

Byron Bay High School

Newsletter

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Newsletter Edition 2

Term 4

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to announce that I have been offered and have accepted the position of Principal at Byron Bay High School. I am very excited and proud of this opportunity to lead our school.

I look forward to continuing my work with our students, parents, carers and community.

Our collective school vision for our School Plan 2018 - 2020: *"Byron Bay High School delivers a collaborative learning environment where students achieve excellence through our connection with community and land, creating holistic leaders of the future."*

Ms Janine Marcus, Principal



Farewell Year 12 2017

Wednesday night the school held the Year 12 Formal for the class of 2017. Students looked amazing in their outfits and it was beautiful to witness this milestone moment as they finish secondary education and launch into the next exciting phases of their lives.

Family, friends and staff enjoyed this social occasion filled with great food, a celebratory atmosphere and terrific speeches giving thanks to the School, their families and one another for all the assistance and support.

We are looking forward to seeing their HSC results in the coming weeks, and remind students to call the school with ATAR and University offer results when they come.

A glimpse of photos are in this newsletter but please find more on our Facebook page soon.

Mr Mark Smith, Deputy Principal

What's Coming Up!

TERM 4 - WEEK 7

20 November (Day 2)

RRISK - Save a Mate session
Open Cricket v's Kingscliff High
Links to Learning Excursion Year 10

21 November (Day 3)

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22 November (Day 4)

Sporting Excellence end of year w Banora High School
Performance Assembly

23 November (Day 5)

24 November (Day 6)

TERM 4 - WEEK 8

27 November (Day 7)

Year 10 Commerce Comparison
Shopping/Budgeting excursion
Bairnsdale School Band Visit - Workshop and Concert

28 November (Day 1)

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29 November (Day 2)

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30 November (Day 3)

Year 7 EXPO Unlocking the past incursion

1 December (Day 4)

White Card Training
Year 11 Ancient History & Year 9 and 10
Queensland Museum Brisbane

Payments Due:

Year 7-10 - Overdue Term Sports Fees
All Year - Overdue School Fees
Year 10 Commerce excursion - \$15
White Card training - \$60
Year 11 Ancient History, Year 9 and 10
- Qld Museum Brisbane - \$40



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





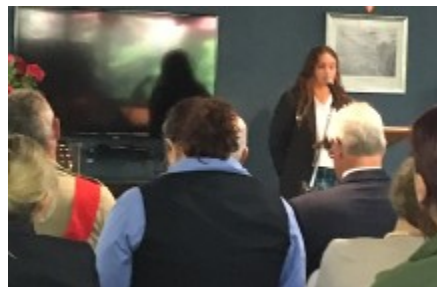
Early University Offers for Byron Bay High School Students

Sixteen Byron Bay High School students can rest a little easier this summer as they have received early offers from Southern Cross University, University of New England, Australian National University and a conditional offer from Sydney University. These students worked consistently towards their goals and were rewarded accordingly well before HSC results are released. Courses that they received offers to include Political Science, teaching, nursing, tourism and hospitality management, business, law, arts, social welfare and preparation for success. Congratulations!

SRC Students in the Community

School student leaders and SRC members were invited to contribute to community Remembrance Day celebrations on Friday 10 November. Byron Bay High School students addressed the community at the Patrick Bugden VC Gardens, on the contribution and memories of Australian soldiers in Beersheba, Palestine 100 years ago. The students involved should be congratulated for both their public speaking skills and the manner in which they conducted themselves when representing our school. The students received positive feedback from everyone in attendance.

Mr Drew Minton, SRC Coordinator



Exciting News from the CAPAL Department

Next Wednesday 22 November, we are holding a Cultural Fusion Day at Byron High! We have some exciting interactive cultural experiences lined up for our Indonesian, Japanese and Music students. First up is Mr Topeng, a hilarious, colourful and exciting traditional Balinese Mask Dance Performance and Workshop. Followed by an interactive Japanese Taiko Drumming Workshop where students will learn the rhythm of the traditional Bon Odori.

Ms Tracie Lee, CAPA Teacher



Christmas Market Stall @ School

Tuesday 21 November, Thursday 30 November and Monday 4 December

Please support our up and coming Christmas Market Stall. All profits from the stall will go towards a Language and Cultural Fund which will assist us to pay for exciting interactive learning performances and workshops. These performances are intended to supplement and enrich student learning in a very authentic way.

Gorgeous handmade gifts from Indonesia will be available to purchase at very affordable prices, ranging from \$3 to \$25.

Gifts include colourful sarongs, jewellery, silk scarves and shawls, prayer flags and dream catchers. Don't miss out!



Year 9 Geography Excursion to Brunswick Heads

Year 9 Geography students enjoyed exceptional weather and outstanding water views as they visited mangroves at Brunswick Heads on Wednesday 15 November. Students completed a field research booklet related to their topic Sustainable Biomes whilst learning a range of Geography skills and instruments. Big thanks to Byron Bay High School staff, Dorrroughby Environment Centre and John Larsson from Ozfish for sharing their expertise on the day. Congratulations to all students for their participation and behaviour throughout the day.

Mr Matcham Caine, HSIE Teacher



Year 8 Science

Year 8 Science classes undertake the Science Research Project Bean Trial at the Agriculture section learning valuable skills. Pictured below is Head Teacher, Stephen Hawkins with class 8L Science, learning skills of experimental design in plant trials. Ella Dunn discovered her Year 7 Container Planting Project of 2016, continuing to grow a great succulent garden in a bird cage in the Ag polydome!

Many of the Year 7 Agriculture students of 2016 are now looking forward to the Year 9 Agriculture elective course of 2018! It is very exciting to be able to give the students further knowledge and first-hand experiences with sustainable plant and animal management practices on our school farm.

Ms Jennifer Woodward, Agriculture Teacher





On Tuesday 14 November, our School Vice Captains, Ethan and Georgia, and Captains, Xander and I, travelled to Brisbane with Mr Minton to attend National Young Leaders Day. The day is intended to inspire future leaders of our generation, with talks made by leaders within our community. We began by hearing from John Coutis, who shared an amazing story about how he has overcome extreme adversity within his life. John was born with a severe disability which rendered his legs useless and faced relentless bullying throughout his childhood. Despite this he overcame all obstacles to become an international speaker and inspiring advocate for achieving success, whatever kind of success that may be. John left us with the important message to write down your goals. John said this was the key in his ability to overcome whatever challenges he faced in life. He said to have goals that focused on determination, strength and purpose. We all agreed that John was a truly inspiring speaker and felt very moved by his story.

The second speaker was an amazing young leader named Prudence Melom. Prudence began by telling us her story. She was born in a small African village in Chad and grew up with her siblings, mother and father. When she was four Prudence's father was taken away from their family. Prudence, her mother and her siblings had to flee, but without vehicle transportation they had no choice but to walk. Finally they were accepted as refugees and then lived in a refugee camp for seven years. During this time they were reunited with Prudence's father, a very happy moment for her. After seven years in a refugee camp Prudence and her family were relocated to Australia. Prudence's story was one of strength in a time of extreme hardship and she now uses her story to promote harmony and respect throughout Australia. Since then Prudence has founded the e-Raced project, a project that aims to eliminate racism in Australia, through the telling of refugee and immigrant stories. Prudence's drive and determination was very inspiring to all of us as leaders and Prudence leads by example for what an ideal leader can achieve.

The final speaker that we heard from was Rugby League legend, Gordon Tallis. As a person who has pushed himself to mental and physical limits he had many valuable lessons to share with us. He stressed the importance of loyalty and staying true to your own values. Gordon's perseverance and resilience was inspirational to all of us as young leaders.

All in all the day was a great success, we took away many valuable lessons that we shall carry through our leadership role at Byron Bay High and then into later life.

Domenica Wenban, School Captain



Year 10 Food Technology

Year 10 Food Technology students have been studying the units 'Food Trends' and 'Food for Special Occasions.' Students have been very busy researching, designing, baking and decorating children's birthday cakes for their food styling assessment. They have learnt some valuable skills, such as making and moulding fondant, that they can utilise for the rest of their lives.

We love seeing the individual creative designs that have emerged from their minds. Well done Year 10 Food Technology! You should be very proud of your work.

Ms J Gray and Ms R Campbell



Ruby's sporty Nike cake



Angus and Takota's Mike Wazowski cake from Monsters Ink



Alicia and Edwin's smashed ice cream cake



Oscar and Courtney's swimming pool cake



Zoe and Amy's rainbow and butterflies cake



Saxon and Dylan's Cookie Monster cake

Selfless Selfies

Our enthusiastic and talented art students have been working with Caitlin Reilly. Caitlin is an Australian born multi-disciplinary artist living in Byron Bay, and has exhibited widely throughout China and Australia. Caitlin's arts practice involves working in a broad range of media creating layering and textural history. Our students have been working with Caitlin using a variety of media and materials. They have been learning about how objects can tell their own story and how we as artists can appreciate and add to these stories. The students have visited Caitlin's current exhibition at the Lone Goat Gallery, which they thoroughly enjoyed, especially being guided around by the artist herself! The program will continue until the end of the term. We are looking forward to an excursion to a paper making studio next week, and collating work into a final collaborative piece for display at school.

Ms Jess Eke, Wellbeing Teacher



New Library Resources Term 4 Week 6

Fiction

Clan of the wolves
The Dollmaker of Krakow
Gap Year in Ghost Town
The Goldfish Boy
Illegal
In the Dark Spaces
Off Reservation
Saving Marty
Show Stopper
Thornhill
Unbound: a novel in verse
The War I Finally Won

Older Readers

My Side of the Diamond
Untidy Towns

Picture Book

Tintinnabula



Japan Study Tour - thank you from the Parents

The parents of all students who went on the Japan Study Tour last month would like to offer up a massive, heartfelt thank you to Peter King and Kristina Ballard for taking such excellent care of the students over the 20 days. For some of the students this was the first time overseas or the first time they had been away from their family for that long, or both!

No matter how seasoned the traveller, the Japan Tour was amazing and exciting for all and will remain one of the most memorable experiences of their lives. We are glad they had such wonderful people as Kristina and Peter by their side! We very much appreciated the constant updates and beautiful photos on Facebook provided throughout the trip; it was great to know they were having such a fabulous time, and we always felt they were in very good hands.

Arigatōgozaimashita!

From: The parents of Students of the Japanese Trip



Japan Festival Byron Bay

**Sun 26th NOV 2017
9am-4pm**

Find us on
Facebook



**FREE
ENTRY**

Byron Bay Surf Club & Peace Pole Park - MAIN BEACH



Live Japanese Music
Taiko Drumming
Traditional Game Stalls
Bon Odori Dance
Japanese Food Stalls
Kimono Dress-up Photo Booth
Zen Experience
Traditional Kyoto Dance

