From the Principal’s desk ……..

The Swimming Carnival last Wednesday was a great success. The students dressed up in their House colours and participated enthusiastically in the events. Thank you to the parents who were there … your support of the day and Byron Bay High School is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to the Byron Bay High School staff who helped make the day run so successfully. A special thank you to Mr Shane Wilson, Mrs Kelley Caoyanan, Mr Peter Stanek and Mr Garry Booth who did all the hard work.

The House points were Wategoes - 169, Dolphins - 324, Pass - 611 with Tallows winning with 780 points.

Last Tuesday we were happy to host three members of the Gold Coast Titans, including duel international Matt Rogers. Boys from Years 7 - 10 attended a seminar on health, food and training. They were then able to ask the players a range of questions pertaining to Rugby League, and following the seminar they took the boys out for an improvised game of touch football. Fun was had by all and we would like to express our thanks to the Titans for their time and efforts.

Welcome to the new Mathematics teacher Ms Alicia Evelleigh who has replaced Mrs Ellen Thompson. Alicia who has come from the Newcastle area, is excited about her appointment to Byron Bay High school as a permanent member of staff. We also welcome Mrs Carol Darroch from Mullumbimby, who will be working in the TAS Department replacing Mrs Margaret Wilson.

School photos were taken last Tuesday and the students looked impressive in their uniforms. Specials thanks to Mrs Maree Buchanan who co-ordinated the day almost single handedly. The Class Attendance & Photography staff asked that their compliments be passed on to our students as being one of the most polite and friendly groups of students they have worked with from all the schools they visit.

We pass on our best wishes to Mr Warrick Simmons, who last Friday, through no fault of his own, was involved in a collision with another car, resulting in one of the vertebrae in his neck being fractured. He will be away for several weeks at least and is expected to make a full recovery.

Peter Giblin, Relieving Principal

REQUEST FOR RETURN OF TEXTBOOKS FROM 2009

Any student who has not returned textbooks issued to them in 2009 (or earlier) are asked to return them to the relevant staffroom as soon as possible. Shortages are apparent in some classes due to this oversight. Please be considerate of your fellow students.

Mr Denis Crowley

SCHOOL CALENDAR

16th Feb:  P & C Meeting
17th - 19th Feb: Year 7/11 Camp
23rd Feb: North Coast Golf - Yamba
24th Feb: Far North Coast 16's Touch - Mullumbimby
26th Feb: Far North Coast Zone Basketball
2nd March: Far North Coast Open 15's Rugby League
3rd March: North Coast Swimming - Ballina
5th March: University Showcase: 9.00 am - 10.30 am
Far North Coast 15's AFL - Ballina
10th March: Far North Coast Football - Tweed Heads
12th March: North Coast Touch - Goonellabah
Blues Festival Audition Concert
15th March: Years 11 & 12 Parent Afternoon: 4.00 pm - 6.30 pm
Far North Coast Rugby Union
16th March: P & C Meeting
17th March: North Coast Basketball - Yamba
19th March: North Coast AFL
Far North Coast Meeting - Cudgen
22nd - 29th March: Year 12 Half-Yearly Exams
24th March: North Coast Rugby League - Grafton
26th March: North Coast Football - Byron Bay

UNIVERSITY SHOWCASE

Friday 5th March
9.00 am - 10.15 am in the MPC
Year 12 Compulsory Attendance

PARENTS WELCOME

Short talks followed by a marketplace of Northern NSW and Queensland Universities. Representatives on hand to answer questions.

Byron Bay High School will be on the Community Chest Board at IGA, Byron Bay, for the next six months. So when you do your shopping at IGA, put your token in the Byron Bay High School box. The more tokens that go in the box, the more money is raised for our school.
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

**Bangalow Soccer Club:** Sign-on: Thursday 18th February from 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm and Saturday 20th February from 9.00 am to 10.30 am. For more information contact Dale on 6687 2154.

**Byron Bay Netball Club:** Sign-on: Wednesday 10th March from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm and Saturday 13th March from 9.00 am to 11.00 am. All players welcome from 5 years old to ladies.

**Ocean Shores Basketball Club:** Sign-on when you start playing. All competitions will start the week commencing 1st March. Venue: Ocean Shores Public School Indoor Stadium. For more information contact Michelle on 6680 5072.

**Byron Bay Soccer Club** is fielding a men's youth team and a women's youth team, and both are starting training now. If you are a player aged 17, 18 or 19 this year, come along to try out at 6.30 pm Wednesday, or phone Pete Keenan 0415660092 for men, Simone for women 66856838. Other players keep posted for junior registrations on 27th February, 4th and 6th March.

**Basketball for women and high school girls** is held on Tuesday evenings from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm at Byron Bay High School. Just come along, keep fit and have fun. No experience necessary. For more information call Julie on 6685 3314 AH.

**Byron Bay Football Club (Soccer):** Junior sign-on days at the Byron Bay Recreation Grounds. Saturday 27th February from 9.00 am to midday, Thursday 4th March from 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm and Saturday 6th March from 9.00 am to midday. Registration queries email byronfcjuniors@gmail.com.

**Bangalow Rugby Football Club** is looking for players aged from 7 to 15 years to join our successful and growing Junior Club. Sign-on days at the Bangalow Bowling Club on Saturday 20th and 27th February from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. For more information contact 0412 080 614 or 0400 572 028.

**The North Coast Dance Festival** Committee’s Annual General Meeting will be held on 20th February at the Byron Bay Services Club at 2.30 pm. Enquiries to Annie on 6685 8313.

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**
If you have any time available, please ring Robyn or Margaret on 6685 3381.

Wed.17th: Sonya Wright, Lorraine Blumberg
Thurs.18th: Rona McDonnell, Catherine McDermid
Fri.19th: Cath Russo, Rhonda Cheeseman
Mon.22nd: Odette Chesterman, Vicki Barnes
Tues.23rd: Linda Vincent, Sue Chakos

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**For sale from our Ag. Dept.**
Honey @ $7.00 per container (approx. 1kg.)

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**YOUTH CREW WANTED TO SAIL ** **YOUNG ENDEavour** **IN 2010**

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Voyages in **Young Endeavour** are open to all Australian citizens and Permanent Residents aged 16 - 23. Applications close on 28th February 2010. For more information or to apply for voyages, please visit www.youngendeavour.gov.au or phone 1800 020 444.