Byron Bay High School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and caregivers,

Year 10 student Amber Chegwyn has been accepted into the Pre College course at New York University.

Amber will travel to New York in July to study Psychology and Economics for six weeks. Amber will be staying on campus with other summer school participants from around the world. Congratulations Amber on this outstanding achievement. Safe travels!

International Students

Byron Bay High School has hosted more than 15 International students already in 2016. However we desperately need more host families in the Byron Bay area. This area can be anywhere from Ballina to Ocean Shores and inland.

The demand for European students who want to come to Byron Bay High School far outweighs the homestay places we have available. My family and I have chosen to host two International students and I can thoroughly recommend the experience. Families are compensated \$260 per week to host a student.

Currently we are looking for an urgent placement for a German student Antonia Mohr from Germany who will arrive in July 2016 for a six month stay.

For further information you can contact me directly peter.p.king@det.nsw.edu.au or the following two Homestay companies with agreements with DEC International to operate on the North Coast.

Oz Homestay PO Box 3059, Rhodes, NSW 2138 Ph: 02 8765 9063 / 9702 5565 Fax: 02 8765 9049 Website: www.ozhomestay.com.au Email: lizwalmsley@ozhomestay.com.au Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/OzHomestay1

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Student Assistance

If any parent or caregiver is experiencing financial hardship while purchasing school uniform, paying school fees or buying school lunches they can fill out the attached form for student assistance and email directly to me at peter.p.king@det.nsw.edu.au. All requests are strictly confidential.

Mr Peter King, Principal



Term 2 - Week 9

What's Coming Up!

WEEK 10

27 June - 1 July HSC Trial Exams

27 June (Day 1) Year 7 Minyon Falls Rainforest Walk

28 June (Day 2)

29 June (Day 3) Year 11 Preliminary Biology Fieldwork

30 June (Day 4) PASS Excursion Year 8 Smart Start C'wealth Bank

1 July (Day 5) Lighthouse Student Cinema Excursion Last day of term for all students

WEEK 1 - TERM 3

18 July Staff Development Day

19 July (repeat Day 5) First day of term for all students Australian Rules QCUP Quarter final

20 July (Day 6)

21 July (Day 7)

22 July (Day 1) NSW All Schools Cross Country

Payments Now Due

All Years - School photos All Years - FNC Swimming - \$20 Year 7 Camp - \$240 Year 7 Crazy Science - \$5 Year 8 Camp - \$290 Year 10 PASS - \$30 Years 7 - 10 Aquatics - \$30 Years 7 - 10 School sports



Member of the Lighthouse Valley

The Future is Ours

Byron Bay High School stand proudly on the traditional land of the Arakwal people of the Bundjalung Nation

Year 7 Showcase

On Wednesday evening the school hall was packed to the rafters in a showcase celebrating the talents of our year 7 students. The foyer was filled with magnificent artworks exploring a wide range of mediums. The standard of art on display was of what might be expected from older elective art students. Great thanks must go to the wonderful teachers, Margo Simpson and Karen Preston, who installed the art works and developed them with their classes this semester.

On stage were extraordinary solo and ensemble music and dance performances as well as a fire twirler to open the show and a student film. Of particular note was the large number of dance items as a direct result of the work of our wonderful Dance teacher, Anouska Gammon. A special mention also must go to our band director, Dan Reade who has built a school band over the last semester.

This showcase would never go ahead without the passion and dedication of Sarah McGregor, who has sustained this event over the last three years. Special mention to the wonderful year advisor, Michelle Lowe for her ongoing support. The sense of school pride and year cohesion was evident throughout the performances where students cheered on their peers. The finale massed choir with the entire year group presenting tributes to David Bowie and Prince were an awesome display of group celebration and performance.

Mr Paul Todd, Head Teacher of CAPA





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New Byron Bay High School Band win GOLD MEDAL @ Murwillumbah Performing Arts Festival

At the start of this year, it was decided that it was about time Byron Bay High School had a school band again, having been without one for many years now. A call was put out to year 7 and 8 for any interested musicians of any ability and instrument. A good number of students came forward with a diverse range of instruments including drums, electric guitars, bass, woodwind and vocals. They then started work with music teacher and band leader Dan Reade to develop some suitable material. Two songs were developed; Deep Purple's 'Smoke on the Water' as an instrumental and a vocal piece; Adele's 'Rolling in the Deep'.

Last Wednesday evening, they performed for the first time at the hugely well attended and successful year 7 showcase concert and the following night at Murwillumbah Festival of Performing Arts, where they won a gold medal in the Under 14's Rock/pop ensembles catagory. Music teacher Dan Reade said " This was a great result for the band. the kids did really well to perform so well on both occasions and deserve our appreciation and praise, as do their parents for encouraging their kids and driving them around. All their hard work and dedication, including lunch time practices has paid off. The school is super excited to have a band again and we hope now that this may attract some more musicians to grow the band even further. We will start work on some new pieces next term and look forward to performing again soon. Its exciting times for music!"

The School Band is Vinnie Sebastion (drums) Jetson Gordon (bass), Finn Crethar (piano), Judah Oliver (keyboard), Maayan Barnatan (guitar), Audrey Lohr, Ella Whan, Leo Butler, Grace Amos (clarinets), Finlay Winfield (sax), Rhiannon Murphy (flute), Holley Somerville, Lola Milman, Avalon Gonzalez (vocals).

Mr Daniel Reade, Music Teacher



Byron Bay High School P&C Association

The parents and citizens association meet on the third Tuesday of every school term month from 7 to 8.30 pm in the school library. All parents and care givers are welcome to attend. The meetings provide an informal opportunity to engage the school principals, teachers and other parents/caregivers and discuss important issues for the school and its students. Any enquires please email bbhspandc@gmail.com.

Term 2 - Week 10 Canteen Roster Reminder for canteen helpers:

Monday 27 June Tuesday 28 June Wednesday 29 June Thursday 30 June Friday 1 July Catherine Dietrich Perina No help required No help required No help required

Phone 6685 5381 or email byronbay-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au if you would like to volunteer.

Uniform Shop Roster - 8.30 to 9.30 Wednesdays

29 June Melissa Tysoe 20 July Sue Davenport 27 July Claire Smith 3 August Sue Davenport 10 August Claire Smith 17 August Sue Davenport 24 August Claire Smith 31 August Sue Davenport 7 September Claire Smith 14 September Sue Davenport 21 September Claire Smith

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The Italo Club

Cari studenti e genitori

Italian language and conversation classes will continue throughout Semester 2 at lunch time on Day 1 and Day 5 of every cycle, in room 11. Classes are free to all students as they are held during school hours. These classes are designed to prepare students for the Year 10 Italian excursion, correspondent studies in Stage 5 and 6 and all those students wanting to explore Italian language and Italian heritage. We have a regular core group who have been learning basic language of introduction, home life and personal information.



Grazie Mille, Signora Smotlak

Year 9 Wave action on Global Warming

Earlier in the year 9 students participated in a worldwide activity to highlight the need for action on climate change. Students discussed the issue of climate change and presented with a range of actions they could undertake to help reach the 1.5 °C target of the UNFCCC Paris Climate Change Agreement. The students were then asked to commit to an action and create a postcard which was made into a poster and sent to Geneva and combined with postcards from coastal schools around the world.

These posters were finally laid out to create a powerful message and attempt to break two world records:

- 1. Most contributions to a greeting card In Geneva, Switzerland, at United Nations, on 17 June 2016, At the moment the world record stands at 13288 contributions.
- World's largest greeting card mosaic at COP22 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Marrakesh, Morocco, in November 2016. The current world record stands at 398.5 m2. To beat this record, 19200 cards will be needed.

Pictured are the students from year 9 handing over their poster to the electric car to be taken to Geneva and the final culmination of students efforts from around the world.

Congratulation to all students from Mr Lyons Class who were involved and here's to local action on Global issues.

Mr Kris Lyons, HSIE Teacher - 9C





Agriculture Tractor Driving

Term 2 week 8 Year 10/11/12 Agriculture students completed a Tractor Driving safety and skills program at the Agriculture section. They were very competent had an enjoyable time!

Mrs Jennifer Woodward, Agriculture Teacher



The Northern Rivers Science and Engineering Challenge

The Northern Rivers Science and Engineering Challenge @SCU was a great success. The students thoroughly enjoyed a range of activities with which they were presented. These included ElectraCity, Helter Skelter Shelter, StringWays, Grasping at Straws, Catapults, Mission to Mars, Hover Frenzy and Bridge Building. These were all practical based, hands-on activities and the students quickly learnt how beneficial and rewarding working as a team can be. We were competing against students from as far north as Wollumbin and as far west as Casino. The teachers were suitably impressed by the new, world class Science and Engineering facilities at SCU.

Mrs Ebony Yeadon and Ms Ali Hounslow, Science Teachers





New Library Resources

Fiction: Echo Out of darkness Game theory Jessica's ghost Gorilla Dawn Red butterfly You know me well Deep blue Rogue wave Mutant city Me and Earl and the dying girl

Non-Fiction:

Imperial Roman warships 27 BC-197 AD The bauhinia tree: Kankawa Nagarra Olive Knight Walking towards ourselves: Indian women tell their stories May Gibbs: more than a fairytale: an artistic life 50 races to run before you die

Wednesday Afternoon Skating

Wednesday afternoon sport time is one of the highlights of the week for these skaters! Byron Bay High Students taking on the ramps.

Mrs Kelley Caoyonan, Sports Organiser





School Athletics Carnival 2016





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