excellent results this year, in many areas. This makes me very proud to be part of this school and I also thank the students for their efforts and achievements throughout the year.

Students in Years 1 to 6 commence school next year on Monday, 30th January. Kindergarten students have their Best Start assessments and **commence on Thursday, 2nd February**. Best Start times have been emailed to new Kindergarten parents.

I will be taking leave for a term at least next year. I have enjoyed my time as principal. It has been an honour to be able to carry out this role.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2012.

SUSAN COX
 Relieving Principal





ROBOTICS

Mondays	Uniform Shop 8:30 – 9:30am
Wednesdays	Student Banking
Fridays	Canteen
16/12/11	Last day of school for students
2012	
27/01/12	Staff Development Day (pupil free) Uniform Shop open 9-10am
30/01/12	School commences for Years 1-6
30/1-1/2/12	Best Start (Kinder) interviews by appt.
02/02/12	Kindergarten students commence
10/02/12	Swimming Carnival Yrs 3-6
28/03/12	School Photos
05/04/12	Last day of Term 1
06/04/12	Good Friday
23/04/12	Staff Development Day (pupil free)
24/04/12	Term 2 commences for students
25/04/12	ANZAC Day public holiday
11/06/12	Queen's Birthday public holiday
29/06/12	Last day of Term 2
16/07/12	Staff Development Day (pupil free)
17/07/12	Term 3 commences for students
21/09/12	Last day of Term 3
08/10/12	Term 4 begins for students & staff
19/12/12	Last day of school for students

I was one of the lucky six people drawn out to do special Robotics classes with Ivo and Spit on every Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime.

The first class was just building small robots out of LEGO. The next class we hooked up our robots to the computers and programmed them to keep going forwards and then stop in front of an object. We did a couple more lessons in lunchtimes and then we switched to doing it in the mornings before school but Spit couldn't come in the morning. My favourite lesson was one when we made the robot go forward, stop when it got to a white strip of tape on the ground then tell us how far it had gone.

Thank you so much to Ivo and Spit for taking up your time to do Robotics with us.

By Oscar

Robotics is great, because you can do so many different things with the Lego Mindstorms. Programming was difficult but fun, and I learnt a lot, and if I had the option I would DEFINITELY do it next year. It was a great help having Ivo there, and he taught me a lot. Oscar's and my best creation was our 'Tank' which was still cool. Thank you Ivo!

By Finley

I liked building stuff in Robotics with Ivo and of my creations did not turn out well, like my T-Rex. It was hard programming it but it was still fun. I hope that we do it next year. Well, Oscar thought that all my creations didn't work out except my Robot Dog.

By Eddie

Robotics is a different and better change to normal school work. Ivo has helped us to make small machinery. It was interesting how it all works. Julian and I made an interesting car with grass trimmers, using cogs to make our machine go three times as fast. The group and I thank Ivo and hope for it to continue next year.

By Lachie

Robotics was very fun (especially the building)! It was really challenging. My dad (Ivo) hosted it. We programmed a lot! It was originally in lunchtime except it was too little time, so we changed it to 8:15 in the morning. I've been waking up early to do Robotics and it's been worth it! I would love to do it next year.

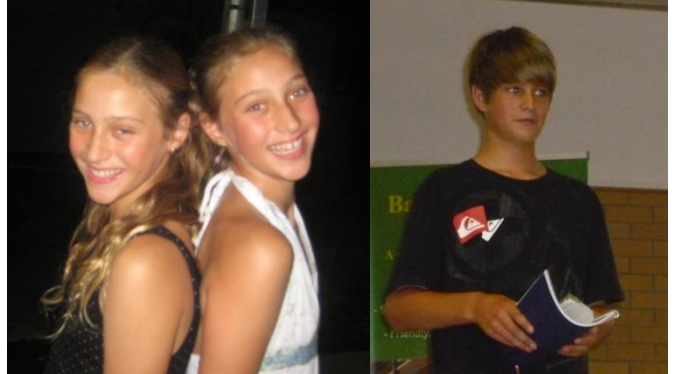
By Julian



Presentation Assembly



Year 6 Farewell



ENROL ON-LINE FOR THE CONSERVATORIUM MUSIC PROGRAM IN 2012

The Northern Rivers Conservatorium would like to say a big thank-you to the Bangalow Public School community. Congratulations to all the students on their excellent work throughout the year – our teachers speak very highly of you. Good luck to all the Year 6 students heading off to high school in 2012 – we hope that you continue to learn and play music. Gratitude and appreciation is extended to all the administrative and teaching staff at Bangalow Public School. Parents can enrol their children for the 2012 program online at

http://www.nrcac.edu.au/comm_studies/fees/online_enrol_comm_studies/online_enrol_comm_studies.html.

Brochures can be downloaded from our website's download section. Finally, we would like to wish the Bangalow School Community a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

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OOSHC NEWS

Bangalow Vacation Care

We are pleased to offer care during the School Holidays. The dates we are running vacation care are as follows:

8am – 6pm

Monday 19 December to Friday 23 December

Tuesday 3 January to Friday 6 January

Both the above weeks are subject to numbers. Bangalow Vacation Care will only open if there is a minimum of 10 kids booked in per day. If you require care for these two weeks, please ensure you book before Friday 9 December 2011 (end of Week 9), so we can assess the number of bookings and notify parents if we intend to open those two weeks.

Monday 9 January to Friday 27 January: We will be OPEN 8am to 6pm excluding weekends and public holidays. Please keep an eye out in the next couple of weeks for the program.

Please contact Sian at Bangalow OOSHC on 66871686 for more information and booking.

P and C NEWS

It's been a busy and fulfilling year for the P&C in 2011.

Our last Meeting was on Tuesday night, followed by a well deserved glass or two. I'd like to say a big thank you to my hardworking Executive team: Sue Franklin, Janice Maple and Karen Jordan, who have done such a great job all year.

We sadly farewell two fabulous families who have done so much voluntary work for the P&C this year: the Jordans and the Correias. Karen Jordan has kept us floating financially and Gareth did a great job to restoring our school sign. Ivo Correia stepped in to assist Janice as Secretary, was instrumental in bringing Ethics to the Northern Rivers schools and brought Robotics to our students. Thank you Ivo and Sandy for donating 4 Robotics kits to the school. We really appreciate it.

Thanks again Sue Cox and have a very well deserved break.

Of course, the P&C would be nothing without you, the parents of Bangalow Public. So many of you stretch yourselves to be active participants in improving the school for the benefits of all the students. For all of the time that you have volunteered, for all of the things you've produced, thank you.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas, a great New Year, and let's raise a glass to 6 weeks of sunshine!

See you in 2012.

Karen

UNIFORM SHOP

Cathie Mitchell will open the Uniform shop on **Friday 27 January 2012**, ahead of the students' return to school on Monday 30 January. The Uniform Shop will be open again on the Monday morning, as usual.

Please remember that if we run out of stock, if we can't change a \$100 note at 9:00am or if there is a queue winding out of the canteen doors, that the Uniform Shop is not a commercial enterprise with paid staff - it is run voluntarily by Cathie on behalf of the P&C. It is not just selling the clothes that's involved, there is sourcing and ordering, unpacking and sorting to be done.

Thanks Cathie for the time and effort you have put into running Uniform Shop in 2011.

COMMUNITY NEWS



SCHOOL HOLIDAY CIRCUS

Mon 19th Dec – Sat 24th Dec

Mon 2nd Jan – Sat 28th Jan

Mon- Sat 9.30am – 4.30pm

Full day \$70 Half day \$40 Add flying trapeze \$40

3 and 5 half day/ full day WEEKLY SPECIALS

Suitable for 5-15 years

CLOSED 25th Dec – 1st Jan

Term 1 classes from Mon 30th January 2012

www.circusarts.com.au

Byron Entertainment Centre

17 Centennial Circuit, Arts and Industry Park, Byron Bay

Ph 6685 6566 **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

COMMUNITY NEWS

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