



Byron Bay High School

Newsletter

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What's Coming Up

Term 4

Wednesday 27 November - Day 2

Year 8 Camp Kokoda - POSTPONED

Year 12 Business Studies Ballina McDonalds
Byron Youth Theatre "Under Your Thumb"

Friday 29 November - Day 4

Road Safety Presentation - Year 12
HSC Geography Excursion to Habitat

Monday 2 December - Day 5

Year 10 Commerce Comparison Shopping

Tuesday 3 December - Day 6

Year 6 Orientation Day

Thursday 5 December - Day 1

Year 12 SE QLD University Tour (overnight)
Year 8 Wellbeing Morning

Monday 9 December - Day 3

PCfBH Seabin Foundation Workshop
Byron Bay Court House Year 12 Legal Studies
8I and 8G Production Day

Wednesday 11 December - Day 5

Performance Assembly

Thursday 12 December - Day 6

Presentation Assembly Day

Monday 16 December - Day 1

Aqua Splash at Southport

Tuesday 17 December - Day 2

Harbour Town Outlet Shopping
Ballina Waterslides Year 10 HSIE
P&C Meeting 7pm - school library

Wednesday 18 December - Day 3

FINAL DAY FOR STUDENTS 2019

Lighthouse Pacific Fair Excursion
Murwillumbah Waterslide Excursion

OUR VISION

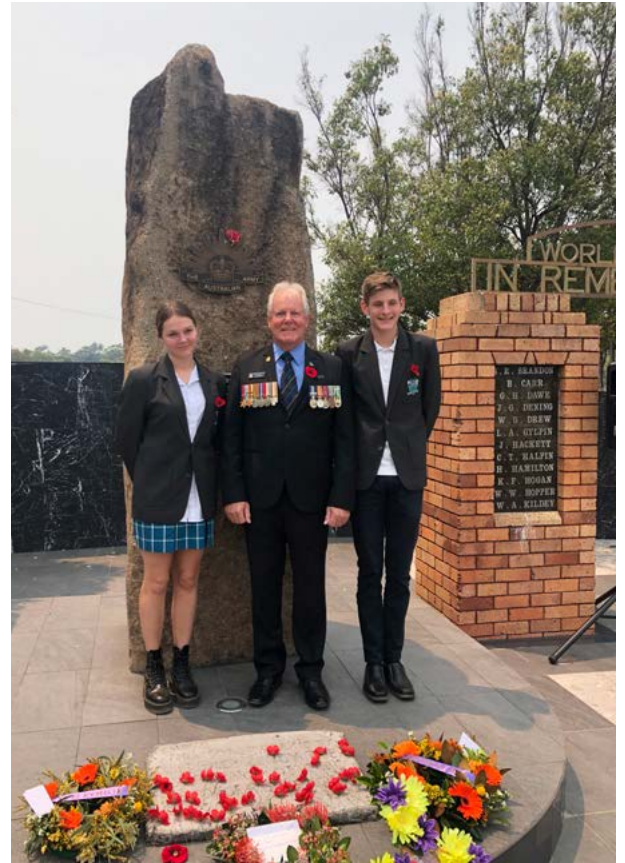
Byron Bay High School delivers a collaborative learning environment where students achieve excellence through our connection with community and land, creating holistic leaders of the future.



Remembrance Day 2019

Byron Bay High School students have recently been involved in community and school commemorations marking Remembrance Day.

On Friday 8 November the Byron Bay High School Captains Lucia Miles and Beau Kempnich, and Vice Captains Mia Cherry-Smith and Drayko Medlyn, had the honour of speaking at the Byron RSL LifeCare Retirement Village. The students did an outstanding job, presenting speeches and circulating readily amongst the residents. Their presence was greatly appreciated by all.



On Remembrance Day, Monday 11 November, Lucia and Beau addressed the Community Service at the War Memorial Gates in Tennyson Street. Their speech touched on events in the aftermath of World War I, where returning soldiers and their families tried to pick up the pieces of their lives in the face of great challenges. It was also a reminder of the ongoing need for the community to be better at supporting the needs of Veterans today, particularly those suffering psychological

PAYMENTS AND NOTES NOW DUE

Year 7 - 12 - School Fees - NOW OVERDUE

Year 7 - 10 - Term 4 School Sport - now overdue

Year 12 - Business Studies to Ballina McDonalds - \$15

Year 12 - HSC Geography Excursion to Habitat - \$15

Year 12 - SE QLD University Tour - \$110

Year 12 - Legal Studies Byron Bay Court House - \$10

The Future is Ours

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



injuries incurred in war, such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

On Wednesday 13 November, Byron Bay High School commemorated Remembrance Day with a Formal Assembly in the John Collins Memorial Hall. The occasion showcased the talents of many students, who together ran the ceremony in a thoughtful and professional manner. The ceremony involved speeches by Beau Kempnich and Lucia Miles, who repeated their speech from the town service, as well as by Mia Cherry-Smith and Mabel Hall, who spoke of the efforts in the aftermath of World War I to form the League of Nations, and of the role of its successor organisation the United Nations in continuing to pursue diplomatic solutions to conflicts around the globe.

As always with our school assemblies, music contributed greatly to the atmosphere of the occasion, with outstanding performances by Dylan McKenna performing "And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda"; Louis Killeen, Maayan Barnatan, and Vinnie Sebastian - "Lenny"; our guest Brian Pamphillon playing "The Last Post"; and Cody Miskin concluded the ceremony by playing the National Anthem on the piano.

Special recognition and thanks must go to the following students and staff for their efforts throughout the week: Mia Cherry-Smith; Drayko Medlyn; Beau Kempnich; Lucia Miles; Mia Thom; Mabel Hall; Dylan McKenna; Maximus Noble; Louis Killeen; Maayan Barnatan; Vinnie Sebastian; Cody Miskin; as well as Ms Miles and Cranfield of the SRC for their support of the Captains, and our amazing CAPA staff for the music.

Mr Brian Oxley - HSIE Teacher

CAPAL News



It is with great excitement that I would like to congratulate the following HSC Drama graduates of 2019 - **Anoushka Blake-Cadou, Finn MacPherson, Kaia Shearer and Isabella Stephens.**

These four talented and dedicated dramatists have made it through the final selection process into OnSTAGE with their entertaining group performance "Story of a Hat". They will perform this original piece at the Seymour Centre in February over a week of matinee and evening shows.

The selection process for OnSTAGE is rigorous and this is an incredibly impressive accolade for Byron Bay High School and the students. I am so very proud of their achievements and am looking forward to attending the show and seeing our students shine on the stage. The HSC Drama class of 2020 plus Ms Marcus will be joining me in the audience. What a great note upon which these four students will end their time at Byron Bay High!

In other news, 8I and 8G will be showcasing their talent and focus on Monday 9 December when they

perform the final shows of the play "Have a Voice, Make a Choice" for Year 7 audiences and parents. 8I will perform at 12noon and 8G at 2:15pm in the PAC. After this, the play will be put to rest and a fresh new work will be devised by our 2020 Year 9 Drama classes.

Lastly, Byron Youth Theatre will be performing the play "**Under Your Thumb**" for Year 9 and 10 Drama students in the PAC on **Wednesday 27 November** at 11:15am. The play explores issues of abuse and covers topics such as gaslighting, consent and the effects of social media. The company will be bringing a representative from the Women's Resource Service and/or Headspace for a debrief/ Q&A afterwards. This is not a compulsory incursion and you may contact me if you do not wish your child to attend. The performance cost is covered by the school and is free for students.

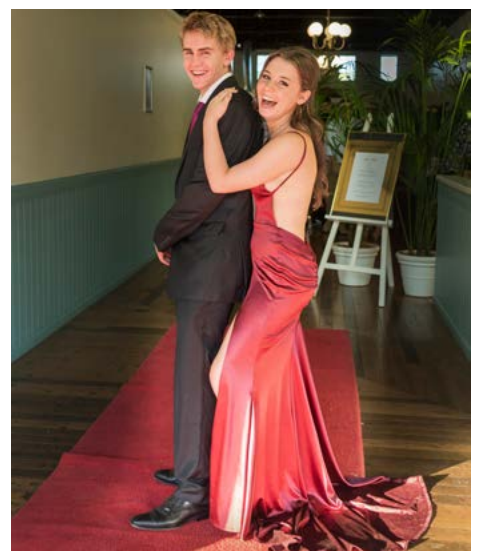
You can see more information about "Under Your Thumb" at the end of this newsletter.

Ms Simone Museth - Drama Teacher



Year 12 Formal 2019

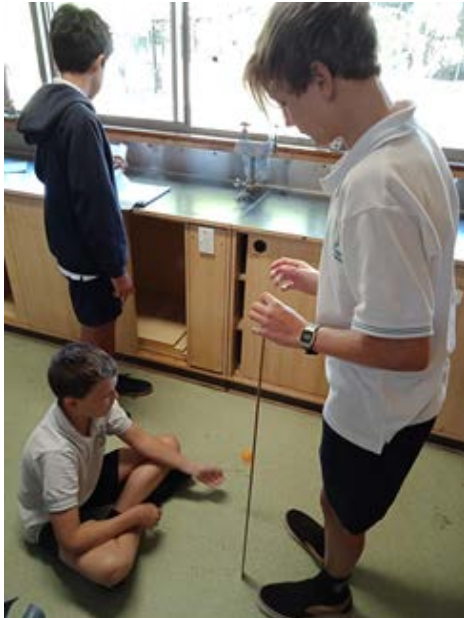
The Year 12 Formal was a great success and an incredible night. Thank you to the many staff, students and parents whose tireless organisation made it such a memorable event.



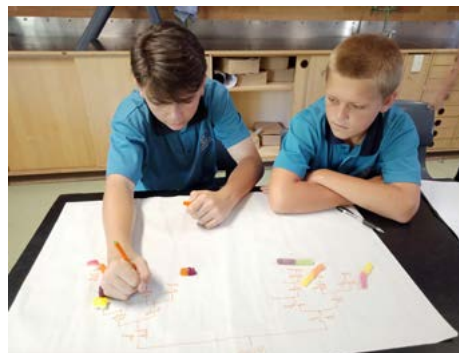
Science News

Earlier this term, Year 7 were learning about energy in a unit called "Using your Potential."

In these pictures, students in 7U were investigating the energy of a bouncing ball and relating their observations to the law of conservation of energy.



More recently, Year 7 students have been working through a unit called "Classification". In the pictures below, students are creating dichotomous keys by grouping lollies based on their physical traits.



Ms Elise Cox - Science Teacher

Byron Bay High School student selected for STEM Summer School

Year 10 student, **Sha-Kira Austin**, has been selected to attend the Aboriginal Summer School for Excellence in Technology and Science (ASSETS) for her outstanding achievement in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Sha-Kira has consistently shown commitment and endurance to her studies and a keen interest in STEM.

Congratulations Sha-Kira!

Ms Michelle Lowe - HSIE Teacher and Year 10 Year Adviser



Agriculture News

These wonderful Stage 5 Agriculture students have grown some beautiful flowers for their projects which have blessed us all including the birds and the bees!

Mrs Jennifer Woodward - Teacher Agriculture Science





Mountain Biking

Congratulations to our Byron Bay High School Mountain Biking team who finished 2nd in the Southeast Queensland School Championships this month. The eight Byron Bay High School students who are members of the Northern Rivers Dirty Wheels (NRDW) Youth Crew snuck over the border to take on the Gold Coast Schools MTB Competition coming away with more than their fair share of booty!

The event consisted of three stages, one being mainly a flow trail, one an XC loop and one a gravity enduro trail. Competitors could do up to five runs on each stage with their combined best times determining their placing in the competition. Then the school's overall placings were a combination of the points of all the entrants from the school.

Leading the way for NRDW was Angus Kynoch taking out 1st place in the Year 9-10 Boys category despite an early off leaving a lot of skin on the trail! Fletcher Maxwell going from strength to strength came in 8th, Tarquin Ness 11th. In Year 7-8 Girls Carita Ness came in 4th and in the Year 7-8 Boys Tobi Edwards was 2nd, Liam Rogers 3rd, Jethro Leedman 6th. The eight NRDW members from Byron Bay High School put their school in 2nd place overall out of 20 schools, and the school that won had 21 riders, more than double our team. It was a stellar effort. It was a great day and a fantastic effort from all the riders.

Mrs Kelley Caoyonan - Sport Coordinator



15's North Coast Waterpolo

On Tuesday we took a squad of 20 students to Alstonville pool. It was a tough competition with Alstonville taking out the boys and girls competition.

Boys

Game 1

BBHS Boys v Alstonville Lost 4 - 2

Game 2

BBHS Boys v Ballina Won 9 - 0

Girls

Game 1

BBHS Girls v Alstonville 2 Lost 12 - 1

Game 2

BBHS Girls v Ballina Won 7 - 2

Game 3

BBHS Girls v Alstonville 1 Lost 8 - 2

Both teams improved as the competition progressed. Fantastic effort from a group of students who are not regular Waterpolo players.

Mrs Lara Cranfield - PDHPE Teacher and SRC Coordinator

Beach Volleyball Competition 2019

This year we had two junior and two open teams compete in the Beach Volleyball Tournament at Coolangatta Beach. All teams played competitively and with good team spirit. Both boys' teams unfortunately lost in their first rounds and were unable to progress further in the knockout format of competition.

The open girls did extremely well progressing through to the Semi Finals but were knocked out by an in form Ballina Coast team. The junior girls had a great time at their first volleyball competition and are looking forward to putting in some training and game practice for next year. Well done to all the teams!

Mr Lachie Gibbs - Science Teacher





Futsal - North Coast Champions

Congratulations to our Junior and Senior Boys Futsal Teams who are North Coast Champions!

The boys travelled to Coffs Harbour to play in the knockout finals against the Rivers, Mid North Coast and Lower North Coast winning schools. The two teams had tasted success last year at the championship tournament winning the seniors and coming runner up in the juniors. Though this year would be more of a challenge, with a depleted senior team due to injury, a few of our juniors stepped up to fill the role with great success.

Showing excellent collaboration and skill the two teams dominated the tournament again and came home with two Championship titles.

A huge thanks to Mr Baker and Mr O'Connor who travelled with the boys down to the tournament. Also, thank you to the parents of the players for their continued support of school sport at Byron Bay High School. Well done boys!

Mr Harley Schmidt - PDHPE Teacher

2020 Return Dates

Tuesday 28 January & Wednesday 29 January - Staff Development Days

Thursday 30 January - Year 7, 11 and 12 return

Friday 31 January - all students return

Have you been to our website?

It is an excellent resource and has links to important information about all aspects of your student's school life.

- ✓ make a payment
- ✓ see upcoming events and important dates
- ✓ read newsletters and the student handbook
- ✓ access the school calendar
- ✓ access assessment booklets
- ✓ find out who our wellbeing team are
- ✓ learn about our Lighthouse Awards System
- ✓ link to the parent portal
- ✓ bell times, term dates and much, much more!!

<https://byronbay-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

IMPORTANT | LOCKERS

If your child is wishing to renew their locker for 2020 please have them come to the office and **pay \$10 by Wednesday 11 December**

If they are not renewing their locker for 2020, they will need to:

- advise Caroline in the Library
- clear all items from locker
- remove the lock or return key by Monday 9 December

After this date lockers will be issued to new students

Many thanks in advance for your assistance with this.





PARENT INFORMATION SESSION The NDIS & Post School Pathways

Date: Thursday 28th November 2019

Time: 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Location: Southern Cross Public School
Chickiba Dr, East Ballina NSW 2478

The Department of Education together with the e National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA), would like to invite you to attend an Information Session for parents about the NDIS and the range of supports available including supports which assist young people to transition to post school life and employment

The Information Session will cover:

- Understanding the NDIS
- Seeking access to the NDIS
- The participant pathway
- Post school pathways and employment supports
- Preparing for your planning appointment
- Let's Talk About Work booklet
- Meet Providers in your local area
- Q&

Please contact Rowan Coombes on (02) 6656 6644 OR email
rowan.coombes@det.nsw.edu.au to confirm your attendance

ndis.gov.au



JOIN THE CHALLENGE

SUMMER READING CLUB



A Roomful of Stories

December 2 2019 to January 31 2020

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**You could
win an
iPad Mini!**

Major prize sponsored by

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Borrow
Box.





UNDER YOUR THUMB

**By Byron Youth Theatre
in Partnership with
Brunswick Picture House**

Thursday 28th November

At Brunswick Picture House

6pm: Food and drinks

6.45pm: Show

**Tickets: \$15 on the door or online
at brunswickpicturehouse.com**



Under Your Thumb Media

Byron Youth Theatre, our local youth governed social action company have created another profound production called Under Your Thumb.

This production has been funded by CASP Regional Arts NSW and Northern Rivers Community Foundation supported by Byron Youth Service, Byron Bay Community Association, Arts Northern Rivers, Brunswick Picture House, headspace and the Women's Resource Service in Mullumbimby.

Exploring issues of abuse in social and intimate relationships, Under Your Thumb combines dance, dramatic scenes, live music, slam poetry and dark comedy to take the audience on a journey through a series of bold, thought provoking vignettes.

The show will tour local schools and will be at Byron Bay High School on Wednesday 27th for Year 9 and 10 Drama students.

BYT will also stage a public performance of Under Your Thumb at the Brunswick Picture House on Thursday 28th November starting at 6pm where food and drinks will be on sale.

The production contains issues and language that some may find triggering. It is recommended for age 15+

Tickets available on the door or online at <https://brunswickpicturehouse.com/>

For more information contact Lisa Apostolides via email byronyouththeatre2481@gmail.com

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