Dear Parents and Caregivers,

“We all have the right to aim for excellence and to attain excellence in multiple ways.” - Professor John Hattie

This last week’s Reconciliation and Lighthouse Assemblies were brilliant examples of our students displaying their sense of self, passions and work towards Excellence. I would like to congratulate all students involved in these assemblies. They are leaders of our school community whose attitudes display Excellence every day.

This newsletter abounds with examples of our students stepping up and getting involved in the many opportunities available to them at our school. If students are to reach their potential inside and outside of the classroom environment they need to engage with the many opportunities that ask of them to follow their interests, take a risk, and learn from different people and sources.

I have been conducting lesson observations of all teachers across the school. In every classroom I have observed passionate teachers using different teaching strategies to engage our students. In this last week, Year 10 were introduced to the ideas of trade through collaborative group work in Big History, Year 11 engaged in an in-depth ICT Ancient History lesson on Troy, Year 8 used dry ice in Science experiments that created colourful and bubbly magic and Year 7 students in Maths put their theories into practice creating tessellations.

Year 12 received their Semester 1 Reports this week. Congratulations to all Year 12 on your Semester 1 results. I would like to highlight the achievements of Beau Chaseling, who is 12 years old and chronologically in Year 7. Beau will complete the HSC subjects of Physics and Chemistry this year. Beau is an extraordinary example of a student working towards their potential.

Ms Janine Marcus, Principal
Cancer Council Fundraiser

Recently Byron Bay High School students banded together to help raise funds for a cause that holds a heavy weight in many peoples’ hearts. Students and staff dressed in yellow to raise money for the Cancer Council to help families in our local community affected by cancer. This day was organised and run by the SRC, and it was a huge success! All years were fantastic at getting behind the cause, but our Year 7 cohort certainly won the best dressed competition. Between the gold coin donations for mufti, the cake stall at recess and the sausage sizzle at lunch, we raised a total of $1,885. 100% of these proceeds from the day have been donated to the Cancer Council, and will go towards the development of cancer research, prevention, and support programs for those affected by cancer. The SRC want to thank everyone for their support in what was a very successful day. Some SRC students’ comments on the day:

“It was a lot of fun being on the team that put the fundraiser together and it was a huge success. I was really happy to see that practically everyone got involved and showed support in some way. I think everyone had a really good time and it’s always awesome to see the entire school getting behind a good cause.” - Holley Somerville, Year 9

“I was shocked to discover the alarming statistics that one in two men and one in three women will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. It was great to hear about the role the Cancer Council play in our local community and it felt good to be part of such a worthy cause.” - Shania Mull-Mathers, Year 11

“$1,885 is much more than we could have ever anticipated. We were absolutely thrilled with this final figure and it has only encouraged us to further continue to be proactive and contribute to positive change in our community.” - Georgia Willey, Year 12

Ms Kellie Quigly - HSIE Teacher and SRC Coordinator

The beautiful rainbow that shone joy over the playground at Byron Bay High School on Monday
Secondary Schools Student Leadership Program

On Wednesday 6 June, two of our Year 12 student leaders, Captain Xander Mains and Vice Captain Georgia Willey, joined other students from NSW schools to attend a Leadership Day conducted at the NSW Parliament House in Sydney. Students learnt about the parliamentary system and met with Members of Parliament. They also visited the public galleries of the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council Chambers. During lunch, two of our local members – Tamara Smith of the Greens Party and Ben Franklin of The Nationals and Parliamentary Secretary for Renewable Energy – came and spoke to students from their electorate. Both Tamara and Ben were very approachable and encouraged students to ask questions and express their concerns about issues in our local area. After lunch, students participated in a guided tour of Government House and met the Governor, David Hurley. Overall, it was a fantastic day and provided an opportunity for two of our Year 12 student leaders to develop their knowledge of our system of government and parliamentary proceedings, and the role of the Governor.

Ms Kellie Quigley - HSIE Teacher and SRC Coordinator

Talented Students Awarded Public Education Scholarships

Last week over 230 students from across NSW received Public Education Scholarships at Sydney’s Town Hall. Byron Bay High School was fortunate enough to have two of our extremely talented and deserving students receive Public Education Scholarships. Oscar McMahon in Year 11 and Kiahn Ladkin in Year 9 were both lucky recipients and were flown down for the awards ceremony. They were also chosen with a select few to attend a dinner with the Lord Mayor Clover Moore. Both students have been recognised for their contribution to their studies, school community and the wider community.

Ms Michelle Lowe, HSIE Teacher
Year 7 Broken Head
HSIE Excursion

On Wednesday 16 May, Year 7 students took part in an excursion to Broken Head Nature Reserve to develop their fieldwork skills as Geographers and consolidate their learning about *Landscapes and Landforms*.

Firstly the students met with Delta Kay and Lee from the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Services. They each delivered engaging presentations about the regions parks and some of the wildlife within Broken Head Nature Reserve. Lee also informed the students of the geological history and the unique caldera that surrounds the region. Delta offered plenty of opportunity for the students to discover the unique aspects of the local vegetation and their importance to the traditional landowners. Urging the students to act responsibly and find out about the area so that its significance is not lost was a key message.

Following Delta’s presentation students discovered some of the Aboriginal history of the area walking through the reserve where they learned the dream-time story of The Three Sisters.

Students completed a variety of activities during their walk. At the lookout students drew some brilliant field sketches of the view south, towards Lennox Head.

Year Advisor, Mr Oxley provided an excellent lunch at the BBQ's and commented on the well-mannered Year 7 students who left the area clean and tidy.

Once again, it was a fantastic day enjoyed by both students and staff. The HSIE staff would like to thank all involved and acknowledge how well the Year 7 students conducted themselves throughout the day, well done!

*Mr Stuart Galletly, HSIE Head Teacher*
Drama Production *War Crimes by Angela Betzien*

“What do you do when your country is at war, your town is at war, your friends are at war, and there’s a war in your head? You run.

Set in a forgotten coastal town, “War Crimes” tells the gripping story of five teenage girls who have fallen through the gaping cracks of society, fighting to earn their respect and leave their mark by whatever means possible; lest we forget” – [https://realtvproject.com](https://realtvproject.com)

Tickets for Year 11 Drama’s gripping production of War Crimes by Australian Playwright Angela Betzien are selling fast, so make sure you secure yours. We are expecting a full house each night and seats are limited. The production will showcase during Week 9 – Tuesday 26, Thursday 28 and Friday 29 June at 7.00 pm in the PAC. Tickets are $10 Adult, $5 Concession and $25 Family of four.

War Crimes gives a voice to five tough, poor teenage girls from Cummergunja, a forgotten coastal town with limited opportunities. They each fight their own personal battles, railing against authority and each other within a culture of masculinity and racism. We witness their individual struggles to develop a sense of identity and gain self-empowerment, in a community where tensions are high and powerlessness breeds hatred for “the other”.

The students have met the demands of the production process with maturity, focus, openness and dedication, rehearsing after school, during holiday periods and on Saturday’s. They have taken on technical, design, direction and acting roles with great skill and enthusiasm - some even learned their lines in Arabic! The play has been largely directed and designed by students themselves, and their creative efforts and talent are sure to impress.

Betzien claims that the play was influenced by “a spate of attacks on war memorials in towns and cities across Australia” and “several other real Australian events, with the intention of stirring up some big questions about our national history, identity and future…and what is sacred to us as a nation”.

The play will have audience thinking deeply about questions such as “Who calls Australia home?” and “What is worth fighting for?”

CONTENT WARNING: “War Crimes” is approved for senior study in NSW secondary schools, yet we wish to advise that the themes of sexual assault, racism and teenage drinking, along with sexual references and coarse language, make it unsuitable for some viewers. Mature audience 15+ is recommended. Parental discretion is recommended for younger high school students. The play is not suitable for primary school students.

The cast and crew of “War Crimes” would like to acknowledge and thank the Arakwal people of the Bundjalung nation, the traditional custodians of this beautiful land upon which we are honoured to bring you our performance.

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*Ms Simone Museth – Drama Teacher and Photos by Marie Rosenberger Year 11 Drama*
The Future Is Ours
Bangarra Dance Troupe

Earlier this term five students attended a workshop with the prestigious Bangarra Dance Troupe via the Rekindling Programme. This workshop enabled students to engage with their Indigenous culture through story, music and dance. Two of the Year 9 students were fortunate enough to be chosen to participate in the 2018 NSW Public Schools Aboriginal Dance Company. Kiahn Ladkin and Hunter Mains were identified as students with exceptional talent and potential. Zanthe Evans, also in Year 9, was placed on a reserve list and was commended for her performance.

Ms Michelle Lowe, HSIE Teacher

Seven Sessions

Once again, Day Seven music performance sessions have been a great success, showing a selection of music students in the glorious sunshine outside of the CAPA block. Recently we had performances from Year 7 and 8 in a newly formed band, Year 11 students playing a cool number together with surprise staff appearance from Ms McGregor on vocals. Hayden Keevers wowed everyone with his silky smooth voice, backed by Yazew on keys. Avalon Gonzalez-Woods enchanted everyone with a wonderful version of ‘Dream a Little Dream’ backed by Mr Reade on keys. Students or staff hoping to perform should register their interest with music staff.

Mr Daniel Reade, Music Teacher

Mullum Unearthed

A group of students from Byron Bay High School, Mullumbimby High School and Shearwater High School have been working really hard for the last six months to organise the upcoming Mullumbimby Unearthed event to be held at Mullumbimby High School on Friday 15 June from 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

There will be bands from all three schools competing for huge prizes. Tickets are already on sale from Santos, Byron Music and Valiant Music in Brunswick for $5 or $15 for a family ticket. Tickets will also be on sale at school during lunch next week.

Tickets will be $10 at the door and all ages are welcome to attend. This is a drug and alcohol free event and food will be available for purchase on the night.

Mr Daniel Reade, Music Teacher

A couple of photos from the Reconciliation Day Assembly on Tuesday. Here is a link to a video on our Facebook page- https://www.facebook.com/129026183905897/videos/1154532418021930/
2018 Year 7 Showcase

Year 7 Families, Parents and Caregivers are warmly invited to the 2018 Year 7 Showcase, which will be held on Wednesday 20 June in the John Collins Auditorium at 6.00 pm. The evening will feature the first public performance of the Year 7 Massed Choir, solo performances, small musical ensembles, dance acts and a display of Year 7 sculptural work. Please ensure your child arrives at school no later than 5.00 pm and is wearing full school uniform. A BBQ and light refreshments will be available for purchase from 5.00 pm.

We look forward to seeing you on the night!

Ms Sarah McGregor, English Teacher

Stolen Drama Performance

On Monday 18 June Years 10-12 students have the opportunity to attend a dramatic performance at the Byron Bay Community Centre. This excursion is a direct result of our consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and their parents. Excursions like this promote and explore Indigenous culture and experiences in Australia. It is through simple acts like this that reconciliation and a true understanding of each other is developed and fostered.

Please see the English staffroom for a permission note to attend the excursion, learn more about our complex history and help shape a positive future for ALL people of this great nation. The cost is $30 dollars (ticket and bus), the rewards are priceless.

Stolen tells of five young Aboriginal children forcibly removed from their parents, brought up in a repressive children’s home and trained for domestic service and other menial jobs. Segregated from society from their earliest years, not all of them successfully manage their lives when released into the outside world.

The pain, poignancy and sheer desperation of their lives is seen through the children’s own eyes as they struggle to make sense of a world where they have been told to forget their families, their homes and their language. This tender and moving story, awash with childlike humour, brings the tragic history of the Stolen Generations to the Australian stage.

Mr Eli Pietens, English Teacher

Premier’s Plain Speaking Competition

On Friday 18 May, Georgia Conechado (Year 12) travelled to Coffs Harbour with Ms Smotlak to participate in the North Coast division of the Premier’s Public Speaking Competition. Georgia wrote and delivered an eight minute speech about the importance of Science for the Earth’s future. It was persuasively performed and revealed Georgia’s dedication and knowledge of renewable energies and global politics. Georgia was then required to prepare and deliver an impromptu speech in response to: ‘A Perfect Storm’. Georgia spoke intelligently and seriously for each component. While she did not win the zone heat, Georgia remains one of the eight strongest public speakers spanning from the Far North Coast, South to Taree and West to Kyogle. Public speaking programmes develop a student’s confidence and ability, providing invaluable skills for legal and political careers.

Ms Melinda Smotlak - English Teacher
Science News

Year 7 Science – More amazing 3D Cell Model award recipients

Year 8 - Students are investigating and comparing the density of regular vs. irregular solids

Year 12 – Using Liquid Nitrogen to observe super conductivity

Year 12 Chemistry – Constructing common chemical molecules using modelling kits

Ms Kelly Todoroska - Science Teacher
Sport News

Athletics Carnival Wrap up

It was perfect weather for our carnival last Wednesday, and great to see so many of our students participating, from our junior Year 7’s battling it out amongst each other, to our most senior athletes who can still clock some pretty impressive times.

Some very impressive styles in our 800m novelty walk this year, most students realising just how hard that event is half way through the first lap!

Students who have qualified for zone will receive notes early next week.

The winning house was Wategoes … they got over the line with participation points! Well done Wategoes!

Well done to everyone on a great day. See all the great photos on the following pages.

Congratulations to the following Athletics Age Champions for 2018

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Far North Coast Cross Country

This year we combined our High Schools with the primary school carnival to provide our runners with some fresh new challenging courses. Students travelled to the splendour site to take on some of the hills and rough trails to fight it out for a place at North Coast Championships.

Byron Bay for the 8th year are the Champion FNC school overall, showing the depth of talent that keeps coming ... amazing.

Congratulations to our Cross Country Age Champions for 2018

Suki Alford  -  13 years Girls *(pictured top)*
Lawson Shirley  -  12 years Boys
Rufus Scott  -  13 years Boys *(pictured right)*
Jasper Stinson  -  17 years Boys *(pictured above right)*

Congratulations to all runners who made North Coast Championships in Nana Glen!

Freya Peacock *(pictured right)* recently competed at the CHS State Championships as part of the Opens Girls Netball team. North Coast finished 5 overall this year, beating some of the sporting High Schools in the State. Well done North Coast and well done Freya in her 2nd year representing this team.

Ms Kelley Caoyonan, PDHPE Teacher
Ethan Archer represented North Coast at NSW CHS Football State Championships at Bathurst.
Our Byron Bay High School Open Boys Basketball Team who recently travelled to Sydney to play Alexandria Park.

Library News

Book Donations – New Resources

Byron Bay High School Library would like to acknowledge and thank the local clubs that donated books during recent Anzac Day commemorations. Those clubs include: Byron Bay Cricket Club, Byron Bay Legacy Laurel Club, Byron Bay Rugby Union Club, Byron Bay Rural Fire Service, Byron Bay Services Club, Byron Bay Services Angling Club, Byron Bay Services Swimming Club, Byron Bay Shire Council, Byron Bay Winter Whales, Byron Malibu Club, Cape Byron Marine Rescue and Byron Bay Masonic Centre, Byron Bay Nippers (SLSC), Byron Bay Runners Club and the Flick Family.

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News from the Technology Faculty

Yr 10 Food Technology

The students in Yr 10 Food Technology have been learning about food for special occasions. For their assessment task students were required to design and create a celebration cake. A lot of time, effort and creativity has gone into the design and creation of these cakes. Well done Yr 10.
Yr 9 Food Technology

The students in Yr 9 Food Technology have been learning about food trends and one big trend at the moment is the smoothie bowl. For their assessment task students were required to design, create, style, photograph and evaluate their own smoothie bowls. A lot of creativity has gone into these designs. Here are a selected few.
Careers

Once again I am promoting our school’s career website, it’s effectively a one stop wealth of information. Open up and have a look http://www.bbhcareers.com.au/

**Below are just some random scholarships links that may be of use when/if considering university**

**Nursing scholarships**

Rural Allied Health Undergraduate Scholarships are offered to students from a rural background undertaking “entry level” studies in allied health (leading to a degree that qualifies the student to practice. Up to 50 **NSW Rural Allied Health Scholarships**, valued up to $10,000, are offered each year.


**Agricultural Careers Expo**

There is a video from the last online Agricultural Careers Expo with some really practical information about working in Agriculture. http://www.ruralbiztraining.com.au/ag-careers

**Women in Engineering**

Undergraduate scholarships - UNSW
To attract high-achieving women to the Faculty of Engineering, a number of scholarships are available to undergraduate female applicants through UNSW Scholarships:


**Teaching**

HSC students, university students and career changers, get paid while you study to become a teacher and be guaranteed a permanent teaching position in a NSW public school when you graduate!


**Surveying** (female)

$10,000 scholarship created to support women in surveying (NSW students)

The Women in Surveying Scholarship, funded by surveying company Veris, is available to women studying surveying or geospatial engineering at the University of New South Wales between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2021.


**Country Education Foundation**


**Essential Energy** is recruiting for apprenticeships/traineeships; maybe you have a Byron Bay High School graduate from last year who may be interested.

**Work It Out** – this program may be of use to post students or a few still at Byron High who are trying to up skill, be work ready and gain employment.
School Leavers
What’s Next?

Are you aged 15-19, living in the Richmond-Tweed area and not in school or employment?

The Work It Out program can help you get the job you want.

What we offer
• Resume preparation and assistance with applying for work
• Assistance with developing self-confidence
• One-on-one mentoring for goal setting, career planning and job search skills
• Job Interview training and pitching
• Financial assistance for addressing barriers to employment such as a driver’s licence or work clothing – conditions apply
• No cost service to eligible young people

Check Out Our Website
www.workitout.org.au

Helpful information, links and resources for the next stage of your life.

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The WORK IT OUT program is funded by the NSW Department of Industry under the Regional VET Pathways.
We need your help in the process to shape the future of Byron Bay.

Come along to one of our hands-on & solution focused workshops at Byron Community Centre, 69 Jonson Street, Byron Bay:
- on Thursday 31 May or Monday 4 June
- 4.00-6.30pm
- register at www.yoursaybyronshire/planningbbtc

To achieve some of the Byron Bay Town Centre Masterplan goals some amendments to our planning controls are necessary.

We have some ideas around the changes, but need your input. How exactly the planning controls should be amended will be the focus of the workshops.

The aspects of the Masterplan that we want to enable include:
- facilitating well designed development of appropriate height & scale
- defining the edges of the town centre ‘business zone’
- protecting the character and vibrancy of the town
- easing congestion & making the town centre more ‘people friendly’

More information: www.yoursaybyronshire/planningbbtc