

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to all our students for yet another impressive week of learning and positive attitude shown towards all aspects of schooling. It is wonderful to see so many students exhibiting behaviours which reflect our three school rules: RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and PERSONAL BEST. This week we have students representing the school at the PSSA Zone Cricket Trials and Far North Coast Swimming Carnival.

Remember our two main focus areas are: **RAISING THE BAR and CLOSING THE GAP**

- What's **best for the kids and their learning?**
- Working together as a strong, mutually supportive and empowered team to ensure our kids are offered the very best education possible.



As a whole school community it is important we are involved in processes that promote success and lifelong learning for ALL our students.

Parent Teacher Information Sessions

Thank you so much to all parents who were able to attend our two Parent Information Sessions yesterday afternoon. It was fantastic to see such a great turn-out as we explained our K-6 Homework, changes to our Spelling Program and Term 1/Term 2 class work and routines.

Homework folders shall be sent home on Monday of next week.

1. Complete homework Mon, Tues, Wed, Thur night (4 nights a week)
2. Return homework folder each day-parents will stamp the home reading and hand out certificates every 25 nights.
3. Hand in Homework folders each Friday so teachers can check homework and change home readers K-2.

I am more than happy to hold another explanation of Homework on Thursday of Week 9 if there is a need. If you were unable to attend yesterday's Parent Information Meeting and you would like to attend a Homework Information Session please choose a time and return the slip in the newsletter to your child's teacher. Thank you.

We also really need a parent each day to assist in our Literacy Sessions. Could you please refer to the Class timetables re Parent Assistance later in the Newsletter.

A Community School School Vision

"Big picture - one paragraph" - What do we as a school community want Bangalow PS to offer to all our students?

What does the 'perfect' 21st century Bangalow PS look like?

Once we have established a collaborative School Vision- everything we do in the school relates to that vision.

We as a staff are putting our heads together this week and next. Next week we will also ask the older students for their input and via the newsletter we will ask all parents to add to and make suggestions. So start thinking now. The P&C will also discuss this important school decision making aspect at the next meeting on March 13.

Situational Analysis

What is a Situational Analysis?

- Uses evidence to accurately describe and develop a deep understanding of our school's current situation – strengths/areas for improvement
- Assists the school to identify significant factors that influence our context
- Uses data as a basis for planning and decision making

How will parents be involved?

1. You can nominate yourself to be involved in the School Situational Analysis Team.
 - The team will be established later this term.
 - It will meet every 3-4 weeks in Term 2 and Term 3.
 - The Situational Analysis Team
1. Plans the process - how to involve all staff, students and parents
2. Collects data
3. Analyses data
4. Communicates findings, recommendations and strategies.
2. All parents will have the chance for input via surveys and parent forums that the team organise.

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- Become a member of the P & C - this is your monthly forum for input into decision making.

In next week's newsletter, I will be asking for parents who wish to nominate for the Situational Analysis Team.

The team consists of: School Principal, 2 x Assistant Principals, 3-5 School Staff, P & C President, 3-5 parents. - Approximately 14 members.

Kind Regards
Susie Boyle
Principal

★ AWARDS ★

Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week:

MERIT AWARDS

KD Roi C; Lucia C
KT Jayden D; Sol R
1H Mirai K; Lucia M
1J Isabel W; Michael K
1V Milan S-M; Aimee R
1/2M Finlay C; Stella H
2C Duncan M-B; Kate C
2/3S Eleebana K-R; Luke N
3A Jack B; Charlie A



Friday Assembly: 3A will be performing at our 2:30pm assembly this week. All families and friends are welcome to attend.

Mondays Uniform Shop 8:30 – 9:30am
Wednesdays Student Banking
Fridays Canteen & Assembly

29/02/12 Zone Swimming Carnival
13/03/12 P&C AGM – 7pm
28/03/12 School Photos
05/04/12 Last day of Term 1
06/04/12 Good Friday



Term 2
23/04/12 Staff Development Day (pupil free)
24/04/12 Term 2 commences for students
25/04/12 ANZAC Day public holiday
08-10/05/12 NAPLAN testing
22/05/12 ICAS Computer Skills comp.
06/06/12 ICAS Science comp.
11/06/12 Queen's Birthday public holiday
18/06/12 ICAS Writing comp.
19/06/12 ICAS Spelling comp.
29/06/12 Last day of Term 2

Far North Coast Cricket Trials

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified to represent the Brunswick Valley District PSSA at the Far North Coast Cricket Trials:

Lachlan S; Jack DGJ; Finley S; Sebastian G-P; Conor B

Far North Coast PSSA Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified to represent Brunswick Valley District for the Zone Swimming Carnival to be held at Murwillumbah Pool next Wednesday 29 February:

Jack C	Angus R	Tom B
Kasey B	Lily S	Daniel P
Tonaya B	Georgia S	Paris H
Lachlan S	Sam J-S	Jonah B
Freya P	Jed E	Charlie C
Tess B	Georgia W	

As this is a District Team the students will need to locate the Brunswick Valley District Shade Tent. The team manager is Tracey Barnes.



School Uniform

The wearing of school uniform promotes pride in the school. The maintenance of a uniform is far cheaper than furnishing miscellaneous items of clothing.



Uniforms are sold in the canteen area each Monday from 8:30 – 9:30am.

The Bangalow Public School uniforms are neat, attractive and functional, and a strong emphasis is placed on students wearing full school uniform. The same uniform is used for ordinary use and sports days. It consists of:

- ★ a printed yellow shirt with sleeve and collar or a plain yellow shirt
- ★ a bottle green sweat shirt and/or jacket
- ★ bottle green shorts for boys, bottle green skirt, shorts or culottes for girls
- ★ students may wear bottle green track suit pants in winter
- ★ suitable footwear (NO thongs or bare feet)
- ★ bottle green broad brimmed hat
- ★ bottle green and yellow checked dress

Food Allergies – Be Nut Aware

Can we please ask that all students refrain from bringing nut butter to school on their sandwiches etc (i.e peanut butter, macadamia butter).

We have a number of students who are highly allergic to nuts and whilst we can monitor nuts in the playground quite easily, the stickiness of nut butter presents contamination problems. (e.g. under fingernails, on seats and tables etc)

Thank you so much for your understanding in helping us to ensure all students are safe and happy at school.

FREE TV!

We have an LG TV with built in VCR, that is now surplus to our needs. This TV is free to a good home – first in, best dressed..

Permission to Publish

All students have been issued with a “Permission to Publish” note. If you have not already done so, please complete this form for each child and return it to the school at your earliest convenience. **If you DO NOT give permission for your child’s name or image to be used, please contact the school ASAP.** Please note, for your child’s protection, we use only first names and the initial letter of the surname in our newsletters and on our website.

Library Fund Contributions

Voluntary Contributions are requested of all families to assist us with the ongoing replenishment of our library resources. These will be paid into our Library Fund, and are tax deductible. Due to the economic climate, Voluntary Contributions for 2012 will remain at **\$35 for a single child, or \$70 per family**. Thank you for your support of our school library.



**Proudly supporting the school's
Munch & Crunch Program
with fresh fruit and vegetables.**

P and C NEWS

Mad Hatter's Tea Party at the Billy Cart Derby

The Mad Hatter's Tea Party sub-committee would really like some more help with the organisation of this fundraiser at the Bangalow Billy Cart Derby. Thank you to the three families who have already responded to our plea – you will be contacted shortly. The event is guaranteed to be loads of fun, and a great way to meet and socialise with other school families. If you want to get involved, please phone Lisa Peacock on 6687 1766 or email:

peacockltdfm@gmail.com

The more help we get, the more money we'll raise to benefit every child at our school.



Wine and Cheese Evening

Following on from the success of this fundraiser last year, the P&C is holding a Wine and Cheese Evening on Saturday 24th March at 6:30pm in the Hall. **Tickets are available at school for \$10 and must be pre-purchased. This is an adult only function – children will not be admitted.** Please see the attached flyer.

CANTEEN NEWS

The ROSTER for Weeks 5 & 6	
Friday 24 February	Nicola Davis Tracey Wild Mary Nelson Tanya Honey
Friday 2 March	Marin Simpson Alison Gill Chloe Rowland Prue Rudgley

HOW TO PLACE LUNCH ORDERS

Please print your child's name, class, order and amount clearly on a paper bag large enough to hold the order (bags available from the canteen for 10c each).

Orders are placed in canteen boxes in each classroom by 9.15am.

We cannot guarantee hot food to late orders.

The correct money is appreciated. Please note the canteen is not in a position to provide an "IOU" facility.



Wine and Cheese Evening

P and C Fund Raiser

All parents and their friends are invited to a wine tasting evening.

When - **Saturday 24th March**

6.30 pm

Where- **School Hall**

Why - To raise funds for our children's school, try some new wines and catch up with friends.

Cost - **\$10**

Wines available to order.

***** Lucky Door Prizes *****

**Tickets available at the school's front office. They must be pre-purchased. This is an adult only function.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Norths Baseball Club – Junior/Senior Sign On

Wednesday 29th February from 4:30pm

Albert Park, Lismore

Contact Kaye 0416 220 017

Headlanders Bodyboard Club

Headlanders is a locally run bodyboard club which draws its members from all over the North Coast, from as far afield as Kingscliff down to Yamba. The club aims to promote Bodyboarding on the North Coast by providing a venue for fun and friendly competition. This club level competition can then be an entry point to the State and Australian titles. The club has a comp meet once a month on a Sunday morning, comps are usually over by 1pm at the latest. We cater for ages 11 up to opens and all abilities are welcome, if you're worried that you're not good enough it's a great way to improve. Prizes are awarded each comp, not to the winners every time but also to individuals for personal achievements. The club is always looking for more members so if you like bodyboarding and want to hang with a great crew with the same passion, Headlanders is the club for you. You can get more info by giving Kaye a call on 66807100 or check out www.headlanders.com.

ADVERTISING SPACE

Opportunities exist to advertise in our newsletter (certain criteria must be met and conditions apply). Newsletters are distributed in full colour hard copy, via email, and on our website. Please contact the school office on 6687 1434 or email us at bangalow-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au. While we exercise due care, Bangalow Public School does not endorse or guarantee any goods or services advertised.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The 'RUMBLE IN THE JUMBLE' Mega Garage Sale (A Bangalow Community Children's Centre Fundraising Event)

Seeking Stall Holders!!!!

Do you have quality wares you wish to sell? Or are you in the market for fabulous pre loved treasures?

If you are then read on! The Bangalow Community Children's Centre will host a mega garage sale on its grounds on Saturday March 24th from 8am – 11am.

You can expect to find books, children's clothes, children's toys, cds and other terrific, used wares – bargains galore! And if you choose to either sell or buy you'll be helping our beloved not-for-profit community centre meet its annual fundraising target. If you're interesting in participating, your stall space will be free but as part of our annual fundraising activities we ask that each stall holder make a commitment to give BCCC a donation (minimum 10% of money raised (from each individual stall) to assist with our yearly fundraising.

In return we'll provide the venue and we'll spread the word via the BCCC community and beyond. If you're keen to book a stall in our 'Rumble In The Jumble' Mega Garage sale please register your interest ASAP as stall space will be strictly limited and offered on a first in, first served basis. More specific details will be available upon registration.

The 'RUMBLE IN THE JUMBLE' Mega Garage Sale (A BCCC Fundraising Event)

When: Sat March 24th
Where: BCCC carpark and grounds
Time: 8.00am – 11.00am

Minimum of 10% of each stall's proceeds go back to Bangalow Community Children's Centre

To register your interest please email ASAP:

viv@fantincomesalive.com.au

Space will be strictly limited so it's first in best dressed!

www.bangalowchildrenscentre.com.au



Homework Information Session Thursday March 22

I would be interested in attending a Homework Explanation Session with Susie Boyle on Thursday March 22.

Preferred time: 3.30- 4.30pm
6.30- 7.30pm

(Please tick)

Child/ren _____

Class/es _____

My name _____

Signature _____