From the Principal’s desk ……..

Welcome to a new school year, especially to the Year 7 students who have settled in well at Byron Bay High School.

A formal assembly was held last Friday to mark the start of the 2010 school year. At that assembly, traditional custodian, Mrs Delta Kay welcomed the school community to the Arakwal land on which the school is built, and explained the significance of some of the sites in and around this very special area.

I then announced the staff changes which have occurred this year. As most of the students already knew, Principal, Mr Barry Miller, was transferred to Narrabeen Sports High School and had been farewelled at the end of 2009. The appointment to Kingscliff High School of Head Teacher Administration, Mr Nick Williams, was also announced last year. However, most of the students did not know that on the last day of the 2009 school year, Deputy Principal, Mr Ian Davies, was appointed as Principal of Kadina High School, Lismore. Mr Davies has made an enormous contribution during his five years at Byron Bay High School and will be missed by us all. As a school community we wish him well in his new school and know that he will be a great asset to Kadina High School.

Another change, which occurred on the first day back this year, was the transfer of Maths teacher, Mrs Ellen Thompson, to Mullumbimby High School. We also wish her well in her new school, which is closer to where she lives, and thank her for all that she has done at Byron Bay High School over the past seven years.

New staff which we have welcomed to Byron Bay High School are: Mr John Beer, Head Teacher HSIE; Ms Michelle Sara, Print Room, and; Mr John Warren, Support Teacher Behaviour.

The school enrolment numbers continue to grow and are much higher than had been estimated during 2009. There are many reasons for this but clearly one of the reasons is the outstanding achievements of HSC students, yet again, in 2009. Chester Pearson achieved the highest ATAR (formally UAI) score of 97 and at least ten other students scored in the 90’s. This is credit to the combined efforts of the students, their parents and their teachers. Other reasons for the steady increase in the number of students wanting to enrol at Byron Bay High School include: the many achievements in areas other than the HSC; the diverse curriculum and extra-curricula programs; the way the school community is friendly, accepting and cooperative; the location of the school; the appearance of the students, the buildings and the grounds, and; the outstanding facilities. These many qualities of Byron Bay High school, which make it unique and special, are the product of the hard work of the whole school community - parents, students and staff. So let’s do it again, in 2010!

Mr Warrick Simmons, Relieving Principal

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**SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Byron Bay High School’s Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday 10th February commencing at 9.00 am.

**Attendance is compulsory**

Please bring appropriate sun-safe clothing, sunscreen and water, and try to dress in your house colours. Entry fee is $1.50. Take-away food is available at Fisheads.

Only Year 11 and 12 students with permission notes from a parent will be able to leave the pool at lunch time (between 12.45 and 1.30). No other students will be allowed to leave.

**House Colours:**
- Tallow - Red
- Pass - Black
- Dolphins - Yellow
- Wategoes - Blue

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**The Uniform Shop is run by a small handful of volunteer parents. It is open on Wednesday mornings only from 8.30 am to 9.15 am. Cost of uniforms is as follows:**

- *White Polo Shirt with Logo* = $23.00
- *Sports Polo Shirt* = $25.00
- *Grey Hooded Zip Jumper with Logo* = $37.00
- *Girls Grey Skirt* = $25.00
- *Girls Long Grey Pants* = $42.00
- *Boys Grey Cargo Long Pants* = $30.00
- *Sports Shorts* = $25.00
If you have any school uniforms at home which your student may have grown out of, please bring them into the Front Office of the school and they will be put to good use.

For sale from our Agriculture Department:
Honey @ $7.00 per container (approx. 1kg.)

Happy Birthday to the following students who have recently celebrated or are celebrating their birthdays this week:

Jade Deegan       Imogen Durbridge-Jones
Jake Creevey       Jack Hammond
Hayley Robert       India Windsor        Willow O’Hara           Aaron Elliott
Bailey Grant       Olive Mashett       Simone Rudloff       Crystal Motteroz

Our weekly School Newsletter can be viewed on the website:
www.byronbay-h.schools.det.nsw.edu.au

Ballina-Byron Family Centre Inc.
Volunteers Needed

Do you enjoy being around babies and toddlers? Would you enjoy supporting a family with young children? Do you have a couple of hours a week to spare? Yes? Then read on ……

The Ballina-Byron Volunteer Home Visiting Service is continually seeking volunteers from the Ballina and Byron Shires who are interested in joining a fantastic team of community-minded people. We offer free training and ongoing support to all our volunteers and we are recruiting NOW? Training commences mid February.

Please call Bernie or Eve on 6686 4109 for an information package

(This service is funded by the Department of Community Services. All volunteers will be required to undergo a Working with Children Check.)

CANTEEN ROSTER

Tues. 2nd Feb:    Vicki Barnes,      WE NEED HELP ON THIS DAY
Weds. 3rd Feb:   Sonya Wright, Sandy Banister
Thurs. 4th Feb:  Jocelyne Pegoretti, Karen Hogley
Fri. 5th Feb:    Kathie Boller,      WE NEED HELP ON THIS DAY
Mon. 8th Feb:    Gail Christie,      WE NEED HELP ON THIS DAY
Tues. 9th Feb:   Michelle Lamb, Melissa Macdonald, Catherine Kelly

Our lucky canteen worker for Term 4, 2009 is Sue Chabos. Sue can collect her prize when she is at the canteen next time.

As you can see above, there are plenty of vacancies on the Canteen Roster. If you have any time available, please ring Robyn or Margaret on 6685 5381.

Attention all Surf Groms! …… Byron Bay Boardriders sign-on day is Saturday 13th February at the Park Hotel. The first club round will be Sunday 14th February at The Wreck carpark at 7.00 am. All welcome with a bbq provided.

Enquires to Sue on 6685 4707.